

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong



The state announced the award of a Municipal Vulnerability Grant 2.0 to South Hadley. This will be used to look at social equity and outreach to people disproportionately affected by climate change in our town.

PUBLIC HEALTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence may include verbal, physical, psychological, sexual, or financial abuse of a victim and is often hidden from public view.

Safelink:

1-877-785-2020 is a 24-hour, free, and confidential multi-lingual domestic violence hotline in Massachusetts.

To find the domestic violence program nearest you outside of Massachusetts, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233)

Selectboard

The next hybrid Selectboard meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website's agenda center.

Library

Agawam Paranormal Investigators to discuss their findings at the Old Firehouse Museum, Sycamores, and the Falls Cemetery! Wednesday, October 25th at 6 pm.

Halloween

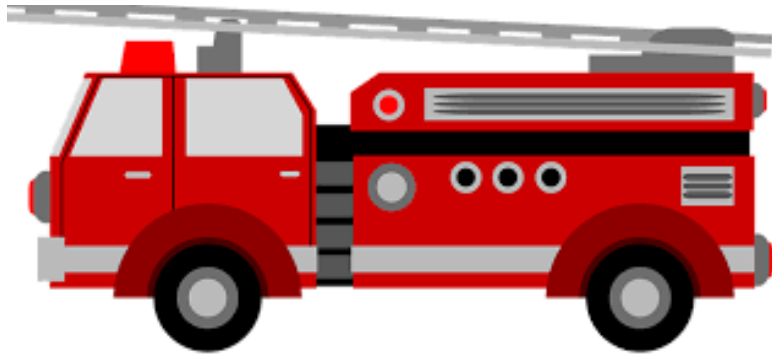
Trunk or Treat will be October 27, 2023 from 5:30-7:30pm at Beers and Story, 646 Newton Street. FREE. Rain or Shine!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS

Fire Districts: Know Your Town is hosting The History and Finance of the South Hadley Fire District on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 6:30 pm at the South Hadley Public Library. Melissa Couture Rimbold, South Hadley Associate Assessor, and Kevin Taugher, Chair of the Board of Assessors, will provide an overview of why, when and how South Hadley's two Fire Districts, 1 and 2, were formed and how they are financed by property taxes and water rates. Kevin Taugher will give a



history of their formation and Melissa Couture Rimbold on how they are financed. The meeting will not address or entertain questions regarding current operations, budgets, personnel, or boards.

Elmer Brook: The Department of Revenue is granting \$50,000 in additional funding for the culvert replacement on Pearl Street. The additional funding will go towards construction documents, specifications, and Chapter 85 bridge review. The total DER Reward is now \$197,500.

Forestry Grant: DCR has reviewed the Town's letter of intent for an Urban and Community Forestry Challenge grant and has invited the Town to submit a full application due November 1 to create a tree management plan that will supplement the current tree inventory in progress funded by Town Meeting.

