

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Annual Employee Recognition

On Wednesday October 25, 2023, the Select Board hosted an Employee Recognition breakfast for all staff.

As Mark Twain said, "To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with."

The Select Board extended their sincere appreciation for all town employees and recognized that the success and excellent resources provided by our town departments could not happen without the loyal and dedicated staff that contribute every day.

In particular, Chair Andrew Dennington especially noted the group of employees who have been with the Town for 25+ years. Dean Cibelli, DPW, takes the cake at 35!!



photo of employee recognition day

The Select Board also presented certificates to:

Bridget Gilleney, DPW 35 years

George Mooney, DPW 33 years

Kim Ivers, Library 29 years

Tim Slatkavitz, Police 28 years

Jean Johnson, DPW 26 years

Cynthia Beard, COA 25 years

Scouting for Food is back!



Picture of canned goods

This annual effort to support the Southborough Food Pantry will take place Kids in town will be hanging bags on doorknobs with flyers asking the community to donate to Scouting for Food. On Sat November 11th, the same scouts will return to your neighborhood hoping to gather supplies for the Southborough Food Pantry. Donations should be left outside on your doorstep or driveway in the marked bags on the 11th by 9 am. Read on for preferred items: <https://www.facebook.com/southboroughfoodpantry/>

Holiday Hours

Town Offices [non-Public Safety] will be closed on the following days:

Friday November 10, 2023

Thursday November 23, 2023

Friday November 24, 2023

Monday December 25, 2023

Tuesday December 26, 2023

Monday January 1, 2024

Upcoming Events

**Veterans Day Observance
Saturday November 11th
at 11:00 am
All Wars Memorial.**

**Veterans are invited to
meet at 10:15 at the
VFW/Legion Post at the
Community House and
then march at 10:45 to the
All Wars Memorial where
a heartfelt ceremony will
take place.**



picture of flag

Shout-out to Steve Whynot who recently retired as Veterans Graves Officer, a post he held for the last 17 years. Steve has shown what it means to serve and honor each and every year.



Picture of turkey

The Gobble Wobble is around the corner! Join this fun walk/run on Thanksgiving morning that is sponsored by the Friends of Recreation. This is an event to help promote/support community health, togetherness, and spirit. Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Registrar/?racelid=77231>

Tricentennial Trivia!

Looking at the Common there is an old cannon. Where did it come from? Take a peek if you come to the Veterans Day ceremony!

Send your answers to Katie at kbary@southboroughma.com to be revealed in the next issue!

The Tricentennial [July 2027] planning is underway! Have you got any historic photos of Southborough? Send them to selectmenoffice@southboroughma.com



Mark Purple 2023

Project Updates

- Newport Construction is planning to pave Newton Street on 11/11 and 11/13, weather permitting. Please follow directions of signage and Police details.
- Restored windows continue to be reinstalled in the Town House as part of the exterior renovation project funded by CPA. The roof will begin to be stripped next week, with the installation of the new slate roof to follow soon thereafter.
- A pre-construction meeting for the new park on St. Mark's Street has been scheduled for 11/15, with work to begin soon thereafter, weather dependent. The contractor expects the project to take a total of two months to complete, but the plantings may happen in the spring depending on weather and product availability.

Employee News

We are overjoyed to welcome Kelly O'Brien as our Business Admin in the Building Department. She is home-grown here in Southborough and a familiar face to many. Kelly's superb local govt skill set from the Town of Medway and corporate experience make her an ideal fit to manage this busy department. Welcome to #TeamSoBo



Picture of Kelly O'Brien

Listen With L.O.V.E: The art of communication in relationships

SYFS offering Listen With Love workshop on positive communication where you'll hear:

- how to support your loved ones in distress
- meeting needs while still preserving important relationships
- How to persevere when you're navigating challenging conversations

Register: <https://bit.ly/3QTumOM>

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