

Weekly Video Update, November 21, 2022

Superintendent of Schools, Bill Burkhead

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING THIS EVENING

Agenda Highlights:

- Celebrate Student Learning – Hatherly Elementary School
- Middle School Improvement Plan: Including MCAS and local assessment data points
- Subcommittee Updates: Policy Subcommittee
- Superintendent Report – Quarterly Budget Update FY23
Robert Dutch, Director of Business and Finance

SAILOR SHOUT OUT

Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration:

Leading up to their Thanksgiving Dinner celebration, SHS American Regional Cuisine students studied historical and modern-day immigrant groups and how those groups impacted the development of cuisine, utilized food resources, and introduced new ingredients, tools, and culinary techniques. At the heart of the American Regional Cuisine course are 'Recipe Roundtable' presentations which require student groups to research traditional and modified recipes. Preparing for this event, it was Thanksgiving Day recipes ranging from traditional turkey and stuffing to varied vegetables. The recipes were presented to the class and from there the class developed a menu, generated an ingredients list, and developed a team strategy for carrying out the Thanksgiving celebration. The guest list was limited to special invitees including celebrated faculty and guest administrators. I was honored to be invited and was super impressed with our students and Ms. Wade-Baker

Wampatuck PTO

Friday Superintendent Burkhead concluded visiting all district PTO's at Wampatuck Elementary. It's been a real pleasure meeting our dedicated PTO parents and learning from them. It also provided the superintendent the opportunity to answer questions and share the district vision.

District Reminder – Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 23, 2022 Half Day (No Lunch Served)

Lester J. Gates Middle School	8:00 am - 10:30 am
Scituate High School	8:15 am - 10:45 am
Elementary Schools	8:55 am – 11:25 am
AM Early Childhood Program	9:10 am – 11:40 am
No PM Early Childhood Program on Half Days	

Thursday, November 24, 2022 – No School Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 25, 2022 – No School Students and Staff

Scituate will be hosting the Thanksgiving Football game at 10 AM vs. Hingham.

Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau

1. Water update. Reservoir took a big jump last week. We are at -19", last week we were at -25.5". Tack Factory Pond is at +2", last week we were at +1.5". Average daily demand was at 1.081 MGD up very slightly from last week's 1.092 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 .64" measured at the Plant.

We are again experiencing issues at the WTP, this time around the operation of the sand filter. Our consultants and staff are trying to resolve the issue. Luckily it is November, not July so we can meet demand without needing to continually run the plant.

2. On Monday 11/21/22 at 10:00 pm the Department of Public Works will be doing light flushing of the new water main installed on Foxwell Lane. There may be some discoloration in the neighborhood and throughout Town as the system is flushed. This flushing will not be as aggressive as the past flushing. Residents are urged to take necessary precautions and check for discoloration. Allow the water to flush before using and check before doing laundry. This is part of the replacement of older and outdated water mains. We apologize for the inconvenience.
3. The Contractor has finished paving parts of Glades and Baileys Causeway. They will be returning to stripe the new pavement before the onset of winter weather. This is generally a night time job.
4. Construction work on the stairs on Glades Road has been completed. The contractor is completing punch list items at this point. Glades will return to two-way traffic effective today, 11/21. Please use caution now that the road is back to a two-way road.
5. There is a new moon on Wednesday that will bring astronomically high tides starting Wednesday morning with the 10am tide. These high tides are expected to continue through Sunday, so please be aware that we might have some minor flooding in low lying areas, particularly Cole parkway.
6. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone!

Select Board Chair, Tony Vegnani

Mr. Vegnani thanked everyone who participated in the Veterans Days ceremonies last week.

Shout out to the Sister City Cape Verde who held an event at the GAR hall yesterday. There was great information presented on the Cape Verde culture.

Select Board meets tomorrow night, 11/22/22, budget meetings continue along with some updates from the Beach Commission and Shellfish Advisory.

First Friday is December 2nd with many events in the harbor and Santa will be in town on December 3rd.

Have a great Thanksgiving everyone!