

Weekly Video Update April 29, 2024

Select Board Member, Karen Canfield

Tonight, is our Special Town Meeting to vote on the proposed new elementary school. The meeting starts at 7 PM, but please come early as we expect a large crowd and you need to register.

Also, at 3:30 there is a Mosquito and Tick prevention presentation at the Library. All Town meetings can be found on the website here: <https://www.scituatema.gov/calendar/month/2024-04>

Ship Shape day is this Saturday, May 4th and you can come to Town hall between 8 AM – 1 PM at Town Hall. Thank you to Beautification for organizing this important event. The Trashed organization is meeting at 10 AM at the Mordecai Lincoln property to focus on cleaning up that location.

Get To Greenbush is also on Saturday and will have many fun events in the area.

Wednesday night there is a special documentary at The Reel Theater at 6 PM Fish and Men followed by a Q&A. Great way to learn about our fishing industry.

If you're in Town Hall this week, stop in to wish a Happy Birthday to Lorraine Devin in the Select Board Office.

Town Administrator, Jim Boudreau

1. Special Town Meeting is tonight **Monday, April 29 at 7:00pm** at the High School Gym. The only item on the warrant is the Cushing/Hatherly school project. There is a link on the Town's web page, red banner at the top that will bring you to information on the project. We do expect a crowd this evening so we ask that you get there a little early so you can park and check in
2. The Annual Town Election is **Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 8am-6pm** at Scituate High School. Ballots will be mailed to voters who checked of "All Elections" on their VOTE BY MAIL form for 2024 elections. Ballots were sent out by Friday, April 26. Please return your ballot before the Saturday, May 18, 2024, 6:00 PM deadline to the Town Clerk's office or the drop box.
On election day, Saturday, May 18, 2024, the Town Clerk's office will not be open, but staff will check the drop box until 6:00 PM.
Any ballots received after the deadline will not be counted.
3. The Town is conducting concrete testing on the Cedar Point Seawall. The testing will take place on Turner Road and Lighthouse Road, south of the intersection with Jericho Road. Questions-contact the Engineering Department at 781-545-8732, ext. 5.

4. As part of the Department of Revenue mandate to perform an on-site inspection of property every ten years, the Assessor's office will be using the services of PK & Associates to inspect all homes that have not been inspected since 2020 in the Humarock and Cliff areas in the Town of Scituate. The inspections will consist of an exterior measurement of the home and structures and a request to inspect the interior of the home.

The inspections will be conducted by representatives from the PK Valuation Group. Their motor vehicle registration details of the inspectors are on file with the Scituate Police Department and they will be wearing badges. The inspections began Thursday, April 26, 2024.

Please contact the Assessors' office at 781-545-8712 if you have any questions.

5. The Scituate Water Department will continue flushing the Town's water pipes starting tomorrow April 30. Flushing will start at the rotary proceeding down Country Way to Elm Street and stopping at the Fire Station on First Parish. Side streets along the route will also be flushed. This routine maintenance may cause temporary changes, including brown water in both the area of flushing and beyond. Keep an eye out for discoloration and double check before bathing or doing laundry. Questions-call the Water Department at (781) 545-8735.
6. Scituate Water Department wants to remind residents that annual water conservation measures go into effect May 1 and run through September 30. All outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM.
Between May 1 and September 30, automatic irrigation systems may be used one date per week, as designated by the Scituate Water Division according to precinct. See the Town web site for details.
 - a. Properties in Precinct 1 may irrigate lawns on Monday
 - b. Properties in Precinct 2 may irrigate lawns on Tuesday
 - c. Properties in Precinct 3 may irrigate lawns on Wednesday
 - d. Properties in Precinct 4 may irrigate lawns on Thursday
 - e. Properties in Precinct 5 may irrigate lawns on Friday

These restrictions are state restrictions and do not have anything to do with the amount of water in our reservoir or the amount of rainfall that we have experienced. It is imposed on the water basin that Scituate gets our water from.

When Scituate's Reservoir falls to a level of 36 feet (49% full), the Scituate Water Division has the standing authority to implement a total outdoor watering ban. As of May 26, 2015, no new in-ground systems may be connected to the town's drinking water supply. Fines for violating this rule may be levied on the homeowner as well as the system installer.

Violation of these conservation measures may result in fines of up to \$300.00 per day (Scituate Code of General Bylaws, Section 30660).

7. The beginning of May brings new hours for the Scituate library. Starting Sunday, May 5, 2024, to September 29, 2024, the Library will be closed on Sundays.

Library hours will be:

- Monday: 9 AM - 9 PM
- Tuesday: 9 AM - 9 PM
- Wednesday: 9 AM – 9 PM
- Thursday: 9 AM - 9 PM
- Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM
- Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

8. Friends of the Scituate Town Library present the 3rd Annual Library Art Auction Starting Friday, May 10, 2024, view the artwork online or in person at the Scituate Town Library Gallery. Twenty-two talented local artists from Scituate have generously donated their artwork for this event. Bidding is available online starting Friday, May 10, 2024, at www.32auctions.com/Friends24. Auction runs Friday, May 10 – Friday, May 24, 2024

All proceeds from the silent auction will fund the free, family-friendly outdoor Summer Concert Series.

