

## Weekly Video Update, November 20, 2023

### Maura Curran, Select Board Chair

This is a short week due to the holiday, however there is a Select Board Meeting tomorrow, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. We will be reviewing departmental budgets as well as the Cushing property should the Hatherly School project move forward.

There is an EDC meeting on Tuesday evening.

On Thanksgiving morning there is an annual Turkey Trot beginning at TK O'Malley's to the Lighthouse beginning at 9:30 AM.

Saturday is small Business Saturday across the nation so please get out and support your local merchants for holiday shopping. Ms. Curran sent out a thank you to the Town and School employees who work so diligently all year round to make Scituate a wonderful place to live. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. First let's start with the announcement that everybody is waiting for- **The Transfer Station will be closed on Friday for the Holiday.** Regular hours on Saturday and Sunday. Town Hall will also be closed on Friday.
2. 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 then not, so please check out that web page and start getting ready for the winter weather that we know is coming. <https://www.scituatema.gov/emergency-management>
3. 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 of 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.
4. 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!*** Now the copper cladding will be finished, window and trim installed and the light itself put back. The contractor is also hard at work installing new bricks on the top 4 feet of the tower. These bricks were removed during the project. Scheduled for completion by mid-December with the exception of final painting. Due to the nature of the paint being used, painting maybe put off until the spring.

5. We continue working on the installation of the water line and services on CJCH (Rt. 3A). The contractor is crossing the bridge This will continue into the beginning of December. The contractor has begun making repairs to the trenches starting today. 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.
6. The Scituate Sister City Cape Verde/Santa Catarina do Fogo Committee held a celebration to Celebrate Santa Catarina de Alexandria, (Saint Catherine of Alexandria) the patron saint of Cape Verde this past Sunday.

The actual Santa Catarina Day is November 25th. A Mass and Feast will be held at Saint Mary's Parish on the 25th. That event is from 12-3 pm. The procession is at 12, followed by a reception at the Parish Hall after Mass. Santa Catarina Day is a national holiday in Cape Verde. It is equivalent to Saint Patrick's Day here. The flags are hanging in the harbor this week.

7. Along with Black Friday, this Saturday, November 25, is Small Business Saturday. Small businesses are the backbone of our retail economy and they are owned and operated by our friends and neighbors so I urge you to patronize our businesses this Saturday and throughout not just the holiday season but throughout the year. For Small Business Saturday, local establishments will have an array of handcrafted treasures and one-of-a-kind gifts. I guarantee that our local shops have something for everyone on your list.
8. 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.
9. We have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations. The Scituate Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The Pantry's numbers have been increasing each and every week.
 

Clam Chowder	Rice Pilaf
Canned Ham	Sloppy Joe
Baked Beans	White Beans
Canned fish (except Tuna)	De-Caf Coffee
Healthy Cold Cereals	

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.

I would also like to send condolences out to the family of Marie Murray who recently passed away. Marie was the head of the operational Team at the Pantry. She was a committed, compassionate, dedicated, tireless, loving and inspiring volunteer at the Pantry since 2014. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE!

**Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools**

## SPS Superintendent Spotlight: 11.20.23

Time Take (TT)

175 WORDS	2 MINUTE TO READ
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### **This Week's Top 3:**

- School Committee Meeting
- SuperBowl Bound!
- Honoring our Veterans

### **School Committee Meeting: 11.20.23 at 6pm SHS Library**

Agenda Highlights:

- Student Report: David Murphy and Louisa Kinsley
- Elementary Schools Improvement Plans
- Celebrate Student Learning: Science & Technology
- School Committee's Goals: Vote
- Policy Subcommittee Vote: Student Absences
- Quarterly Budget Update

### **SHS Football Back to Superbowl!**

- ★ For the 3rd time in 4 years SHS Football will return to Gillette in a rematch vs. Duxbury HS in the Division 4 Superbowl after defeating Grafton 20-10 Friday.
- ★ Game details TBD (typically the Saturday after Thanksgiving)

### **Honoring our Veterans**

I enjoyed attending the Town of Scituate Veteran's Day event at the senior center last Saturday and was honored to speak in appreciation and admiration of our veterans. I was proud to see SHS students well represented at the event. Scituate High School Senior, Matthew Short performed Taps on the trumpet and Scituate High School Junior, Aubrey Brennan, sang the National Anthem. Boys & Girls SHS Hockey teams were present as volunteer food servers. A beautiful celebration, thank you to all the organizers!