

Swampscott News

April 2023

Photo Credit Bobby Zee



Henry Samalis (left) and Joseph Patz (right) enjoying their ride to school in the DPW truck

Ride to School with the DPW - Winners!

The PTO auctioned off a “Ride to School with the DPW”. You can see from the smiles on their faces it was a huge success. Thank you PTO and Gino Cresta and the DPW team for bringing some joy to our kids.



Sora Therapy Dog News

Swampscott Police Department's K9 Sora has received a donation of body armor. The bullet and stab protective vest is thanks to a charitable organization from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.. For more information on Vested Interest in K9s see [Swampscott Police Facebook Page](#).

And, in keeping with the times, Sora is on Instagram @sora_swampscott. Check it out to see where Sora goes next.



Did You Know?

There are Beautiful Views From the Roof of the Hadley School?

As Town officials continue plans to bring new life to the Hadley Elementary School property, we wanted to share these amazing photos from the Building's rooftop

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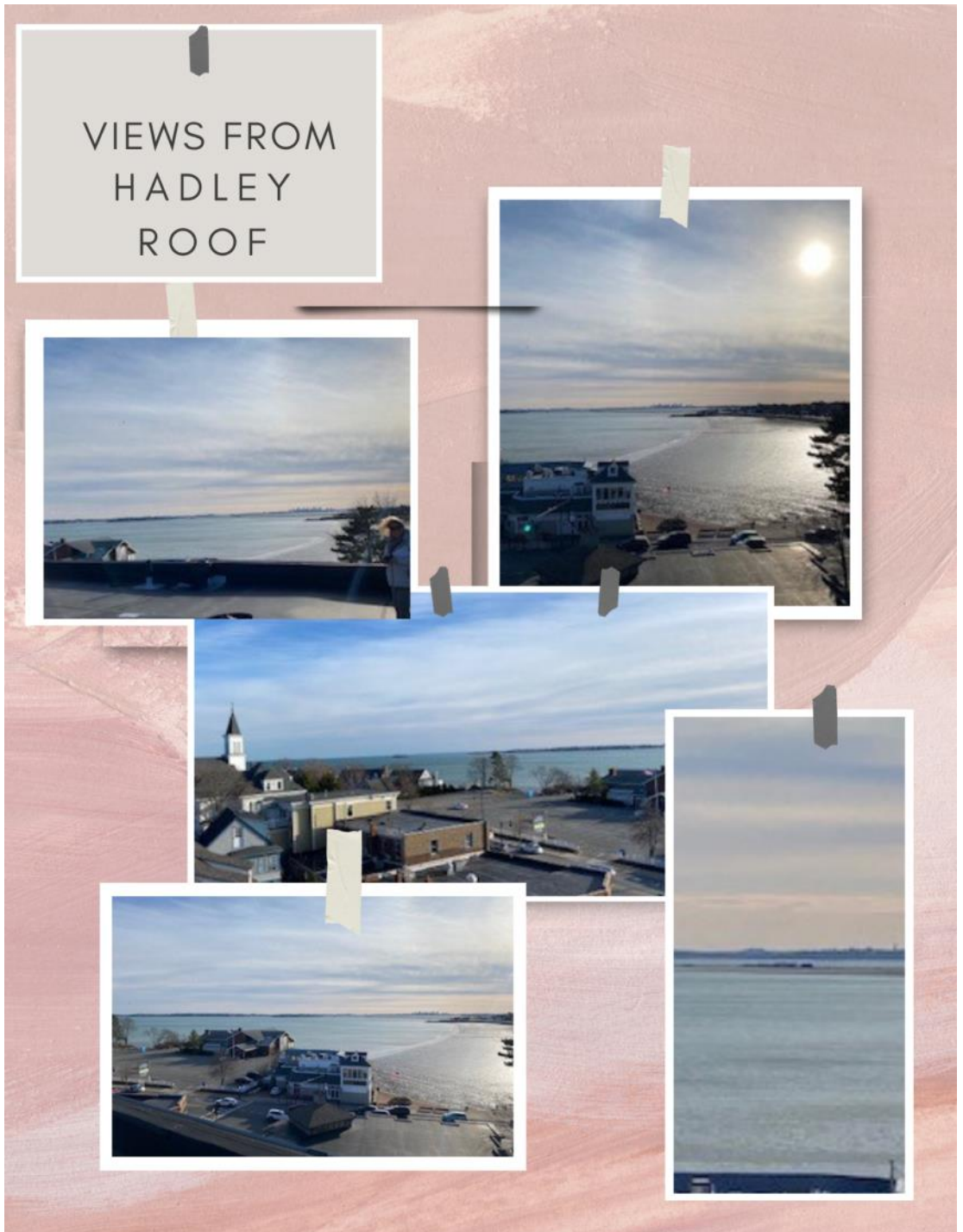
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New Support Group

