

Weekly Video Update, November 7, 2022

Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

1. The state election is tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8th at the High School gym 7am-8pm. Absentee voting is available until noon today if you cannot make it to the polls tomorrow. The Town Clerk's office will close today at noon to prepare for the election tomorrow. IMPORTANT: Mail in ballots must be returned to Town Hall by 8:00 pm tomorrow night. Do not bring them to the High School. Ballots returned after 8:00 pm tomorrow will not be counted.
2. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -30", last week we were at -31.5". Tack Factory Pond is at +2", last week we were at +1.5". Average daily demand was at 1.089 MGD up very slightly from last week's 1.086 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 .55" measured at the Plant.

3. There was a meeting scheduled for last week 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. The meeting had to be rescheduled as our consulting engineer had covid and we felt it was important that he be there in person to answer resident question. The meeting has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm at the EOC in the Public Safety Complex. This is not the cedar point seawall project that is currently under design by the army corps of engineers.
4. 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.
5. 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. This project should be completed this week.
6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.
9. I am happy to report that Saturday’s beach grass planting at Peggotty Beach was a success. Approximately 80 volunteers planted the 10,000 culms of beach grass in less than two hours. Thanks to the Scituate Beach Commission and the North South Rivers Watershed association for organizing this event.
10. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING TONIGHT 6PM: AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrate Student Learning: Wampanoag Elementary School
- School Committee Goals Voted
- Scituate High School Improvement Plan: Including MCAS/AP Updates
- Policy Updates
- Communication Update - Superintendent

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATING HEROES

I want to thank our Veterans past and present as we celebrate Veterans Day this week. At each

of our schools we will be honoring our heroes with lunch with veterans. Students have invited family members who are veterans to join the school community for lunch.

SEA OF SUPPORT VETERANS DAY EXHIBIT

At Gates over 50 Gates students had letters, poems, or artwork that were selected to be part of Scituate Community Christmas' "Sea of Support" exhibit this year. Student work will be displayed alongside a field of flags representing each of the living veterans in Scituate from Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th at the Susan Phippen House. All students, staff, and community members are invited to stop by to view student work and honor our veterans.

FALL ATHLETICS: TOURNEY UPDATE

Cross Country will be competing in the Divisional races this Saturday November 12th at Stanley Park in Westfield. The racing begins at 10am.

Cheerleading finished in 2nd place at Patriot League Cheerleading Competition this past Saturday and will be competing in the Regionals this Sunday November 13th at Duxbury HS. The competition begins at 10am.

Girls Soccer won their Division 2 Preliminary game vs Falmouth 3-1. They will play in the Round of 32 on Monday 11/7 at Canton HS at 5pm.

Volleyball lost their Division 2 Preliminary game against Westfield but it was the first time ever the team qualified for the Tournament.

Field Hockey won their Division 2 Round of 32 game in Agawam 2-1. They will play in the Round of 16 at Masconomet on Wednesday 11/9 at 2:30pm.

Football won their Division 4 Round of 16 game 35-6 over Northampton. They will play in the Elite 8 Round on Friday 11/11 at 6pm at Holliston HS.

SAILOR SHOUT OUT

CLASSROOM VISIT: STEM @ JENKINS

It was a privilege to join Ms. Dorgan's 4th grade class at Jenkins this week. The students were in the middle of learning the engineering process for building windmills. It was simply amazing to see the kids so excited about STEM and how windmills can help the environment.

SEASIDE STORIES

I was honored to attend the Scituate Education Foundation Seaside Stories event on Saturday evening., a true-story storytelling event last Saturday night with my wife. SEF is an organization that funds innovative, educational grants, with about 70% of funds each year going to SPS.

Karen Canfield, Select Board Member

Ms. Canfield said it's a busy week and all meeting agendas can be found on the town website:

www.scituatema.gov

Tonight, Monday November 7th is Conservation at 6 PM

Tuesday, November 8th is the State Election 7 AM – 8 PM, at SHS Gym

Tuesday Financial Forecast at 5:30 PM and the Select Board meets at 6:30 PM. The Board will be discussing Indigenous People's Day proposal, FY24 Fiscal Budget and we will meet in Executive session to discuss the proposed shellfish aquaculture program.

Wednesday Beach Commission at 6 PM

Capital Planning Committee at 6:30 PM

Commission on Disabilities at 7 PM

Thursday Planning Board meets at 6:30 PM and Advisory Committee at 7 PM.

Historic Society is holding a talk at the GAR Hall with Anthony Sammarco author of Inferno-The Great Boston Fire Of 1872. There will be a presentation and book signing.

Sunday there is a free program from 1- 3 PM at the Gates Middle School, Power of Prevention presented by Scituate FACTS team.

Please get out to vote and thank you to everyone who has worked to honor our veterans this upcoming weekend.