

Video Update March 11, 2024

Town Administrator

1. There is a high wind advisory in effect for most of Massachusetts today. Winds will be out of the Northeast at 15-25 mph with gusts up to 50mph expected. This advisory will remain in effect until 1am Tuesday. The tides today through Wednesday are still astronomically high, with a 12:47 tide today of 10'9". This may lead to minor coastal flooding in low lying areas, so please use caution when traveling in those areas around the high tide. This week is Flood Safety Awareness week in the Commonwealth. You can visit mass.gov/flood-safety-tips for more information.
2. The Presidential Primary will be held last week. Scituate had a 36% voter turnout with 5,761 votes cast. The Town Clerk would like to thank the DPW, Police, high school custodial and food service staff, her election staff, the staff at Town Hall and everyone who helped make the election as success.
3. Staying with the Town Clerk nomination papers are available for the 2024 Town Election, which will be held on May 18, 2024 at the Scituate High School gymnasium. Offices available are as follows:
 - One Year Term
 - Moderator
 - Three Year Term
 - Select Board
 - Assessor
 - Town Clerk
 - School Committee
 - Planning Board
 - Board of Library Trustees (2)
 - To Fill a Vacancy for the Remainder of a Term
 - Planning Board - Position 2
 - Planning Board Alternate
 - For Five Years
 - Housing Authority

If you are interested in taking out nomination papers, please call the Town Clerk's office at 781-545-8743.

The deadline to submit at least 100 signatures of registered voters of the town for certification (100 required) is Friday, March 29, 2024 by 5PM in the Town Clerk's office.

4. Sorry for the late notice, but the golf course is now closed for dog walkers and others as of yesterday, March 10. The course is currently scheduled to open for the season on March 29 and the crew will be using the time between now and then to prepare the course. Thank you for your keeping the course clean and in good shape during the winter walking season and we look forward to seeing you on the course when we open on 3/29.
5. The Scituate Board of Health will be hosting a Mosquito and Tick presentation on Monday April 29 from 3:30pm-5:00pm at the Scituate Library in the Community Room. This presentation will be in collaboration with the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project and they will provide helpful tips on keeping you and your family safe from exposure to Mosquitos and Ticks.
6. The Recreation Department's Spring and Summer Registration opens next Tuesday, 3/19 at 5:30pm. Registration for the Sailing and Maritime Adventures program opens on Wednesday, 3/20 also at 5:30pm. The 29th annual Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 30 at 9:30am at Widows Walk. Always a great event. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information at 781-545-8738.
7. The Water Department is in the process of preparing their spring flushing program. More details to follow, but keep an eye on the Town web site for more information.
8. 2024 Transfer Station and Beach Stickers information is live on the website. Please visit the Treasurer's page and click on 2024 Transfer Station & Beach Stickers on the left-hand side.

Resident beach and transfer station stickers will went sale on **February 12, 2024, at 8:30 am** (online, at the counter, and mail-in). Resident Beach Stickers never sell out. 2024 stickers are valid from date of purchase to March 31, 2025. The Town of Scituate Select Board has unanimously approved a resolution for 2024 beach stickers, making them mandatory from Memorial Day (5/27/24) to Labor Day (9/2/24).

9. The Water Resources Committee is hosting their annual rain barrel sale for people wanting a rain barrel. Orders must be placed by midnight on Sunday, March 24th. Barrels can be ordered on-line from the Great American Rain Barrel web site, <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/>. Select Massachusetts, then Scituate from the drop-down menus on the left-hand side. The barrels are normally \$119 or more, but are discounted for this program. You can choose Painted (gray, green or brown) for \$89, Unpainted (black) for \$84 and Terra Cotta for \$80. Barrels will be available for pick-up at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 6 from 11:00am-3:00 pm. Note: If you are planning on connecting your barrel to a downspout, you will need to purchase a flexible downspout elbow or a rain diverter.
10. Burning Season opens 1/15/2024

Burning Permit Regulations

Open burning is prohibited in the following areas: Minot, Humarock and any location EAST of Hatherly RD.

