

## Weekly Video Update, February 26, 2024

### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The work replacing the carbon at the water treatment plant has been completed. The plant is currently running and sending the water to waste to make sure that everything is operating correctly. Carbon filter media replacement is typically conducted every few years as routine maintenance. While the water treatment plant is offline, it is essential for residents to conserve water.

Residents may notice fluctuations in water flow and occasional discoloration until the plant is brought back on line. It's important to note that these temporary changes will NOT compromise the safety or quality of drinking and bathing water.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.

View additional details and information on the Water Treatment Plant Update on Scituate Community Television YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NB8TursefxI>

2. Residents in the Turner Road/Lighthouse Road area will be seeing survey crews on the seawall in that area starting the week, dependent on the weather. The survey is expected to take 2-3 weeks. The Town has contracted with Foth Engineers to begin the design and permitting of the replacement seawall from Scituate Avenue to Rebecca Road. They will also be designing necessary repairs to the structure to ensure that it does not deteriorate further while the new wall is being designed and permitted.
3. The Presidential Primary will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at the SHS gym from 7AM- 8PM. All voters should have received a 2024 Vote By Mail Form from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. If not, the form is available on the Town Web Site under the Town Clerk's page. Only return the vote by mail form if in fact you would like your ballot mailed. The last day to request a mailed ballot is tomorrow, 2/27 at 5:00 pm. If you have received a ballot in the mail, please return it promptly. Mailed ballots cannot be brought to the polls on election day, they must be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office.

In person "Early Voting" is underway at the Town Hall, 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, during normal Town Hall business hours from Monday 2/26-3/1. If a voter is going away prior to February 24<sup>th</sup> and will be absent during the early voting period and the Presidential Primary on March 5<sup>th</sup>, voters may vote absentee in the Town Clerk's Office until Noon the day prior to the election (March 4<sup>th</sup>).

4. 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.

5. 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 went on 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).

6. The Commission on Disabilities will be hosting an Accessibility Awareness Event to promote accessible services and resources for caregivers, families and friends on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-1.00pm at the Scituate High School Gymnasium.
7. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

8. Scituate Sister Cities will be hosting their annual 2024 Sister City Film Festival at the Reel Harbor Theater on March 5.  
Ireland West Cork will present *My Left Foot* on March 5 at 7pm.

Suggested donation is \$10 and attendees can enter a raffle valued from \$50-\$100.

9. 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.
10. 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.

De-Caf Coffee (canned and Instant)	
Hamburger Helper	Beef Soups
Cranberry Juice	KNorrs Rice and Pasta sides
Canned Mixed Vegetables	Canned White Beans
Baked Beans	White Tuna
Jell-O and Pudding	

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.

11. Meetings

Monday-BOH, Design Review  
Tuesday-Select Board, Public Building Commission  
Wednesday-Assessors, Capital Planning  
Thursday-Mordecai Lincoln, Advisory Committee  
<https://www.scituatema.gov/>

12. 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.