

# The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

## Arbor Day



The Selectboard proclaimed April 28 as Arbor Day in South Hadley and celebrated with a tree planting at the Hahn-Warner Arboretum to honor Mike Lamontagne. Plant a tree to celebrate!

### Abatements

The Selectboard will discuss increasing the sewer use fee abatement due to a rise in rates for the next fiscal year. Bills will go up \$40 per bill, or \$80 per year. The recommendation is to increase the abatement from \$30 to \$100 for those currently eligible.

The Selectboard will also begin discussions about a Senior Tax Work-Off Program for residents aged 60 and over at their May 2 meeting.

Town meeting will have to adopt the Mass General Law to allow for a program here, and then the Selectboard can establish a program and set the guidelines.

### Selectboard

The next hybrid meetings will be held on Tuesdays, May 2 and May 16 at 7pm at the Senior Center. [www.southhadley.org/agendacenter](http://www.southhadley.org/agendacenter)

### Thank You

April 26 was Administrative Professionals Day. South Hadley is lucky to have dedicated staff in our town departments and schools.

### Memorial Day

Save the date: Friday, May 26 at 8:30am. Breakfast is open to Veterans and a guest. Sponsored by Friends of SH Seniors and SH Veterans Services.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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**ValleyBike:** There is a delay in the spring rollout to the bike share program. Earlier this year, the vendor gave notice that it was initiating bankruptcy proceedings in its home country, Canada, in an effort to dissolve existing contracts with its bike-share communities around the world. The towns are working on a solution so that the system can reopen for users as soon as possible.

**Roof:** The South Hadley Police Roof replacement project is substantially complete and will be finalized by May 5. The total project is \$55,000. \$90,000 was approved for the project and the unexpended funds can be reappropriated with recommendations by the Capital Planning Committee at a future Town Meeting.



**Paving:** Paving is complete for River, Alvord, Lathrop, Sunset, Abbey, and Ludlow.

Bolton, Walnut, Bombardier and Douglas are being paved now.



**HCVE:** The City of Chicopee City Council approved at a Public Hearing approval the Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion for Smith/Spring/Ludlow/Hartford roads in South Hadley, and Britton Street and New Ludlow Road in Chicopee. The signs for the South Hadley portion are up

**Falls Cleanup:** Thank you to the volunteers!