



# SWAMPSCOTT

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 2022

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

CUSTOMER SERVICE	(781).596-8850
ASSESSOR'S	(781) 596-8850
BUILDING	(781) 596-8857
COMMUNITY DEV.	(781) 596-8829
DPW	(781) 596-8860
FACILITIES	(781) 596-8850
FINANCE	(781) 596-8877
FIRE	(781) 595-4050 OR 911
HEALTH	(781) 596-8864
HUMAN RESOURCES	(781) 596-8810
LIBRARY	(781) 596-8867
POLICE	(781) 595-1111 OR 911
RECREATION	(781) 596-8854
RETIREMENT	(781) 596-8827
SENIOR SERVICES	(781) 596-8866
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	(781) 596-8850
TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS	(781) 596-4167
VETERANS	(781) 586-6911

#### TOWN WEBSITE:

[WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV](http://WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV)

#### FACEBOOK:

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SWAMPSCOTTMA01907](https://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SWAMPSCOTTMA01907)

### SELECT BOARD



#### 2022 Beach Stickers are here!

This year's design was created by Swampscott High School's Visual Arts Teacher, Ryan Townsend.

To get yours:

<https://www.swampscottma.gov/recreation-department/pages/beach-parking-stickers>

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### GREAT NEWS!!

As part of the Transportation Improvement Program (FY23-27), the Metropolitan Planning Organization has awarded the Town **\$8,932,000** for the construction of the Rail Trail!



### DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

Thanks to John McLaughlin for the beautiful job he did on the Monument this year. The tulips look incredible and including Ukrainian Flag colors in the flower beds was a wonderful idea. Tulips were dug up on June 1<sup>st</sup> to make room for summer flowers.



**DPW STAFF UPDATE**

The Public Works staff now stands at 16 members with the hiring of Derek Pitman on May 23, 2022.

**BURPEE RD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

New asphalt curbing and sidewalks were completed at the beginning of May. Roadway resurfacing was completed on May 9th.

**MASSDOT ROUTE 1A IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Overnight work began the week of May 30<sup>th</sup> after a two-week hiatus.

**STACY'S BROOK SEWER MAIN**

The Rehabilitation Project Phase 1C continues with the sewer lateral lining on Paradise Road and Norfolk Ave for the past three weeks. Projected project completion is July 1, 2022.

**ATLANTIC AVE & JESSE ST WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The installation of a new 8-inch water main on Jesse Street was completed on May 13th.

**MBTA BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Installation of ADA compliant bus stops at 60 Humphrey Street (both sides of roadway) were completed on May 27th.

**WATERFRONT ACCESS & FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT**

The exposed aggregate concrete plaza at the entrance to Phillips Beach was rejected for the second time on May 26, 2022. The Public Works Director recommended that JAM Corp subcontract the concrete work to a contractor better suited to complete the work to the Town's satisfaction.

**WALKER ROAD ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Roadway milling will be completed. Sewer, Water, Drain and Gas structures have all been adjusted. Existing asphalt berm and asphalt sidewalks have been removed. New asphalt berm and sidewalk installation scheduled for week of June 6th. Granite bump outs at the intersection of Walker and Banks scheduled for the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Paving scheduled for the week of June 20th.

**It's not too late to get your rain barrel!***How to Purchase Your Rain Barrel:*

Rain Barrels are available for purchase by residents at the discounted price of \$79.00

**How to Order:** <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/> Select Town and State

**Pick-Up:** Saturday July 9th, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon Swampscott DPW 200 Paradise Rd.

**Deadline:** June 30th Midnight

## KING'S BEACH PROJECT UPDATE

On Monday, May 23, the Town hosted another important Steering Committee process for the King's Beach Water Quality Engineering Study for the Town of Swampscott, the City of Lynn, and Lynn Water and Sewer Commission (LWSC). The ongoing water quality issues stem from elevated bacteria loading associated with non-stormwater discharges that contaminate the flow from both Lynn and Swampscott stormwater outfalls onto King's Beach at this point.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Pete Kane started as the Assistant Town Administrator / Human Resources Director on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. He's returning to Town Hall after previously working for the community as the Director of Community Development and then spending a few years in Utah continuing his community planning work. He most recently was leading the State of Utah's moderate income housing requirement and program before moving back to Massachusetts.

