

Town Administrator Update, July 10, 2023

1. Water update. We are at +1.25", last week we were +1". Tack factory Pond is at +1.5" down from +2" of last week. Average daily demand was at 1.467 MGD almost identical to last week's 1.461 MGD.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .73" measured at the Plant.

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. Starting July 1, Scituate residents who purchase a new, qualifying, energy efficient washing machine or dish washer or a qualifying SmartSense toilet will be eligible for a rebate from the Town of Scituate of up to \$250 for a washing machine or dish washer and \$150 for a toilet. Applications and links to eligible projects are available on the water department page of the Town web site.
3. The Town Gazebo in Cole Parkway will be closed this week, today through Thursday (it will be open for the Thursday night band performance) to allow for the replacement of the flooring of the gazebo. Funds were secured previously to replace the current gazebo, but since we are in the middle of a harbor resiliency study that will focus on preventing flooding in Cole Parkway and along the Harbor business district and surrounding areas, it was determined that a new gazebo should wait until that study is complete and recommendations are made that could include a relocated gazebo. The Town facilities department engaged a structural engineer to provide stamped drawings to repair, update and reinforce the structure. That work has been completed. A painter was engaged to paint the structure, the roof was power washed and the electrical components are being upgraded. Now the floor is the final step in the renovation. I want to thank the Facilities Department, particularly Dave Biagini for all his work and also local carpenter Dan Hannigan who has volunteered a significant amount of his time to assist Dave.
4. The contractor for the Route 3A water main work has completed installing erosion control along corridor. Actual construction on the pipes will begin next week on Monday, July 10. This is the beginning of the project to install a new raw water line from the OOB reservoir to the site of the new treatment plant at Steans Meadows. When the plant is completed, water from the pond will be pumped to the plant for treatment before entering the distribution system. The contractor will also be replacing the service main on 3A that serves the homes and neighborhoods adjacent to that portion of 3A.
5. The contractor for the Oceanside I&I project has begun work on the repair phase of the project. They have taken videos of the lines and will be starting the installation of liners in the pipes to stop the inflow of ground water and sea water into the pipes. Removing this water from the sewer pipes reduces the amount of flow going through our water treatment plant, reducing

wear and tear on the plant and expanding capacity that could be used for effluent as opposed to water. They will be working on Turner Rd, Otis, Seaview, Curtis, Spaulding, Foam and Bay ridge this week.

6. Finally, we have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations. The Scituate Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The Pantry's numbers have been increasing each and every week. The Pantry is asking, if you are able, to please consider picking up one or more of the following "Most Needed Items" when you do your own grocery shopping.

The following is a list of the "Pantry's Most Needed Items":

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| Olives | Canned Clams |
| Pickles | Canned Crabmeat |
| Relish | Salsa |
| Microwave Popcorn | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Pudding | Jell-O Cups |

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during Client Hours on Tuesday Mornings 10:00 - 12:15 and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:15. Donations can also be left in the two white covered wooden containers outside the Pantry as well as at the Library and the Village Market

7. Finally, a shout out to our Cape Verde Sister-City Committee for putting on a great celebration of Cape Verde Independence Day last Friday at the Harbor Community Building. More than 100 people attended and had an awesome celebration with guest speakers, food and music. Can't wait to see what they do next year to top this!

8. Meetings

Monday: Beach Commission, BOH, CPC and Advisory Committee

Tuesday: Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee, Waterways, Select Board and Public Buildings

Wednesday: Commission on Disabilities

Thursday: Select Board Annual Retreat, Planning Board