

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong



West Nile: The West Nile virus (WNV) has been detected in mosquitoes collected from South Hadley on July 28, 2023, in the southeastern quadrant. WNV is most commonly transmitted to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquitoes that carry this virus are common throughout the state and are found in urban as well as more rural areas. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe infection. Information about WNV and risk maps/reports of current WNV virus activity in Massachusetts can be found on the MDPH website at www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update

West Nile

The South Hadley Board of Health would like to remind residents that by taking a few, common-sense precautions, people can help to protect themselves and their loved ones:

- Using insect repellents
- Wearing long-sleeved clothing
- Scheduling outdoor activities to avoid the hours around dawn and dusk
- Repairing damaged window screens
- Removing standing water from the areas around your home

Selectboard

The next hybrid meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 7pm at the Senior Center.
www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Swearing-In

There will be a swearing-in ceremony for the new Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resources Director Chuck Romboletti, Monday August 7 at 10am at the Library.

Youth Soccer

Recreation soccer registrations for those entering grades K-6 are closing on Sunday, August 6th! Register at: www.southhadleyrecreation.org

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High School drainage project: Town Meeting approved \$675k in 2022 to address the moisture problem that is believed to be from excessively high moisture problem in the soils around and under the building floor slab and outdated HVAC design and control systems that are not conducive to efficient and modern air control and monitoring. The first step is to provide perimeter footing drains connected to either existing drainage structures or provide new exit outlets to provide positive drainage away from the building foundation. With effective removal of excessive water, the Town can move forward finding solutions that address the remaining issues including floor slab vapor barrier and HVAC design.



Security Grant: The South Hadley School department has been awarded a \$140k Safer Schools grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Town Meeting approved \$150k in funds towards this project in May. The funds will be used for security cameras and keyless entry hardware at the Mosier, Middle and High Schools.