

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Grants, Grants, Grants!



The Town received several grants including a Community Forestry Challenge Grant in the amount of \$20,000. The total project cost is budgeted at \$40,000 to develop a town-wide Shade Tree Management Plan. See page 2 for more grants:

Public Health News

Earlier this month the state announced the season’s first human case of West Nile virus and first animal case of EEE.

Find out more:

www.mass.gov/news/state-health-officials-announce-seasons-first-human-case-of-west-nile-virus-and-first-animal-case-of-eee-in-massachusetts

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.

Dual Stream

Reminder that the recycling will still need to be separated. The new system will not start until July 2025.

Elections

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, September 3. Polls are open at the High School from 7am - 8pm.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



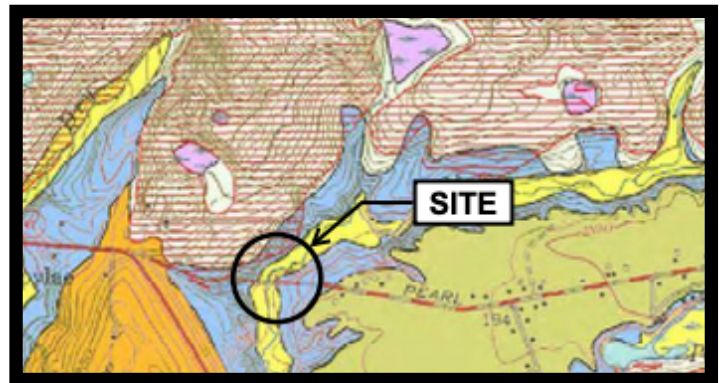
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- **Companion Transportation Program:**

The South Hadley Council on Aging has been awarded a \$12,500 grant from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging Association, to support the existing Companion/Escort Transportation Program, which provides qualifying older adults with free transportation to medical appointments within South Hadley or beyond. This program has been supported in part by funding from WestMass Eldercare as well as donations and other Town funds.



- **MVP Grant Award:** The Town of South Hadley has been approved for a [Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness \(MVP\) program Action Grant](#) award from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) [in the amount of \\$1,283,063](#) for the Pearl Street/Elmer Brook Culvert Replacement project.



- **Center-Warner-Graves Project:** The Town of South Hadley, through the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, [was awarded a \\$950,000 Community Development Block Grant \(CDBG\)](#) by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for the construction of [Center Street Neighborhood Improvement Project](#), which includes the streets of Center, Graves, and Warner. This area was identified by the Town in need of comprehensive infrastructure improvements including sewer, drainage, and street/sidewalk surface for the neighborhood. The Town previously received funding for engineering design, and now with this funding will be able to see through plans to construction, which is planned to be put out to bid this winter, and tentative construction start for Fall of 2025.