

# New Date!



# THE ERA OF SWAMPSCOTT HOTELS

NEW EXHIBIT AT TOWN HALL

Special Viewing March 3, 2023 4:00 -6:00 PM

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.

### **Did You Know?**

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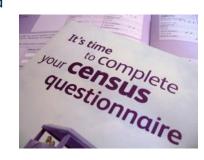
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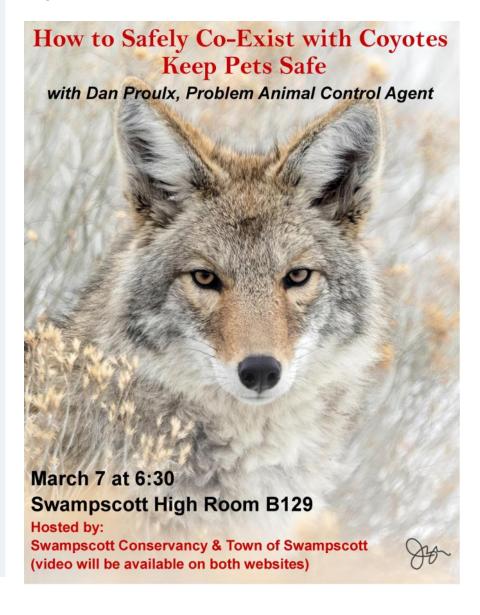
**Important Numbers** 

## Don't Forget to Return Your Town Census

The 2023 **Annual Town Census** has been mailed to all residents. The census is a valuable tool, as it provides statistical information that benefits federal and state funding to the town. Compliance also verifies proof of residence, protects your voting rights, aids in veteran's bonuses, housing for the elderly and other related benefits, as well as providing information for selection of jurors.



If you have any questions about the Annual Census, the Town Clerk's Office at 781-596-4167.



# News

### **Accessory Dwelling Units**

There was a great ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Community Panel held January 30th. Thank you all who participated in this information exchange. Here is the timeline for next steps. There is much more great information on the town website ADU Webpage

#### **Next Steps:**

- ⇒ March April 2023: Working Sessions with Planning Board
- ⇒ May July 2023: Town Meeting Vote and State Approval



#### **How Swampscott Contributes to Climate Change**





Are you aware that most of the greenhouse gas emissions in Swampscott are caused by heating our buildings and driving our vehicles? Greenhouse gas emissions are produced when we use fossil fuels to heat our buildings, power our vehicles, and incinerate our waste.

Our Climate Action and Resilience Plan will include goals, strategies and actions to reduce our emissions over time, and make our coastal community more resilient to climate change. For more information visit Climate Action Plan Committee website:

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



# SWAMPSCOTT FIRE DEPARTMENT GREAT INFO SESSION

The Swampscott Fire Department held an informational session for the public. Attendees learned about firefighter schedules, town equipment and talks about the life of a firefighter. About 30 applicants attended. Thank you SFD!









# Swampscott Community Power

Swampscott Community Power gives electricity customers in Swampscott a Town alternative to National Grid's Basic Service price and to other electricity supply offers in the marketplace without pressure or hidden fees. Through the program, participants automatically receive 100%

renewable electricity as well as long-term, stable pricing.

The program changes the price that National Grid uses to calculate the supply services portion of the bill. Through the program, participants have the potential for savings compared with National Grid's Basic Service price. Compare the costs using this <u>online calculator</u>. However, because National Grid's prices change and future prices are not known, savings cannot be guaranteed so the best source for accurate information is the town website.

#### **Program Options & Pricing**

To choose either the New England Green option or the Basic option, please visit SwampscottCommunityPower.com, click "Options & Pricing," and choose your option. Or call Swampscott's program consultants for customer support at 1-844-483-5004.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 59.2% from renewable electricity resources in 2023. Basic meets the minimum requirement. Standard Green and New England Green exceed it.

1.	If you do nothing, you will be automatically enrolled in <b>STANDARD GREEN:</b>	11.406 ¢/kWh*
•	<b>100% renewable electricity,</b> primarily from wind projects outside New England. Includes 15% from premium renewable projects in the New England region (MA Class I RECs) in addition to the 22% required by law.	for residential, commercial, and industrial accounts
2.	If you want 100% renewable energy, you may choose <b>NEW ENGLAND GREEN:</b> 100% renewable electricity from premium renewable energy projects in the New England region (MA Class I RECs).	13.583 ¢/kWh* for residential, commercial, and industrial accounts
3.	If you want the cheapest option within the program, choose <b>BASIC:</b> 59.2% renewable electricity in accordance with Massachusetts minimum renewable energy requirements.	<b>10.603 ¢/kWh*</b> for residential, commercial, and industrial accounts
	teerm Enrollment - November 2024 meter read teerms Leave any time. No exit charge.	

