

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Trash and Recycling contract signed

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Start Date	7/1/2024	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	7/1/2027	7/1/2028	7/1/2029
End Date	6/30/2025	6/30/2026	6/30/2027	6/30/2028	6/30/2029	6/30/2030
MSW/REC Collections for Residents	\$626,736	\$642,689	\$681,250.34	\$722,125.36	\$765,452.88	\$811,380.05
MSW/REC Collections for Town and School Buildings	\$86,631	\$95,308	\$101,026.48	\$107,088.07	\$113,513.35	\$120,324.15
Yard Waste Collections for Residents	\$68,000	\$72,531	\$76,882.86	\$81,495.83	\$86,385.58	\$91,568.72

The Selectboard voted to enter into a contract with Republic for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2030. The Town will be implementing the cart system for a July 2025 start. Residents will continue to use the green bag system next year. Town Meeting will discuss and vote on the trash carts at the Special Town Meeting on November 13, 2024. The Selectboard has also voted to increase the abatement for those eligible from \$20 to \$35 per year, as the new trash fee of \$225 will be in effect this upcoming year.

Selectboard Goal Setting

The Selectboard will be developing an action plan of priorities over the summer.

The public is invited to submit ideas, initiatives and comment related to needs, opportunities and more!

Submit in writing to the Selectboard at selectboard@southhadleyma.gov

Or mail to: Selectboard, 116 Main Street, South Hadley, MA

Selectboard

The Selectboard’s next hybrid meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website’s agenda center.

Growing Wild

Presentation on how to transform your yard to support pollinators. Thursday, June 13 at 7pm at the South Hadley Library.

Health Fair

The Aging in Place Health Fair will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, June 27 from 10am-1pm.



D-DAY Commemoration

On June 5, 2024, the South Hadley American Legion Post 260, South Hadley VFW Post 3104, and Holyoke Auxiliary Traffic Division commemorated the Allied Forces sacrifices made during the Normandy Invasion June 6th, 1944, on the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Special recognition was given to the heroic actions and supreme sacrifice of Holyoke's own, Father (Chaplain) Captain Ignatius Maternowski, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

In the early morning hours of D-Day, Fr. Ignatius parachuted with a large number of troops into occupied territory, the hamlet of Guetteville in the town of Picauville. An American glider had crashed nearby. There were many casualties. Immediately Fr. Ignatius began ministering to the wounded paratroopers and glider victims. Realizing that a suitable aid station would be needed, Fr. Ignatius calculated a risky strategy: attempting negotiations with his German counterpart, in the peaceful hope of combining their wounded together in one common hospital. Walking between enemy lines unarmed, with helmet hanging from his belt, and wearing his chaplain's insignia and a Red Cross armband, he bravely went to meet with the head German medic. As he returned back through to the American side, he was shot in the back by an enemy sniper – becoming the only US chaplain to be killed on D-Day. He was 32 years of age, in the 5th year of his priesthood. His body lay visible on the road for three days. On the 9th of June, US soldiers from the 90th Infantry Division recovered it, and removed it for burial near Utah Beach. In 1948, his remains were returned to Holyoke and interment in the Franciscan Friars' plot at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery in South Hadley.

