

Granby Free Public Library’s new afternoon book club

GRANBY—Join the Granby Free Public Library for a friendly, relaxed, afternoon book club.

The group will meet monthly, every third Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. to discuss various genres of fiction.

Group members will vote on titles they would like to read in advance.

Upcoming books are made available at the library in multiple formats - regular print, large print and audio-book.

For the Oct. 20 meeting, the book choice is “The Briar Club” by Kate Quinn, stop by the library for a copy.

Afternoon book groups combine the joy of reading with the benefits of conversation, community, and personal enrichment, making them a rewarding way to spend time and connect with others.

The Granby Free Public Library is located at 297 E State St. in Granby, MA 01033.

Visit www.granbylibrary.org for more information.

Granby Police

Editor’s Note: The Granby Police Department responded to 130 calls for the week of Sept. 4, through Sept. 10. Those arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Granby Police Department provides all information.

Friday, Sept. 4
9:11 a.m. – A resident reported a theft. An incident report was completed and it is under investigation.

Saturday, Sept. 5
7:18 p.m. – A resident reported that a black SUV struck a utility pole and fled the scene towards Belchertown. Belchertown Police was advised to look out for the vehicle. Officers arrived and confirmed the pole was damaged. The involved vehicle was not located.

Monday, Sept. 7
9:20 p.m. – While on patrol an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate

of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 51MPH in posted 30MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

Tuesday, Sept. 8
7:03 a.m. – Several callers reported a two-car accident. Granby Police, Granby Fire, South Hadley Police, and South Fire D2 responded. There were no substantial injuries reported.

Thursday, Sept. 10
12:38 p.m. – While on patrol an officer observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. Radar confirmed that the vehicle was traveling at 54MPH in posted 35MPH zone. The vehicle was stopped and the operator was issued a civil citation for speeding.

12:59 p.m. – A motorist reported driving off the road to miss an Amazon truck and striking a rock wall. Granby Police and Fire responded.

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prised entirely of a volunteer work-force. The program is run by veteran teacher Megan Mahoney, who will be celebrating her first year in the district this year. Brzezinski called the teacher “terrific.”

“Youth sports involves lots of volunteers from the community that work with the kids,” Brzezinski said. “So that’s the way the program will work.”

Brzezinski stated the program had about seven volunteers and will take place at the middle school before Mosier School’s starting bell. Arriving at the middle school by bus or parent drop-off around 7:25 a.m., the attendees will receive a “small group lesson” based on their chosen instrument.

“Lessons are planned to be given on Mondays and Wednesday mornings,” Brzezinski said. “So, depending on what instrument the student has, we’ll put them in groups

of likely not more than five; but we’ll see.”

Lessons are slated to last around 40 to 45 minutes, with students chaperoned to the elementary school by volunteers thereafter. Brzezinski also stated there would also be band rehearsals on Friday mornings, which will be run solely by Mahoney.

“It’s a really good age, good time to start kids playing musical instruments,” Brzezinski said when asked why the program targeted fourth graders in particular. He stated there was a program in place similar to what they are offering “about 10 years ago,” but the district “just stopped doing it.”

“The enrollment in the middle school and the high school band began to go down significantly,” Brzezinski said. “I think primarily because of the financial issues that the town and the school department in particular have had.”

Though he couldn’t comment as to why those deci-

sions were made, Brzezinski illustrated the current state by mentioning the district only had one music teacher to “run everything” from grade five to grade 12.

“That includes choral music, chorus, band, music classes, all of it,” Brzezinski said. “Last year, we had one teacher going between both the middle school and the high school.”

Brzezinski stated the music teacher, to his credit, did a terrific job given the circumstances. He also stated how important music was to a healthy school curriculum and speculated the current lack of school music program could be a contributing factor to why more parents are going elsewhere to educate their children.

“Music is important in all kinds of ways,” Brzezinski said. “To children, to adults, just to people. And to have it cut like this was a detriment in terms of kids’ educations.”

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Seeking qualified applicants for 77 Highway Working Foreman. Must be at least 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and have at least 5 years of experience in highway construction. Other related work is required. Heavy equipment operation is a must. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. For full job description see www.hardwick-ma.gov.

TOWN OF HARDWICK
YOUTH CENTER JOB DESCRIPTION
The Youth Center is seeking for a reliable person to assist in the operation of the Youth Center. The person must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and have at least 1 year of experience in youth center operations. Other related work is required. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. For full job description see www.hardwick-ma.gov.

TOWN OF HARDWICK
HEALTH DIRECTOR
The Town of Hardwick is seeking for a reliable person to assist in the operation of the Health Department. The person must be at least 21 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and have at least 5 years of experience in health department operations. Other related work is required. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. For full job description see www.hardwick-ma.gov.

TOWN OF HARDWICK
DRIVE FOR THE QUABOAG CONNECTOR
The Quabog Connector is seeking for a reliable person to assist in the operation of the Quabog Connector. The person must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, and have at least 1 year of experience in Quabog Connector operations. Other related work is required. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. For full job description see www.hardwick-ma.gov.

