

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong



## Veterans Honored

There are more than 18 million veterans in the US this year, according to the Census Bureau. Veterans Agent Michael Slater organized several events on November 11 to honor our local veterans. He supports veterans and their dependents access a number of services. Visit <https://southhadley.org/155/Veterans-Services>. Along with Cable Studio Manager Dan Pease, Michael also organized a video message to veterans (screenshot above. Access the video by clicking [here.](#) )

### PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

Emergency Management and Public Health Director Sharon Hart worked with the school department to bring a mobile COVID vaccination unit to the middle school to serve students ages 5-11 later this month. The registration information will be sent directly to the school community as well as posted on the town and school websites.

Currently 75% of kids ages 12-15 in South Hadley have at least one dose. This compares with 40% for the 16-19 age group.

This week there are 26 active confirmed COVID cases in South Hadley.

### Selectboard

The next meeting will be November 16th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be virtual and the zoom link and agenda will be posted at [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### RMV Closure

The RMV is changing to a new platform and the following services will be affected from Sat 11/13 at 1am to Sun 11/14 at noon: No web transactions, No myRMV online, No vehicle inspection stations.

### EVICCTIONS

Free legal help from the COVID Eviction Legal Help Project. Call 211 or visit [EvictionLegalHelp.org](http://EvictionLegalHelp.org). Landlords, tenants, buyers, homeowners and the homeless can access information at [masshousinginfo.org](http://masshousinginfo.org)

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



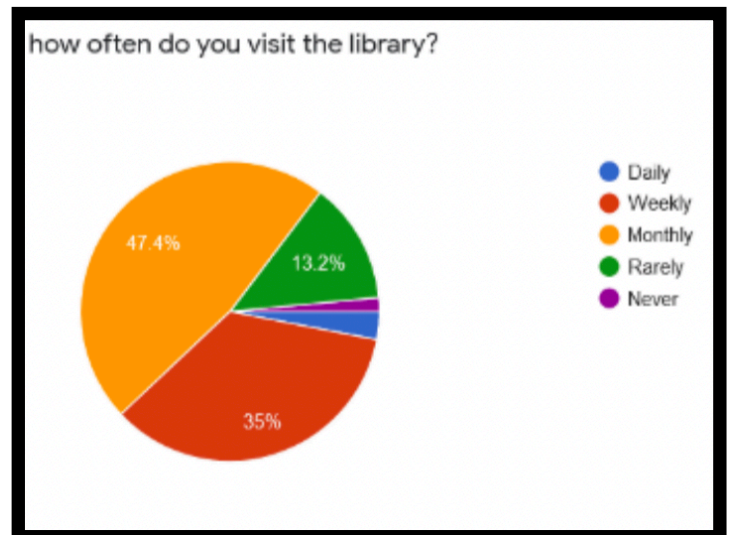
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Director of Planning and Conservation Anne Capra organized a roundtable with Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Keneally, along with Selectboard Chair Jeff Cyr, Selectboard member Carol Constant, DPW Director Chris Bouchard, and officials from the state delegation, Mt. Holyoke community and numerous partners. Even though technical assistance was only available for the Village Commons District, the findings can be applied to the other business districts.

[www.southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/8845/Rapid-Recovery-Plan-October-8-2021](http://www.southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/8845/Rapid-Recovery-Plan-October-8-2021)

The South Hadley Board of Library Trustees approved the 2022-2026 strategic plan in October 2021. Public participation, meetings, and staff input contributed to the document. Some of the goals are to increase participation from all demographics, walk/bike connections, be a destination that can provide people with what they need, preserve history, anchor economic development and support teens.



## Alzheimer's Awareness Month

### GET TO KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS



Memory loss that disrupts daily life



Difficulty completing familiar tasks



Confusion with time or place

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. The South Hadley Council on Aging and WestMass ElderCare have partnered to provide financial assistance for 16-20 hours of paid caregiver respite support to families who are caring for an older adult who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia. For more information, contact Ann at the Senior Center - 413-538-5032 or [aandras@southhadleyma.gov](mailto:aandras@southhadleyma.gov). Thank you to the many donors, supporters and the Cares Act from the state.