

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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**DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN**

## **Neary Building Update**

On August 12, 2024, the Neary Building Committee voted unanimously to submit a Preferred Schematic Design Report for a new four-grade school (Grades 2-5) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) later this month. If approved by the MSBA, the NBC, in conjunction with the project's owner's project manager and designers, will work through the Schematic Design Phase with the intention of bringing an article forward to a Special Town Meeting in/around April 2025.



Neary School

The project cost has been a significant topic of conversation and will continue to be as the process moves forward. The estimated town share of this project is currently **estimated** at \$84M. We appreciate the feedback received to date and will work tirelessly as a Committee and school administration to bring forward responsible plans for consideration that will serve the community well for the next 50 years. To read the full announcement sent by Chair Jason Malinowski & Superintendent Martineau, click here: [shorturl.at/oRWB8](https://shorturl.at/oRWB8)

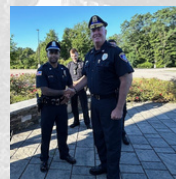
## **PowerChoice Update**

Southborough's Community Power Choice Program is an electricity aggregation service that uses group purchasing power to lock in a price for electricity. Under the program, National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity, but National Grid will no longer be your electricity supplier. Instead Southborough will choose its own electricity supplier. Southborough has a contract with First Power, which will run until December 2024. Pricing is currently being negotiated on a new contract and new pricing will be coming out in November. For those of you already enrolled, you will see the new price in your January bill. If you have questions on how this works or how to enroll, please call 1-833-272-9591 or visit their website: <https://shorturl.at/OTIWe>

## **Welcome to #TeamSobo**

We are happy to welcome new Police Officers Anthony Vega and Andrew Whamond to the Southborough Police Department! Anthony was sworn in and began his first day on August 13th. He was previously a Full-Time Police Officer for the Town of Paxton.

Andrew was sworn in and began his first day on August 19th. He previously worked as a Full-time Police Officer for the WPI College Police Department, and as a Reserve Police Officer for the Town of Westborough. We are excited to have Andrew and Anthony join our team, and we hope that you will welcome them when you see them out on patrol!



Pictures of Anthony Vega's (left) and Andrew Whamond's (right) swearing in with Chief Newell



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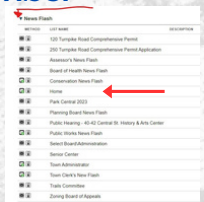
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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.**  
**TROTTER MIDDLE SCHOOL - 49**  
**PARKVILLE ROAD**  
 CITIZEN PETITIONS DUE TO SELECT BOARD OFFICE BY  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 5:00P.M.**

2024 Special Town Meeting Banner

## **Conservation Member Wanted**

Conservation commissions are the local municipal environmental agencies in Massachusetts. They are responsible for protecting the land, water, and biological resources of their communities and Southborough needs you! Please apply today to become a Conservation Commission volunteer member to oversee open space and wetlands protection. No experience necessary - just a willingness to learn and be involved. The Commission usually meets once a month on Thursdays. Click here to apply: <https://shorturl.at/frL3A>



Pic of Wetlands

## **Narcan Training Offered**

This Free Narcan training will provide participants with a brief training on how to recognize an opioid overdose, when and how to use Narcan, and a free kit to take home. Narcan is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl, and prescription medications, when given in time. This training is provided in coordination with clinicians from the Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health & Southborough Health Department and will be held in the Main Floor Stacks at the Southborough Library. Register here: <https://shorturl.at/nDiGM>



Mark Purple 2024

## **Welcome Back to School!**

As the new school year kicks off on August 29th, we're excited to see our community come together to support our students and educators. Whether you're a parent, student, or a proud town resident, let's all do our part to ensure a safe and successful start to the school year.

As our kids head back to the classroom, please be extra cautious on the roads. Watch out for school buses, bikers and walkers. Slow down in school zones and help us keep our community safe! Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!



Back to School Image

## **Heritage Day**

Join the celebration as Southborough celebrates Heritage Day on Monday, October 14, 2024 at St. Mark's Field (Rt. 30 and Rt. 85 intersection). Booths are available for crafters, artisans, non-profit organizations, food trucks and local businesses. Hours are 10 AM - 2 PM- rain or shine. There are no refunds and space provided is about 10' X 10'. Please bring your own tent, tables and chairs. Please note, all booths must be weighted down with proper weights. Set up opens the morning of October 14th at 7:30 a.m. Your booth location will be communicated upon check-in the day of the event. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2024 and you can do so here: <https://shorturl.at/cYnpK>



Heritage Day 2024

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