

# Swampscott News

May 2023

## Be Part of Shaping Swampscott's Waterfront



## Get Involved—Volunteer On a Committee

If you've been looking for a great way to take part in the community, there are a number of vacancies on some very important committees in town. Interested community members can apply for one or more openings by visiting [this page](#) and filling out the form. Below is a list of the committees with openings as well as links to their webpages so you can learn more about them.

- [Commission on Disability](#)
- [Earth Removal Advisory Committee \(Excavating Engineer\)](#)
- [Harbor & Waterfront Advisory Committee](#)
- [Zoning Board of Appeals \(Associate\)](#)

## REVISIONING HAWTHORNE

Please join us for a meeting to review  
concept ideas and aspirations for one of  
Swampscott's iconic sites!

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Swampscott High School Cafeteria  
200 Essex Street



## YOUTH SUMMER REC PROGRAM SIGN-UP



**SWAMPSCOTT REC.COM**

# Upcoming Events

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The Swampscott Public Library will host a dedication ceremony to honor Lou Gallo, beloved caretaker of Swampscott history who passed away in 2021.

We will unveil a plaque dedicating two new lilac bushes in Lou's honor.





# Upcoming Fundraising Event

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★ THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT INVITES YOU TO ★

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**THE 1ST  
ANNUAL**

## **IN-IT TO WIN-IT DINNER**

**& ROTARY CLUB \$10,000 RAFFLE**



**MAY 23RD 6:30-8:30PM**

**HAWTHORNE-BY-THE-SEA  
SWAMPSCOTT**

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**\$125/RAFFLE TICKET  
\$60/DINNER**

**ONLY 200 RAFFLE TICKETS  
SOLD FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN \$10K!**

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**EVERYONE WALKS  
AWAY WITH  
SOMETHING!**

**MONEY RAISED BENEFITS THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT'S 3RD OF JULY CELEBRATION**

# Upcoming Events



## 2023 SWAMPSCOTT MEMORIAL DAY



### DECORATING GRAVES

*May 10 @ 4PM-6PM*

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN  
DECORATING VETERANS GRAVES  
AT SWAMPSCOTT CEMETERY.  
MEET AT VETERANS SECTION.



### FIELD OF HEROES

*May 27-May 30*

VISIT THE DISPLAY ON TOWN  
HALL LAWN HONORING  
MASSACHUSETTS FALLEN SINCE  
9/11. VOLUNTEERS WELCOME TO  
ASSIST WITH SET-UP AT 5PM ON  
MAY 27.



### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

*May 29, 2023 @ 10AM*

THE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY  
TO HONOR OUR FALLEN WILL  
TAKE PLACE AT THE  
SWAMPSCOTT CEMETERY  
VETERANS SECTION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LYNN-SWAMPSCOTT VETERANS' SERVICES @ 781-586-6911



# Upcoming Events

Caring for others who may be disabled, elderly, or physical or mental challenged is a vital but demanding responsibility that can be overwhelming, according to Heidi Whear, MPH, Swampscott's Director of Aging Services. "Our goal is to assist caregivers in their seemingly impossible task of caring for loved ones while often finding themselves in uncharted waters," says Whear.

## CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER CONFERENCE: SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 6th 2023

10am-3pm

- Complimentary lunch provided
- Respite Care provided
- Registration required

### WHERE:

Swampscott High School  
200 Essex St. Swampscott, MA



### Topics Covered:

- Creating an Aging Plan
- Paid vs. Unpaid Caregiving
- Local Resources
- Transportation
- Prescriptions
- Medicare/Medicaid
- Extended Care
- Self-care

### **To Register Call**

(781) 596-8866

**[Click Here for Speaker and  
Agenda Details](#)**

# Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

5PM-7PM

SOCA + S.U.R.E. PRESENT

FOOD

2ND ANNUAL

MUSIC

HERITAGE.FESTIVAL

PERFORMANCES

ALL ARE WELCOME

CULTURE

DANCE WORKSHOP

<https://www.darioscatering.com/>

TABLE SIGN UP

CLICK HERE

RSVP HERE

CLICK HERE

SCAN ME



200 ESSEX ST.

SWAMPSCOTT, MA 01907



SCAN ME

# Congratulations to Our Girl Scout Award Recipient— Grace Ramos



*Grace Ramos , with her family, is presented with an Official Citation of Appreciation by the Swampscott Select Board and Town Administrator, Sean Fitzgerald*

Grace Ramos earns Girl Scout Gold Award. She worked extremely hard on the Mission Penguin Project on how to live more environmentally and also how to properly sort solids waste. Her [Guide to Environmental](#) living will be found on the town website or click in the link above.



## Let's keep medication out of the wrong hands together!!

If you missed the National DEA Takeback Day, the Swampscott Police Department has a CVS disposal box year-round. Pill form medication is accepted in the CVS box. . If you have any questions, feel free to call the Swampscott Police station at 781-595-1111.





# Learning About Dementia

Members of the Town Hall staff and Swampscott Fire Dept and Swampscott Police Dept join the global movement to change the way people think, act and talk about dementia. More training will be offered with the goal of training all Swampscott Town Employees and the Select Board. Thank you to Siobahn McDonald for an interesting training.



