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Public Information Release

Recreational Trails, Golf Course Information and Updates

Please make note this announcement does not replace or suspend the Governor Baker's State of Emergency Order to "stay at home". We encourage residents to abide by that order in a prudent manner and to the greatest extent possible.

Trails

The following signs have been installed at the various Town of South Hadley recreational trails which advise visitors on how they may stay safe regarding the COVID 19 pandemic while utilizing the trails. We ask residents to abide by these and otherwise act in the considerate manner which is the hallmark of South Hadley residents.

Beyond those listed below we would ask if there are more than five cars parked in a lot or in the general area where it would suggest the occupants of those vehicles are on the trails we would ask you to consider waiting until you can safely navigate the trails. We would also ask you to be considerate of those who may be waiting and limit your visit to two hours or less. On some trails there have been directional arrows installed, we ask you follow those arrows to reduce face to face contact. We also would ask you to have face covering with you in case appropriate social distancing cannot be conducted.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



PUBLIC ADVISORY

Stay safe while outdoors!

- Keep safe distances apart – 6 feet or more.
- Do not congregate in parties greater than ten (10 people).
- Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer regularly.
- If you feel ill or have a cough, please leave the area, return home, and call a health care professional.
- Dogs must be leashed at all times.
- Pick up after your dog. Don't leave pet waste bags behind – Don't be a litterbug!

**Staying healthy is
everyone's responsibility.**

**For more information please go to:
<https://www.southhadley.org/COVID19>**

Ledges Golf Course

In accordance with the most recent guidance from the Governor Baker's recent advisory the Ledge's Golf Course has reopened, the specific guidelines for all golf courses are:

- Security personnel can be delineated by each club (ex. a pro and the head starter) and will be present to enforce social distancing. There can be no other employees working at the recreational component of the golf operation.
- All staff must wear face coverings while on the property
- Club facilities including but not limited to the club house, pro shop, restaurant, bag room and locker room must remain closed
- No caddies allowed
- No golf carts allowed
- Push carts may be used. Players must either carry their own bag or use a pushcart
- All golfers must always maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Groups of players are restricted to no more than 4 players at one time.
- Members-only clubs can allow guests as determined by the security personnel on the golf course
- Private clubs that allow non-members to make reservations can do so at their discretion
- Maintenance personnel are permitted to work on the golf course
- Tee Time Policy must be 15 minutes between groups
- Golfers must stay in their car until 15 minutes before their tee time and must return to their car immediately following play
- Online and remote payment options must be utilized
- All golfers must use their own golf clubs. Sharing golf clubs or rental golf clubs is not allowed.
- Flag sticks must remain in the hole. Hole liners must be raised so picking a ball out of the hole does not occur
- Bunker rakes must be removed, and ball washers must be removed or covered.
- Practice putting green, driving range, and chipping areas must be closed.
- Facilities must have readily accessible hand sanitizer

Please log on to <https://www.ledgesgc.com/> for additional important information in respect to changes in policy or practice at the Ledges, again this does not replace or suspend the Governor's "stay at home" order.

Parks/Recreation/Camps

We are expecting guidance on May 18 regarding these areas of communal life, internally we have started to develop policies and methods we feel can best keep people safe.

Buttery Brook reservations have been suspended until further notice, as it is likely there will be a restriction to limit social gatherings to less than 10 people.

The Local Licensing Authority has suspended all issuance of one day licenses and has suspended transfer of prior existing licenses until the State of Emergency Order has been lifted by the Governor and/or appropriate guidance has been put in place.

We are awaiting guidance on summer camps, however at this time the Town of South Hadley has not had any applications for summer camps submitted. Under the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations there must be an application submitted ninety (90) days in advance of opening of the camp. If those and other standards remain in place it looks unlikely there will not be any "camp" opportunities offered for the Summer of 2020.

The Fourth of July Fireworks have been placed on hold, the municipality is looking for a safe way to have the display later in the year if possible.

We are waiting for guidance on youth sports from Mass DPH and the Governor's Office, but indications are team sports may be on hold until September or later. There was suggestion that it will be part of the May 18th pronouncement by the Governor.

Compost Area and Transfer Station

The "Compost Area" will resume operation under new standards and policies on June 1 (date subject to change if needed). The new policies and procedures will appear in their entirety on the town website on or before May 18 <https://www.southhadley.org/240/Public-Works>. This will, like so many things in our lives now, require scheduling a visit (after June 1) to deliver or pick up lawn debris or pick up compost. All scheduled persons will need a sticker properly affixed to the vehicle delivering the material.

The Transfer Station will remain closed. We encourage property owners to continue to use the curbside pickup and should be aware that beginning **May 18** lawn debris will be collected with the weekly pick up, a complete list of regulations can be found at [southhadley.org](https://www.southhadley.org) we also encourage you to sign on the website for CivicReady notification, it is another way to stay informed.

2020 Residential Spring Curbside Yard Waste Collection

Starting Monday May 18th - Friday May 22nd, (routes #9, 10, 1, 2 and 3)

Tuesday May 26th - Saturday May 30th, (routes #4, 5, 6, 7 and 8)

Yard waste collection will take place **on your normal trash / recycling collection day**. Each route will have only one (1) collection. Must be curbside by 7am on your collection day.



Paper bags or open top containers only, please keep yard waste barrels apart from trash and recycling containers. Leaves, grass and brush only.

Brush must be tied in bundles (no metal) of not more than four (4') lengths.

No plastic bags or loose material will be collected.

No trees, stumps, dirt, sand, rocks, asphalt, bricks, concrete or yard ornaments will be picked up.

Thank you for your cooperation in these very trying times. Please know the Emergency Management Director, the South Hadley Selectboard, Administration and all Town Hall employees are diligently working on your behalf to address the pandemic and keep all citizens safe as we navigate these unprecedented times!

Sincerely,
Michael J. Sullivan
Town of South Hadley, Administrator