

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## New Police Contract



A new collective bargaining contract is in place with the Police Union with competitive wages. We are seeking people from diverse backgrounds to apply to join the department. Find out more including deadlines and qualifications at:

[www.southhadley.org/1091/Police-Hiring-Opportunities-2023](http://www.southhadley.org/1091/Police-Hiring-Opportunities-2023)

### PUBLIC HEALTH

From Western Mass Elder Care (WMEC):

Nearly 1 in 4 older adults have a mental health condition.

WMEC is now offering mental health support to older adults in their homes or at community sites through our Elder Mental Health Outreach Team.

Through partnerships with local Councils on Aging, we will coordinate prevention efforts, identify signs and symptoms of mental health disorders, make referrals, and collaborate with treatment providers.

Referrals can be made by calling the Community Resources Team at 413-538-9020, emailing [info@wmeldercare.org](mailto:info@wmeldercare.org), or online.

### Selectboard

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21 at 7pm at the Senior Center. There will be a hearing about the trash contract. [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Thanks

Thank you to DPW Director Chris Bouchard for his service to South Hadley since 2020. We wish him the best in his future endeavors!

### Mt. Holyoke

Mount Holyoke College announced that Danielle Ren Holley has been appointed as their 20th President and will start on July 1, 2023. [mtholyoke.edu/news](http://mtholyoke.edu/news)

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



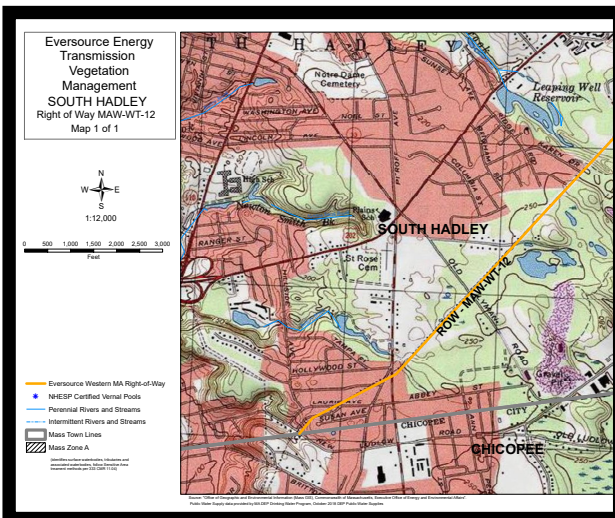
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During the historically cold temperatures last weekend, sprinkler pipes at both the Police Station and Ledges broke. The Town is working with the insurance company to mitigate and repair the damage, as well as to protect against any future issues. There is limited impact on police operations and Ledges is working to get online as quickly as possible.



The Massachusetts House of Representatives unanimously adopted its rules for the two year 2023-2024 legislative cycle that includes a hybrid committee hearing structure to allow some in-person and remote participation. No recent updates have been made to the temporary provisions of the Open Meeting Law extending remote meetings until 3/31/23. Until there is a state executive or legislative act, municipal public meetings must be in person starting April 1.



Eversource recently contacted abutters to their rights of way regarding tree maintenance. They will perform routine vegetation maintenance within their electric system rights of way this year as part of their continuing efforts to ensure reliable electric service, especially during extreme weather events. Work will not interrupt electric service and work hours will typically be 7am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday. If you would like to keep the wood from trees cut on your property, or have any questions, please call 888-673-9943 or [MAVegMaintenance@eversource.com](mailto:MAVegMaintenance@eversource.com).