The Scituate Fire Department will strictly enforce the following State regulations. All permit holders must agree to abide by these rules, with the understanding that the Scituate Fire Department reserves the right to refuse or revoke any permit that does not conform to these rules.

- a. The open burning season for residential properties will be from January 15, 2024, through May 1, 2024
 - b. Permit burning is only allowed between the daylight hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm and all fires must be started before noon and all fires must be completely extinguished by 4:00 pm
 - c. Burning sites will be spot checked and permits for areas not meeting these requirements will be refused or revoked
 - d. All fires must be at least 75 ft from any structure and you must have an available water supply, such as, a pressurized water pump, can, or hose and shovels or rakes for controlling the fire.
 - e. **ONLY BRUSH MAY BE BURNED: LEAVES AND GRASS MAY NOT.** All fires must be tended to at all times. Piles of brush must be kept small and manageable. If fire extends beyond the initial area the permit may be revoked.
 - f. If we receive a complaint that the fire is causing a smoke nuisance, the fire will have to be extinguished.
 - g. You must check online each day to verify and request burning. Permission will be granted only on those days when winds, dryness of woods and atmospheric conditions warrant the issue of same.
 - h. Increases in wind velocity, or change in other conditions, will be cause for the immediate extinguishments of fires by all permit holders.
 - i. A fine of \$500.00 is applicable by Mass. Law for any illegal burning
 - j. The Scituate Fire Department will immediately revoke the permit if the above rules and regulations are not strictly adhered to. There will be no refund of fees if the permit is revoked for cause.
11. The Town has added a link to the Town web site for information on the proposed Cushing and Hatherly MSBA project. Residents seeking information about the proposal for a new elementary school here in Scituate can go to scituatema.gov and you will see the red banner with the link. Click and it will take you the link for the school page with information about the project.
12. 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.

Cranberry Juice

Quick Bread Mixes

Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned White Beans
Baked Beans	Canned White Tuna
Canned Mixed Fruit	Boxed Flavored Oatmeal
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Hand Soap

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.

13. Finally, the Scituate St. Patrick's Day Parade is this coming Sunday, March 17 starting at 1:00pm from the Town Common. The Voting for Mayor will close on Thursday, March 14 at 5:00 pm. The winner will be announced at an event at the Drift Inn on 3/14. Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00 (corned Beef or chicken-\$20pp at the door for dinner) and awards at 8:00. The St. Patrick's Day Plunge is this Saturday, 3/16 at noon> Meet at the Voyage Restaurant pre-plunge to get instructions than meet back at the Voyage after the plunge for refreshments. All information is available at welovaeaparade.com.

14. Meetings

Monday-Library Trustees, BOH
 Tuesday-Select Board and Advisory in a Joint Meeting followed by the Select Board in their regular Meeting
 Wednesday-Assessors, Beach Commission, Commission on Disabilities
 Thursday-Planning Board

15. 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.

SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 3.11.24

This Week's Top 2 :

- School Committee Meeting
- Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update

School Committee Meeting Agenda Highlights

- School Committee Meeting - **Monday**, March 11 at 6:00 p.m: SHS Library and via zoom
- Celebrate Student Learning: Health, Wellness, Business
- Vote on Fiscal Year 2025 District School Calendar
- Finance update
- Love, Inclusion & Trust Update

***Cushing/Hatherly New School Project**

- For important new building project information please visit scit.org and click on “MSBA Project” on home page
- **Public Forums:**
 - ❖ Thur. Mar. 21, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Cushing Elementary School
 - ❖ Tue. Apr. 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Scituate Senior Center

SAVE THE DATES

Special Town Meeting: Funding Vote

- Mon. Apr. 29, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Scituate High School

Annual Town Election: Debt Exclusion Vote

- Sat. May 18, 2024, Scituate High School