

Town Video Narrative, May 31, 2022

Select Board Chair, Anthony Vegnani

Widows Walk held its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Mr. Vegnani thanked members of the past and present golf committee, Bob Sanderson, Ian Kelley and all Town Departments, Boards and Committee's that made this happen. Mr. Vegnani thanked the owners of the Drift In, Mick and Arlene, for a great grand opening event at the restaurant and encouraged people to stop in.

The weather was great this weekend and the beaches were crowded. Just a reminder that life guards will not be on duty until just before 4th of July weekend so everyone should be aware of this.

The South Shore Irish Heritage Trail (SSIHT) launch ceremony and ribbon cutting was held on May 22, 2022 at the Cole Parkway bandstand and was a wonderful event. Special thanks to the SSIHT Board of Directors led by Brenda O'Connor, our State Senators and State Representatives and the nine Towns participating.

Great Memorial Day on the Town Common began with a parade from Town Hall. Mr. Vegnani thanked the Town's Veteran Services Department, Town Clerk, Historical Society, and the Police, Fire, Grounds, Harbormaster, and DPW Departments, Jim Thomas/Adam Gruschow and the High School Band, Greg Lessard and the Gates Intermediate School Band, Soloist Kelsey Knapp, Scout Master David Laucirica and BSA Troop 7 for the flagging of the Town's Veterans graves, we would not have been able to hold this Memorial Day Service. We wish to thank also our Guest Speakers for their inspired thoughts and words. Thank you to Colonel Peter Fiorentino for his ongoing service to our country and for taking the time to honor us with his Keynote address.

Superintendent, Bill Burkhead

Health & Wellness Update:

May 13th - 106 cases

May 20, 2022 cases in our schools this week is 64.

May 27, 2022 cases in our schools this week is 43.

District Employees 0 cases

Cushing 2 cases

Gates 7 cases

Hatherly 2 cases

Jenkins	15 cases
SHS	7 cases
Wampanatuck	10 cases

GRADUATION:

Graduation is Friday, June 3rd at 6 p.m.

The LIVE stream component is on Facebook on the Scituate Community TV page. SCTV records the graduation and puts it on YouTube following the event.

Sr's visiting their former elementary schools Friday 27th

Senior Data:

An amazing 91% of this year's graduating class will go on to pursue higher education at a 4-year college or university.

There are also a number of students pursuing employment, military, gap year, vocational training, etc.

5TH GRADER'S STEP-UP DAY TO GATES

Last Thursday, the fifth-grade class joined together with the rest of the fifth graders from across the district for a tour of Gates. The students first gathered in the CPA where they listened to a concert performed by the sixth-grade chorus and band. They attentively listened to a presentation by the Gates staff. The fifth graders also had the opportunity to ask questions from a panel of current sixth graders. The students were then able to experience having lunch in the Gates Dining Commons and were given a tour of the school before returning to Hatherly. Thank you to our amazing PTO and Fifth Grade Farewell Committee for organizing and purchasing the t-shirts that our students wore!

Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 46, much higher than last week's 17, but the data from the previous week was only through Wednesday due to a problem with state data bank. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 104 up from 93 last week and a much smaller jump than we reported last week. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 9.54% a jump up from 8.8% of last week. Plymouth County is at 8.7%, up from last week's 7.98%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 8.34% down from the previous week of 9.59%. Statewide there are 79 individuals in ICU up from 75 of last week. 29 patients are intubated, up from 25 of last week. So, the rate of increase seems to have slowed this week, with the state percentage positive actually declining. In addition, the latest numbers from the MWRA show that the levels of Covid detected in wastewater is declining. What does this all mean? Hopefully an easing of the recent Covid spike. Stay tuned. There are no state-wide mask mandates in place currently, although some

communities are putting mask mandates in place for public buildings. We will continue to follow state guidelines for masking and any changes in requirements.

We are not done with COVID yet. Although it is only one week, the numbers are trending up. There is a new Omicron variant, BA-2 that is now the dominant strain in the US. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense than not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet gotten vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir remained was even yesterday, down from +1.25". Tack factory pond was at +1.00" down from +1.25" last week. Average daily demand was at 1.629 mgpd, up sharply from 1.204 mgpd of last week's usage. Summer usage numbers have begun! Please do your part to conserve water as we enter the heavy water use season. Manganese measured at the WTP is at .224 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is still not producing large volumes of water. As the temperatures rise, so will the Manganese levels in the water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .2" measured at the Plant.

Celco, our water contractor, will be installing services on Sassamon Road and Lantern Lane this week.

The water department will be doing targeted flushing in several neighborhoods starting at 8:00 pm. Old Forge Road, First Parish between CJCH and Beaver Dam, Lawson Road, Lawson Terrance, Scituate high School, Aberdeen Drive, and Arbor Way. This is part of the ongoing maintenance of the water system. Flushing may cause brown water in areas around town. Please check your water when you get up tomorrow morning and flush if necessary.

3. With water updates and spring comes a proliferation of car wash fund raisers. Just a reminder to those planning a car wash, prior permission of the water department is required. Please contact the water department at 781-545-8735
4. The concession at the Widows Walk golf Course to opened this past Thursday. The "Drift In" restaurant is being run by the owners of the Hibernian Tavern in Scituate Harbor. I know everyone is excited for the restaurant to open and start serving food and drink. They will be serving lunch and dinner to start, expanding to breakfast on the weekends. Go to widowswalkgolf.com where additional details will be forthcoming. As a reminder, the restaurant is open to the general public, you don't have to play golf to go there.