The Mom Connection—Check it Out!

My name is Caroline Allen. I live in Swampscott and am the founder of The Mom Connection. As a new mom, I craved two things - the chance to get out and meet other moms AND resources for things I was struggling with - newborn sleep, the four month sleep regression, starting solids, and more.

As a working mom to two children under the age of three, I founded **The Mom Connection** to provide moms with the tools and resources to find community, spark connection, and feel confident on their parenting journey. For more information on April 2023 support groups, and "Mom Talk" socials, [click here](#).

For more information on press and news about The Mom Connection, [click here](#).



MOM CONNECTION GROUPS

STARTING APRIL 13TH

"MOM TALK" MONTHLY EVENTS

STARTING APRIL 26TH

THEMOMCONNECTION.CO

built for local moms, by a local mom

Recent Events

Black History Month Event

It was such a pleasure for S.U.R.E. Diversity to work over the last few months to prepare this event. The words in all your emails - challenging, rewarding, courage, candor - were what was needed in these times to “keep on keeping on.”



News

Town Welcomes New Director of Assessment



Welcome Cheryl Moschella to the Assessor's office. Cheryl replaces Dick Simmons who served as Interim Director. She brings extraordinary experience as a real estate appraiser. She also was on the Reading Board of Assessors over the past few years.

Sean Fitzgerald, Town Administrator, shared at a recent Meet & Greet for Cheryl saying, "I'm so pleased to have Cheryl join our dedicated team at Town Hall. I'm sure she will be a great support for Swampscott residents and will no doubt make a lasting positive contribution to the town."

St Patty's Day at the Hawthorne



We had a wonderful time at our first annual St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser! Big shout out to the Blue Honey Drops for providing festive entertainment and to Hawthorne by the Sea for a mouth-watering corn beef meal! Congratulations to Tom and Joan Younger for being our most festively dressed guests!



School and Senior Center News

Swampscott High School & Senior Center Model Make Headlines

Terrific article in Education Week, a national paper. Working together and creative thinking resulted in a winning approach and nice recognition. For the full article [click here](#).

EducationWeek®

SCHOOL & DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

A Town Put a Senior Center in Its High School, Offering a Model for an Aging Nation



By [Caitlynn Peetz](#) — March 13, 2023 ⌚ 7 min read



A Swampscott Senior Center bus sits in front of an entrance to Swampscott High School, which is collocated and shares space with the senior center in Swampscott, Mass., on March 8, 2023. As America's population ages and the number of school-aged children decrease, district and community leaders are finding ways to combine services and locations.

— Sophie Park for Education Week

When crowded classrooms pushed Swampscott, Mass., to consider building a new high school, some innovative thinkers saw another opportunity.

The town's senior center was ailing, and the only handicap accessible area was in the basement. But because there's limited land available in Swampscott, building a new, standalone senior

Upcoming Events

Join us to review and discuss our draft Climate Action Plan, **Resilient Swampscott**, which outlines a framework to reduce our contribution to climate change while making our community stronger, healthier, and more resilient!