4. If you choose to opt out, you	ı will remain on NATIONAL GRID'S BASIC SERVICE	33.891 ¢/kWh residential 32.287 ¢/kWh commercial 22.967 ¢/kWh industrial
Renewable energy content	e energy content 59.2% renewable energy in accordance with Massachusetts minimum renewable energy requirements.	
Rate term	nmercial accounts, and February 1, 2023 - April ic Service prices change every 6 months for for industrial accounts. National Grid's prices cial, and industrial accounts.	
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge. However, industrial custor Basic Service option may receive a billing adjustment, whi	

<sup>\*</sup> Program prices include a \$0.001/kWh administrative charge. Program prices could increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the electricity supply agreement.

#### Important

If you have already signed a contract with an electricity supplier: If you received this letter and also you have an electricity supply contract that you wish to retain, you must opt out of this program. If you do not opt out, your current electricity supply contract may be canceled, and you may be charged an early termination fee by your electricity supplier.

If your organization is tax exempt: Taxes will be billed as part of the program's power supply charge. Customers are responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of any tax by providing appropriate tax-exemption documentation to NextEra Energy Services. Visit SwampscottCommunityPower.com for more information.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to visit **SwampscottCommunityPower.com** or contact customer support at **swampscott@masspowerchoice.com** or **1-844-483-5004**. Our Town consultants will be happy to help you.

Sean Fitzgerald Town Administrator Look for more information in your mail

#### COMEDY NIGHT AT THE SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY!!!

The public is invited to join the Friends of the Swampscott Public Library as they host a comedy night featuring the *Accidentally on Purpose* Improv comedy troupe. This event will be held upstairs at the library on March 31. Ticket cost of \$35 includes your choice of a glass of wine, beer or a soft drink. Additional beverages and light refreshments will be available for purchase. The doors will open at 7:00 P.M.

Local community support for our public library is critical! Proceeds from the event will be used by the Friends to support a variety of library offerings. These include children's programs and classes, youth clubs and programming, adult programs such as author visits and other opportunities for learning, museum passes, the monthly newsletters, and more.

Join the Friends - bring a friend! - for a fun night out while supporting our beloved library! Tickets will be available for purchase through EventBrite or via a check payable to the Friends of the Swampscott Library, P.O. Box 28, Swampscott MA 01907.

Much gratitude goes out to our sponsors: Groom Construction, David Hallett, Esq., FirstLight Home







SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

10AM - 1PM TOWN HALL LAWN



#### **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 <u>compost stations</u> 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 <u>online</u>. *Note: Mattresses will be picked up curbside on the 2nd and last Saturday of each month* 



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

## **Senior News**

# Check out the new Senior Center New Website!!

# **Click Here!**



Lunch with Local Municipal Leadership—On Wednesday, February 15, 2023 Mary Ellen Fletcher, Select Board member, was on hand at lunch to answer questions about our town government. Stay tuned for future opportunities to have your questions answered and concerns addressed in a casual setting over lunch.

