

Weekly Video Update, October 31, 2022

Maura Curran, Select Board Clerk

Halloween in the Harbor is tonight from 4:00- 5:30 PM. Please be careful in the area. Thank you to all our area businesses for sponsoring this great event.

Meetings this week:

Tuesday, November 1st at 6 PM there will be a Public Hearing at the Public Safety Complex on to discuss Oceanside Dr./Turner Rd. Seawall Repair.

Tuesday, November 1st the Zoning Board meets at 7 PM to discuss the Old Oaken Bucket 40 B project.

On Saturday November 5th, the Beach Commission will be planting sea grass at Peggotty Beach entitled "Give Thanks to our Dunes" from 9- 12 PM. This is a great effort to preserve our coastline.

Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau

1. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -31.5", last week we were at -37.5". Tack factory Pond is at +1.5", last week we were at +1. Average daily demand was at 1.086 MGD down very slightly from last week's 1.091 MGD. We are now a level 1 Mild Drought as determined by the Commonwealth .

If you have brown water, please call the water department or email brownwater@scituatema.gov The Town also has water available for residents who are experiencing brown water at the WTP during regular business hours.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .58" measured at the Plant.

Celco will be out of town for the next couple of weeks. The water department will be flushing the new main on Foxwell Lane tomorrow night.

2. Happy Halloween to everyone. A reminder to all the parents out there that Halloween in the Harbor will be this afternoon from 4-5:30. Bring the kids in costume for tricking or treating at the Harbor Businesses. Front Street will be closed to ensure a safe trick or treating environment. This is a great event sponsored by the Harbor Business association and it takes place early enough so that you can trick or treat in the harbor and still be home to hit your neighborhood! 2x the candy!
3. I want to congratulate Nancy Holt and the town financial team for once again receiving a certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental

accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is the 8th consecutive year the Town has received this award. Congrats and thank you to Finance Director Nancy Holt, Treasurer/Collector Pam Avitabile, and Assessor Joe DeVito for their hard work and dedication to the town.

4. Early voting is currently on-going at the Town Hall. Residents can come in and vote this week during regular town hall hours. Early voting ends at 11:45 am on Friday. The election is a week from tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8 at the High School gym 7am-8pm.
5. Sorry to remind you that second quarter tax payments are due tomorrow. They can be paid in person, on line or you can put them in the drop box in front of town hall.
6. There is a meeting scheduled for tomorrow night for residents of Oceanside drive and Turner who are in the area of the Oceanside dam/seawall funding area for the next phase of seawall work. Residents would have received a certified letter about the meeting. The meeting is at 6pm at the Public Safety Complex, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway. This is not the cedar point seawall project that is currently under design by the army corps of engineers.
7. The Contractor begin paving parts of Glades and Baileys Causeway at the end of last week. They will be returning to raise the castings and put on the top coat in the coming weeks.
8. Work continues on the stairs on Glades Road. During construction we will continue the one- way traffic on Glades Road from Gannet to Bailey's Causeway. The contractor has been fighting the tides at the site. Concreate pouring is scheduled for this week.
9. We have successfully removed the lantern room from the top of the light house and placed it in the yard of the lighthouse keepers house. Now that the lantern room is on the ground our design team will be able to get a better look at its condition and make the final determination of repair the current lantern room or if it will need to be replaced with a new lantern room. That determination should be made towards the end of November/start of December, followed by preparation of bid documents with an eye towards putting the bid out later in January. The work on the lighthouse project is scheduled to be completed late spring/early summer of 2023.
10. The Veterans Advisory Council is announcing the following events for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022.
 - a. American Legion Post 144 Flag Ceremony
11:00 am at the Scituate Senior Center
 - b. American Legion Post 144 Luncheon
The post will be hosting a Veterans Luncheon at the senior center at 12:00 pm at the Senior Center, following the flag ceremony. **Reservations are required. Call 617-842-0092 to reserve your spot.**

- c. After the luncheon, the Scituate Food Pantry will be hosting their “Salute to Service” on the Senior Center Patio from 1:00 pm-2:30 pm. Dessert, Gifts and Music will be provided for veterans by the food pantry.

During this time, there will also be a “Sea of Support”, a field of Flags to honor all known, living Scituate Veterans will be on display at Scituate Community Christmas, 125 Mann Lot Road, from November 10-13.

In addition to Veterans Day activities, the VA Van will be at the Senior Center all day on November 9 to help people sign up for benefits, ask questions and get any assistance they may need. Coffee and donuts will be available.

11. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

Superintendent of Schools, Bill Burkhead

SHS ROOF PROJECT ACCEPTED BY MSBA INTO ACCELERATED REPAIR PROGRAM

More good news for SPS! On October 26, 2022 the MSBA’s Board of Directors voted to invite the Town of Scituate into the Accelerated Repair Program to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting a Schematic Design Study at the Scituate High School for a potential partial roof replacement project.

This program is a micro (and much faster/accelerated version of the new school building project). We will be working with MSBA through a feasibility and design phase next. More information will be forthcoming.

CREDIT FOR LIFE FAIR – SHS

We are excited to announce the 2nd annual Credit for Life Fair on Wednesday **Nov. 2nd from 9:30 to 12** for the SHS junior class. This is a collaboration with SHS and our local community businesses. Students interact in mock “real life decision making and budgeting.” A Shout Out to our community volunteers and organizers Jacqui Frongello, Steve Howley, and Annmarie Galvin.

FALL ATHLETICS: TOURNEY ELIGIBLE

The Athletic Department is proud to report that our Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls Soccer and Football teams have all earned spots in postseason play!

SAILOR SHOUT OUT

Mrs. Shaw's 2nd grade class met with Superintendent Burkhead and Principal Ward to discuss beautifying Hatherly Elementary School.

Mr. Burkhead visited Mrs. Shaw's classroom to discuss their ideas and show his appreciation to them for writing such a persuasive letter. Mr. Burkhead read the letter with the class.

With the help of Mrs. Ward, one of the ideas was selected: "Our class wants to add more color to the Hatherly garden. Students could help with this by making a club called Team Flowers." Mrs. Ward surprised the students with the announcement that there will be an after- school club in the spring led by Nurse Jessica to plant flowers all around the school to make it more beautiful!