

Weekly Video Update, December 11, 2023

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. We had our first taste of a “winter” storm last night and into this morning. Wind and rain (no tidal issues). We had reports of limbs down in various locations around town and as of right now we have two outage locations reported in town in North Scituate with 13 customers impacted. NGrid is working on restoration. This is a reminder that winter is coming and we need to get ready. There is a link on the homepage of the town web site “Emergency Preparedness” where you will find tips and suggestions for getting ready for winter and storm season. Better prepared than not, so please check out that web page and start getting ready for the winter weather that we know is coming.
2. Speaking of winter, Widows Walk golf course is closed today through Thursday, December 14th. The course will be open Friday December 15th through Sunday December 17th, then the course will be closed for the season. Dog walking will begin starting on December 24th. We are once again looking forward to sharing our beautiful course with the local residents of Scituate for walking, sledding and other winter activities. We ask that you please have your dogs on a leash at all times, avoid walking over any greens or sand traps and most importantly, pick up after your dog. Have a great winter and we hope you and your dogs enjoy “The Walk.”

The Drift In remains open for lunch and dinner Mon- Friday 11 AM – 9 PM and Saturday & Sunday 10 AM – 9 PM. Now serving breakfast on Saturday & Sunday!

Beginning December 24th, The Drift In will be open Wed – Sunday and will serve soups and breakfast on the weekends in addition to their delicious lunch and dinner menu. Hours will be 11 AM – 8 PM.

3. Calls from the North Pole are tonight. Santa will be calling lucky children between 6:00 pm and 6:45 pm. Stay by the phone if you signed up so you don't miss this very important call!
4. The tennis nets have been taken down and put into storage for the winter season. They will be re-installed for use in early March (weather depending).
5. The Water Department Office located at the rotary on Route 3A remains closed while the building is being repaired. Residents with questions or issues surrounding water department issues can now call the water department as we have established temporary office space for the employees in the Town Hall and have re-routed their phones so that they can be answered in the temporary space. Work on the restoration of the space is ongoing and should be completed before the Christmas holidays.
6. Lighthouse renovations: ***The lantern room is back on top of the lighthouse and the ball and spindle are back on top of the lantern room!***

- Existing Granite Tower Section – The injection grouting of the existing granite tower section was complete as of today.
 - Existing Brick Tower Section – The injection grouting of the existing brick tower section has suffered a delay due to coordination issues with the mason. We expected this work to begin as early as last week, but based on what I am hearing from the manufacturer/supplier we may not see installation beginning until the week of 12/18. I have a call scheduled with all parties for 9am tomorrow morning to get to the bottom of this. I will keep you advised.
 - Newly Placed Brick Tower Section – This injection grouting of this section will occur after the Existing Brick Section is complete. Each section going up has to follow the previous sections. Once this last section is grouted, the external and internal bracing can be removed.
 - Staging Removal – I would expect the staging removal to occur after the first of the year.
 - Lantern Room Enclosure – The lantern room copper is nearly complete, and the glass panels were installed today. There is one opening left to complete which will incorporate an access panel to the exterior balcony.
 - Lantern Room Interior Flooring and Framing – This work began today, and we expect to be complete the end of next week.
 - Balcony Railings – The posts will be set by early next week and then the railings will be field measured. We expect the railings to be installed the week of 12/18.
7. We continue working on the installation of the water line and services on CJCH. The contractor has crossed the bridge and is progressing up the hill. This will continue for the next couple of weeks. The contractor has begun making repairs to the trenches as the progress up the hill. Be prepared for delays. The road will then be allowed to sit over the winter to see if any settling of the trenches occur. The contractor will be back in the spring to correct any settling that may occur over the winter months.
 8. As part of our on-going I&I work, we are working on Egypt Beach Road. We will be replacing a sewer line in that area, but first we are relocating an existing water line. The Water and Sewer departments will have a contractor working in that area for the next several weeks. The trench will be patched for the winter, with permanent repairs being made in the spring.
 9. Please remember to shop local this holiday season. Local businesses are the backbone of our economy and our community so please support your local small business owner when you are making you holiday purchases.
 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](https://www.scituatema.gov) and you will see the red banner with the link.

<https://www.scituatema.gov/home/urgent-alerts/cushing-and-hatherly-msba-project>

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.

White Tuna	Mixed Vegetables (Canned)
Beef Soups	Sloppy Joe
Jell-O and Pudding	Green and Herbal Tea
Regular Ground Coffee	

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-Board of Health
Tuesday-Coastal Advisory, Capital Planning, Water Resources and DEI
Wednesday-Recreation Commission
Thursday-Planning Board and Advisory Committee

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