

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Governor Releases State Budget

PROGRAM	FY2022 Cherry Sheet Estimate	FY2023 Governor's Budget Proposal
Education Receipts:		
Chapter 70	8,585,949	9,676,866
School Transportation	0	0
Charter Tuition Reimbursement	204,091	358,551
Smart Growth School Reimbursement	0	0
Offset Receipts:		
School Choice Receiving Tuition	946,085	768,542
Sub-Total, All Education Items:	9,736,125	10,803,959
General Government:		
Unrestricted Gen Gov't Aid	2,870,417	2,947,918

South Hadley will see a \$77,000 increase in Unrestricted General Government Aid and a \$1.07m increase in School Funding in the Governor’s budget. This is offset by an increase in assessments to the town by over \$200k. There are still three rounds of budgets to be released that may affect these \$\$s - the House Budget, the Senate Budget, and then a Conference Committee budget that is sent to the Governor for review.

PUBLIC HEALTH NEWS

There are 193 Active Confirmed Cases this week, slightly down from last week. 152 of these are new cases and 84% of the new cases are under the age of 60.

The latest information shows that of the 2,521 hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Mass, just over 50% of these patients are hospitalized for other reasons.

From the end of December to the end of January, fully vaccinated individuals ages 5 to 11 years are up from 43% to 53%. Ages 12-15 increased by 2% and other age groups have increased about 1%. Overall the Town is at 67%.

Selectboard

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 1 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda and link will be posted on the town website: www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Town Alerts

With another winter storm on the way, this is a good time to sign up for town notifications and emergency alerts: www.southhadley.org/517/Alerts-Notifications

Hearings

The Planning Board has two public hearings set for Monday, Feb 7 - 6:30pm for the E-Ink special permit and 7:30pm for the Wood Ave garage.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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A Thriving Community	Caring for Our Resources	A Resilient Community

The final draft of the Master Plan has been posted on the town's website. There will be a joint virtual meeting between the Selectboard, Planning Board and Master Plan Implementation Committee on February 1 at 7pm. <https://www.southhadley.org/1078/2020-Master-Plan-Update>

The Massachusetts Municipal Association is hosting a series of virtual webinars in lieu of having an in-person conference. South Hadley's public works director and president of the Mass Highway Association, Chris Bouchard, will be featured in the Feb. 7th webinar "Paving the Way for Success in Municipal Public Works". To see other panels and register, visit www.mma.org/annual-meeting/workshops/



Virtual Program: Music of the Mississippi Delta with Matthew

Wed, Feb 2 @ 6:30 PM

Zoom Program

Explore the different musical styles integral to Black history.

<https://bit.ly/3Fzj9l2>



The South Hadley Public Library will be hosting a virtual event as part of Black History Month, which begins on February 1. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans.