

Weekly Video Update, June 29, 2026

Freya Schlegel, Select Board Clerk

Good morning Scituate, it's Monday June 29th and this is your weekly news update. I'm Freya Schlegel, Clerk of the Select Board along with Town Administrator Jim Boudreau.

It's July 4th week and you can expect to see a lot more people in town this week. We encourage everyone to be vigilant of our water restrictions and try to conserve as much water as possible. We encourage you to remind others who are visiting our Town this week and weekend about the need to be resourceful with our water supply. Also, because of water usage there could be periods of brown water in areas. If you have brown water call the water department.

Meanwhile, there is a lot to do around town next weekend for the holiday. As always there will be music down on Cole Parkway Thursday and Friday night at the bandstand. Then Saturday, up in North Scituate, the North Scituate Beach Improvement Association will hold its annual Kids Bike Parade in the morning and then a sand castle contest later in the day.

Sunday, the Scituate Cape Verde Sister City Committee celebrates its big Independence Day celebration at Pier 44. The event is from 2pm to 6pm. It will feature music, entertainment, food, dancing, raffles and more. This is a community event and everyone is invited to celebrate Cape Verde's Independence day.

Finally, because the big holiday is next weekend there are only a handful of government meetings this week. Visit www.scituatema.gov for the list along with times and locations.

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. Let's start with the weather. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we are expecting temperatures in the high 90's with feels like temperatures over 100*. Town buildings will be open normal hours Wednesday and Thursday. This includes the Town Hall, Library and Senior Center. If you are in the Harbor, the Harbor Masters building is also available.

Public Safety officials will meet later this week to discuss the pending heat wave and provide an update to residents.

2. Upcoming Holiday Schedule

All Town Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the 4th of July.

The Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, July 4th

The Library will be closed on July 3rd and July 4th.

3. **DPW Updates**

Water level updates for the week. Tack Factory Pond is even at 0" last week it was -1". The Reservoir is at -7.0" down from last week of -5.5". Rainfall was .98" measured at TP.

Demand for past week was at 1.427 mgpd, down significantly from 1.730 million gallons per day last week.

We want to remind everyone we are in Tier 2 water restrictions. No inground irrigation systems allowed. Hand held hose only before 9 and after 5. It is vitally important that residents adhere to our water restrictions as we head into the holiday weekend. The Water department will be issuing warnings followed by fines for any violations. Residents are encouraged to take all measures to conserve water

Please sign up for the new Smart 911 Alert system so they get alerts about the Water Restrictions

Emergency Alert System – Smart911

We urge and encourage all residents to sign up to receive these alerts to your phone and/or email. It is important to enter your address in the event that reverse 911 calls affect a certain area of town. To register, visit:

<https://www.smart911.com/smart911/login.action?lpse=1> We will also be putting signs in the COA and other town buildings with a QR code residents can use to access the new registration system. Be aware that calls will come from 833-533-6163.

See the Town web site for additional details.

The water department is continuing work on Rte 3A in the vicinity of the new water treatment plant. We are installing a water line from the well at the bottom of the hill at First Parish to the new treatment plant. This work will take several weeks. Please use caution when traveling in the work zone.

4. **Flags**

I have received some questions as to why the Town has the US, French and Cape Verde flags flying on Front Street and not the Irish flag. We are flying the flags of the US and two of our sister-cities who have qualified for and are playing in the World Cup. Unfortunately, Ireland did not qualify for the World Cup this year. This week for July 4th, we will put up the American flags on Front Street. This will be followed by the Cape Verde Flags for Cape Verde Independence Day and then the French flags on July 14 for Bastille Day.

5. **The Summer Concert Series returns for its seventh season in July at the Town of Scituate Library.**

Join us on the lawn (or the Community Room for inclement weather).

Get ready for a fun series of concerts for the entire family. Bring a blanket, pack a dinner and relax with some good music.

No tickets required!

Concerts are each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 PM beginning on July 8th.

Joining us this summer are:

July 8th: Ammaya Dance and Drum-a celebration of Afro-Fusion Music from Africa to the Americas

July 15th: Flamenco Boston-music and dance rooted in Spanish Andalusian culture

July 22nd: Boston Arabic Music Ensemble-Classical and Folkloric songs from the Arabic musical heritage

July 29th: Ezekiel's Wheel Klezmer Band-Contemporary interpretation of Jewish Music with Chamber music and dance band

6. 2026 Dog Licenses

You have today and tomorrow to license your dogs for the FY2027 season. Section 30400 of the Town of Scituate General By-Laws mandates the yearly licensing of all dogs. Every dog age six (6) months or older must be licensed by July 1st each year. Existing dog licenses expire June 30th.

Fees (cash or check)are: Male/Female.....\$15.00 each dog
Neutered/Spayed.....\$10.00 each dog

Cash or check.

Dog owners over 70 & Certified Service Dogs - No fee

Licensing is available at the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours. Dog License forms are available on the Town Clerk's page of the Town website.

If licensing by mail, please allow for mailing time, especially if you intend to board your dog in a kennel.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE IF YOU NO LONGER OWN A DOG.

7. Piping Plovers

Now that we are in the summer season, our plovers are back in Scituate nesting. Our monitoring shows significant disturbance in these protected areas. The most frequent disturbance across all sites were off-leash dogs. **51 dogs** were recorded off-leash in and around nesting areas since March 15th. These instances were reported to the Animal Control Officer.

Beach bikes including battery operated bikes are also becoming an increasing occurrence and tracks have been found on **5 occasions**. Beach bikes, especially those travelling at high speeds area a severe risk to piping plover and least tern chicks, eggs, and nests. Trespassing by people and dogs into closed areas has been recorded **3 times** on Third Cliff and have been reported to the MEP, Animal control and state wildlife officials. Please do not disregard signage and enter into closed areas.

8. Scituate Food Pantry June Most needed Items:

- Canned Ham
- Canned Spinach
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Spam
- Cold sweet cereal
- Artificial Sweeteners
- Pasta/Rice sides
- Instant Coffee Reg/Decaf
- Canned clam chowder
- Canned Pasta w/meat

Items can be dropped off at the Pantry during operating hours or in the bins behind the Old Gates School. The Scituate Library, Shaw's and now the **Scituate Pharmacy** also collect items for the Pantry. You can go to scituatefoodpantry.com for more information.

9. 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.

10. Meetings:

Monday: BOH

Tuesday: Traffic Rules, Recreation

11. 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.

Available Bids, Quotes and Proposals

Explore the Town of Scituate's available bids, quotes, and proposals opportunities by visiting the government section of the Town of Scituate website and accessing the "Available Bids, Quotes, and Proposals" page.

Job Opportunities

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