

The 2024 Annual Town Election is Tuesday April 30th



TO REGISTER TO VOTE: THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 19, 5 PM

- Register Online: Register through the online Voter Registration
 System on the Secretary of State's website
- By Mail: Download the Mail-In Voter Registration Form from the Secretary of State's website. Print out the form, sign it, and return to the Town Clerk's office in-person or via mail to 22 Monument Ave
- In Person: Visit the Town Clerk's office at 22 Monument Ave, first floor

TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING AND IN-PERSON VOTING

| Date | Hours |
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| Saturday, April 20 at Town Hall | 11 AM — 5 PM |
| Monday, April 22 - Thursday April 26nd at Town Hall | 8 AM — 8 PM |
| Friday, April 26 at Town Hall | 8 AM — 12 PM |
| Tuesday, April 30th Election Day at Swampscott High School 200 Essex Street—all precincts | 7 AM — 8 PM |

POLICE K9 SORA AWARDED "HEROES" HEALTH CARE GRANT

Sora was the lone Massachusetts police K9 chosen for the "Heroes" healthcare grant, "Healthcare for K9 Heroes" that helps offset veterinary costs for 2024.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., a Taunton nonprofit that previously awarded the Swampscott Police Department a protective vest for Sora, chose Swampscott as one of 17 departments across the country to get the insurance supplement through Trupanion.



Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,514 law enforcement dogs with U.S.-made, custom-

Swampscott Giving Opportunities

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ANCHOR FOOD PANTRY HAS URGENT NEEDS

Swampscott's <u>Anchor Food Pantry</u> is located at 86 Burrill Street and is open for assistance Mondays 11 AM-1 PM and Wednesdays 6-8 PM. The Pantry also has a senior delivery service. To arrange for delivery, email <u>anchorfooddelivery@gmail.com</u> or call 781-479-3080.

Want to support the pantry? You can donate in-person at the Pantry on Mondays 10 - 11 AM and Wednesdays 5-6 PM. Or, you can leave your items at the Town Hall donation station, on the first floor in front of the fireplace. Suggested donations include: canned soups and stews, veggies, tuna, and chicken; cereal, granola & cereal bars, pasta, beans (canned or dry) and hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap,



shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and razors. With focus on pasta, cereal, breakfast/granola bars, rice ad oatmeal.

You can also make a <u>financial donation to</u> the pantry, or you can <u>sign up to</u> volunteer!

COAT COLLECTION AT TOWN HALL

Do you have extra coats you would like to donate? Coats your family has outgrown?

Bring your donations to Town Hall in the lobby bin. Coats will be taken to be cleaned at Anton's Cleaners of Lynn and distributed in the Lynn—Swampscott area. This is a great way to



WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN SWAMPSCOTT?

Current Opportunities

 Swampscott Conservation Commission is looking for High School students to join the commission — see page 5



School News and Events

SHS DRAMA CLUB IS PROUD TO PRESENT THIS YEAR'S SPRING MUSICAL SEUSSICAL!

Our wonderful cast of 45 students from Swampscott High, Middle, and Elementary Schools will bring Horton the Elephant, Jojo, the Whos and all of their friends to life April 4th, 5th, and 6th at 7 p.m. in the Swampscott High School Auditorium. Scan the QR code on the poster or <u>click here</u> for ticket information.



Town Committee News and Events

SWAMPSCOTT CONSERVANCY NEWS

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All walks begin at 1:00pm, are of easy difficulty, and should take approx. 1 hour (2-3 mi).



For information & to sign up visit swampscottconservancy.com/events

Town Committee News and Events

TREE COMMITTEE—FREE SEEDLINGS AT EARTHFEST

The Tree Committee is delighted to announce the third annual tree seedling giveaway at the

Swampscott Earth Fest celebration on April 27th. This year 100 American Hornbeam seedlings will be distributed free on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10:00 AM. The cost of the seedlings is being funded again this year by the Swampscott Conservancy. The Tree Committee wishes to thank the Conservancy for its ongoing support.

