

# Swampscott News

July 2023



## Swampscott Kick's Off Pride Month

Many thanks to the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) for painting the cross walk at the Swampscott High School building entrance and taking the lead to kick-off to Pride month.

## SPD Hosts Chief For the Day

On Thursday, June 15th the Swampscott Police Department welcomed two new "officers" who were "Chief for the Day". They were picked up by Chief Quesada along with Officer Reen, Officer Wilson and K9 Sora.

Stops included Town Hall, the Fire Department, and the Police Station - all in the Chief's police car! They learned the jobs that we do each day, and were even sworn in by Town Administrator Fitzgerald.

As a special surprise, Sgt. Locke gave them a ride in the department's new off-road vehicle and they got a radio call just for them from Officer Chandler. There may have even been treats along the way including donuts, pizza, ice cream and goodie bags!





# Fire Department Update

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Swampscott Fire Department's newest addition, Ryan came for a visit to Town Hall with Chief Archer. Ryan brings a smile to all he meets and is doing very well in his training. Ryan and Sora, the town's two comfort dogs, have been a great addition to staff.



## Interested in Holding a Block Party ?

Block party applications are on the [Town Website](#). Applications need to be submitted no less than two weeks prior to the event. Check out the application for more details.

# Getting Around - Travel Info

## JULY 3RD FIREWORKS CELEBRATION ROAD AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The following ROAD CLOSURES will go into effect on July 3rd beginning at 6:00PM:

- Humphrey St (from Eastern Ave/Lynn line to Redington St)
- All of Monument Ave
- Paradise Rd/Burrill St (Burrill St from Monument Ave to Paradise Rd)
- Elmwood Rd/Paradise Rd (Elmwood Rd from Monument Ave to Paradise Rd)
- Shaw Rd, Andrew Rd, Thomas Rd and Hardy Rd – entire road

The following PARKING RESTRICTIONS will go into effect July 3rd beginning at 3:00PM. Vehicles that remain parked on the streets after 3:00PM on July 3rd are subject to be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

There will be NO PARKING ON BOTH SIDES – please adhere to the temporary signage.

- Humphrey St (from Eastern Ave/Lynn line to Redington St)
- All of Monument Ave
- Paradise Rd/Burrill St (Burrill St from Monument Ave to Paradise Rd)
- Elmwood/Paradise (Elmwood Rd from Monument Ave to Paradise Rd)
- All of Redington St, Sheridan Rd and Thomas Rd
- Portions of Walker Rd
- Farragut Rd from Ellis Rd to Walker Rd

Handicap parking will be available at Hadley School lot on Redington, with limited availability.

Public parking will be available at Phillips Park/Football Field, with limited availability.

Please be advised that the rain date for the Fireworks will be July 5th and the same road closures/restrictions will apply.

For more information, please visit the Swampscott Police Department Facebook page [here](#)

## SUMNER TUNNEL CLOSURE

**ARE YOU PREPARED?**

Plan your commute:  
[Mass.gov/Sumner-Tunnel](https://www.mass.gov/Sumner-Tunnel)

Project Email:  
[Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:Sumner100@dot.state.ma.us)

Project Hotline:  
(508) 510-2920

**COMMUTER IMPACTS**

1A TOLL

**Sumner Tunnel  
WILL BE CLOSED**

**TWO-MONTH CLOSURE BEGINS  
JULY 5, 2023**

massDOT  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
Highway Division

The Sumner Tunnel/Route 1A South is closing for **8 weeks from July 5, 2023, to August 31, 2023.** Swampscott Residents are encouraged to use the Commuter rail or the Lynn or Salem Ferry



# New School Update



Excitement is  
BUILDING



The current students at Clarke, Hadley and Stanley signed construction beams and will forever be a part of the new Swampscott Elementary School!