Learn more about the plan on the Climate Action Plan Committee website:

<https://www.swampscottma.gov/climate-action-plan-committee>



**RESILIENT
SWAMPSCOTT**
CLIMATE ACTION FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Climate Action and Resilience Plan Community Meeting

Monday April 10 at 6:30
Swampscott High School Room B129

**Hosted by the Swampscott
Climate Action Plan Town Committee**



**BUILDINGS
& ENERGY**



**SOLID WASTE
& RECYCLING**



**NATURAL
RESOURCES**



**RESILIENCE &
VULNERABILITY**



TRANSPORTATION

Upcoming Events

LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT RODENT POISON

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PESTICIDES HOUSE BILL 825 | SENATE BILL 487

Filed by State Representative Jim Hawkins &
State Senator Paul Feeney



Anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARs) are a type of rodent poison that kills by preventing blood from clotting normally, resulting in a fatal hemorrhage. Wildlife and pets are in danger when homeowners and businesses choose to use anticoagulant rodenticides a/k/a rat poisons, to control rodents.

Join State Representative Jim Hawkins, State Representative Jenny Armini & wildlife rehabber, Dan Proulx

APRIL 11, 2023 AT 6:30 PM

SWAMPSCOTT HIGH SCHOOL | ROOM B129

Hosted by the Swampscott Conservancy & Town of Swampscott
(Video will be available on both websites)

MK the Eagle dies of SGARs poisoning



Using poison has the long-term effect of increasing the rodent population, since it kills off the *natural* predators, allowing rodents to breed unchecked.



Hawkins the Fox was poisoned by SGARs and given his name after Jim Hawkins, sponsor of the bill

An act r elative to pesticides calls to decrease the use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARS) in the state, promotes integrated pest management and education, and modernizes pesticide use tracking.

Wildlife & pets can be poisoned by anticoagulant rodenticides in two ways:
Primary poisoning -when an animal directly eats the bait and dies days later.
Secondary poisoning -when a predator or scavenger eats prey that has consumed the bait.

****Secondary poisoning has been well documented in birds of prey like hawks and owls, as well as foxes, bobcats, and coyotes.***

SEND SUPPORT STATEMENTS TO
TARA.MAJOR@MAHOUSE.GOV

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE !

*Second
annual*

SWAMPSCOTT EARTH FEST



SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

10AM - 1PM TOWN HALL LAWN

Upcoming Events

VOTE

Coming Soon

TOWN ELECTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV

APRIL
25
ELECTION

CANDIDATE FAQ'S
VOTER FAQ'S

CLICK
HERE

CLICK
HERE

2023 REGULAR TRASH HOLIDAY DATES

Pick-up will be delayed by one day on the day of the following holidays and for the remainder of that holiday week

January 16	February 20	April 17	May 29	June 19
July 4	September 4	October 9	November 23	December 25

METAL RECYCLING & STYROFOAM DROP-OFF DATES

8 am-12 pm (Weather Permitting)

March 25	April 29	May 27	June 24	July 29
August 26	September 30	October 28	November 25	December 30

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

On your regular trash day

April 24	June 5	July 24	September 11
October 16	November 13	December 11	

COMPOSTING

There are two free [compost stations](#) in Swampscott or sign-up for Black Earth's paid curbside service

CLOTHING/SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Schedule a free pick-up from [simplerecycling](#)

MATTRESSES

Recycle your mattress by purchasing a \$20 mattress recycling sticker from Town Hall or [online](#). *Note: Mattresses will be picked up curbside*



[Check out the town website for more information on Trash and Recycling](#)

