

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

New Electric Vehicle to Assist Seniors



The Council on Aging was able to purchase a four-passenger electric vehicle thanks to a \$50,000 earmark secured by State Representative Dan Carey. The vehicle will enable the COA to help seniors with transportation to medical appointments.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

There are 14 new confirmed COVID-19 cases this week, down from 17 last week.

The Stop the Spread testing program will downsize to 11 sites effective April 1, 2022. These tests will remain free to any MA resident:

- Everett
- Framingham
- Lawrence
- Lynn
- New Bedford
- Randolph
- Revere
- Springfield

Selectboard

The next meetings will be Tuesdays March 15 and 22 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Public Hearing

The public hearing for the special permit for E-ink on Gaylord Street was continued to Monday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. to allow for peer review of the application.

Bylaw Review

The Bylaw Review Committee has its first meeting of the year scheduled for March 29 at 5 p.m. Members will discuss bylaw changes to be proposed for the annual town meeting.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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After years of work and an on-site assessment this week, Police Chief Jennifer Gunderson is proud to report the South Hadley Police Department has achieved the requirements for accreditation. Less than 30% of police departments in the state have achieved this. There will be an official award made this spring. Thank you for the whole team and Sgt. Baron for their hard work! More about the program here: masspoliceaccred.net/

South Hadley resident Maria LaPlante was recently featured on Channel 22 News for her efforts to help the situation in Ukraine. She is raising money that will go to local charity workers, church volunteers, local help-organizations, medical offices, businesses and individuals. See her interview here: <https://youtu.be/IACHLOMTDgQ>



The South Hadley Public Schools are hosting open houses for the public:

A multi-year capital improvement plan has been developed that will provide direction and clarity about priorities for future district-wide capital improvements.

Below are the dates and times available for walk-throughs of the schools to view these significant capital investment challenges.

| South Hadley High School | Mosier Elementary |
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| March 3, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. | March 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. |
| March 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. | March 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. |
| March 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. | March 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. |
| March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. | March 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. |