The concert series will occur at the Library every Wednesday evening in July, beginning July 10, 2024.

9. The contractor for the Scituate Lighthouse project is scheduled to be back on site today to complete the remaining work on the Lighthouse. I was out there early this morning and so were representatives from the masonry company, so hopefully we are good to go. As residents may recall, we were forced to pause the project last year when the weather got too cold. The required grout work requires that the temperature remains over 40 degrees. Grouting, metal handrails outside the lighting room, some glass work and painting are the major remaining project items. All exterior work and painting with the removal of the exterior scaffolding is scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day weekend. The Historic Society has tentatively set August 7, National Lighthouse Day, as the date to celebrate the renovation of Scituate Light. Details to follow.

10. Mark your calendars for 2024 Ship Shape Day that will take on Star Wars Day, Saturday, May 4. Supplies can be picked up at Town Hall from 8am-1pm. Clean-up can be done on Saturday and/or Sunday and residents can leave the special Ship Shape Day bags by the side of the road where they will be picked up by the DPW. Ship Shape Day is sponsored by the Beautification Committee and the Town of Scituate.

11. The Town Treasurer would like to remind residents that quarterly payments for **real estate and personal property taxes are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. You can pay your taxes in person at the Treasurer's Office here at Town Hall or through the Town web site under "Online Services" on the Town's Home page and selecting "Pay Bills Online." For additional details you can visit the Treasurer's web page and select "Important Tax Information."

12. The Scituate Board of Health will be hosting a Mosquito and Tick presentation today, **Monday April 29 from 3:30pm-5:00pm** at the Scituate Library in the Community Room. This presentation will be in collaboration with the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project and they will provide helpful tips on keeping you and your family safe from exposure to Mosquitos and Ticks.
13. The Scituate Health Department will also be hosting the **Dana-Farber Mammography Van this Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM**. Women aged 40 and older interested in scheduling an appointment can reach out to the Mammography Van office at 617-632-1974.
Dana-Farber will seamlessly obtain prior mammography films/images with permission, ensuring a user-friendly process.

The van will be stationed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, conveniently located across from Town Hall at the corner of Route 3A and First Parish Road.

Special thanks to Reverend Natasha Stewart and St. Luke's Episcopal Church for graciously hosting the Mammography Van

The van is fully licensed and inspected by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Screening mammograms will be conducted by Dana-Farber's skilled technologists and interpreted by board-certified radiologists from Dana-Farber.

For any questions, please contact the Scituate Health Department at (781) 545-8725.

14. Burning Season ends May 1.

Burning Permit Regulations

Open burning is prohibited in the following areas: Minot, Humarock and any location EAST of Hatherly RD.

The Scituate Fire Department will strictly enforce the following State regulations. All permit holders must agree to abide by these rules, with the understanding that the Scituate Fire Department reserves the right to refuse or revoke any permit that does not conform to these rules.

- a. The open burning season for residential properties will be from January 15, 2024, through May 1, 2024
- b. Permit burning is only allowed between the daylight hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm and all fires must be started before noon and all fires must be completely extinguished by 4:00 pm
- c. Burning sites will be spot checked and permits for areas not meeting these requirements will be refused or revoked
- d. All fires must be at least 75 ft from any structure and you must have an available water supply, such as, a pressurized water pump, can, or hose and shovels or rakes for controlling the fire.

- e. ONLY BRUSH MAY BE BURNED: LEAVES AND GRASS MAY NOT. All fires must be tended to at all times. Piles of brush must be kept small and manageable. If fire extends beyond the initial area the permit may be revoked.
- f. If we receive a complaint that the fire is causing a smoke nuisance, the fire will have to be extinguished.
- g. You must check online each day to verify and request burning. Permission will be granted only on those days when winds, dryness of woods and atmospheric conditions warrant the issue of same.
- h. Increases in wind velocity, or change in other conditions, will be cause for the immediate extinguishments of fires by all permit holders.
- i. A fine of \$500.00 is applicable by Mass. Law for any illegal burning
- j. The Scituate Fire Department will immediately revoke the permit if the above rules and regulations are not strictly adhered to. There will be no refund of fees if the permit is revoked for cause.

15. The Scituate Food Pantry continues to see an increase in clients seeking assistance. The Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The pantry has a new list of most needed items as they are unable to get these items from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Cream of Mushroom Soup	
Low Sugar Cereal (Cheerios/Chex/ Rice Krispies, etc.)	
Boxed Oatmeal	Juice Boxes
Cranberry Juice	Jell-O/Pudding Cups
Canned White Tuna	Canned Mixed Fruit
Baked Beans	Quick Bread Mix

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.

16. North Scituate Beach Nourishment Project is substantially complete. The placement of the sand is complete. The contractor will be on site over the next couple of weeks for final clean-up and plantings.

17. 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.

18. Meetings
- Monday-Special Town Meeting
 - Tuesday-Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee
 - Wednesday-Waterways

19. 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.