

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

State Budget Finalized



The Fiscal Year 2025 budget for the Commonwealth was signed by the Governor at the end of July. The final local aid to South Hadley is \$70k net higher than Town Meeting approved.

Thank You!

Thank you to Mount Holyoke College for their donation of \$4,000 to the SHPD comfort dog program!

For those who wish to donate, checks should be made out to the Town of South Hadley with “comfort dog” written in the memo section and can be dropped off in the lobby of the Police Department.

Selectboard

The Selectboard’s next regular hybrid meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website’s agenda center.

ValleyBikes

The regional bike share program will relaunch across the region on August 12!

Condolences

Our condolences to the family and friends of Rachel Tierney. Dr. Tierney was a longtime member of the town’s Council on Aging board.

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Ledges Strategic Planning Process

The Ledges Golf Course opened in August of 2001 and includes a 6,500 yards course, clubhouse with a golf shop and restaurant, maintenance building and a golf cart storage pavilion. The golf course was constructed with a municipal general obligation bond. This 30-year bond has a repayment schedule that requires an annual payment of approximately \$320,000 per year with a final payment due in 2029. A PARC grant was also used to assist in the development of the property for park and outdoor recreation purposes.

State Representative Dan Carey was able to recently secure an earmark of \$50,000 to complete a strategic plan for the property, including exploring a broad range of uses. The process will be robust and include stakeholders and public hearings. The Town has to evaluate and prepare for the next steps of the golf course. If the golf course remains, it will require extensive capital investment.

More details will be available about the planning process. Feedback and questions can be directed to selectboard@southhadleyma.gov.