Swampscott Health Department

BOAT WRAP RECYCLING



Free recycling of winter plastic wrap to
resident boat owners

- Starting March 22nd
- Pick up kits at Customer Service Desk at Town Hall
- Return to DPW Yard at 200 Paradise Rd
- Place next to "BOAT WRAP" Sign by June 24th
- Each kit can accommodate wrap for up to a 30ft boat - use two kits for boats over 30ft



[Check out the town website for more
information on Trash and Recycling](#)

Senior News

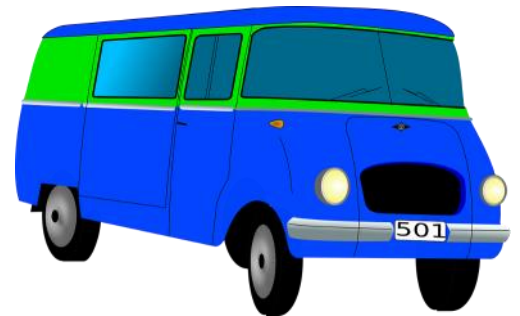
Caregivers & Seniors

The Senior Center has Durable Medical Equipment available for Swampscott residents to borrow. Walkers, canes and crutches along with shower chairs, transport chairs and commodes. This equipment has been generously donated and can be very helpful.



Senior Transportation

Beginning March 2, 2023 we will provide no cost rides to and from The Swampscott Senior Center and the Duncan Terrace, Doherty Circle and Machon living communities on Mondays and Thursdays. [Click here](#) for more information on this exciting new update!



Caregiver Support

Are you wondering about next steps for caring for your loved one? What resources are out there to help? Perhaps you are wondering how you will be able to juggle all the duties. Join us on **May 6 from 10 am – 3 pm** for a very informative conference about caring for your best friend, parent or neighbor. Topics will include support at home, medical issues, legal and financial planning, caregiver health and wellbeing and transportation resources. Lunch and respite care for a loved one is available, free of charge. The conference will be at the Swampscott High School, 200 Essex Street, Swampscott. Preregistration is required since space is limited. Please call 781-596-8866.

**Check out the new
Senior Center Website**

Click Here!

SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



APRIL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

APRIL 13, 2023 THURSDAY 6PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129
& VIRTUAL

APRIL 27, 2023 THURSDAY 6 PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129
& VIRTUAL

Veteran News

Lynn-Swampscott DAV Doubling Scholarship Efforts



The Disabled American Veterans Lynn-Swampscott E.F. Gilmore Chapter 64 has increased the amount of their four scholarships from \$500 each to \$1,000. A sizable increase for just their second year of the program.

Scholarships can be used for any accredited post high school education. You don't have to be a high school senior and they are not based on need. Two scholarships are for those who are related to a veteran and two are for those who "volunteer in service to veterans."

Jeffrey Blonder, Commander, Adjutant Andrea Gayle-Bennett and Nicole McClain, Vice Commander were awarded a DAV National Commander's Coin from Joseph Parsetich, National Commander of DAV for their work on the Lynn-Swampscott Scholarships to support families of veterans. Many thanks to those dedicated veterans.

The application can be found [here](#).



Upcoming Recreation Programs

WE'RE BRINGING BACK THE FIREWORK DONATIONS ROCKET!!

July 3rd is a HUGE day in Swampscott. On July 3rd, residents congregate along the waterfront to celebrate the birth of our nation, share in festivities, and view our fireworks display. However, the fireworks are getting more expensive with each passing year.

If you don't remember it, or if you've only just moved to town within the last decade, no worries - you'll get a chance to see this relic of Swampscott's past re-emerge over the course of the next couple of months!



HOW DOES THE FIREWORK DONATION ROCKET WORK? IT'S SUPER EASY!!

1) [Click HERE to donate NOW](#)

2) Make a donation

The Firework Donation Rocket will be unlocked after the first \$3000 in donations! So the sooner we raise the funds, the sooner you'll see the rocket make it's appearance!

