

## Weekly Video Update April 1, 2024

### Andrew Goodrich, Select Board Chair

Good Morning Scituate and welcome to April!

Meetings this week:

Tuesday: Cushing/Hatherly MSBA Project Meeting at 6:30 PM

Wednesday: Waterways Commission at 6:00 PM

Thursday: Historical commission

Thursday: Moderator's Meeting

April 8<sup>th</sup> CPC Meeting

If you have any questions/concerns for the current Chair, Maura Curran, please email her directly at [MCurran@scituatema.gov](mailto:MCurran@scituatema.gov)

### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. A quick note that we are seeing forecasts for a Nor'Easter this week, Wednesday into Friday. For us it is currently looking like heavy rain (2-3 in possible) and wind gusts exceeding 50mph. We will put out a weather advisory as the forecast becomes more certain.
2. Annual and Special Town Meetings are one week from today, **April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the Scituate High School gymnasium. Please put this on your calendars and plan to attend Town Meeting. A subsequent Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 also at 7:00 pm at the High School to discuss, debate and vote on the proposed new Cushing/Hatherly School.
3. The Golf Course is open for the season. The parking lot was full both Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Please go to [www.widowswalkgolf.com](http://www.widowswalkgolf.com) for information and tee times. Here's wishing Ian and his crew a successful and sunny golf season
4. 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.
5. The Scituate Health Department will also be hosting the Dana-Farber Mammography Van on **Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. Women aged 40 and older

interested in scheduling an appointment can reach out to the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974.

Dana-Farber will seamlessly obtain prior mammography films/images with permission, ensuring a user-friendly process.

The van will be stationed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, conveniently located across from Town Hall at the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road.

Special thanks to Reverend Natasha Stewart and St. Luke's Episcopal Church for graciously hosting the Mammography Van

The van is fully licensed and inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Screening mammograms will be conducted by Dana-Farber's skilled technologists and interpreted by board-certified radiologists from Dana-Farber.

For any questions, please contact the Scituate Health Department at (781) 545-8725.

6. The Scituate Police Department will be hosting a blood drive with the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center to remember and honor all those fighting cancer. The Drive will take place on **Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 8:00am – 2:30pm** at the Public Safety Complex, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. A photo ID is required. As a special thank you, donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Center \$10 Target Gift Card. For information call 617-632-3206.
7. The Mordecai Lincoln Committee has developed a survey for residents interested in providing input on the future use of the Mordecai Lincoln property Your feedback will play a pivotal role in determining the future of this space. The Mordecai Lincoln Property survey is now available for residents to complete. We encourage you to take a few moments to share your thoughts by completing the online questionnaire is available on Facebook and the Town of Scituate Website under Town News
8. The Recreation Department and the Scituate Bike Committee will be hosting a Pedal for the Planet Slo Roll on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Online registration is required before the event. Cost is \$5 per participant. Sign-ins start at 10:30am with the event kicking off at 11:00am. Please contact the Recreation Department for more information.
9. 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.
10. 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](http://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. The Special Town Meeting to consider this project is Monday, April 29 at 7:00pm at the Scituate High School gymnasium.
11. 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.

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Low Sugar Cereal (Cheerios/Chex/ Rice Krispies, etc.)

Boxed Oatmeal

Juice Boxes

Cranberry Juice

Jell-O/Pudding Cups

Canned White Tuna

Canned Mixed Fruit

Baked Beans

Quick Bread Mix

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.

12. Meetings

Monday-ConCom

Tuesday-Cushing/Hatherly MSBA Project Public Forum

Wednesday-Waterways

Thursday-Historical Commission

13. 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.

**Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

**SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 4.1.24**

Time Take (TT)

159 WORDS	2 MINUTES TO READ
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** This Week's Top News :**

- Cushing/Hatherly Building Project Update
- Drama presentation

** Cushing/Hatherly New School Project**

- For important new building project information please visit [scit.org](http://scit.org) and click on "MSBA Project" on home page
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
  - ❖ School Building Committee via zoom: Mon. April 1, 2024 at 4 p.m.
  - ❖ Public Meeting in person: Tue. April 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

### **✳️ SHS Drama Presents Matilda**

This week the SHS drama club will feature the production of Matilda which opens Friday.

At every show the drama club has asked for donations to benefit the community in the theme of the show. This year, we are asking for book donations for the Second Chapter Bookstore. Please support the SHS drama club by attending Matilda this Friday or Saturday at 7pm or for the Sunday matinee at 2pm.