

Covid Update, May 22, 2023

1. Water update. We are at +3", last week we were +1.5". Tack factory Pond is at +7" up from +1.5". Average daily demand was at 1.592 MGD up from last week's 1.493 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 2" measured at the Plant.

The water department has finished the annual spring flushing of the water mains. More than 50% of the system was flushed. Flushing will resume in the fall, dependent on water supply levels.

The Town is currently under our annual water conservation measures. These started May 1. Between May 1-September 30 all outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM. Automatic irrigation systems may be used one day per week based on voting precincts. This is a ban imposed by the state based on water usage in the aquifer region that Scituate belongs to. Go to the water department web page for information on when your precinct may use irrigation systems.

2. The Iron/Manganese pilot project is expected to be ready for inspection on June 5, putting it on schedule to be ready for the heavy summer water usage period. As we have discussed previously, this is a project to remove the iron and manganese that has built up in the reservoir and comes out in the water as the temperatures rise and water levels fall. We believe that this was a main cause of our brown water issues last year and that this will go along way to helping minimize brown water while we build a new treatment plant.
3. The contractor for the lighthouse project, Campbell Construction, will begin mobilizing on the site this week. Installation of the fencing should start today. The contractor will then begin remediation work on the glazing compound of the lantern room windows. When this is completed the lantern room will be prepared for transportation off site to the contractor's facility where it will serve as a template for the new lantern room. Work on the actual light house tower is tentatively scheduled to begin by the end of next week. The lighthouse restoration is being paid through the Town's Community Preservation fund and various grants.
4. Thank you to Kathy Gardiner and her staff for another successful election. It takes a lot of work leading up to and through the election to make sure everything runs smoothly and they are the best. Congrats to all the candidates who took part, win or lose, as your participation makes the town a better place to live work and play.
5. The gas company is scheduled to begin work this Wednesday, May 24th on the installation of a new gas line on Jericho Road. Crews will be working Monday-Friday from 7am-5pm and the project is expected to take approximately 8 weeks. Jericho Road will be open but will be reduced to one lane in spots during construction. Detail officers

will assist with traffic and there is signage in place for alternate routes. Please use caution when traveling through the construction zone and seek alternate routes if possible.

6. Several questions have been raised inquiring why the sidewalk on Ann Vinal Road has not been completed. As we have stated in previous posts, the town has installed the curbing and the base coat on the sidewalk. The gas company will be replacing the gas line on Ann Vinal later this summer, after which they will repave Ann Vinal. When that project is completely finished, the Town will put the final coat down and finish the sidewalk.
7. South Shore Recycling Cooperative will be having a curbside mattress pick-up for Scituate Residents on May 23. Reservations are required and it cost \$50 a unit (mattress and box spring are 2 units). Call 617-378-7619 or visit their web site, ssrcoop.info and there is a QR code that you can scan. They will also be hosting the annual Household Hazardous waste days on 6/10, 6/17 and 6/24. The 6/24 event will be at the Scituate Highway Department facility on Captain Pierce from 9am-1pm. Pre-registration is also required for these events.
8. The Town of Scituate and the Veteran Services Department extends an invitation to participate in our Annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies to be held on Monday, May 29, 2023

The Ceremonies will begin at 8am with the flotilla underway leaving from the Harbormaster's Office for the throwing of wreath to honor those "lost at Sea" any questions please contact Commander@scituatepost144.org Participants in the parade will form between 10:00 -10:30 AM at the Scituate Town Hall, 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The parade will step off at 10:30 AM sharp and proceed down First Parish Road to Lawson Common. The Lawson Common Ceremony will begin at @ 11:15am. In the event of inclement weather only the ceremony will be held at the G.A.R. Hall at 11am. The G.A.R. Hall has limited capacity. There will be handicap parking at the east end of the Common and also, a handicap porta-potty on site.

9. Fencing is up on Central Field as we begin the project to add a new softball diamond and repair and existing baseball diamond. This is a CPC funded project that will continue until late spring/early summer.
10. Meetings
 - a. Monday-Board of Health
 - b. Tuesday-Design Review
 - c. Wednesday-DEI Committee
 - d. Thursday-Planning Board

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, BILL BURKHEAD

 This Week's Top 2:

- Town Election
- New School Project Public Forum

Town Election

- Congratulations to all community members who participated in town elections on Saturday. Three open School Committee seats were secured by incumbents Janice Lindblom, Peter Gates, and new member to the committee Maria Fenwick.

New Cushing/Hatherly School Public Forum

- Don't miss this opportunity to get informed and get involved. Architects Dore + Whittier, Owner's Project Managers (OPM) Vertex, and the Cushing/Hatherly MSBA School Building Committee will present initial site plans and updated information with the Scituate community at a Public Forum. **The next Public Forum will take place Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 at the Hatherly School.**
- For more information, check out the Cushing/Hatherly website, go to scit.org and look under the "community" tab at the top.