

TOWN OF MEDFIELD

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

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## 3rd Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest

### Spirit of Medfield:

375th - Town Clerk

Peak-A-Boo – Town Administrator's Office

### Creepy/Spooky:

Black Cauldron Pumpkin – Board of Health

Blue Violet – Schools

### Artistic:

Porcupine - Council on Aging

Candy Apple – DPW



### Overall Winner:

Oscar the Grouch – Park & Recreation

## Board and Committee Recognition Night

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to making Medfield such a special place. We celebrated you at our Board and Committee Recognition Night at the beautiful Zullo Gallery. It was truly inspiring to see so many of our community members come together. And yes, the Sea Salt Chocolate Chip Cookies definitely stole the show!



# Citizens Academy Highlights

The Medfield Citizens Academy continued through October with a full schedule of hands-on learning and department visits.

In Week 4, participants explored Land Use and Building Department Permitting, gaining insight into how conservation, planning, and permitting shape our community.

In Week 5, participants visited the Department of Public Works for a behind-the-scenes look at the town's operations, toured the equipment garage, explored the salt shed, and learned how DPW keeps Medfield running smoothly.

During Week 6, they met with the Town Clerk and Town Moderator to learn about Elections and Town Meeting.

In Week 7, participants visited the Police Department, where they tried fingerprinting, explored a mock crime scene, and got a close look at police equipment and vehicles. It has been a fun and informative month for our Citizens Academy group, and we thank all the staff who helped make each week a success.



## Police Department

On November 5th, the Medfield Police Department received a AAA Traffic Safety Award, and Officer Michael Downing was honored individually as a Traffic Safety Hero. The department was also awarded a state grant of more than \$30,000 to support local traffic safety initiatives. These

funds will bolster targeted campaigns including OUI enforcement, seatbelt safety and hands-free driving, and will help purchase a new solar powered speed sign that will be installed on Main Street at the Millis town line.

Continuing our commitment to safer roadways, the department has launched a new Speed Trailer Request

Form on our website. Residents can now request a temporary speed trailer placement in their neighborhood to help address speeding concerns.



# Medfield School Building Committee

- For a quick update of the SBC meeting on 10/6 please watch this [short video](#)

- To receive our monthly newsletter with more update information: [SBC Updates](#)

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who stopped by the SBC booth.

We appreciate all the comments, questions, thoughts and ideas as we move forward with a future building project.



## OCTOBER UPDATE

- The MSBA recently shared their enrollment projections for the new school project. As a reminder, alignment between the MSBA and the SBC on the enrollment projections is the key last step for completion of the MSBA Module One. All of the other requirements for Module One were completed in June.
- The SBC had the opportunity to review the MSBA projections in detail at the October 6th meeting, including comparing the MSBA projections to two prior enrollment projections, (one by Futurethink commissioned by the SBC, and the annual NESDEC enrollment projections).
- The MSBA projection of 445 students falls in the general range of the other projections reviewed. The SBC, after ample discussion and opportunity for public participation, decided to hold one additional meeting with the MSBA to discuss the final enrollment projection. The SBC voted to approve the MSBA's final decision pending the additional meeting.

## NEXT STEPS

- After the SBC accepts the MSBA's enrollment projection, a formal letter will be signed by the Superintendent, Chair of the Select Board, and the School Committee Chair. Next the MSBA will invite Medfield to a future full MSBA board meeting (hopefully in December). At that future board meeting Medfield will be formally moved to Module Two. Module Two is when the Feasibility Process begins. Module Two begins with the hiring of an OPM (Owner's Project Manager).

**NEXT MEETING December 3rd @ 7:00 Public Safety Building**

## Land Use & Planning

- The Medfield Planning Board is looking for two residents to serve as Associate Members for a one-year appointment.
- The Medfield Affordable Housing Trust is also seeking one resident to join as a Member.

If you're interested, please email the Land Use & Planning Director at [mdelafuente@medfield.net](mailto:mdelafuente@medfield.net)

## TOWN OF MEDFIELD PUBLIC HEARING - ATTN: TAXPAYERS

The Medfield Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Library Media Room at the Medfield High School, 88 South Street, for tax classification purposes. The central issue to be discussed during this tax classification hearing is whether all five classes of property: residential, open space, commercial, industrial, and personal shall be taxed at the same rate or at different rates for the fiscal year 2026. (MGL c.40, sec.56) The Board of Assessors will provide relevant information regarding the tax rate including the fiscal effects of available alternatives. Interested taxpayers are urged to attend the hearing.

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