

Weekly Wrap-up

A Report from Town Administrator Lisa Wong

Human Services Department Proposal



Excessive Drinking

19%

of People

Massachusetts

21%

of People

Hampshire County, MA

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2020



Mentally Unhealthy Days

4

Average number of days per month

Massachusetts

5

Average number of days per month

Hampshire County, MA

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2020



Physical Inactivity Among Adults

28%

of People

Hampden County, MA

19%

of People

Hampshire County, MA

Sources: CDC BRFSS PLACES 2021



Infant Mortality Rate

4

Deaths per 1,000 Live Births

Massachusetts

6

Deaths per 1,000 Live Births

Hampshire County, MA

TriBoard (Selectboard, School Committee, Appropriations Committee) will discuss the proposal for a new Human Services Department. The image above is a snapshot of statistics from the Holyoke Medical Center Community Health Needs Assessment. More info on page 2:

Selectboard

The Selectboard's next hybrid meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20 at the Senior Center. Details will be posted on the website's agenda center.

Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming election is Saturday, February 24 from 9-5 in person at Town Hall or online: www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/

Library

If you missed Profession Hashmi's talk on the Israeli-Hamas conflict at the Library, it will be airing later on SHCTV15. shadleylib.org shctv15.com

Presidents Day

Presidents Day is celebrated on the third Monday of February.

Originally honoring the first President George Washington's birthday, the holiday later changed to remember all US Presidents.

Town Hall, the Library and the Senior Center will be closed on Monday due to the Holiday.

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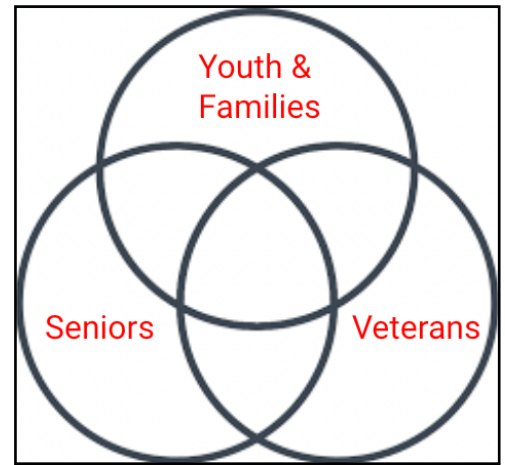
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Human Services Department

Collaborate and Consolidate for greater impact. The proposal merges 3 departments into one. The full presentation is at

www.southhadleyma.gov

The Mission of the Human Services Department is to serve the well-being of ***all residents*** by promoting independence, personal enrichment, community connectedness and enhanced quality of life for residents of all ages through a variety of programs, advocacy, collaboration, education, inclusivity, and service.



Participants (pop data from 2022 US Census)

Council on Aging:

60+ Population: 5471

65+ Population: 4167

Grandparents living with own grandkids under 18: 227 (17.6% below poverty level, 23.8% have no parent present)

2023 COA programs: 2023: 57,650/ 2,373 (unduplicated)

2022 COA Programs: 41,200/ 2,132 (unduplicated)

Recreation:

Total Families: 4308

at 50% of poverty level: 704

Spring 2023 Programs: 945

Summer 2023 Programs: 368

Fall 2023: 768

Winter 2023-2024: 492

Fireworks, Santa, Circus, Summer Concert Series, Big Rig Day, more

Veterans:

2022 Veterans Pop: 1315

% Veterans Impoverished: 7.4%

Chapter 115 Cases: 27

Ch 115 Payments: \$177,555

VA Claims: 322

VA Annual Compensation: \$5.99m

Potential VA Claimants: 993