

Swampscott News

March 2024

Early Voting for Presidential Primary begins February 24th

The Town of Swampscott will have Early Voting In-Person hours for the upcoming March 5th, 2024 Presidential Primary during the following hours at the Town Clerk's Office in Elihu Thompson Administrative Building (Town Hall) at 22 Monument Avenue:

Saturday, February 24	11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, February 26	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 27	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 28	8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 29	8:00 am to 5:00 pm



March 5th Election Day polls open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. All in-person voting is held at Swampscott High School at 200 Essex Street in the Cafeteria

Designated Developer Selected for Hadley Boutique Hotel

SELECT BOARD UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTS CLEARVIEW MANAGEMENT'S PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE HADLEY



A boutique hotel with 55-60 hotel rooms is the path forward for the Hadley School. The project is centered around keeping much of the current school facade and structure intact. Plans call for a restaurant that could employ up to 125 full-time employees, rooftop bar, event space and dog-friendly amenities. The firm will redevelop and manage the space over the next three years.

Follow the project process and review the proposal [here](#).

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ANCHOR FOOD PANTRY IS READY FOR 2024

Swampscott's [Anchor Food Pantry](#) 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 anchorfooddelivery@gmail.com 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.

You can also make a [financial donation to the pantry](#), or you can [sign up to 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 in front of the fireplace. 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 give back locally!



WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN SWAMPSCOTT?

Currently looking for:

Election workers: Contact clerks@swampscottma.gov and provide your name, email and phone. The Clerk's office will reach out closer to the elections to discuss availability.