The American Hornbeam (Carpinus caroliniama) is native eastern North



America. It is a medium-sized tree that reaches a height of 20 to 30 feet. It has fuzzy green and yellow flowers in the spring and in the fall its leaves turn an

attractive orange-red color. The hornbeam is commonly called musclewood from the appearance of its smooth bark with bumps resembling muscles. Plant a hornbeam seedling in your front or back yard to expand Swampscott's tree canopy. You'll feel good about doing your part to help clean and cool the air, reduce flooding and create a food source and shelter for local critters.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION—INVITES SHS STUDENTS TO GET ENGAGED!

The Swampscott Conservation Commission invites Swampscott High School students who are in grades 10-12 to consider joining the Commission as a youth member for a set period of time, typically a one-year term. The students will be mentored by a Commission member. If applicable, participation in the program may be able to be counted toward the student's volunteer work required for graduation.

Participation in this program will provide the student with a real-life learning opportunity in the functioning of local government while allowing them to gain an understanding of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the state law governing protection of wetlands and other natural resources.

The selected candidate will be expected to take part in Commission proceedings and discussions and interact with the Commission members; however, due to legal constraints the youth member will not have a formal vote in any decisions made by the Commission.

Participation will involve attending Commission evening public hearings, typically held remotely once a month, as well as an opportunity to go on site visits and research issues of interest for the Commission. Information about the Conservation Commission can be found at: www.swampscottma.gov/conservation-commission

Any student who is interested in applying to be a youth member should contact the Swampscott Conservation Commission's Agent, Marissa Meaney, at mmeaney@swampscottma.gov or 781-596-8829 x 1271.

Community & Economic Development News & Events

TOWN HOSTS FARTH FEST



- Buy a Used Bike from Friends of the Swampscott Rail Trail
- Go home with a FREE American Hornbeam tree from the Tree Committee
- Meet intertidal animals from the Northeastern Marine Science Center!



THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR ADULTS & KIDS RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

INFORMATION and KIDS ACTIVITIES FROM:

- Swampscott Library
- Swampscott Conservancy
- Save King's Beach
- SPUR
- The New Yankee Garden
- And MORE !!!

Community & Economic Development News & Events

TOWN HOSTS EARTH FEST AND THE HUNGRY HERON

This year, with assistance from local photographer and artist, Stefanie Timmermann, Swampscott will welcome the Hungry Heron sculpture installation to Town Hall lawn. This captivating piece serves as a powerful reminder of our interconnectedness with nature and the importance of preserving our precious ecosystems.

The Hungry Heron sculpture installation will be on display on the Swampscott Town Lawn starting April 5th offering residents and visitors alike the chance to admire its beauty and reflect on the importance of protecting our planet for future generations.







Featuring Earth Fest

THE HUNGRY HERON



Community Development New & Events

COMMUNITY FORUM ON ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS ON MARCH 27TH

There will be a community forum on proposed zoning bylaw amendments that are currently being developed for consideration by the Planning Board and ultimately Town Meeting. For more information visit the <u>Town website</u>.



Zoning Amendment Information Session

Hosted by the Office of Community Development

Wed Mar 27, 2024 High School, Room B129 7:00 pm

Come join this information session to learn more about the proposed zoning bylaw amendments which are planned for the Annual Town Meeting in May.

