

Town Update May 6, 2024

1. The Annual Town Election is Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8am-6pm at Scituate High School. Ballots will be mailed to voters who checked of “All Elections” on their VOTE BY MAIL form for 2024 elections. Ballots were sent out by Friday, April 26. Please return your ballot before the Saturday, May 18, 2024, 6:00 PM deadline to the Town Clerk's office or the drop box. On election day, Saturday, May 18, 2024, the Town Clerk's office will not be open, but staff will check the drop box until 6:00 PM. Any ballots received after the deadline will not be counted. A “Sample” ballot and additional information can be found on the Town Clerk page of the Town web site.
2. Expect high tides beginning Tuesday, May 7, 2024, just before midnight and continuing until early Friday morning, May 10, 2024.

These high tides may cause splash overs on coastal roads and potential flooding, especially in flood-prone areas such as Cole Parkway, Front Street, sections of Turner Road, Edward Foster Road, Cedar Point, and Central Ave in Humarock.

Residents of Scituate are urged to take these precautions:

Avoid driving through flooded areas to prevent damage to vehicles and mitigate risks to nearby properties from vehicle wakes.

Follow safety protocols, including respecting sawhorses placed in designated areas.

Abstain from parking on Cole Parkway and the Town Pier immediately before and after the high tide period.

In case of emergencies, dial 911. For non-emergency assistance, call 781-545-1212.

3. With Memorial Day fast approaching, a reminder that beach stickers are required starting Memorial Day weekend to 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. As part of the Department of Revenue mandate to perform an on-site inspection of property every ten years, the Assessor’s office will be using the services of PK & Associates to inspect all homes that have not been inspected since 2020 in the Humarock and Cliff areas in the Town of Scituate. The inspections will consist of an exterior measurement of the home and structures and a request to inspect the interior of the home.

The inspections will be conducted by representatives from the PK Valuation Group. Their motor vehicle registration details of the inspectors are on file with the Scituate Police Department and they will be wearing badges. The inspections will begin Thursday, April 26, 2024.

Please contact the Assessor's office at 781-545-8712 if you have any questions.

5. The Scituate Water Department will continue flushing the Town's water pipes. Flushing will continue along Country Way to First Parish. Side streets along the route will also be flushed. This routine maintenance may cause temporary changes, including brown water in both the area of flushing and beyond. Keep an eye out for discoloration and double check before bathing or doing laundry. Questions-call the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.

6. 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).

7. The beginning of May brings new hours for the Scituate library. Starting Sunday, May 5, 2024, to September 29, 2024, the Library will be closed on Sundays.

Library hours will be:

- Monday: 9 AM - 9 PM
- Tuesday: 9 AM - 9 PM
- Wednesday: 9 AM – 9 PM
- Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM
- Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM
- Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

8. Friends of the Scituate Town Library present the 3rd Annual Library Art Auction Starting Friday, May 10, 2024, view the artwork online or in person at the Scituate Town Library Gallery. Twenty-two talented local artists from Scituate have generously donated

their artwork for this event. Bidding is available online starting Friday, May 10, 2024, at www.32auctions.com/Friends24. Auction runs Friday, May 10 – Friday, May 24, 2024

All proceeds from the silent auction will fund the free, family-friendly outdoor Summer Concert Series.

The concert series will occur at the Library every Wednesday evening in July, beginning July 10, 2024.

9. The contractor for the Scituate Lighthouse project is back on site to complete the remaining work on the Lighthouse. I was out there early this morning and so representatives from the masonry company on site, so hopefully we are good to go. As residents may recall, we were forced to pause the project last year when the weather got to cold. The required grout work requires that the temperature remains over 40 degrees. Grouting, metal handrails outside the lighting room, some glass work and painting are the major remaining project items. All exterior work and painting with the removal of the exterior scaffolding is scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. 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. The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project will conduct truck-based adulticide applications from June 3, 2024, to October 2024, between 2 AM and sunrise, Monday through Friday.
Plymouth County residents can request spraying for their area via phone, fax, drop-off, or mail.
Kindly visit the Board of Health page on the Town of Scituate website and click on "News & Announcements" located on the right-hand side for more information.
Street spraying schedules will be updated on the project's website by 3:00 PM the day before, and email notifications will be sent if provided during the request.
The adulticide program aims to control nuisance and virus-carrying adult mosquitoes, utilizing control materials such as Duet ULV, Zenivex E4 RTU, and Suspend SC.
Homeowners can exclude their property from public area-wide pesticide applications per State Regulation 333 CMR: 13:03.
The project office is open Monday to Friday from 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM for inquiries or concerns.
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.

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.

13. North Scituate Beach Nourishment Project is substantially complete. The placement of the sand is complete. The contractor will be on site over the next couple of weeks for final clean-up and plantings.

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

Monday-Con Com, BOH

Tuesday-Select Board

Wednesday-Beach Commission, Commission on Disabilities

Thursday-Planning

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.