Over the past week, the department assisted with the onboarding of one new staff member in Facilities and six DPW summer helpers (four are returning).



## TOWN HALL INTERNS

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald welcomed Pingree High School Senior and Nahant resident Drew Botta to Town Hall for a two-week internship as part of his senior finals. Drew is heading off to Boston College this fall and feels he learned a lot in his two weeks in Swampscott Town Hall.

Shown is Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald presenting a citation to Drew for his two-week internship learning all there is to know about public service.



## LIBRARY

On **Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm**, Knock on Wood, a folk-rock duo featuring Howie Newman and Ellen Carlson. The pair is anything but a typical folk combo, performing a varied assortment of well-known Classic Rock covers, including everything from Tom Petty to the Eagles to the Kinks. They may also add a few children's songs! *This program is supported in part by a grant from the Swampscott Cultural Council, a local agency that is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.*

For additional information, please visit: <https://www.swampscottlibrary.org/live-music-on-the-lawn-with-band-knock-on-wood/>

For a calendar of events, please visit: <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/S/SWAMPS/ekp.cfm>. There's something for everyone! Children's programming begins at the end of June.

# POLICE

Officers Brendan Reen and Brian Wilson are working hard organizing a one-week Youth Police Academy this summer for High School Students who may be interested in a future in Law Enforcement

**Sign-ups are happening now!**



Just a reminder – Beach (or Recreation) Parking Stickers are different from Resident Parking Stickers! Having a beach sticker does not allow parking in a “resident permit” parking area.



## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

At this time, there are no new project updates. We are still in Phase 2: Design.

We have not chosen a contractor yet therefore there are no blasting schedules, truck traffic routes, or other information. If you have questions email [sbc@swampscott.k12.ma.us](mailto:sbc@swampscott.k12.ma.us) and we will reply to your email in a timely manner. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Location</b>
June 21	6:30-8:30 PM	SBC Meeting	High School Rm B208
June 22	12:30-2:30 PM	Stanley School Open*	Stanley Elementary
June 22	6:00-7:30 PM	Community Forum**	Middle School Library
June 22	7:30-8:30 PM	Stanley School Open*	Stanley Elementary

SCHOOL NEWS & CALENDAR

ALL MEETINGS AND AGENDAS ARE POSTED UP TO 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE ON THE SCHOOL & TOWN'S WEBSITES

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL & TOWN'S ONLINE CALENDARS

MEETING & EVENT UPDATES:

[HTTPS://WWW.SWAMPSCOTTPS.ORG/CALENDAR/](https://www.swampscottps.org/calendar/)

JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> – EXECUTIVE SESSION

JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> – EXECUTIVE SESSION

JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> – REGULAR SESSION

JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> – REGULAR SESSION

SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<https://www.swampscottps.org/>



# Please Join Us



## Stanley School Community Walkthrough

Everyone is invited to take a walk down memory lane. Come for a visit, walk the halls, and visit classrooms before we lock the doors for one last time.

**There will be two opportunities:**

**June 22, 2022 – 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

**June 22, 2022 – 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

***WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS HISTORIC EVENT!***

## FUN FACTS from the Town Clerk for Jan – June 2022

Births – 46 new residents born  
between Jan – June

Businesses Registered or  
Renewed – 32

Marriage Intentions – 30 people  
have pulled marriage intention  
papers

## TOWN CLERK



Annual Rabies Clinic will be held at 200 Paradise Road at the DPW Yard on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This clinic is for cats & dogs. Please have all cats contained and dogs leashed.

Cost is \$10. Proof of prior vaccine will qualify owners to a 3-year certificate. If you have a past certificate, please bring it. Contact Mary Ellen Fletcher at [me@maryellenfletcher.com](mailto:me@maryellenfletcher.com) with questions.

## SENIOR CENTER NEWS

**Register to walk and help the Senior Center compete to win \$1000!** Run, jog or walk and earn chances to win prizes for you and your Council on Aging! This INTERGENERATIONAL community-wide challenge is open to all. Individuals ages 60 and over may register themselves and those ages 5-59 may register to walk in honor of a senior. **1.** Register to participate in the Challenge by logging on to [www.walkmachallenge.com](http://www.walkmachallenge.com); **2.** Choose your challenge: **The 1788** (88 30 minute walks between now & Oct. 31st), **The Turnpike** (.7 miles/1380 steps a day), **The Shoreline** (1.1 miles/2090 steps a day), or **The Commonwealth** (2 miles/3820 steps a day); **3.** Keep up with logging your miles and spread the word!



