

THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD, 7 p.m.
Hybrid at Senior Center

Tuesday, February 4
Tuesday, February 18
Tuesday, March 4
Tuesday, March 18

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LIBRARY

The main Library will be closed on Thursday, Feb 6 and Friday, Feb 7 for a carpet replacement. Gaylord Library will have extended hours, opening at 9:30am Thursday.

LOCAL ELECTION



The deadline to obtain nomination papers is Thursday, February 13 by 5pm. The last day to submit nomination papers is Tuesday, February 18 by 5pm. 50 certified signatures are required for town wide offices and 10 signatures are required for Town Meeting members.

Deadlines and more information about running for local office can be found online <https://southhadley.org/Clerk>

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Avian Influenza Alert

The USDA is reporting a highly pathogenic flu in wild birds that show no signs of illness and can potentially expose domestic poultry.

The public is advised to avoid handling any dead birds or birds showing signs of illness. If a property owner finds dead wildlife on their property, use caution and never touch a dead animal with bare hands. If an individual must handle dead birds on their property for disposal, they should be advised to wear gloves, avoid letting the carcasses touch their clothes, double bag and dispose of the carcasses and wash hands thoroughly afterwards.

REPORTING

Wild birds

Report bird morbidity (severe illness) or mortality events greater than 5 birds and any events involving multiple species or raptors to MassWildlife using the online report form at mass.gov/reportbirds. This allows for tracking and testing to document and respond to potential outbreaks.

When to report: If you find 5 or more sick or deceased wild birds at a single location
If you observe a deceased bald eagle, peregrine falcon, or snowy owl

Domestic birds

Report sick or dead poultry or other domestic birds using MDAR's online reporting form (<https://www.mass.gov/forms/poultry-disease-reporting-form>) or by calling MDAR's Division of Animal Health at (617) 626-1795. Guidance on keeping domestic birds safe can be found at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/avian-influenza>