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Regarding Special Permit

The South Hadley Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **October 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Article IX Chapter 255-128 (H) regarding Special Permits to enable the transfer of a special permit granted for use with the approval of the Special Permit Granting Authority.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86811043641?pwd=gutF0ZiarRQLVb14EDXwdYBhwnVt.1>

Or join by phone: +1 (646) 558 8656 **Webinar ID:** 868 1104 3641 **Passcode:** 751020

Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
09/18, 09/25/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Flag Lot – 134 Ferry Street

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 pm.** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by LCR Builders c/o Leah Spring and Cory Whelihan; 84 Hadley Street, South Hadley MA 01075; for the development of a Flag Lot located at 134 Ferry Street, Map 35 Parcel 18. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit), 255-35 (Water Supply Protection District), 255-36 (Flag lots), and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

URL to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87080974078?pwd=Z5m7WPu6vT0irbmQ-S9YrHdNmarGTIJ.1>

Or join by phone: +1 (309) 205 3325 **Webinar ID:** 870 8097 4078 **Passcode:** 600596

The subject property is currently an undeveloped lot within the Residential A-1 Zoning District. The application filing seeks to allow construction of a new residential duplex.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation

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The subject property is within the Residential A-1 and Agricultural Zoning Districts, and within the Water Supply Protection Overlay District. The subject property includes an existing Single-Family Home, and the application filing proposes the creation of a new Flag Lot for the purpose of constructing a new Single-Family Home.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under ‘Permit Applications’- ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘Ferry Street (134) - Flag Lot’ or can be viewed at: <https://southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
09/11, 09/18/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

New Duplex – 144 East St

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **September 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider an application for Special Permit filed by Aya Custom Homes Inc. c/o Andrew Bazukin; 40 King St, Westfield, MA 01085; for the construction of a new duplex located at 144 East St, Map 35 Parcel 28. The application is being filed pursuant to South Hadley Zoning Bylaw Chapter 255 Article IX (Special Permit); and the Zoning Use and Dimensional Regulation Schedules.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

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The subject property is currently an undeveloped lot within the Residential A-1 Zoning District. The application filing seeks to allow construction of a new residential duplex.

The application is on file in the Planning & Conservation

Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under ‘Permit Applications’- ‘Special Permit’ under section ‘East Street (144) - Duplex’ or can be viewed at: <https://southhadley.org/1181/Special-Permits>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
09/11, 09/18/2026

TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING

Amendments to the Zoning Bylaw Regarding Signs

The Planning Board will hold a hybrid public hearing on **October 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM** to consider comments from the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General regarding their review and denial of certain provisions of Section 255-85 (G) (2) fine provision and Section 255-85 (G) (3) enforcement mechanism because this text conflicts with state law. Such provisions were disapproved by the Attorney General. The Planning Board will consider amendments to the above referenced sections of the bylaw for submission to the November 9, 2026 Special Town Meeting for adoption.

The public hearing will be held through hybrid format with in-person attendance to be located in the multipurpose room of the South Hadley Senior Center, 45 Dayton Street South Hadley MA 01075. Virtual attendance will be hosted through the log-in information below:

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Or join by phone: +1 (646) 558 8656 **Webinar ID:** 868 1104 3641 **Passcode:** 751020

Materials are available on file in the Planning & Conservation Department Office (Room U6) in Town Hall and is posted at www.southhadley.org on the Planning Department page under ‘Proposed/Draft Bylaws’ or can be viewed at: <https://www.southhadley.org/1318/ProposedDraft-Bylaws>. Any person interested in, or wishing to be heard, should appear/join the hearing at the time and in the manner designated.

Brad Hutchison, Clerk
South Hadley Planning Board
09/18, 09/25/2026

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 1. Egyptian bull god
 5. A young canine
 8. North Carolina university
 11. “Oddbod” actor Tom
 13. Midway between northeast and east
 14. A place to shop
 15. Mysterious “Severance” family
 16. Single Lens Reflex
 17. Malaria
 18. Informal loan organizations
 20. Twitching
 21. Holm oak
 22. Willing to consent
 25. In an early way
 30. Stuck it out
 31. Language in Ghana
 32. Obtain
 33. Ancient Greek currency
- CLUES DOWN**

 1. Bridge-building degree
 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
 3. Lizard species
 4. Turkish leader title
 5. A way to bother
 6. Blank
 7. A fine, closely woven cotton fabric
 8. Sports broadcaster Ian
 9. Popular whodunit board game
 10. Alkali flats mineral
 12. Large African antelope
 14. It’s delivered most days
 19. Satisfy
 23. Water soaked soil
 24. Of a past era
 25. Chest muscle (slang)
 26. Ribonucleic acid
 27. Doctor of Education
 28. Coffee receptacle
- CLUES ACROSS**

 29. Where rockstars work
 34. International airport in Connecticut
 35. Russian river
 36. It’s used to make cabins
 37. OJ trial judge Lance
 39. A means to persuade
 40. Short poem
 41. A way to begin hostilities with
 42. Multi-function radar (abbr.)
 44. Joints
 45. Blatted
 46. Swedish rock group
 47. Millisecond
 48. ___ podrida: Spanish stew
 51. Doctors’ group
 52. Trunk of a tree
 53. Tattle
 54. Metrical foot
 58. ___ Angeles

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