

Weekly Video Update November 8, 2021

Select Board Member, Maura Curran welcomed everyone and introduced Board of Health Director, Drew Scheele.

Drew Scheele, Board of Health Update

Mr. Scheele provided a Covid Update. The town had 25 cases this week, with several break through cases. The Delta variant is still out there and is highly contagious. Scituate has a highly vaccinated population of 75%. We are doing a great job but please get vaccinated if you haven't already. Children ages 5 – 11 are now able to get vaccinated. Residents can visit [mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov) for information on boosters, or call 2-1-1, or your local pharmacy.

Kevin Cafferty, DPW Update

Mr. Cafferty noted we are paving around the common - Beaver Dam and First Parish. This work is expected to be completed today. Peggotty Beach Parking Lot will be top coated by the end of the season. Next year we plan to pave the following streets:

Old Oaken Bucket Rd, Brook St, 1100 feet on Tilden Rd., Utility Rd, Cedarwood Rd, Fairview Ave, Chittenden Rd, and Bailey's Causeway.

The DPW crews are still cleaning up from the storm and doing tree removal as well as preparing for Veteran's Day. We are also starting to put sanders on the trucks in anticipation of winter.

The reservoir was +2" yesterday and Tack Factory Pond was +5". The average daily demand for the last 7 days was 1.1 MGD with 80% of water provided by wells.

There are no new water mains being installed at this point, but some new services primarily on Brook and Bradford, possibly Tilden and Rainbow Court, and maybe Foam. We had a small 2" water main break on Jawl Ave. late on Friday and crew will be back out today to continue repairs.

Manganese levels are still dropping at Old Oaken Bucket but total organic carbon (TOC) remains high.

Crews are training on the new equipment at Well 17A and new Greensand Filter Plant. The Pilot study is ongoing at the water treatment plant with encouraging results.

Ms. Curran thanked the entire DPW crew for their clean up efforts over the past week. She encourages anyone to notify DPW if they need assistance. To enter Senior Center today, please use Cudworth entrance.

Superintendent Bill Burkhead Update

There were 13 Covid cases this week, up from 3 the week prior. The past few weeks numbers:

9/17	2 cases
9/24	3 cases
10/1	6 cases
10/8	4 cases
10/22	6 cases
10/29	3 cases
past week	13 cases

Supt. Burkhead said we have a great testing program to keep kids in school, testing daily. Shout out to our nurses for their hard work and to families for their support in making this work.

We had a great collaboration with the town and school and recently received \$32,000 in free Personal protective equipment (PPE). He thanked DPW, Facilities, custodian, and nurses.

Working with the police, we provided intruder training for the district and to students. We are always striving for student safety.

It's tournament time and everyone is enjoying the athletics this time of year. Girls soccer and field hockey made the tournament but lost in the first game. He congratulated them on a great year. Boys soccer is still in the tournament and will be playing at Nauset on Wednesday. Girls Cheerleading qualifies for regional competition next weekend. Cross Country will be in the state championship this weekend. Golf finished 5th and football is going onto state quarter finals and will be home on Friday vs. Ashland. Congratulations to all the players, coaches, and the Athletic Department.

Mr. Beattie held a great coffee with caregivers at Gates School. Having in person conversations is important after so many months of zoom calls.

Mr. Adams, our DEI Director, was chosen to be a featured speaker at the METCO Director's conference and will talk about elementary schools and affirming the importance of love, inclusion, and trust. Kudos to him and everything he's doing within our community.

Finally, thank you to Best Buddies for the beautifully decorated pumpkins for the office administration staff.

Maura Curran, Select Board Updates:

Ms. Curran noted that there are Veterans exemptions available to Scituate property owners. Please visit the Assessor's page for information or call them at 781-545-8712.

There will be a Veterans luncheon at the Scituate Senior Center on Thursday, hosted by the American Legion. To make reservations, email [adjutant @scituatepost144.org](mailto:adjutant@scituatepost144.org) or call 617-842-0092 and provide them with your branch of service and years served. Event begins at 10:45 AM at the flag pole, followed by lunch. Thank you to The Voyage for donating their dinner and to the Food Pantry for donating dessert.

Lastly, the Scituate West Cork committee hosted the Irish Ambassador to the United States, Daniel Mulhall, as well as the counsel general of Boston, Laoise Moore. Thank you to John Sullivan, the entire committee, and Brian Houlihan who provided dinner. It was a wonderful event.