Proposed Changes

MBTA 3A Zoning
Liquor Establishments
Nonconforming Structures
ADU Bylaw





Save the Dates Town Events

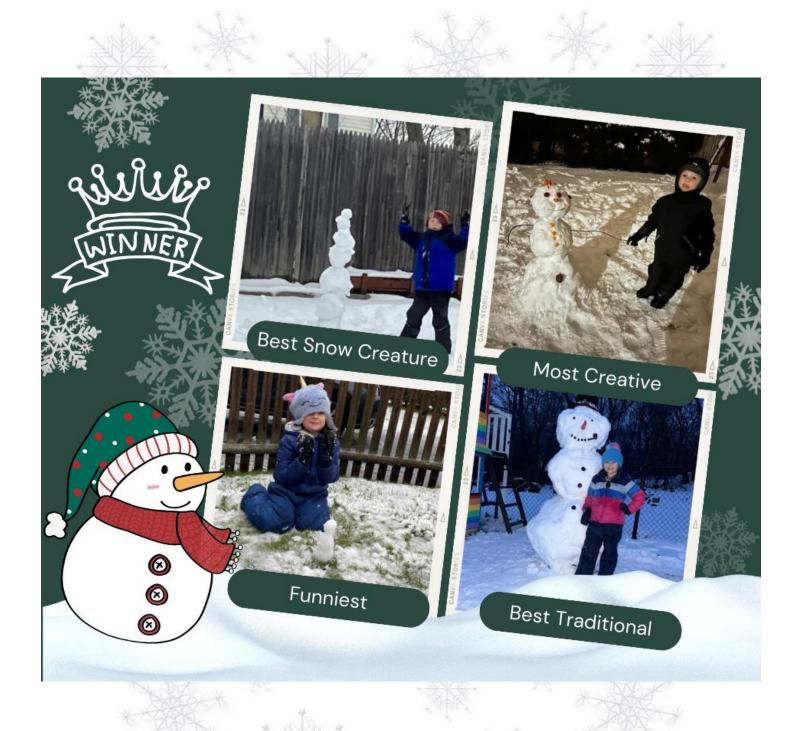
Town of Swampscott Golf Tournament Fundraiser May 13th at Tedesco Country Club Pride Celebration on Town Hall Lawn (Time TBD) June 1st June 8th Harbor & Marine Fest @ Fisherman's Beach 12-4pm Swampscott Farmers Market Opening Day (runs every Sunday thru October 27th) June 9th 10-1pm **TBD** Juneteenth Celebration on Town Hall Lawn June 15th Townwide Yard Sale 8am-12pm June 23rd Strawberry Festival on Town Hall Lawn 4-8pm July 3rd 5-9pm Fireworks Festival on Town Hall Lawn July 10th 6:30-8:30pm Summer by the Sea Concerts on Town Hall Lawn (every Wednesday thru August 14th) August 10th **Humphrey Street Block Party** 12-4pm September 7th Swamptoberfest on Town Hall Lawn



Recreation Recent Events

SNOWMAN CONTEST WINNERS

Not the best winter for snow, but these folks made the best of it. Congratulations—great job everyone!



Upcoming Recreation Events





Upcoming Recreation Events

Spring Break Programming with SWAMPSCOTT Peccheanian

For more information and to register, visit: www.swampscottrec.com

-WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS THE SEA-



Spring Break for a highly interactive and engaging week of science!