Committee News and Events

SWAMPSCOTT CONSERVANCY NEWS

20
24

upcoming

easy springtime walks

march

23

nahant beach
nahant

april

06

spring pond
peabody

april

20

breakheart reservation
saugus

may

04

brooksby farm
peabody

may

18

nahant heritage trail
nahant



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

Committee News and Events

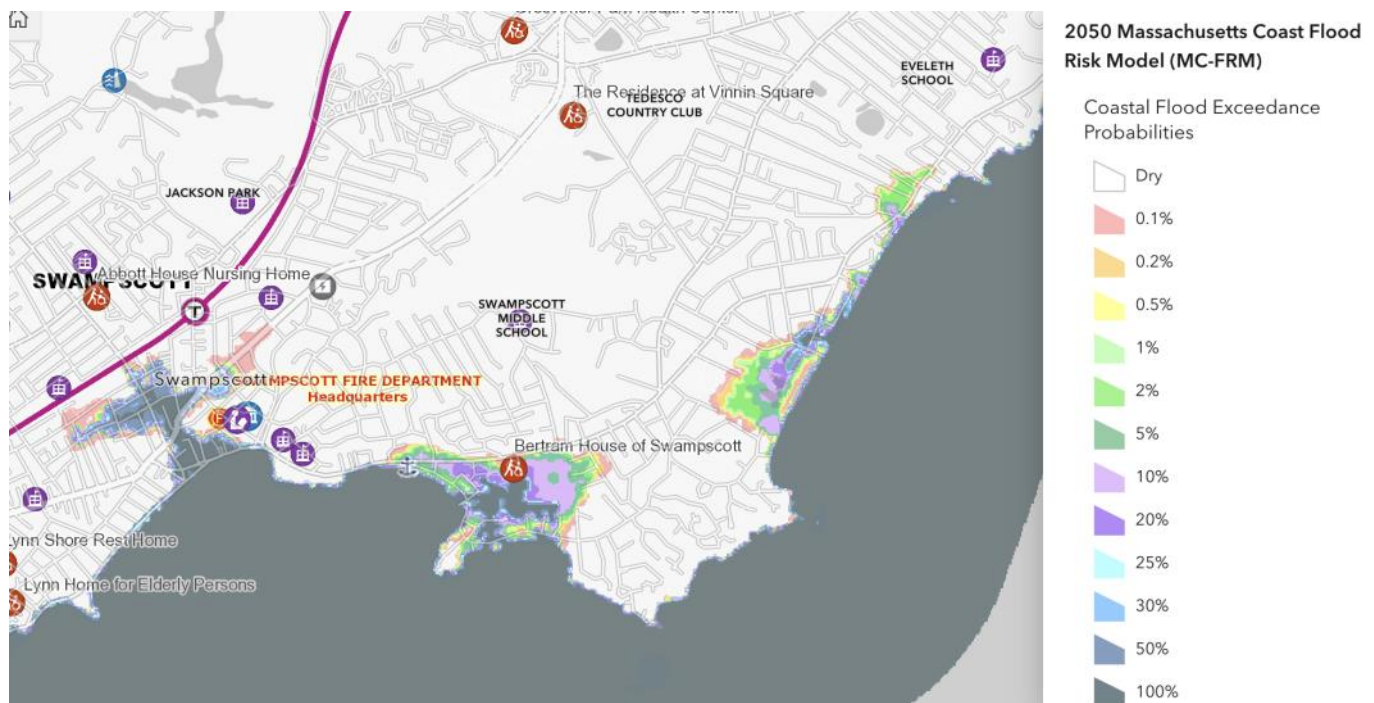


RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE NEWS

Climate Change Brings More Flooding Impacts and Action for Swampscott

The effects of climate change are already being felt here in town. Storm surges are becoming more severe. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, global sea levels have risen 8-9 inches since 1880 and are projected to rise another 1-8 feet by 2100.

This means more flooding for coastal communities like Swampscott. The flood map below from [the MA Office of Coastal Zone Management](#) shows significant portions of Swampscott will be inundated during a major storm in 2050 due to sea level rise. Areas especially at risk include Phillips Park, Humphrey Street and shoreline properties.



There are steps we can take to protect Swampscott. For example, to absorb flood impacts, living shorelines use plants, sand, and limited rock structures to stabilize the shoreline while providing habitat and water quality benefits. Unlike hard structures like sea walls, living shorelines are flexible and can adapt to rising sea levels.

Get involved and make your voice heard at the local level and participate in actions to build resilience! Working together, we can protect our community from increased flooding due to climate change.

For more details on flood maps, check out the following:

[Massachusetts Coast Flood Risk Model \(MC-FRM\)](#)

Town Committee News and Events



BUILDINGS &
ENERGY

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE

Specialized Energy Code
Community Meeting
7:30 PM Tuesday February 27th, 2024
Swampscott High School, Room B129

Please join us for a discussion on the "Specialized" Energy Code and opportunity for Swampscott to become designated as a "Climate Leader". The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) is sponsoring a new program that would make us eligible for additional grants that reduce emissions and promote renewable energy projects. The "Specialized" Energy Code is an article in the Town Warrant coming before Town Meeting on March 11th, 2024.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION NEWS

Hestia Creations in Marblehead has created an AmeriScape ornament to support the folks at [@savetheglover](#). A portion of the proceeds of each sale goes to the foundation. [Click here to order an ornament!](#)

The historic General Glover Farmhouse, or more widely known as the General Glover House, has stood for over 250 years and is now at risk of being demolished. It was the final home of Revolutionary War hero and military veteran, General John Glover. The house sits on a uniquely shared historic site in Swampscott, Marblehead and Salem and has been an important part of the history of all three communities for centuries. For more information on the efforts to Save the Glover [click here](#).



Community & Economic Development News

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SAVE ON YOUR ENERGY COSTS!

Save money and energy while helping your community

Join your neighbors, and start with a no-cost Mass Save[®] Home Energy Assessment. You may be eligible for:

- 75-100% off approved insulation upgrades
100% off for rental units and moderate income households
- No-cost air sealing
- Discounts on high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment and appliances
- No-cost energy-saving products
Programmable thermostats, high-efficiency faucet aerators and showerheads, and advanced power strips

Get your Home Energy Assessment today:
masssave.com/lynnschwampscott
(781) 563-5963

Our communities are Mass Save Community First Partners

Lynn & Swampscott: are you concerned about the cost of your utility bills this winter?

Get an Energy Bill Check Up!

We can help you:

- Understand your bill
- Pay overdue balances
- Prevent utility services shut offs
- Cancel overly expensive third-party energy suppliers
- And more

Contact us today!
(857) 309-5080
BillCheckup.org

Recreation Upcoming Events



Save the Dates

Town Events

March 17th 12-4pm	Health & Fitness Day at Swampscott High School
March 30th 12:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt on Town Hall Lawn
June 1st	Pride Celebration on Town Hall Lawn (Time TBD)
June 8th 12-4pm	Harbor & Marine Fest @ Fisherman's Beach
June 9th 10-1pm	Swampscott Farmers Market Opening Day (runs every Sunday thru October 27th)
TBD	Juneteenth Celebration on Town Hall Lawn
June 15th 8am-12pm	Townwide Yard Sale
June 23rd 4-8pm	Strawberry Festival on Town Hall Lawn
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 12-4pm	Humphrey Street Block Party
September 7th 4-8pm	Swamptoberfest on Town Hall Lawn
September 14th 8am-12pm	Townwide Yard Sale