**Did You Know – the Senior Center, 200R Essex Street, serves lunch on Tuesdays & Wednesdays!**

The Senior Center will be offering rides from your house to the Farmer's Market on opening day, Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Swampscott for All Ages will have a tent at the Farmer's Market as well. Please stop by & say hello.

Pickle Ball courts are reserved on Tuesdays for anyone who wants to learn how to play. They have a volunteer who will be offering lessons.

The Senior Center offers programs for everyone! Check out their Facebook page to be kept in the loop about all of the great happenings going on!

<https://www.facebook.com/SwampscottSeniorCenter/>

## RECREATION & EVENTS



The **Farmer's Market** kicks off June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. on the Town Hall Lawn. The Renewable Energy Committee will have a booth there which will include a showcase on Electrification. The purpose of this showcase is to help residents learn about the benefits of electrification for their homes and vehicles. Residents will be able to view and learn about electric and hybrid cars and meet & ask questions of individuals who currently own electric cars. Representatives from REVISE will be there to provide information & schedule home energy audits.

### Swampscott Summer History Festival Celebrating 170 Years (1852-2022)

This year, the long and languid days of summer will herald the 170th anniversary of Swampscott's incorporation as an independent town on May 21, 1852. The Swampscott Historical Commission and the Recreation Department (with support from the Massachusetts and Swampscott Cultural Councils) are asking Swampscott to come together as a town for a celebration of its history and its community in an interactive, history-focused summer festival! Let's celebrate the on-going story of Swampscott through the centuries: its history, its people, its resiliency, and its future.

The festival will take place from Saturday, June 25 to Sunday, June 26, 2022. It will overlap with the Farmer's Market and incorporate and expand on the events of HarborFest and the Strawberry Festival. Events will be held on the town common, Linscott Park, and on the waterfront.

#### **Saturday (HarborFest & Waterfront)**

*10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*

Event Kickoff - 10 a.m.  
Songs and Sea Shanties  
Kids Games on the Beach  
Paddleboard Race  
Harbor Tours  
BBQ Lunch  
Blessing of the Fleet  
Art and Information Booths  
Historical Info on Swampscott Dory and  
Lobster Pot  
Humphrey House Open House

#### **Sunday (Strawberry Fest, Parade, & Town Hall)**

*10 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

Expanded Farmer's Market  
Craft Demonstrations: Blacksmith, potter,  
glassblower, & shoemaker  
Walking Tours  
Native Land Use Talk  
Town Hall Historical Exhibit  
Library Historical Exhibits  
Raffle for 1851/1852/1853 silver coins  
Atlantic #1 Hand tub (19th-cent fire engine)  
*4 p.m. to 8 p.m.*  
Art, Information, and Food Vendors  
Beer Garden  
Parade - *5 p.m.*  
Concert by Brian Maes - 6-8 p.m.

For more information, please reach out to SHC member Ryan Judkins ([rrjudkins@gmail.com](mailto:rrjudkins@gmail.com)) or Swampscott Rec Director Danielle Strauss ([dstrauss@swampscottma.gov](mailto:dstrauss@swampscottma.gov)).

## Town Yard Sale Huge Success!

Fifty homes participated in the first Town Yard Sale. A great way to reuse and recycle. Look for details for another one this fall.

The Town of Swampscott Invites You to Shop:

# Swampscott's Town Wide Yard Sale

Saturday, June 11th, 2022  
8:00am - 12:00pm  
Multiple Residences throughout town



Get great deals on household goods, antiques, collectibles, toys, furniture & many more.

MAPS OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND THROUGH TOWN HALL EMAILS.

Sign up to receive town recreational emails:  
<https://swampscottma.myrec.com/>

### TOWN GOLF TOURNAMENT

128 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day playing at Tedesco Country Club on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Great job by Danielle Strauss and the Recreation Department. Funds from this event go to Swampscott on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend events.





# Successful Pride Day in Swampscott!



## VETERAN SERVICES



### Retire Your Old Flags

June 11<sup>th</sup> – community Flag retirement ceremony on Fisherman’s Beach at dusk