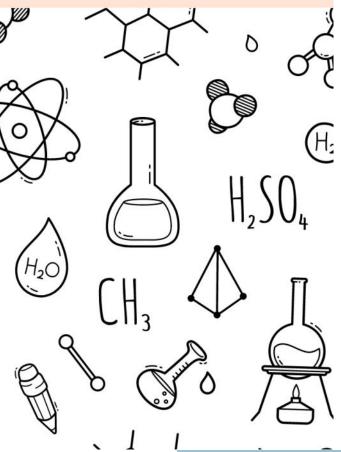
· Grades 1st thru 6th

\$275 - 4 Days

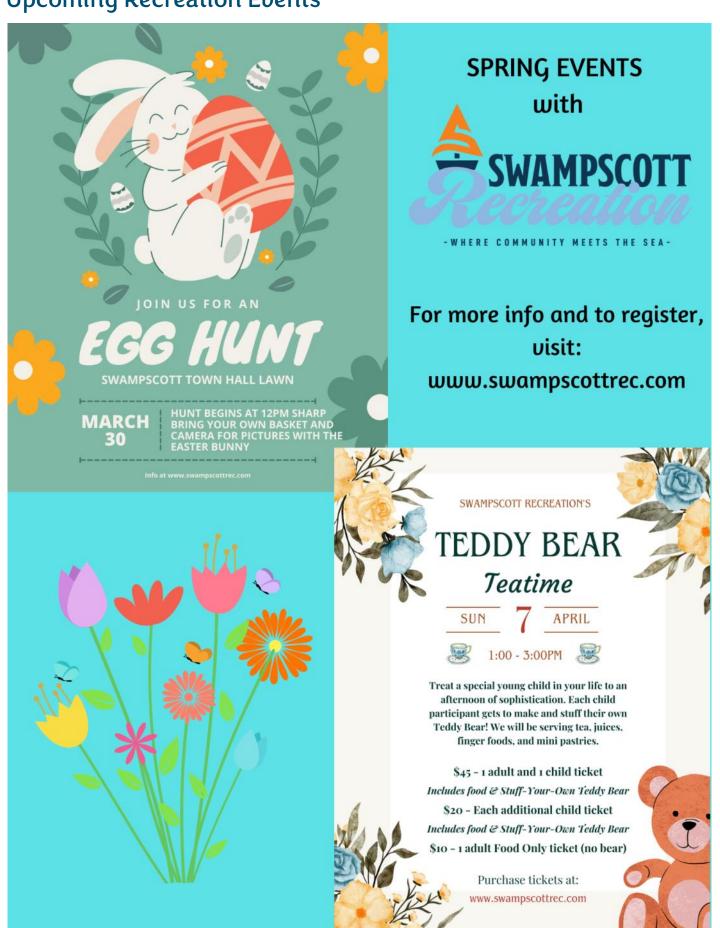
• 9am - 3pm

mww.swampscottrec.com





Upcoming Recreation Events



Public Library News and Events



MAKING DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Swampscott Public Library is a 501c3 non- profit organization that accepts donations. It is dedicated to support the library by purchasing museum passes, providing a monthly newsletter, and funding adult and children's programming.

Swampscott Public Library Investment Trust

Trustees of the Swampscott Library established this 501c3 to fund major capital improvements to the library. Donations can be made by contacting the library director. **General Monetary Gifts**

With approval, the library can accept restricted and non-restricted monetary donations.

Swampscott Public Library

61 Burrill St., Swampscott, MA 01907 (781) 596-8867

Trustees: Neal DeChillo, Chair, Tript Sembhi, Vice Chair/Treasurer, Debbie L. Friedlander, Secretary

Director Jonathan Nichols

SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Check the library website <u>swampscottlibrary.org</u> or call 781-596-8867 for updated information on programs and events.

Public Library News and Events



SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library will be closed Monday, April 15th in observance of Patriot's Day.







Space is limited, Please register on our website

Saturday April 6th @ 10am

April School Vacation Programs



Tuesday, April 16th @llam Ages 4-7 Registration is Required

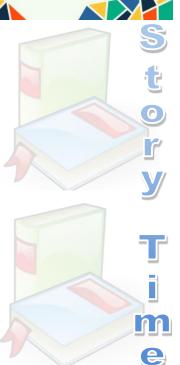
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RRT! Join Donna Lambert of Let's Create tor her April Showers Bring May Flowers Art Workshop.



Registration is Required LET'S ERERTE FRT

Children's Room Fairy Tale Story Time with Ms. Julie



To get more details on library events check out the website here.

To sign up for an event <u>click here</u>.



Senior Center News and Events

SENIOR CENTER RIBBON CUTTING FOR KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS

The Senior Center held a grand re-opening with a luncheon with flair. The new kitchen can accommodate 80 seniors. Prior to that the center could serve up to 24 seniors. The luncheon was heavily attended as Lobster Bisque and New England Dogs served up by Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald. A great time was had by all!



FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES

The Senior Center will be offering free Tax Preparation services through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program. Tax preparers will be available on Wednesdays starting in early February through April 10th. The service is by appointment only. Contact the Senior Center at 781-596-8866 for reservations or for more information.



Board of Health News and Events

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

A residential household hazardous waste collection event is scheduled for April 27, 2024. This will be a drop-off event mutually held with Marblehead and will be located in Marblehead.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

April 27, 2024

Marblehead/Swampscott Residents

What Do I Bring??

