

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Community Forums



Selectboard Vice Chair Andrea Miles moderates the first of two community forums. The next one is April 28 at 6pm at Gaylord Library.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

There are 44 New Confirmed Cases this week, more than double from last week's 19 figure.

Local COVID-19 data for Hampshire County compiled by the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts shows a jump in cases and hospitalization over the previous 14 day period.

www.publichealthwm.org/covid-19/data/Hampshire

Selectboard

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Public Hearing

The Appropriations Committee will hold their public hearing for the budget on April 27 at 6pm virtually, followed by a presentation of Town Meeting warrant articles. Link will be on town website.

Yard Waste

There will be 2 Sundays available for yard waste appointments. Sunday, April 24th and Sunday, May 1st from 8am-3pm. Appointments at <https://southhadley.org/1036/Compost-Area-and-Transfer-Station-Reserv>

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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South Hadley Conservation Area

PLEASE....DON'T LEAVE DOG WASTE BAGS HERE

Dispose of all pet waste in trash receptacles.

Even so-called biodegradable pet waste bags take years to break down. Even when they do, the accumulation of feces is a source of bacteria and nutrient pollution to nearby wetlands, rivers, and ponds.

Don't be a litter bug!

Be a good neighbor – clean up after your pet, *bring the waste home*, and dispose in a trash receptacle.

Leaving dog waste or bagged dog waste is a violation of General Bylaw 194 and punishable by fines up to \$300.



South Hadley
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(413) 538 – 5017 x208

Take the Pet Waste Pledge

In addition to being an aesthetic nuisance, pet waste is a source of water pollution. The Connecticut River Stormwater Committee, hosted by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, has a program that addresses this source of water pollution. One of the tools they use is a pledge to be signed by dog owners asserting that they will pick up after their dogs and dispose of the waste properly. You can find out more information and take the pledge by signing up at <https://thinkblueconnecticutriver.org/pet-waste-management>.

Participants are entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card, a \$25 Amazon gift card or a \$10 Dunkin' gift card. For each person who completes their challenge, the South Hadley Council on Aging gets an entry to win up to \$1000 for use with fitness programming. Last

year, we won \$250 toward programming! You can choose a challenge from one of 5 different levels - walking for days, time, miles, or steps. Call Sandy Farnsworth at the COA at 413-538-5030 x6205 to let her know you're joining the challenge.

Lace up your Sneakers! The Walk Massachusetts Challenge is Back!

May 1 to October 31, 2022