

Covid Update, March 20, 2023

Jim Boudreau – Town Administrator Report

Host families

Parade

1. I know Superintendent Burkehead will be speaking about it, but I would like to congratulate the Scituate Sailors Boys Hockey team on a great season this year. Although it did not end as we had hoped, the players, coaches, fans and the entire Town of Scituate should be proud of the way the team played and carried themselves this season.
2. Yesterday was the St. Patrick's Day parade and it was an awesome day! Nice weather, great crowd and another smashing parade. Congrats and thanks to Ed Kelly and his crew for all their hard work in making the parade happen. Thanks to all the volunteers, marchers and participants and thanks to everyone who came out to help make it a special day. Truly one of those days that help make Scituate such a special place to live, work and play.
3. Water update. We are at +.6", last week we were +5". Tack factory Pond is at +6" down from +3". Average daily demand was at 1.067 MGD up from last week at 855 TGD

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 3" measured at the Plant.

The water department is planning on starting spring flushing of the water mains starting today, Monday, March 20th. We will be starting at the Mann Lot storage tank and proceed as follows:

Mann Lot to Country Way
Country Way to Ann Vinal Road
Ann Vinal Road to Mann Hill

4. Also water related, the Town and our consultants will be on the property on Rte 3A where we will be building the new water treatment plant later this week to do some test pits for soil sampling as we move forward with the design of the new plant. A notice will be going to out neighboring residents prior to commencement of the work.
5. The Scituate Sister City Project is in urgent need for Host Families for a visit from Teachers and High School Students from France. 2 Teachers and 19 students are expected to be in Scituate April 3-11. Unfortunately, some of the Host Families are now unavailable and new Host Families are needed. All activities for the week have been planned, and chaperones have been selected to take the students around. The Committee will make your hosting as easy as possible. If you are interested, contact Patricia Jacquart at prjacquart1410@gmail.com as soon as possible. The exchange program is a great way for our students to meet others from different countries and we have the opportunity to send our students overseas (currently a contingent returning from Ireland) so please help if you can.

6. To all the dog walkers and walkers at Widow's Walk Golf Course, the course is now closed for walking. Beginning today, the course staff will begin readying the course for a tentative opening date of March 31st, weather dependent.
7. The Annual Town Election will be held of May 20, 2023 at Scituate High School. Nomination papers are available in the Town Clerk's Office for any registered voter interested in running for an elected position. Please call the Town Clerk's office at 781-545-9743 if you are interested in taking out nomination papers. Papers must be returned with at least 100 signatures of registered voters for certification by the Town Clerk by 5:00pm on March 31, 2023.
8. Our Energy consultant, Good Energy, along with a member from our Community Choice Aggregation Committee, will be hosting a live presentation via Zoom and Facebook Live, on Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM. This presentation will include Frequently Asked Questions about the electricity program options. The session will be recorded and available on the town website as well.
9. Please be advised that per the Division of Marine Fisheries, the Clam Flats in the North/South River are once again closed due to a sewer overflow at the Rockland Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please watch the Town website for information on when they will be re-opening.
10. We received the bids to replace the 1931 Lantern Room and associated work on the Scituate Lighthouse last week. Two bids were submitted. The Board awarded a contract to Campbell Construction Group LLC at their meeting last week. We have posted a one-page summary of the project on the Town web-site. The project is still scheduled to be completed this summer.
11. Meetings
 - a. Monday-Conservation, CPC and Economic Development
 - b. Tuesday-Select Board, and Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee
 - c. Wednesday-DEI Committee and the Community Choice Electricity information session
 - d. Thursday-Harbor Cultural District, and Planning Board,

Superintendent Bill Burkhead
SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 3.20.23

- Student Exchange Trip to Ireland
- First Robotics
- State Tournament

EXCHANGE TRIP TO IRELAND

Sixteen SHS Students boarded an Aer Lingus flight to Dublin Ireland last week. They spent their first day touring Dublin and visiting major landmarks and sites including Trinity College. Then,

they boarded a bus and headed to West Cork, to meet their Irish Host Families, with whom they are currently staying. Each day, they attend school at Skibbereen Community School and then venture to local sites including Michael Collins House, Galley Head Lighthouse and Castlefreke Castle. A major highlight of the trip so far has been attending a Hurling Match where West Cork beat Wexford. Our students were featured in the West Cork Saint Patrick's Day Parade on their very own float. A lifetime of memories is being made by all. Thank you to our West Cork Sister City Committee for their collaboration on this Exchange Program, as well as our school committee for approving the trip and our SHS team of educators and administrators who made it possible.

FIRST ROBOTICS AT SHS

SHS's 2nd year robotics team participated in its first competition in Rhode Island recently. The robot competed in 20 matches, encountering many technical difficulties and sustaining damages along the way. All 18 students worked to repeatedly repair it and to build a solid strategy for each round. The students' persistence paid off, and despite being ranked only 18th out of 30, our "Cyber Sailors" were chosen by one of the top teams to help run defense in the semi-finals. Our team made it to the finals and lost, but we were all overjoyed that our young team could pivot through major challenges and find success. The FIRST Robotics program is truly remarkable and back to practice for its next competition in Revere. Thank you to advisor Ms. Kerri Hallihan and best of luck to the team.

SHS MIAA HOCKEY STATE FINALS

Boys Hockey

The boys Hockey team lost a tough 2-1 overtime game to a talented Nashoba Regional high school team yesterday at TD Garden in Boston. We want to congratulate the team and coaches on a spectacular season, the families and the SHS athletic department for their steadfast support. Spring sports start today!