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The Future of Southbridge



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Special points of interest:

- Southbridge Incorporated 1816
- Westville Lake Recreation Area Park Hours
8:00AM - 8:00PM Daily

Town Hall Office Hours

Mon - Wed 8am - 4pm

Thurs 8 am - 8pm

Fri 8 - 12Noon

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Welcome to our first edition of "The Future of Southbridge"

We started this group to get beyond the negativity in Southbridge and to bring out the positives that Southbridge has to offer.

Mission Statement:

"To look toward the future of Southbridge rather than being stuck on the negativity of the past."

We prefer to accentuate all the positives that our town has to offer to its residents, potential residents and business prospects.

We respect differing views and opinions which will make us more knowledgeable to the issues at hand."

Community Meals...

Community Meals - A chance to come out and get to know who your neighbors are.

These meals are offered through St. Hedwig's Church & St. Michaels Church.

On the second Wednesday of the month you can enjoy dinner at the Mercy Fellowship Hall of St. Hedwig's Church on Everett Street. These meals are held from 4:30 - 6:30pm.

On the third Thursday of every

month you can enjoy dinner at St. Michaels Orthodox Church - at the Hall, Romanian Ave. (Off Cisco Street). These meals are held from 4:30 - 7:00pm.

These meals are open to all in Southbridge and are free of charge.

What a better way to get out and meet other community members, and enjoy a delicious meal on top of it.



Just a reminder, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information you can contact the parishes that are sponsoring these meals at the numbers below.

St. Hedwigs: (508) 764-6947

St. Michaels: (508) 765-5276

Tell me and I forget; show me and I remember; involve me and I understand.

Anonymous

Community Clean Up....

Community clean up started on May 30th - we focused our attention on the parking lot that is on the corner of East Main Street & Morris Street (Near the Rotary). We spent an hour and a half on this area. It wasn't too bad, we only needed to go about a 1/4 of the way up Morris Street, and the parking lot wasn't bad at all.

It is a shame though that people think throwing garbage anywhere is ok. It's not! This is where we live...our town! No matter what we should respect it, even if it isn't the town you live in a person should still show

respect! When going through any town first impressions are everything...when someone sees garbage thrown about this will give people the impression that no one cares! Well, we care...and so do a lot of other people. One of the things that was talked about at the last meeting the "Future of Southbridge" had was the perception of our town, and it wasn't good. Well, lets turn this around...lets give people something good to talk about - and this is definitely one good thing...folks from the community working together to keep our town clean!

There are also a couple other

groups doing Community Clean-Up, a local church in town and the Center of Hope. Together I know everyone can work on keeping areas clean of debris.

If you are someone that would like to help in this effort or you belong to an organization that would like to participate in this you can call the Recycling Coordinator at the Town Hall - Melissa Joyce

(508) 764-4252.

If you would like to volunteer with the "Future of Southbridge" just send us an email at msmanna@getinvolvedinyourtown.com.



Only YOU can make a difference...

Please do not forget to go out and vote! June 30th is the day!

It is your right as an American Citizen, and only you can make the difference ~ that difference won't come if you don't vote!

Positions to be voted on are:

Town Council

School Committee

Redevelopment

Town Clerk

Polls open at 7:00AM and close at 8:00PM

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has

Margaret Mead





AO Displays...

AO items were on display at the Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center in the Lobby through the middle of June. The items that were on display at the Hotel & Conference Center will eventually fill the windows as displays for the empty stores along Main Street.

You can also visit the AO Room at 12 Crane Street to view AO memorabilia from the Museum.

A majority of the AO Paintings in the collection are on display in this room, including the 4 original Herman Stoopes painting.

A special thanks to Dick Whitney & Donna Silverberg for their time in preparing these displays for all to view. The AO is one of the biggest pieces of Southbridge History.

For more information you can please visit <http://www.opticalheritagemuseum.org/>

Or you can contact Dick Whitney at

r.b.whitney@verizon.net





Cops N Kids...

The Summer program is getting started! July - August....kids need to be registered!

Camp Info:

Ages 10-15

***July 7 – August 14
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.***

Registration is limited to first 80 applicants

Contact Info: Sgt J. Dingui 508-764-5420 or email at dingui@southbridge.k12.ma.us

During Program at Community Center # 508-764-6459

Shuttle Bus Services pick up & drop off points :

Brookside Terrance 8 a.m. & 12p.m.

M.E. Wells 8:15a.m. & 12:15p.m – Empire Buffet 8:20a.m.- 12:20p.m.





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We're on the WEB

FutureofSouthbridge.com

*We would never learn
to be brave and patient
if there were only joy
in the world.
~ Hellen Keller*

Something to do...Something to see...



Come to Scentimentals. 300 Main St. Southbridge. Monday - Saturday 10 - 4 p.m. Established in November 2005, we offer a variety of fresh flowers and gifts. We are now carrying a variety of crafters items from Southbridge and all over Massachusetts. Come to see us and you will see our new line of Yankee Candles, Incense, Mosaic frames, Handmade Cards, Baby sweaters and quilts, jewelry, and much, much more.

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Galleries are open Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

To make an appointment, please call (508) 764-3341.

Web: www.qvcah.org