From the Workbench:

- >Fiberglass Resins
- > Oil Based Paints
- > Stains & Varnishes
- > Wood Preservatives
- > Paint Strippers/Thinners
- > Solvent Adhesives
- > Lighter Fluid

From the Garage:

- >Roofing Tar
- >Swimming Pool chemicals
- > Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene
- > Motor Oil
- > Antifreeze
- > Engine Degreaser
- > Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner
- > Transmission Fluid
- > Car Wash, Polishes
- > Driveway Sealer

From the Yard:

- > Weed Killer
- >Flea control Products
- >Moth Balls
- >Poisons. Insecticides. Fungicides. Fertilizers

From the House

- > Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue
- > Photo Chemicals
- > Chemistry Sets
- > Furniture Polish
- > Floor & Metal Polish > Oven Cleaner
- > Drain & Toilet Cleaner
- > Spot Remover
- > Rug & Upholstery Cleaner
- > Fluorescent bulbs
- > Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies

How Can I Safely Transport

These Hazardous Materials???

- * Leave materials in original containers.
- * Tighten caps and lids.
- * Sort and pack separately: oil paint, pesticides, and household cleaners.
- * Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- * NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.
- * Pack your car and drive directly to the site.
- * NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous material.

What Not to Bring!!

- X Commercial or Industrial Waste
- X Radioactive Waste, Smoke Detectors
- X Infectious & Biological Wastes
- X Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives
- X Asbestos
- X Prescription Medicines/Syringes
- X Fire Extinguishers

For More Information Contact:

Board of Health

(781) 631-0212

Proof of residency is required

Cost: \$40.00 for 3 to 10 gal or lbs (Half Car) \$60.00 for 10 to 25 gal or lbs (Full Car) \$30.00 for 0 to 3 gal or lbs

Gal or lbs determined by container size not actual volume Additional Amounts Priced Accordingly

TV's and Monitors \$25 each

Propane Tanks Gas Grill size \$25 Small Torch/Camping size \$5

NO Rigid Plastics NO Styrofoam Collection

Place: Marblehead Transfer Station 5 Woodfin Terrace, Marblehead

Sponsored by the Marblehead and Swampscott Health Departments (781)-631-0212



For more information click here for the Town website

2024 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 15 | February 19 | April 15 | May 27 | June 19 | July 4 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| September 2 | October 14 | November 11 | November 28 | December 25 | |

YARD WASTE COLLECTION WEEKS

Pick-up will occur on your regularly scheduled collection day during the following weeks

| April 22 | June 3 | July 22 | September 9 |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| October 21 | November 11 | December 9 | |

METAL RECYCLING & STYROFOAM DROP-OFF DATES

8 am-12 pm (Weather Permitting)

| March 30 | April 27 | May 25 | June 29 | July 27 |
|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| August 31 | September 28 | October 26 | November 30 | December 28 |

COMPOSTING

There are two free <u>composting stations</u> at Swampscott Police Station and at the Dog Park or sign-up for weekly Black Earth's paid curbside service.

CLOTHING/SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Schedule a free pick-up from simplerecycling

MATTRESSES

Recycle your mattress or box spring by purchasing a mattress recycling sticker from Town Hall or <u>online</u>. Items will be picked up curbside on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (Note: new fee of \$30 per piece)

OTHER BULK ITEMS

Swampscott has arranged for pickup or drop-off of appliances, burnables, items with freon and more. <u>Check the website for more information.</u>

Check out the Town website for more information on Trash and Recycling



Upcoming Meetings

Up-to-date Information about Town of Swampscott Public Meetings can be found at: Town Meetings on the Town website.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR IMPORTANT TOWN NOTICES AND THIS NEWSLETTER THROUGH CODERED

OTHER NEWSLETTERS:

SWAMPSCOTT RETIREMENT NEWSLETTER

COUNCIL ON AGING NEWSLETTER

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT
SWAMPSCOTT SENIOR CENTER

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 | (781) 596-4167 |
| VETERANS | (781) 586-6911 |
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TOWN WEBSITE:

WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV

FACEBOOK:

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM:

@SWAMPSCOTTMASS

X (TWITTER):

FOLLOW US ON X