

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Vietnam Veterans Day



The South Hadley American Legion Post 260, Sons of the American Legion, VFW Post 3104 and the Military Order of the Purple Heart held a National Vietnam War Veterans Day Commemoration at the Library to recognize the sacrifices veterans and their families made during the Vietnam War.

### BUSINESS GRANT

The Town of South Hadley is offering up to \$10,000 grants to local businesses and commercial property owners for façade improvements. Priority funding locations are along major roadways including Routes 33, 47, 116 & 202. Applications are due April 24.

Eligible projects will be funded on a first come first served basis. Total funding available is \$76,000. To learn more and complete an application, visit the Town website at:

[www.southhadley.org/1299/Faade-Improvement-Program](http://www.southhadley.org/1299/Faade-Improvement-Program)

### Selectboard

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 4 at the Senior Center to discuss wastewater rates and hold a budget hearing  
[www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Mail-in Ballots

Return to Town Clerk's office via snail mail, drop box, or in person. Apply by April 4 deadline at:  
[www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/download/vote-by-mail-applications/vote-by-mail-paper-application-2023.pdf](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/download/vote-by-mail-applications/vote-by-mail-paper-application-2023.pdf)

### Election

Annual town election  
 Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
 7:00am to 8:00pm  
 South Hadley High School

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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As many pandemic related policies and benefits related to the response the COVID-19 public health emergency are set to expire on April 1, state lawmakers and Governor Healey have signed a \$388.7 million supplement budget that includes:

- Extending funding for school meals until the end of the school year
- Support for the Residential

Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT)

- Extending the ability for public entities to hold remote public meetings until March 31, 2025. State Senator Jake Oliviera is sponsoring a bill to allow remote public meetings permanently.

The Selectboard will be discussing Wastewater fees at their April meetings. Fees fund the operations of and capital projects for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and system. The Town has an enterprise fund for Wastewater that has a revenue deficit and



therefore needs retained earnings to cover expenses that include personnel costs, maintenance costs, utilities, indirect costs, and debt service. Retained earnings will be depleted in FY2024 or FY2025 depending on how much is used for capital expenditures. More information about the town's wastewater infrastructure and processes: [www.southhadley.org/356/Water-Pollution-Control-Division](http://www.southhadley.org/356/Water-Pollution-Control-Division)