

THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

HOLIDAY HOURS

Municipal Buildings will close on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, and reopen for regular hours on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

CALENDAR

Check out the 2025 dates for meetings on the town website: www.southhadley.org/calendar.

Curbside trash and recycling routes and Police Chief community hours are now posted.

NEWS FEATURE



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

In South Hadley, It Takes A Village — Literally

Writer George O'Brien's article about South Hadley businesses is featured in the December edition of BusinessWest. Read about it here: <https://businesswest.com/blog/in-south-hadley-it-takes-a-village-literally>.

The Dry Brook Aquifer Study Presentation will be held Tuesday, January 14 at 6pm at the Senior Center. www.southhadley.org/civicalerts.aspx?aid=1124

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



KEEP UP WITH SOUTH HADLEY'S LATEST NEWS

The Lauzier Farm on Alvord Street is the last farm of its size in South Hadley—205 acres— and now has been permanently protected with strong support from the community. Lauzier Farm's fields have provided nourishing feed for dairy cows as well as local vegetables for decades.

www.southhadley.org/1100/Protect-Lauzier-Farm

State 911 Department Dec 2024 Newsletter recognizes South Hadley dispatchers.

Dispatcher Angelique Kunasek and Dispatcher Jason Rodriguez South Hadley Police Department



On July 25, 2024, around 2:00 PM South Hadley Police Dispatcher Angelique Kunasek answered a call from an irate and suicidal male who claimed to have a firearm. The caller was screaming and demanding that the police come to his location and kill him. The caller not only made threats against himself, but also against responding officers. He stated he would shoot responding officers and then come to the police station and shoot the officers there. Dispatcher Kunasek quickly communicated with several officers from the South Hadley Police Department, requested assistance from several other agencies, and tracked a pursuit that spanned two communities. While this incident was going on, Dispatcher Jason Rodriguez who was early to his shift, saw what was occurring and immediately jumped onto the second dispatch position. Doing so allowed Dispatcher Kunasek to focus her attention on the current on-going threat and pursuit that she was monitoring. Job well done dispatchers Kunasek and Rodriguez!

Dispatcher Joshua Sorensen South Hadley Police Department



On Saturday October 19, 2024, at approximately 10:00PM Dispatcher Joshua Sorensen received a call from a female stating she was a passenger inside of a pickup truck and the male operator was not letting her out of the vehicle. Dispatcher Sorensen was able to keep the female caller on the phone, allowing him to retransmit the call and continuously track her location. Dispatcher Sorensen was able to communicate the caller's updated location with the responding officers. Officers witnessed a truck travelling with the passenger side door wide open. Believing this to be the suspect they attempted to pull the vehicle over. After a lengthy chase, the vehicle was finally stopped. The driver was taken into custody and the victim was found safe and unharmed. Throughout the entire call Dispatcher Sorensen showed great professionalism and composure. His actions played a key role in keeping the officers on shift, the caller, and members of other agencies safe and informed throughout the incident.