# New School Update



Progress at the new school is coming along great. See the latest drone footage of the new Swampscott Elementary School. Click on the photo to see the video and also check out the [SBC website](#) for more updates. Key updates are:

- Tree work and the construction of the retaining wall adjacent to Ewing Woods started May 31.
- The site fence is being temporarily moved into the woods.
- For safety sake (people and wildlife) and the path between UU Church and Forest Ave Ext will be temporarily/intermittently closed for the duration of work (2-4 weeks)
- Steel on the final section of the building is going up
- Geothermal drilling is starting



# Veteran News

The E. F. Gilmore DAV of Swampscott recently held elections for the coming year. Jeffrey Blonder was re-elected as Commander. Dean Robinson was elected to become the Senior Vice Commander, Alicia Reddin was elected to become the Junior Vice Commander, and Andrea Gayle-Bennett was re-elected to be the Adjutant of the chapter. Bob Lennon was also selected to be the Chaplin of the Chapter.

Recently the five officers attended the DAV State Convention where several members were elected or selected to several key positions in the Department. Andrea Gayle-Bennett was elected to be the 1st Junior Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts while Jeffrey Blonder was appointed to be the Chair of the Community Relations Committee and Alicia Reddin was selected to be the Chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Jeffrey Blonder, Andrea Gayle-Bennett & Alicia Reddin were also appointed Chapter Service Officers.

For more information about the DAV or if you need to file a claim with the VA contact Jeffrey Blonder at 617-967-6892.



PICTURE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Bob Lennon, Chaplin

Jeffrey Blonder, Commander

Alicia Reddin (With daughter Veda), Jr. Vice Commander

Andrea Gayle-Bennett, Adjutant/Treasurer

Dean Robinson, Sr. Vice Commander

# Swampscott Conservancy News

## Swampscott Conservancy's Nature in the Neighborhood



### Celebrating National Ocean Month

There's a reason Massachusetts is nicknamed the "Bay State." While bordered on the North by Vermont and New Hampshire, the West by New York, and the South by Connecticut, to the East our State is bounded by five bays, including our own Massachusetts Bay.

With 1,519 miles of coastline, Massachusetts' history has been tied to the ocean. Its inhabitants have relied upon maritime resources from pre-colonial times right up to the present. And so, from Gloucester to Cape Cod, generations of families fished New England waters for Atlantic Cod.

It's not a surprise, then, that Massachusetts' official state fish is *Gadus morrhua* (the Atlantic Cod) -- a staple of both the New England fishing industry and our dinner plates. As a memorial of the importance of the Cod-

Fishery to the Commonwealth, a sculpture of a cod hangs in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and, as you've probably noticed, also above some New England doorways.

At one time, Atlantic Cod were so abundant that fishermen said you could walk across their backs to shore. Today the Atlantic Cod is listed as threatened, on a path to extinction.

June was National Oceans Month, a time to celebrate and also reflect on how we can protect and conserve our precious ocean and the diverse life it supports. "The climate crisis is drastically impacting marine life, coastal communities, and the ocean economy," observed President Biden in his "Proclamation on National Ocean Month, 2023."

This concern is real. Just this month, the Boston Globe reported that sea surface temperatures hit record highs in the spring with the temperature increasing at an even faster pace in June. In addition to fueling hurricanes and contributing to melting sea ice and rising sea levels, the surge in ocean surface temperature contributes to die-offs of marine life.

Adding to the global warming problem, the pollution we're putting into the ocean well as overfishing are all threatening the extinction of many species -- including our Official State Fish.

As President Biden's Proclamation reminds us, "The ocean makes life on Earth possible — feeding us, sustaining livelihoods, and connecting economies across the globe. It bonds us as a source of recreation and rejuvenation for our spirits and links us to our heritage through Indigenous communities who have stewarded our marine habitats since time immemorial."

In this, National Oceans Month, what actions can we begin to take to protect, conserve, and restore our ocean and coasts?

