

2022 Gingerbread House Award Winners!



Harper Merritt



Maisie Merritt

Most Creative



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

2022 Best
Gingerbread Houses

Troop 72182 GS of Ocean Bay

Best Youth



Jessica & Cristos

Best Adult



Leah & Piata
Pashkov

Best Teen



Orla Delaney
Best Child

Meeting Notice on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

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Join us on **Monday, January 30th, 2023 at 7PM** for an informational forum on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), organized by the Office of Community & Economic Development and the Swampscott Senior Center.

As we look toward envisioning a future where ADUs are permitted in Swampscott, we invite you to share with us your thoughts, ideas, and questions. More information to come next month and on the town website.

An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is a smaller, independent residential dwelling unit located on the same lot as a stand-alone (i.e., detached) single-family home. ADUs go by many different names throughout the U.S., including accessory apartments, secondary suites, and granny flats. ADUs can be converted portions of existing homes (i.e., internal ADUs), additions to new or existing homes (i.e., attached ADUs), or new stand-alone accessory structures or converted portions of existing stand-alone accessory structures (i.e., detached ADUs).

Home Security Alarm Registration

We all know how important it is to keep your home and family safe. According to a Swampscott bylaw, all residents must register their home security system if they have one, with the Police Department annually. It's easier now than ever to take that step with the new online registration process.



[Click HERE to register your home security system](#)

Upcoming Events

Swampscott Recreation Presents:

FIRST NIGHT 2023

New Years Eve Celebration

1-4pm

**31 SAT
DEC**

Bring the family and join us as we ring in the New Year with a variety of performances, a countdown, balloon drop and much more!

**\$25
/FAMILY**

Swampscott High
School's Cafeteria

200 Essex Street
Swampscott, MA



For more information and to purchase tickets: <https://rb.gy/qwalcs>



Upcoming Events

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION PRESENTS:



ADULT YOGA CLASS

WITH ANGELA IPPOLITO AND DEB LEAHY

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
6:00-7:00PM**

Swampscott High
School Dance Studio

**5 Monday Sessions - \$50
7 Wednesday Sessions - \$70
All 12 Sessions - \$120**

Starts January 4th, 2022



REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://RB.GY/UUOQQT](https://rb.gy/UUOQQT)

Upcoming Idea Forum

Swampscott Wants to Hear Your Ideas

Please mark your calendars for **January 28, 2023** to join all Swampscott residents and businesses at Hawthorne By The Sea. (Stay tuned for specific times.) Bring your thoughts, passions, and ideas!



You may know that Swampscott has just purchased Hawthorne by the Sea – our landmark restaurant on Humphrey Street. Swampscott's Select Board, as well as, Town officials, will be leading a discussion, as we present and discuss ideas, for use of this beautiful ocean front property.

What would you like to see there? A new park, open space, more shops, a shady bench overlooking the water, public restrooms, parking spaces? The discussion will also include the future of Hadley Elementary School.

You may also recall the discussion of the future of Hadley School. A large committee of representatives in Swampscott gathered and published an extensive report that is available on the Town website: www.swampscottma.gov. One of the three "Potential Re-use Options for the Hadley Elementary School" is to create a Community Center along with affordable housing for Swampscott's aging population. See the report [HERE](#).



Upcoming Events



**HOTEL
PRESTON**
BEACH BLUFF
MASS.

A PICTURESQUE LOCATION
DIRECTLY ON THE OCEAN WITH AN ANCIENT COLONIAL BACKGROUND

WITH well-considered appointments that count for comfort and enjoyment; with surroundings unrivaled for combined beauty of ocean and land, and with an environment that is socially select and historically interesting, the HOTEL PRESTON is far and away the ideal resort on the famous North Shore.

BOSTON is but half an hour away by rail, and ancient Salem, Marblehead, Swampscott, and Danvers within easy driving or automobile distance over superb roads.

WITHIN a short walk from the hotel are TWO EXCELLENT GOLF COURSES. OCEAN BATHING on one of the best beaches on the Massachusetts Coast—directly in front of the hotel.

