

The Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Facade Improvement



The Town received a third Regional Economic Development Grant and the second that is being used to improve building facades. The grant for \$76,000 will cover about 8 properties up to \$10,000 per project. Storefronts across the town will be eligible to apply. Program details will be posted on the website.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Colorectal cancer is the 3rd leading cause of cancer death in MA, but it can be prevented. If you are 45 or older, ask your doctor about screening:

www.mass.gov/guides/colon-cancer-screening-saves-lives

Screening tests can help your doctor find and remove polyps before they turn into cancer. Polyps are growths that can turn into cancer if they are not removed.

When colon cancer is caught early, it can be cured 90% of the time.

Early on, colon cancer has no symptoms, so you could have colon cancer and not know.

Selectboard

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm at the Senior Center. www.southhadley.org/agendacenter

Dog License

Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office. You must register your dog before March 31, 2023 to avoid a \$5 late fee. www.southhadley.org/784/Dog-Licenses

Town Meeting

Save the date for the Annual Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 10 at 6pm at the High School. If a second day is needed, save the date for Friday, May 12 at 6pm at the High School.

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On March 31, 2023 certain Covid-19 measures pertaining to Massachusetts Open Meeting Law will expire. The South Hadley Selectboard, at their February 21, 2023 meeting, voted to authorize remote participation by members of public bodies. A quorum of the Town Board, including the chair or the person authorized to chair the meeting, must be physically present at the meeting location. A bill to extend remote meetings until March

31, 2025 is making its way through the House and Senate, but may not be finalized in time for the end of the month. Boards and Committees are being advised of the new policy and to be prepared for their meetings starting April 1.



From SHPD: In honor of Women's History month, we recognize and remember Officer Helen Grabowski, the first Policewoman to have worked at the South Hadley Police Department. Officer Grabowski began her career in 1960 and later retired in September of 1985. Officer Grabowski was involved in the Juvenile Police Officers Association during her career. We are thankful for Officer Grabowski for breaking the barrier for the women who followed after her.



**Spring forward!
Test your smoke
alarms.**

Change replaceable batteries at least once a year.