# Swampscott Conservancy News

## TEN IDEAS TO PROTECT, CONSERVE AND RESTORE OUR OCEANS

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) provides ten Ideas:

1. Conserve Water -- Use less water so excess runoff and wastewater will not flow into the ocean.
2. Reduce Pollutants -- Choose nontoxic chemicals and dispose of herbicides, pesticides, and cleaning products properly.
3. Reduce Waste -- Cut down on what you throw away.
4. Shop Wisely -- Choose sustainable seafood. Buy less plastic and bring a reusable bag.
5. Reduce Vehicle Pollution -- Use fuel efficient vehicles, carpool, or ride a bike.
6. Use Less Energy - Choose energy efficient light bulbs and don't overset your thermostat.
7. Fish Responsibly - Follow "catch and release" practices to keep more fish alive.
8. Practice Safe Boating - Anchor in sandy areas far from coral and sea grasses. Adhere to "no wake" zones.
9. Respect Habitat - Healthy habitat and survival go hand in hand. Treat with care.
10. Anytime, Anywhere Volunteer - Volunteer for cleanups at the beach and in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!

To this list, I would add what I believe is another very important idea:

- Help raise the next generation of ocean stewards by providing kids with outdoor experiences that strengthen their connection with nature and their understanding of the importance of persevering our oceans. Taking kids fishing, kayaking, or just beachcombing lets them appreciate the ocean and families to have some relaxing and fun time together.

To echo President Biden, "This National Ocean Month, let us honor [the ocean's] beauty and bounty with action and commit to protecting and conserving it for generations to come."

See you at the beach this summer.

~The Swampscott Conservancy



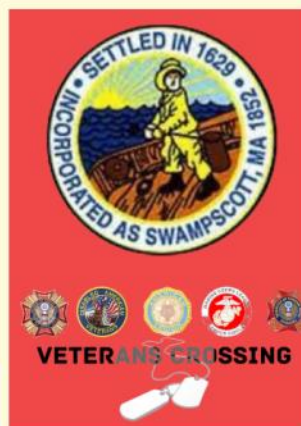


# Upcoming Events



THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT'S

# 3<sup>RD</sup> OF JULY



## FIREWORKS FESTIVAL VETERANS FUNDRAISER

BEGINS AT 5PM  
\$5 ENTRY FEE TO BENEFIT THE VETERANS

CRAFT BEER GARDEN

CONCERT BY THE BORDELLOS  
AND LOIS LANE & THE DAILY PLANETS

KIDS AREA

FOOD TRUCKS - Joe's on a Roll - TJ's Taste Truck -  
- Uncle Joey's Cannoli - Hungry Nomad  
All Purpose Bakery - WitchWich



22 MONUMENT AVE  
SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907

## *FIREWORKS BEGIN AT DUSK*



# Upcoming Events



THE SWAMPSCOTT SENIOR CENTER & ST JOHN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR BINGO NIGHT ON

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>

5:45PM TO 8PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5PM)

AT THE

SWAMPSCOTT SENIOR CENTER

200 REAR ESSEX STREET SWAMPSCOTT

PLENTY OF PARKING AND ADA ACCESSIBLE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED PLEASE CALL 781-596-8866

***50/50 RAFFLE***

***9 CARDS \$5.00***

***12 CARDS \$6.00***

***ALL CASH PRIZES***

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BINGO CHIPS IF POSSIBLE

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON BINGO NIGHT

THANK YOU!



# Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS JULY

### TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

#### List of Events for July 2023

July  
**03**

#### **FIREWORKS FESTIVAL**

5:00-9:00pm on Town Hall Lawn  
Beer garden, concert, food, fireworks  
\$5 admission to benefit the Veterans

July  
**12**

#### **SWAMPSCOTT BY THE SEA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

6:00-8:00pm @ Town Hall Lawn  
Free to the public

July  
**13**

#### **MOVIE NIGHT @ LINSKOTT PARK**

MOVIE TBD  
Movie starts at 8:45pm  
Free to the public

July  
**15**

#### **BENTWATER AT THE BEACH**

3:00-9:00pm @ Fisherman's Beach  
Concerts, beer garden, and food  
\$7 entry

July  
**19**

#### **SWAMPSCOTT BY THE SEA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

6:00-8:00pm @ Town Hall Lawn  
Free to the public

July  
**26**

#### **SWAMPSCOTT BY THE SEA SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

6:00-8:00pm @ Town Hall Lawn  
Free to the public

July  
**27**

#### **MOVIE NIGHT @ LINSKOTT PARK**

MOVIE TBD  
Movie starts at 8:45pm  
Free to the public

For detailed information: <https://swampscottma.myrec.com/>

# Upcoming Events

Sign-ups are still open! Swampscott Police are looking for high school age members of the community to join us for a free, one-week Summer Youth Academy. This is a great opportunity for those interested in a future in law enforcement! Come join us!