And wait!! There's more!! Anyone who donates \$100 or more will receive an exclusive, not-yet-released, Town of Swampscott annual 3rd of July T-Shirt!!

Be on the lookout for rec department emails and social media posts. Help us get the word out by forwarding emails to friends and family and/or sharing posts on Facebook and Instagram! With your help and financial support, we will ensure that the 3th of July Festival will continue to be a symbol of Swampscott pride and bring holiday cheer for years to come!

Upcoming Recreation Programs

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



★ SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM

Town of Swampscott
Recreation Department's

YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM 2023



Fisherman's Beach
Swampscott, MA

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 3 AND UP

Beginner, Intermediate,
Advanced, and Racing

2 week sessions \$350

Register here:
swampscottrec.com



The Town of Swampscott Presents:

KIDS STANDUP PADDLE BOARD SUMMER PROGRAM

at Fisherman's Beach



\$210/week
Monday - Friday
AM Session 9am-12pm
PM Session 1pm-4pm

For kids entering grades 1st-8th

Weekly sessions starting June 26th

Register Here: <https://swampscottma.myrec.com/>

Swampscott Recreation
& Marcy's Tennis
Academy Presents:



YOUTH SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM



9 Weekly Sessions Starting June 26th
Grades K-8
9:00am - 12:00pm

Swampscott Middle School
Tennis Courts

To register:
SwampscottRec.com

Upcoming Recreation Programs

THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT INVITES YOU
TO SIGN UP FOR:

SWAMPSCOTT'S "EARTH DAY" SPRING YARD SALE

\$20 to participate

**APRIL 22ND, 2023 | 8 AM - 12 PM |
@ YOUR HOUSE OR TOWN HALL
LAWN**

***RAIN DATE - APRIL 23RD**

You'll receive:

- One yard sale sign with stakes
- Automatic permit for the day of the yard sale
- Featured on town wide social media postings and map leading up to the event

Deadline to register is April 8th.

Register at: swampscottre.com Sorry, no refunds.



Upcoming Recreation Programs



Learn and
explore **STEM**
concepts using
Minecraft!

(For grades 2-5)



\$435

Sign Up!

swampscottrec.com

Limited spots!

JULY 24
-JULY 28

9-4PM

SWAMPSCOTT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming Recreation Programs

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION

with
FUN4ALL

SPRING BREAK SLIME WEEK



\$290

GRADES 1-6
APRIL 17TH - APRIL 21ST
9:00am - 3:00pm
Swampscott Middle School



Register here: SwampscottRec.com

Upcoming Recreation Programs

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION

**Kids' Outing
at Improv
Asylum**

**Saturday,
April
29**

**Kids
Ages
5-13**

Matinee, Mimosa
Bar, and Hot
Chocolate Bar

**\$10 kids
\$25
adults**

at Improv Asylum
(216 Hanover Street, Boston)

Train leaves at 12:00pm
Doors open at: 2:00pm
Show starts at: 3:00pm
Back to Swampscott by 5:00pm

Open to kids and a
special adult in
their life.

For tickets: www.swampscottrec.com



Upcoming Meetings

Up-to-date Information about Town of
Swampscott Public Meetings can be found at:
[Town Meetings](#) on the town website

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

CUSTOMER SERVICE	(781) 596-8850
ASSESSOR	(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

FACEBOOK:

[LIKE US ON FACEBOOK](#)

TWITTER:

[FOLLOW US ON TWITTER](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR IMPORTANT
TOWN ALERTS](#)

[CLICK HERE TO SUBSCRIBE FOR
SWAMPSCOTT COUNCIL ON AGING
NEWSLETTER](#)

EMAIL NEWS@SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV TO SIGN
UP FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

Swampscott Public Library Hours

The Swampscott Library is open six days a week for residents to enjoy. Has it been a while since you stopped in?

Swampscott Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 am to 8:30 pm
Thursday, 1:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Children's Room Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Thursday 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 1:15 pm