

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Please Give Toys for Less Fortunate Children



The 18th Annual South Hadley Toys for Tots drive is underway. Drop off NEW, UNWRAPPED toys until December 5th at the Police Station, 41 Bridge Street. Toys for Tots has distributed over 600 million toys to over 270 million kids since they started in 1947. [www.ToysforTots.org](http://www.ToysforTots.org)

### PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) confirmed that the first case of the Omicron variant of COVID has been detected in the U.S.

The Town is now tracking Vaccination Rates in ages 5-11. As of the data released on Dec 2, 45% of this age group has at least one dose and 5% are fully vaccinated.

There are increases in vaccination rates over the last 30 days in every category, the largest increases in ages 65-74 from 90% to 94% and ages 75+ from 82% to 88%. Overall 63% of the town is fully vaccinated.

### Selectboard

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 7 at 7pm via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Tiger Times

The South Hadley Public Schools has a new newsletter called the Tiger Times. Read their first two editions on their website: [www.southhadleyschools.org/](http://www.southhadleyschools.org/)

### TA in the news

"A pleasure to work with such a proactive and talented team" [www.gazettenet.com/Lisa-Wong-settles-into-South-Hadley-town-administrator-role-43797008](http://www.gazettenet.com/Lisa-Wong-settles-into-South-Hadley-town-administrator-role-43797008)

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS



The South Hadley Police Department has raised over \$4800 for Home Base, a Red Sox Foundation and Mass General Hospital program to provide care and support for veterans and their families. This far exceeds their goal of \$3000. The fundraiser is still accepting donations at: <https://because.massgeneral.org/fundraiser/3561575>

A total of 53 buckets of sand were delivered to senior citizens as part of an annual event by the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) Council. The buckets were delivered by members of the South Hadley Police Department, South Hadley Fire Districts 1 and 2, The Hampshire County Sheriff's Office and the Northwest District Attorney's Office.



On Wednesday, a Legislature committee released a compromise COVID recovery bill using ARPA and surplus funds that includes funding for boards of public health, water and sewer infrastructure, the environment, HVAC improvements for schools, cybersecurity, housing, workforce and economic development.

[malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4269](http://malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H4269)