LOVERS of deep-sea FISHING will find the sport remarkably fine throughout the hotel's season. There is also an AUTOMOBILE GARAGE with modern facilities and well-equipped livery adjacent to the hotel. Music by an orchestra, regular morning and evening concerts.

H. W. PRIEST, *Proprietor*, - HOTEL PRESTON, Beach Bluff, Mass.
WINTER RESORT, THE CAROLINA, PINEHURST, N. C.

**HOTEL
PRESTON**
Open
From June 15th
to
September 15th

THE ERA OF SWAMPSCOTT HOTELS

**NEW EXHIBIT AT
TOWN HALL**

**Special Viewing
5:30 pm January 25, 2023**

Please join the Swampscott Historical Commission in celebrating the opening of its newest exhibition, The Era of Swampscott Hotels, which explores nearly two centuries of Swampscott's leading role as a North Shore resort destination. The exhibition is installed on the first floor of the Elihu Thomson Town Administration building and may be viewed during regular hours. Come meet the curators and members of the Commission at this special viewing on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Swampscott Trash and Recycling Updates

Christmas Tree Pick Up January 9th !!

A graphic with a dark grey background and a white curved shape on the left. Inside the white shape is a black silhouette of a Christmas tree with white dots for ornaments. To the right of the tree, the word "SWAMPSCOTT" is written in bold white letters on a red rectangular background. Below this, the text "Curbside Christmas Tree Collection" is written in white. Further down, there is a paragraph of white text providing collection details. At the bottom right, a blue rectangular box contains the text "This will be the only Christmas Tree collection" in white.

SWAMPSCOTT

Curbside Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected during the week of January 9th.

Please be sure tree is on curb by 7:00 am on your regular trash day and easily accessible.

Trees must be bare. Remove everything from tree including stand, as trees go straight to a chipper for recycling.

This will be the only Christmas Tree collection

The Swampscott Health Department would like to remind residents of our Christmas tree curbside collection during the week of January 9th on your regular trash day. As the trees go directly into a chipper for recycling, trees must be stripped of all ornaments, lights, stand, plastic bags, etc.

Please note that this will be the only tree collection.

METAL RECYCLING & STYROFOAM

DROP-OFF DATES

8 am-12 pm (Weather Permitting)

December 31

REGULAR TRASH PICK-UP

January 1st is a holiday week and trash pick-up will be delayed by a day

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 on the 2nd and last Saturday of each month*

STAY SAFE DURING THE WINTER AND HOLIDAYS



Get vaccinated/boosted - if eligible

- COVID
- Flu



Wear a high quality and well-fitting mask (ex. N95, KN95, or KF94)



Get tested

- If you are feeling sick/symptomatic
- If you will be around family and/or a large group of people and/or those that are young, old, and/or may be immunocompromised



Wash your hands



Improve ventilation and filtration



Stay home if you're sick and/or test positive for COVID, flu, etc.



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Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Volunteer Opportunity

Swampscott Conservation Commission Approves Volunteer Trail Maintenance Policy and Seeks Volunteer Stewards

The Swampscott Conservation Commission is interested in working closely with volunteer organizations to carry out stewardship activities on town-owned conservation land. Also, they are interested in working with other partners, such as the DPW, to steward other open space that is not under the town's Conservation Commission.

In recent years, the Commission has worked with the Girl and Boy Scouts and the Swampscott Conservancy in conducting trail maintenance activities. In order to assist these organizations, as well as other individuals and groups that may be interested in acting as stewards, the Commission has developed the Volunteer Trail Maintenance Policy.

Under the policy, volunteer stewards can help care for conservation lands by performing low-key maintenance, such as: trash pickup; clearing downed trees and limbs that block established trails or pose a safety hazard; pruning/trimming vegetation that overhands trails or around signs and kiosks; and removing invasive species. The Policy provides guidance on how these tasks should be undertaken. Individual and groups wishing to participate in the Trail Maintenance Program will need to sign a release form.



The informational bulletin regarding the policy can be found [here](#).

The new policy can be found [here](#).

