

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

## YOUR Tricentennial Celebration

The Tricentennial Committee has sent out a survey seeking resident input into what kind of events and celebrations you are looking for to celebrate Southborough's 300th year.

The Committee has begun a multiple year process to create a memorable 2027 for residents. They are looking for your ideas for sponsorship, themes, activities such as parades, tours, a gala, music festival and more. The survey is short but gives you plenty of room to outline new ideas, support for some already made available, and you are able to volunteer as well. Click this link to take the survey and make this the best jubilee this borough has ever seen: <https://shorturl.at/gUVOI>



Pic of flag and We the People

## Scholarship Application

The 2024 application for the Town of Southborough, The Carol Harris Memorial and Linda Hubley Memorial Scholarships are now available! Click here for the application: <https://shorturl.at/eBMP4>

The deadline for applying is Thursday, May 9th at 4PM. You can drop off or mail in your application to the address below:

Southborough Scholarship Committee  
c/o Katie Barry  
17 Common Street  
Southborough, MA 01772

We will also accept applications left in the gray mailbox outside of the Town House. The Committee will be reviewing applications in early May and awards will be presented at the June 4th Select Board meeting. It's a great opportunity for high school seniors or those in a post-secondary undergraduate program.

## Successful Town Meeting

Town Meeting was held on Saturday March 23, 2024. It began at 10:00am & successfully adjourned at 4:30pm.

Budgets, the Personnel Bylaw changes, Lunblad Field dog park construction, CPA funds for Southborough Golf Club irrigation, & the appropriation of \$30K for the Tricentennial Committee were all approved. There was healthy debate over many topics & an amendment to the Police Dept budget was approved for the addition of two dispatchers. Congratulations to Lisa Braccio & Carol Willoughby for winning the Dr. Timothy Stone Award for Public Health. Their dedication to residents, migrant families and volunteerism on CERT and Medical Reserve Corps is unparalleled. Thank you for all you do!! We'd like to also thank those who put this together including the Town Clerk's Office, Trottier Middle School, SAM, and the many volunteers who helped check residents in and counted votes. Thank you also to the Girl Scouts for their excellent ceremony!



Liz Zulick & Lisa Braccio

## Water Rate Update

Last year, the Selectboard worked with the DPW & The Abrahams Group to establish a fair approach to the implementation of water user fees to sustain the Water Enterprise Fund. It is used to fund the H2O Dept. Operations. Rates are based upon two components: a Base Fee and a Usage Fee. The base fee is used to offset the base operating cost of the dept, which is set to increase 24.8%. The usage charge is based upon variable costs (i.e., capital projects, MWRA H2O consumption fee, etc.) and is set to rise 3.5% for the remaining three quarters of this year. More info available on the DPW website: <https://shorturl.at/tAJT8>.



## Team Sobo!

Are you a motivated person who knows your craft and loves to work with great people? Then we need YOU! We are hiring the positions below:

- Building Commissioner
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Full-Time Police Officer
- DPW Operator/Truck Drive
- PT Admin Assistant - Rec Dept

Please send cover letter and resume to [personnel@southboroughma.com](mailto:personnel@southboroughma.com) and check out all our job info here:

<https://shorturl.at/aPX78>

We also have openings for Camp Counselors for our summer recreation day camp. This is a seasonal position with an expectation of working 7-10 weeks during the summer. More info and how to apply here: <https://shorturl.at/oqyE7>

## The Girl Scouts Earn a Badge

On Thursday, March 28th Select Board member Al Hamilton and Town Clerk Jim Hegarty hosted the Girl Scouts at the Town House. The Scouts were here to earn their "Inside Government" Badge. They were given a tour of the building, the departments and shown how town government works. Al and Jim did a great job outlining how committee meetings are run, the importance of town meeting and how to be empowered to make a difference in Southborough and beyond. They were excited and asked great questions. They also loved looking at the Street Listing to find their family and friends in print!



Girl Scouts @ Town House



We're Hiring

## Get Your Library SWAG!

The Friends of the Southborough Library are fundraising through the sale of comfy blue sweatshirts and t-shirts in adult and youth sizes. The



Library Staff in Sweatshirts

Friends of the Library assist in funding the majority of programs that encourage literacy and education for children and teens, supports youth programs and museum passes for the community, and other municipal needs. Check the navy sweatshirts out and order one from the QR Code below: now and through 4/28:



## First RecConnect Event

The Southborough Recreation Department, in partnership with our neighbors in Shrewsbury and Northborough, hosted their first RecConnect Travelers event. Travelers is a social community outing program for teens and adults with diverse abilities and it was awesome! Rec attended a Worcester Railers game, met Trax, celebrated a participant's birthday, officially cheered on a pie eating contest and were gifted hats. A wonderful start to this program with more trips to come!



Pic of Participants

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