

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong



Mt. Holyoke College: Congratulations Madame President Danielle Ren Holley! The inauguration ceremony for the 20th President of Mt. Holyoke College took place on September 22nd. The alumni association announced the creation of a new Danielle Holley scholarship to be endowed.

STUDENT DEBT

Government and most nonprofit workers MAY benefit from an adjustment to qualifying payment counts for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program, a debt relief initiative that has benefited over 615,000 borrowers nationwide.

To benefit or maximize relief, some borrowers must take action by December 31, 2023.

www.mass.gov/info-details/accessing-federal-student-loan-debt-relief-opportunities-preparing-for-the-return-to-repayment#accessing-debt-relief-for-public-service-workers

Selectboard

The next hybrid Selectboard meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website's agenda center.

Route 116

MassDOT has informed the Town that they DO NOT HAVE TO CLOSE Route 116 and are able to replace the culvert keeping at least one lane open. It was scheduled to close this weekend.

Falls Cleanup

Volunteers needed for clean up at Beachgrounds and also below the bridge and along Riverside Park on Saturday, Sept 23 from 8:30-11:30am. Register: www.southhadley.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=865

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS

The Selectboard is requesting input from the public via email at selectboard@southhadley.ma.gov and the Oct 3 Selectboard meeting.



- Room tax: Town meeting would have to approve tax of up to 6% on hotel and room accommodations that would encompass new Short Term Rentals, as well as a possible 3% community impact fee.

- Short Term Rental Application Fee: As the Attorney General's office recently approved the STR bylaw, the town is developing an

application. The Selectboard will have to vote on the fee.

- Senior Work-Off Program: The details of a potential program to allow qualified individuals to volunteer to offset up to \$1500 in real estate taxes. Town Meeting will have to vote on accepting the Mass General Law, but the Selectboard can shape certain details of the program.

- Business at 460 Amherst Road: The hearing for the beer and wine license will continue.