

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Indoor Face Mask Mandate being considered



The Board of Health will have a public hearing to discuss an indoor mask mandate for all spaces open to the public at 6 p.m. on December 21. Westfield recently voted to reinstate its order.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

The state purchased more than 2.1 million over-the-counter (OTC) COVID test kits that are being delivered to 102 towns with the highest percentage of families living below the poverty line.

South Hadley was allocated 2,880 OTC rapid antigen kits. Each test kit has two tests, for a total of 5,760 tests.

The health dept. is working with community groups to distribute the kits. The tests can be completed at home and results are available in 15 minutes. People who test positive should isolate for 10 days and notify close contacts.

Selectboard

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website:
www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Census

Keep an eye out in the mail in the new year for the town’s annual census forms. These forms help us know who lives here and help us deliver services to you!
www.southhadley.org/807/Annual-Town-Census

Visit Santa

Last call to schedule your Zoom visit with Santa. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Buttery Brook Park and the Recreation Department. Sign up at:
<https://calendly.com/santash/virtual-visit>

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

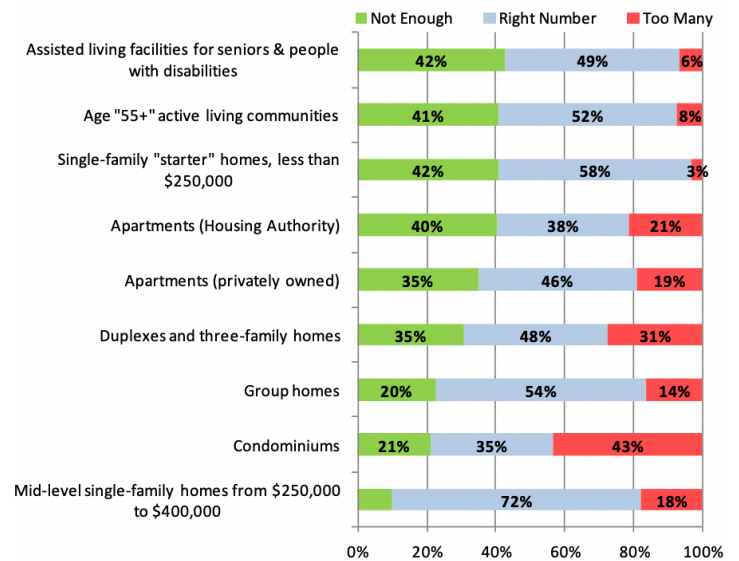


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The police department was awarded two grants. One is a \$16,200 grant from the MA Executive Office of Public Safety for municipal road safety for traffic enforcement and a portable speed sign. The other is a \$5,300 grant from the US Department of Justice for membership, training and software to help the department achieve accreditation. The accreditation process involves ongoing work to review and re-write legacy policies. Updated policies will be posted on the website.

The Planning Board recently voted to support updating the town's Housing Production Plan which expires in June 2022. Housing production plans are tools for planning and developing affordable housing to meet the state's Chapter 40B statute. Plans are valid for five years and can be renewed after updating or writing a new plan. www.southhadley.org/DocumentCenter/View/2670/South-Hadley-Housing-Production-Plan-as-approved-by-the-Planning-Board-11-28-2016-PDF



Mount Holyoke College made offers to members of the Class of 2026 through its Early Decision program. The college is regularly ranked as one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges. Congratulations to all the new students! #WelcomeMoHome