Upcoming Recreation Events

Swampscott Recreation

Zig-Zag Weave Bracelet Workshop

with EOS Design Studio



March 13th, 2024
6:30 - 8:30pm

89 Burrill Street,
Swampscott

\$40

Adult Spring Workshops with **SWAMPSCOTT** *Recreation*

- WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS THE SEA -

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

CHARCUTERIE 101 WORKSHOP W/ BOARDS FOR DAYS

Saturday, April 20th

1:00-2:00pm

\$70/person

Reach Arts Building - 89 Burrill St., Swampscott

REGISTER AT WWW.SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM



Swampscott Recreation's

BASKET WEAVE CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP



MARCH 23RD
1:00-4:00PM
\$30

This one-time workshop will teach you how to beautifully decorate a basket weave cake - just in time for Easter - or any special occasion!

Reach Arts Building
89 Burrill Street, Swampscott

Hosted by the Town of Swampscott:
Recreation Department, Health Department, and Senior Center



Health & Fitness Day

March 17th, 2024

12-4pm

Swampscott High School

FREE TO THE PUBLIC! This is a wonderful opportunity for the public to connect with local businesses and vendors in the fields of health, wellness, and fitness.

- ✓ Free fitness class demos
- ✓ Raffles and giveaways
- ✓ Free health screenings
- ✓ Activities for all ages

More Info:  www.swampscottrec.com

For more information or to register for programs, visit the Recreation Department website [here](http://www.swampscottrec.com).

Upcoming Recreation Events



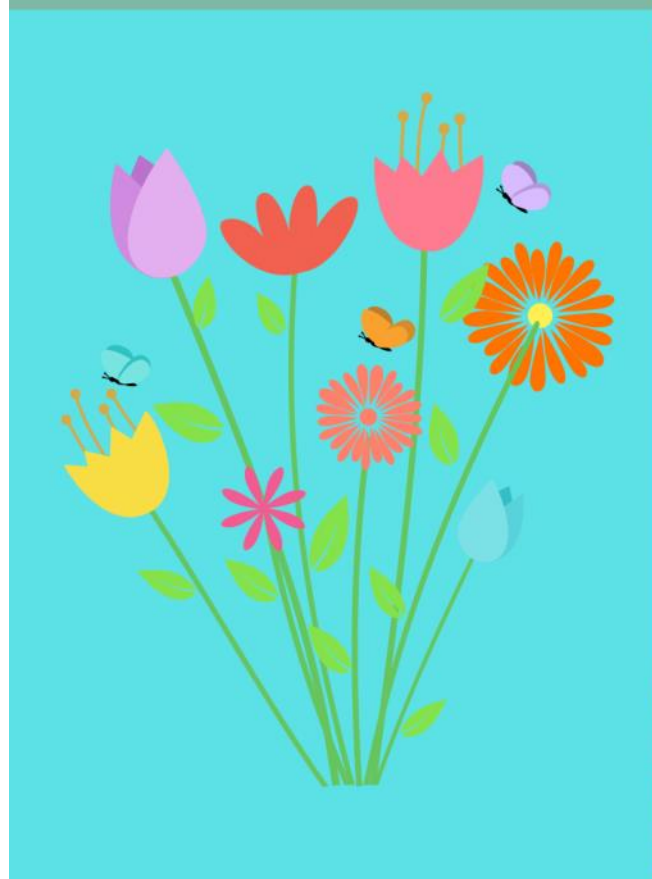
JOIN US FOR AN
EGG HUNT
SWAMPSCOTT TOWN HALL LAWN

MARCH 30 HUNT BEGINS AT 12PM SHARP
BRING YOUR OWN BASKET AND
CAMERA FOR PICTURES WITH THE
EASTER BUNNY

Info at www.swampscottrec.com

SPRING EVENTS with - WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS THE SEA -

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



SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION'S
TEDDY BEAR
Teatime

SUN 7 APRIL

1:00 - 3:00PM

Treat a special young child in your life to an afternoon of sophistication. Each child participant gets to make and stuff their own Teddy Bear! We will be serving tea, juices, finger foods, and mini pastries.

