

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong



Road Closure: A portion of Route 116/Newton St will be closed to through traffic for up to six days while the culvert beneath the road is fully replaced. The closure is anticipated to start Aug. 21, but the final start date will be determined by MassDOT. Please look out for state/town alerts.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Massachusetts Dept of Public Health is conducting a Community Health Equity Survey to examine the root causes of health outcomes to identify community strengths, gaps, health needs, concerns, inequities, and unintended consequences related to public health crises.

The survey will be used to improve DPH’s programs. The survey is available through the early Fall to anyone 14 and older in many languages at: mass.gov/healthsurvey

Selectboard

The next hybrid Selectboard meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website’s agenda center.

Festival

The Showcase South Hadley arts and culture festival will be October 6-8pm at the Town Common and the Falls.

southhadleyarts.org

State Budget

The Healey-Driscoll administration released a five year capital plan for the Commonwealth:

<https://budget.digital.mass.gov/capital/fy24>

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MVP

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

Climate Resilience Grant: South Hadley completed a Community Resilience Building Report in May 2020. Since then the Town has been working on goals from this report. The State has Municipal Vulnerability (MVP) grants to help municipalities work towards these goals. The Town used an MVP Action Grant to complete a road stream crossing assessment to better understand hazard potential and are completing design plans for ecological restoration to Titus Pond at the uppermost part of the Buttery Brook watershed (our most urban watershed). The Town has just been awarded an MVP 2.0 grant to focus on addressing root causes of social vulnerability by helping the town convene a Core Team to co-develop and implement a project that will build community resilience, with guaranteed funding for implementation.

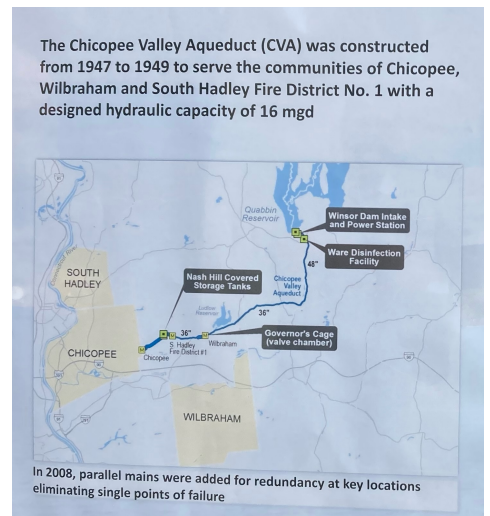
Water infrastructure Tour: The MRWA hosted a tour of its system for member communities. Town leadership was able to get a personalized tour of South Hadley's water infrastructure to learn more about the system and upcoming projects.

South Hadley Fire District 2: SHFD2 has been awarded a Federal



Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$268,000. The funds will be used for air filling stations and all new self-contained breathing apparatus. These grants are very competitive! Congratulations!

Leaping Well Nature Trail earmark: This project was included in the state budget. The funds will be used to create an accessible parking area at the Mosier Street trail head for the 0.66 mile footpath.



2023 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Pioneer Valley - Holyoke, MA

Sunday, October 15, 2023