Community and Economic Development

North Shore Alliance Offers New Small Business Diversity Directory



In an effort to improve equity and diversity in both the public and private sectors, the North Shore Alliance for Economic Development has created the North Shore Small Business Diversity Directory (Diversity Directory). It expands upon the vendor registry for minority and women-owned businesses (MWBE) that the Cities of Salem, Beverly, Peabody, and Lynn and the Towns of Swampscott and Marblehead developed.

The North Shore Alliance works with the North Shore's business community; local, municipal, and state elected officials; economic development organizations; institutions of higher education; the regional and local Chambers of Commerce; workforce development professionals and many others on collaborative economic development issues.

[Click Here To Sign Up For the Directory](#)

Local Cannabis Co. Holds Grand Opening



From left, Senior Account Executive of Tenax Strategies Catherine Falvey, member of Swampscott's Board of Selectmen David Grishman, CEO of Local Cannabis Co. Erin Carachilo, Swampscott Land Use Coordinator Marissa Meaney, Swampscott's Assistant Town Administrator Pete Kane, and Partner of Tenax Strategies Pete D'Agostino (Photo credit: Lynn Item)



New Local Cannabis Co. at 16 Ocean Avenue

Ground Breaking for New School!

State and local officials along with student representatives attended the ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony for the new Swampscott Elementary School

Schools

Helpful Links

[New School Update](#)

[Sign-up for Project Update Mailing List](#)



From left, School Building Committee Chair Suzanne Wright, State Sen. Brendan Crighton, Stanley Elementary’s Violet Slomski, Massachusetts School Building Authority Executive Director Jack McCarthy, Superintendent of Swampscott Schools Pamela Angelakis, Hadley Elementary’s Zachary Mosher, state Rep.-elect Jenny Armini, Clarke Elementary’s Rowan Kelly, and Swampscott Assistant Town Administrator Peter Kane

Swampscott Elementary School

LAVALLEE BRENSINGER ARCHITECTS

HILL CTA International Construction Managers

SWAMPSCOTT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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			Suzanne Wright

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SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



JANUARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**JANUARY 12, 2023 THURSDAY 6 PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129 &
VIRTUAL**

**JANUARY 26, 2023 THURSDAY 6 PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129 &
VIRTUAL**

Swampscott Police Department Is Hiring



POLICE
EXAM SOLUTIONS

Swampscott Police Department *is hiring for the role of Police Officer*

The Swampscott Police Department is pleased to announce the department will be conducting an active recruitment campaign for qualified applicants looking to join their team.

To be considered for our current recruitment process, all interested applicants are required to register, and pass, the PES entry exam on or before the Feb. 13th exam.

Applications received after February 20th will be kept on file for subsequent hiring processes.

Swampscott is a beautiful and tranquil seaside community of 13,800 residents located 15 miles northeast of Boston along the coastline of the Atlantic Ocean. Swampscott offers a friendly, welcoming, and nurturing family environment, an excellent pre-school to grade 12 public educational system, superb public safety and support systems, abundant youth sports opportunities and a town government which is responsive to the needs of its citizens.

We encourage you to visit <https://www.swampscottma.gov/police> to learn more about the Town of Swampscott and the Swampscott Police Department.

The Swampscott Police Department provides equal opportunities to all employees and applicants and bases selection criteria solely on the individual eligibility and merit or fitness of applicants, without regard to race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, sex, marital status, affectional or sexual preferences or political or union affiliation.



For more information, and to register, please scan here:



School and Quarry Blasting Info

School Blasting Resident Information

A Reminder that Pre-Blast Survey for residents must be requested by **December 28, 2022**.

You can find the form [HERE](#) and the map with radius on our website [HERE](#)

Any questions do not hesitate to reach out. Our next School Building Committee is scheduled for Tuesday January 10, 2022 hybrid of Zoom and in person at SHS B129.

Quarry Blasting Concerns?

Report your concerns at [SeeClickFix here](#) for quarry issues and other quality of life concerns

Also, if you have sustained damage to your home please contact the Swampscott Fire Department at (781) 595-4050 to register a complaint or to request paperwork to file an insurance claim for property damage.

Holiday Parade

Thank You Swampscott Police Association
and all those who helped put on another
great holiday parade!

2023 SWAMPSCOTT HOLIDAY PARADE



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 ALERTS](#)

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

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

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WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV

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