

Weekly Video update May 28, 2024

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. I want to thank everyone who participated and attended the Town's Memorial Day Parade and service on the Common yesterday. A great turn-out for the service on the Common. Thanks to all who participated and marched and special thanks to the Grounds Department for making the Common look so great, The Veterans Advisory Council, Legion and VFW for organizing and overseeing the event and to Sarah Inferrera, the Administrative Assistant in the Department of Veteran Services for organizing the event in the absence of a veterans agent
2. Water update for the week. Tack Factory Pond is at +4" down from +7" and the Reservoir is +5.5" down from +6". Rainfall over the past 7 days was 1.85" measured at the plant. Demand for the past week was 1.305 mgpd, up from last week at 1.274 mgpd.
3. A reminder that beach stickers are required from now through Labor Day. Stickers can be purchased on line under "Online Services" on the Town's web page, in person at the Treasurer's Office or by mail. Instructions are on the Treasurer's web page.
4. The Select Board's office is accepting applications for openings on the following Boards at this time:
 - Animal Control Board
 - Beautification Commission
 - Commission on Disabilities
 - Council on Aging
 - Public Building Commission
 - Scituate Cultural Council
 - Water Resources Commission

Applications must be submitted to the Select Board's office by Friday, May 31, 2023. You can obtain applications from the Select Board's office or download them from the Town of Scituate website under Boards and Committees, Select Board, and Board and Committee Application on the left-hand side.

Applicants will be invited to interview with the Select Board in June/July. After the interviews are completed, the Select Board will make appointments.

For descriptions of Boards & Committees, please visit the Town of Scituate website and select the Board/Committee you want to learn more about:

<https://www.scituatema.gov/boards>.

If you have any questions, please contact the Select Board/Town Administrator office @ 781-545-8740 or email mseghezzi@scituatema.gov

5. The Purple Dinosaur Playground renovation will start on **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**, and should take approximately 6 weeks, weather permitting. This Community Preservation Committee (CPC) project entails replacing the existing playground equipment with updated structures tailored for children aged 2 to 5. Throughout this time, the playground will not be accessible.
6. The Town of Scituate is gearing up for a water main line replacement initiative along Jericho Road, covering a distance of about 4,000 feet from Turner Road to Beaver Dam Road. Last week, pipe, materials, and equipment were delivered and stored at the parking lot situated at the intersection of Jericho Road and Turner Road and along the project route. The project starts on today, Tuesday, May 28, 2024, with the contractor mobilizing and construction starting tomorrow at the intersection of Jericho Road and Turner Road, with work hours scheduled from 7 AM to 4 PM. On **Wednesday, May 29, 2024**, residents residing on Turner Road between Scituate Avenue and the Turner/Jericho Road intersection can anticipate a temporary water outage during late morning or early afternoon hours. Notices will be provided to affected residents. For any inquiries, please contact the Scituate Department of Public Works at 781-545-8732 or the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.
7. In addition to the water work, a contractor will be repairing two areas of seawall that had been damaged in recent storms on Turner and Oceanside. Small sections at the top of the wall in those areas had broken off. The work will take about a week to complete.
8. Scituate Water Department wants to remind residents that annual water conservation measures are now in effect and run through September 30. All outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM.
Between May 1 and September 30, automatic irrigation systems may be used one date per week, as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. See the Town web site for details.
 - a. Properties in Precinct 1 may irrigate lawns on Monday
 - b. Properties in Precinct 2 may irrigate lawns on Tuesday
 - c. Properties in Precinct 3 may irrigate lawns on Wednesday
 - d. Properties in Precinct 4 may irrigate lawns on Thursday
 - e. Properties in Precinct 5 may irrigate lawns on Friday

These restrictions are state restrictions and do not have anything to do with the amount of water in our reservoir or the amount of rainfall that we have experienced. It is imposed on the water basin that Scituate gets our water from.

When Scituate's Reservoir falls to a level of 36 feet (49% full), the Scituate Water Division has the standing authority to implement a total outdoor watering ban. As of May 26, 2015, no new in-ground systems may be connected to the town's drinking water supply. Fines for violating this rule may be levied on the homeowner as well as the system installer.

Violation of these conservation measures may result in fines of up to \$300.00 per day (Scituate Code of General Bylaws, Section 30660).

9. The grouting work on the Lighthouse was completed last week. The general contractor has removed the scaffolding and bracing. The painting is now scheduled to begin towards the end of this week, weather dependent. Window replacement and other interior work will be ongoing. The project should be completed by early in June. The Historic Society has tentatively set August 7, National Lighthouse Day, as the date to celebrate the renovation of Scituate Light. Details to follow.

10. Scituate Fire Department and Scituate CERT team, supported by the Scituate Rotary Club, are hosting monthly free Stop the Bleed Class and Hands-Only CPR sessions starting on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at the Public Safety Complex from 6 PM to 8 PM Limited seating: Only the first 20 people who reserve a seat will be accommodated. Please email Lt. David Bortolotto at dbortolotto@scituatema.gov to reserve your spot.

11. Dana-Farber's Mammography Van

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, from 7 AM to 3:15 PM, the Mammography Van will be available. Women aged 40 and older interested in scheduling an appointment can call the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974. Dana-Farber will seamlessly obtain prior mammography films/images with permission, ensuring a user-friendly process. The van will be stationed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, conveniently located across from Town Hall at the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road. Special thanks to Reverend Natasha Stewart and St. Luke's Episcopal Church for graciously hosting the Mammography Van. The van is fully licensed and inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Dana-Farber's skilled technologists will conduct screening mammograms interpreted by board-certified radiologists. For any questions, please contact the Scituate Health Department at (781) 545-8725.

12. Congratulations to Kim Brown of Jenkins Elementary School for being awarded the Crossing Guard of the Year title by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) in collaboration with its Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program. This annual contest, initiated in 2021, recognizes the vital role crossing guards play in ensuring the safety of students and families traveling to schools. With over 500 nominations received for crossing guards across 48 communities, the program underscores the importance of their commitment and service. Kim and additional winners will be formally recognized at the Annual Safe Routes to School Awards Ceremony on Thursday, June 6, 2024.

13. The Scituate Food Pantry continues to see an increase in clients seeking assistance. The Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The pantry has a new list of most needed items as they are unable to get these items from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Canned white tuna	Canned Mix fruit
Canned mixed Vegetables	Granola Bars
Cranberry Juice	Jell-O/Pudding Cups
Baked Beans	Quick Bread Mix
Yellow cake mix	Rice Pilaf

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Village Market and Shaw's also collect items for the Pantry.

14. Interested in potentially working for the Town? Explore the latest job openings in the Town of Scituate!
Visit <https://www.scituatema.gov/town-administrator/pages/job-opportunities> to see the roles we're currently hiring for.
15. Meetings
 - Tuesday-DEI
 - Wednesday-Capital Planning
 - Thursday-Advisory Committee
16. Make sure to check out the Scituate Community TV YouTube Channel for Town of Scituate updates on news, school events & sports, and community programs. Also, make sure you register for Town of Scituate emails by going to the web-site and clicking on "Subscribe to News". Follow the Town on Facebook.