\$45 - 1 adult and 1 child ticket
Includes food & Stuff-Your-Own Teddy Bear

\$20 - Each additional child ticket
Includes food & Stuff-Your-Own Teddy Bear

\$10 - 1 adult Food Only ticket (no bear)

Purchase tickets at:
www.swampscottrec.com

Public Library News and Events



Donate NEW baby and children sized pajamas now through March 15th.

Bring them to the library or check out the Amazon Wishlist!

SUPPORT THE SWAMPSCOTT LIBRARY

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



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

Public Library News and Events

ADULT CRAFTS ARE BACK FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH!



HOSTED BY SPORCLE

TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY MARCH 7TH 7PM-8PM

SPECIAL SWAG AND PRIZES TO THE WINNERS!

TEAMS OF 1-6 PEOPLE
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE!

SWAMPSCOTT
PUBLIC LIBRARY



FRIENDS OF THE SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

BAG & BOOK FAIR

Buy a bag from the Friends and fill it with up to 10-12 books

Saturday March 9th
11pm-2pm
Swampscott Public Library
\$10.00 a bag

All proceeds go to supporting library programming



SOURDOUGH BRANDON

Sourdough Starter Workshop with
Sourdough Brandon
Tues March 12th @7pm



Check the library website for
more information or call
781-596-8867 to register



FRIENDS OF THE SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

2ND ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

with *Accidentally On Purpose*

COMEDY IN THE STYLE OF "WHO'S LINE IS IT ANYWAY?"

April 5th

Doors open at 6:15pm
Show starts at 7:00pm

Tickets - \$35
*Drinks and light refreshments on sale during the show

SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT IN-PERSON OR ONLINE:



With Special Thanks To Our Sponsors:

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Veteran News

E. F. GILMORE DAV CELEBRATED A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The E. F. Gilmore DAV recently celebrated a record year of accomplishments according to Commander Jeffrey Blonder. “We are the largest and most active Veterans Service Organization in the North Shore. This past year we served the veterans of Swampscott and will continue to serve the veterans and their families in the coming year” Highlights of this past year include:

- Helped over 20 residents of Swampscott and Lynn file claims with the VA. Many of these claims resulted in either new or additional compensations for veterans and their families.
- Held our first annual Mental Health Summit. This event brought together experts to begin the conversation of mental health and suicide prevention for both veterans and teens.
- Continued to support Habitat+ organization. This is a transitional home for veterans suffering homelessness and substance abuse issues.
- Held a Veterans Beach Party. Using a grant awarded by Better Beach organization and we were able to bring disabled veterans to Lynn Beach to enjoy a fun day at the beach.
- Held a forum for candidates for both the Swampscott Select Board and Lynn City Council.
- Collected and made a donation to assist veterans who were affected by the Maui fires and Hurricane Adelia.
- Collected toys for families of Massachusetts National Guard members.
- Participated in the Massachusetts LGBTQ+ Resource Fair.
- Two of our members were appointed by Governor Healey to positions on her Veterans Advisory Boards. Jeffrey Blonder was appointed to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Services and Andrea Gayle-Bennett was appointed to the Advisory Commission for Women Veterans, where she serves as Chair



All of this has been accomplished without funding from any local or state government agencies.

**Any veteran or family members seeking assistance can contact
Commander Blonder at 617-967-6892**

Senior Center News



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.



CREATING YOUR HEALTHY AGING PLAN: CONFERENCE SET FOR MARCH 23, 9 AM - 2 PM

Hear from experts about the array of elder care providers, from in-home care to assisted living to nursing homes to help you understand the differences, who pays for what, and how to get help.

Registration required - call 781-596-8866

Speakers include:

Wayne Saltsman, MD, a geriatrician and advocate for patient's actively engaging in their own healthcare.

Sara Hartline, JD from the law offices of Margolis Bloom and D'Agostino represents clients in estate planning, including long-term care and special needs planning; as well as MassHealth applications and appeals, guardianships, conservatorships, probate administration and related litigation.

To get the latest news visit the
Swampscott Senior Center website [here](#)

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 TBD	December TBD	

METAL RECYCLING & STYROFOAM DROP-OFF DATES

8 am-12 pm (Weather Permitting)

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

COMPOSTING

There are two free [composting stations](#) 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 [online](#). *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. [Check the website for more information.](#)

[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.

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

[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](#)

TOWN WEBSITE:

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