## SWAMPSCOTT POLICE DEPARTMENT

# SUMMER YOUTH ACADEMY

**JULY 10-14**  
**830AM-230PM**

Do you have an interest in law enforcement and would like to learn more about being a Police Officer?

Would you like an inside look on what a Police Officer does on a daily basis? Are words like Community, Leadership & Integrity important to you?

### IF YOU ARE:

- A Swampscott resident or a student who attends Swampscott Public Schools
- Ages 13-18
- Interested in Law Enforcement
- Seeking new challenges and activities
- Honest, responsible, and committed

### JOIN US FOR:

Law related curriculum taught by members of the Swampscott Police Department!

- Hands on training in the field
- CPR certification
- Educational & physical challenges
- Visits from specialty units (Mass State Police Bomb Squad, K9 Unit)
- Patrol with the Harbormaster

Applications may be obtained at the Swampscott Police Station or from Student Resource Officer Wilson (office located in the High School). All applications **MUST** be completed and submitted to the Swampscott Police Station **NO LATER THAN June 30th, 2023**

For questions about the Youth Academy, please call (781)595-2626 or email:

SRO Brian Wilson:  
[bwilson@swampscottpolice.com](mailto:bwilson@swampscottpolice.com)

Officer Brendan Reen:  
[breen@swampscottpolice.com](mailto:breen@swampscottpolice.com)



# Youth Programs



SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION'S

**Extended Park  
League**

## **PARK** *League* **RAIN OR SHINE PROGRAM**



Grades K-6

**ALL THE FUN OF PARK LEAGUE - RAIN OR  
SHINE - WITH EXTENDED HOURS!**

Register for just the weeks you'd like, OR register  
for all 6 weeks at a discounted rate!

**REGISTER HERE: [swampscottrec.com](http://swampscottrec.com)**

# Youth Programs



SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION'S



## PARK *League* PROGRAM



**JUNE 26-  
AUGUST 4**



**DAILY  
9-12PM**



**\$260  
FOR 6  
WEEKS**

Grades K-6

### FUN & CREATIVE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Weekly themes, outdoor games, crafts, and celebrations



REGISTER HERE: [swampscottrec.com](http://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-9th

Weekly sessions starting June 26th

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

# Youth Programs



**SWAMPSCOTT  
RECREATION**



## **RECREATION** *Center* **CLUBHOUSE**

**Cost**

**\$200/  
6 weeks**

**June 26 - August 4  
9am-12pm DAILY**

**For kids entering  
grades 6-9**



**Swampscott  
Middle School**



**Join all  
your  
friends  
at the  
clubhouse  
this  
summer!**

**Outdoor games, open  
gym, video games,  
arts & crafts, pizza  
parties, and ice cream  
socials!**

**Register at: [www.swampscottrec.com](http://www.swampscottrec.com)**



Swampscott Recreation

# CURSIVE WRITING

for 3rd & 4th Graders  
with *Cursive advantage*

Thursdays 3:00–4:00pm

June 28th – July 19th

Swampscott Town Hall

**\$135**

Register at: [swampscottrec.com](http://swampscottrec.com)

# Recent Events

What a great parade and Strawberry Festival we had! Downpour or not, all had fun. Thanks to all who helped this year's great event and more to come!





# Recent Events

What a great turn-out for this year's cookout on June 26th. Over 80 people got a change to get together and share a wonderful meal and great company. Our Senior Center has so much going on!

## 2023 Friends of Senior Center Cookout



## 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](#)





# 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

**TOWN WEBSITE:**  
[WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV](http://WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV)

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