

THE WEEKLY WRAP UP

A report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SELECTBOARD 7 p.m.
Hybrid @ Senior Center
Tuesdays
Feb. 17
March 3 & 17
April 7 & 21

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BUDGET SURVEY

The Budget Task Force released its final recommendation report for addressing South Hadley's structural budget deficit and long-term fiscal sustainability.

[Click here](#) to read it.

FREE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM



The Shade Tree Challenge is working to plant 400 trees town-wide. Community plantings will occur over weekends in April this spring. Interested residents can apply [here](#). All residential properties are eligible for the tree planting program. Residents can receive more than one tree.

Special Town Meeting on Prop 2.5 Override

The Selectboard voted to have a Special Town Meeting on Feb. 25 at South Hadley High School to discuss the Fiscal Year 2027 budget and a Proposition 2.5 Override. See the full warrant by clicking [here](#).

BUDGET TASK FORCE INFORMATIONAL VIDEOS

Budget Task Force members have created a series of 8 short videos that walk viewers through the town’s financial landscape.

The videos explore potential revenue opportunities, benchmark the town’s finances against comparable communities and provide a high-level financial overview alongside a candid look at current challenges. They also provide a roadmap outlining next steps and recommendations from the Town Administrator and Task Force co-chairs. View them [all here!](#)



The screenshot shows a video player interface. At the top left is the SHCTV15 logo. The video title is 'Budget Task Force 5: Financial Overview' with a sub-label 'SHCTV15'. The main title of the video is 'South Hadley Budget Task Force: Financial Overview'. The video content features a 3D bar chart with red and dark blue bars on a grid, and a donut chart with a red segment. The video player controls show a play button, a progress bar at 03:10, and various icons for volume, closed captions, settings, and sharing. Below the player, the description reads: 'Emily Young and Bill Sutton give a financial overview for South Hadley. For more info visit: southhadley.org/1504/Budget-Task-Force'. It also shows 'Uploaded 4 days ago', '6 Views | 0 Likes | 0 Comments', and the video ID '# vimeo.com/1162684751'.

TOWN CLERK REMINDERS

- **Nomination papers available until February 20th:** Nomination papers are now available for this year's Annual Town Election scheduled for April 14, 2026. The deadline to pick up nomination papers is Friday, February 20th. Visit southhadley.org/Elections for more information, including key dates in the election cycle and what positions are on the ballot.
- **Census- Still time to return your census:** Annual census forms were sent to every residence in South Hadley. Please contact our office with any questions. The office is currently updating thousands of returned census forms.