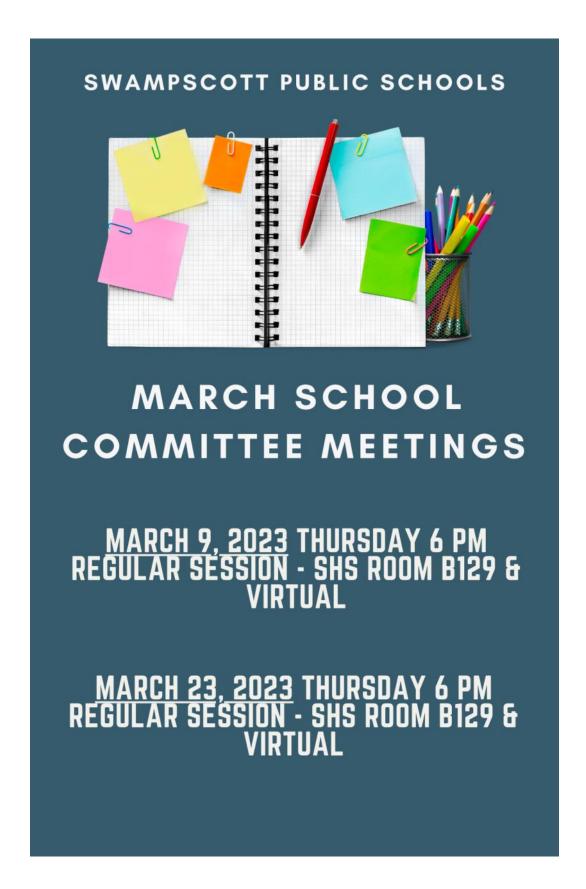


Fuel Assistance - A LEO representative will be onsite on Monday February 27th from 9:30-11:30 to conduct intakes for fuel assistance. LEO provides assistance to incomeeligible households in Swampscott, Lynn, Nahant, Lynnfield, Saugus and Wakefield to pay for heating costs, regardless of heating source (gas, electric, oil, heat included in rentals). If you are interested in learning more, or setting up an appointment for an intake please call Sabrina Clopton, LICSW (781) 596-8866 ext 3222.



Introducing Senior Center Supper Club, Wednesday March 8, 4:30-6pm The Senior Center is introducing a monthly Supper Club. We will meet at various restaurants on the 2nd Wednesday for dinner. The first Supper Club will be at Fantasy Island in Salem. Cost is \$20.00 and pre-registration is required. Transportation is available or you can meet us at the restaurant. Per our new policy, payment is required when registering.

## **School News**



# **Opportunities**

# WE'RE HIRING

Join a great group of talented and dedicated team members



- Assistant Director of Planning Office of Community and Economic Development
- >>>>> Director of Assessment Assessor's Office
- >>>>> Plumbing and Gas Inspector Building Department

#### INTERNSHIPS

Mental Health Task Force - overseen by Swampscott

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee** 

More information is available on our <u>Employment Opportunties</u> page



**Town of Swampscott** 

# **Opportunities**



## **Veterans News**

#### Jenny Armini Meets with Disabled America Veterans E.F. Gilmore Chapter

Newley elected State Rep. Jenny Armini joined the Disabled American Veterans E.F. Gilmore Chapter for their meeting recently. Armani started out by telling the group about her father, a World War II veteran.

"I share this with you because I want you to know that serving and empowering our veterans isn't just a good thing to do, even though it certainly is, it's very personal for me, because I honor my father when I honor you and so that's the lens that I bring to this work," Armani said.

Some of the specific work she touched on was keeping the Lynn Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic open, creating housing for veterans and supporting veterans' preference for civil service.

"I see it as my job to do what I can to make sure veterans have their health care, have the housing and the other services they need to thrive in the community," Armini said.

"We are really fortunate in this area to have great champions for veterans," Armani added.

One of the topics discussed between Armini and the chapter members was the future closing of the Lynn VA clinic with members noting how the next closest locations are in Boston or Bedford. In December, VA officials said the clinic is to have a firm three-year contract, with an additional "soft" three-year renewal option, but in June the New Bedford VA office suggested that they would renew the clinic's lease for five years. For the rest of her time at the meeting, Armini answered questions and had more discussions with the members of the chapter about what she can do to help them on the state and federal government levels.

"My job is to advocate for you with Congressman Moulton and with the federal administration of the VA," Armani said. "Getting out there and saying, You gotta keep this open because my constituents need it." Jeffrey Blonder, Commander of the E. F. Gilmore DAV thanked Representative Armani for coming to the meeting and listen to the concerns of local veterans. Representative Armani also stated that this was her first meeting with any group since she was sworn in as State Representative.

Also at the meeting Swampscott Veterans Agent, Mike Sweeney gave an update on current issues facing Veterans in Swampscott.

The E. F. Gilmore DAV is the largest Veterans Service organization and they meet monthly to discus issues affecting veterans. Any veteran that needs more information or need to file a claim for services with the VA should contact Jeffrey Blonder at 617-967-6892 or via email at

e\_f\_gilmore\_dav\_chapter64@yahoo.com.



Andrea Gayle-Bennett, Adjutant E. F. Gilmore DAV, Jeffrey Blonder, Commander, E. F. Gilmore DAV, Nicole McLain, Jr. Vice Commander, E. F. Gilmore DAV, Mike Sweeney, Veteran Agent, Town of Swampscott



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/

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Up-to-date Information about Town of Swampscott Public Meetings can be found at: <u>Town Meetings</u> on the town website



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#### **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 <b>911</b>
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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#### TOWN WEBSITE:

WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV

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