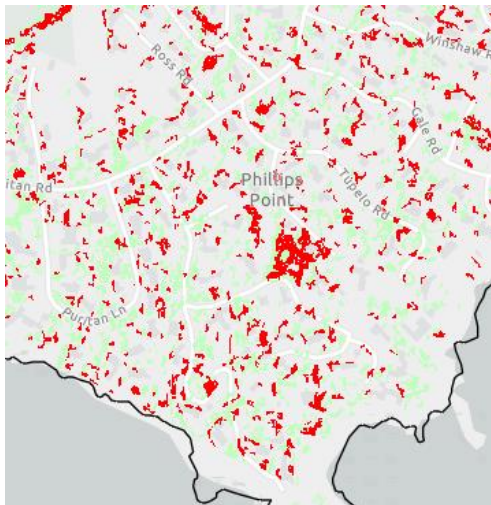
## School Building Update



We are so excited to let you know - steel is going up! If you want to see what's going on, please [click here](#) to see the video. The site is very congested with heavy machinery and multiple projects happening concurrently.



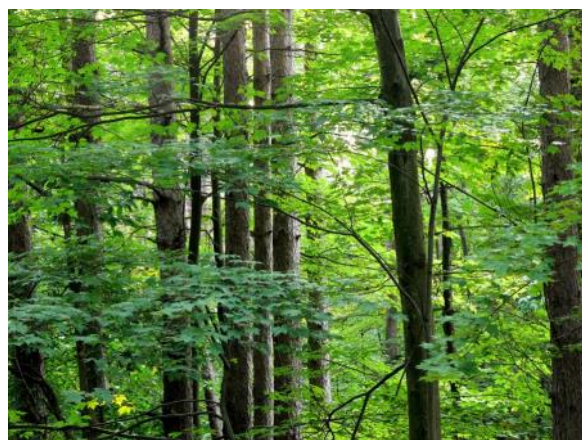
# Focus on Swampscott's Tree Canopy



## Swampscott Tree Canopy Study Reveals Loss of 110 Acres

Two Salem State University students recently completed a study of Swampscott's tree canopy from 2010 – 2016 which revealed significant tree canopy loss. Students Becca Smalley and Danny Szottfried of Salem State's Masters in Geo-Information Science (GIS) program completed the study for the Swampscott Tree Committee using satellite data from the National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP).

The study revealed a decrease of 110 acres of canopy from 2010 – 2016, going from 1360 acres of canopy to 1250 acres. The results surprised and concerned the Tree Committee as the six-year study period is a relatively short period of time. Another surprise was the fact that canopy loss can be found throughout the town instead of simply in areas that saw increased development. For example, the red areas on the map of the Phillips Point area of town show many trees have been lost along roads and on private properties. More information about the study and an interactive map will be added to the town website soon.



Citing the study, the Select Board and the Tree Committee penned letters in support of the Municipal Reforestation bill in the legislature. Tree Committee members plan to continue to argue for increased funding for public tree planting and to educate homeowners about the benefits of planting and preserving trees on their property.

**Look for Tree Committee members giving away 100 Eastern Redbud tree saplings at the Swampscott Earth Fest on Town Hall Lawn on April 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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](#)



Swampscott Health Department

## **BOAT WRAP RECYCLING**



Free recycling of winter plastic wrap to  
resident boat owners

- Pick up kits at Customer Service Desk at Town Hall
- Return to DPW Yard at 200 Paradise Rd
- Place next to "BOAT WRAP" Sign by June 24th
- Each kit can accommodate wrap for up to a 30ft boat - use two kits for boats over 30ft



[Check out the town website for more information on Trash and Recycling](#)

## SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## MAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**MAY 11, 2023 THURSDAY 6PM**  
**REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129**

**MAY 25, 2023 THURSDAY 6 PM**  
**REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129**



# Veteran News

## Lynn-Swampscott DAV Doubling Scholarship Efforts



The Disabled American Veterans Lynn-Swampscott E.F. Gilmore Chapter 64 has increased the amount of their four scholarships from \$500 each to \$1,000. A sizable increase for just their second year of the program.

Scholarships can be used for any accredited post high school education. You don't have to be a high school senior and they are not based on need. Two scholarships are for those who are related to a veteran and two are for those who "volunteer in service to veterans."

Jeffrey Blonder, Commander, Adjutant Andrea Gayle-Bennett and Nicole McClain, Vice Commander were awarded a DAV National Commander's Coin from Joseph Parsetich, National Commander of DAV for their work on the Lynn-Swampscott Scholarships to support families of veterans. Many thanks to those dedicated veterans.

The application can be found [here](#).



# Upcoming Recreation Programs

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION

## YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



★ [SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM](http://SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM)

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](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-8th

Weekly sessions starting June 26th

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

Swampscott Recreation  
& Marcy's Tennis  
Academy Presents:



## YOUTH SUMMER TENNIS PROGRAM



9 Weekly Sessions Starting June 26th  
Grades K-8  
9:00am - 12:00pm

Swampscott Middle School  
Tennis Courts

To register:  
[SwampscottRec.com](http://SwampscottRec.com)



# Upcoming Events



THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT PRESENTS:  
**A SIP OF SUMMER WINE TASTING!**

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH  
7-9PM

SWAMPSCOTT YACHT CLUB 425 HUMPHREY ST.  
\$45 PER PERSON, 21+

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF WINE TASTING  
WITH MAIA GOSSELIN OF SIP WINE EDUCATION!

Purchase tickets: [www.swampscottrec.com](http://www.swampscottrec.com)



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES DONATIONS

Make a \$50+ donation and receive an exclusive Swampscott  
by the Sea Summer Concert Series picnic blanket



To make a donation, visit: [www.swampscottrec.com](http://www.swampscottrec.com)



## 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)

#### FACEBOOK:

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#### TWITTER:

[FOLLOW US ON TWITTER](#)

EMAIL [NEWS@SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV](mailto:NEWS@SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV) TO SIGN UP FOR THIS NEWSLETTER

## Public Health Reminder

With Spring here and summer following quickly, people are out more enjoying our beaches, trails and walkways. **Please** pick up after your pets! Town beaches are open to pets until May 20th so please keep that in mind also.

