



## Art on the Box! Call for Murals to Brighten Utility Boxes

The Town has a new program to support public art and to beautify the community and neighborhoods using murals. "Inspired by You" has been created to focus on community pride and enhancing visual aesthetics in town. The primary goal is to bring art to unexpected places. The Town Administrator's Office has partnered with the Mass Cultural Council to make this program possible. This year up to four utility boxes along Essex Street will be chosen to be transformed into works of art. Artists interested in applying for this year's program should visit the [Town website here](#).

### 2023 HUMPHREY STREET MURALS



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## Swampscott Giving Opportunities

### Anchor Food Pantry has urgent needs

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 offers Senior delivery service. To arrange for delivery, email [anchorfooddelivery@gmail.com](mailto: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. There is a special immediate need for pasta, cereal, breakfast/granola bars, rice and oatmeal. You can also make a [financial donation to the pantry](#), or you can [sign up to volunteer](#)!

### Incontinence Briefs and Diapers Needed

Support the Senior Center and Anchor Pantry with donations of adult incontinence briefs and baby and children's diapers. Drop off at Town Hall in the lobby across from the fireplace.



### Coat Collection at Town Hall

Are your closets packed with coats your family has outgrown? Switching over clothes for warmer weather? Donate your coats! Bring your donations to Town Hall lobby in front of the fireplace. Coats will be cleaned at Anton's Cleaners of Lynn and distributed in the Lynn—Swampscott area. This is a great way to give back locally!



# Swampscott Volunteer Opportunities

## DONATE TIME BY SERVING ON A TOWN COMMITTEE...

Swampscott residents serve on a range of committees dedicated to maintaining and improving our community. These committees are actively seeking new members. To volunteer [click here](#).

- Andrews Chapel Restoration Committee seeking a new member
- Climate Action Plan Committee seeks a High School student (see below)
- Conservation Commission seeking alternate and High School students (see below)
- Commission on Disability is looking for 2 members
- Council on Aging needs 1 member
- Cultural Council seeks 7 members
- Earth Removal Advisory Committee seeks an Excavating Engineer
- Town Election Review Committee seeks a 16-17 year old resident
- Zoning Board of Appeals looking for 1 new member



## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHS STUDENTS

### Conservation Commission

SHS students in grades 10-12 are invited to join the Commission as a youth member for a set period of time. Students will be mentored by a Commission member, and participation may be counted toward the volunteer work graduation requirements if applicable. Participants gain real-life learning about the functioning of local government and an understanding of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, the state law governing protection of wetlands and other natural resources.



Participation involves attending public hearings (typically held remotely once a month) and the chance to go on site visits and research issues of interest to the Commission. Students take part in Commission proceedings and discussions and interact with Commission members but can not legally have a formal vote in any decisions made by the Commission. Information about the Commission can be found at the [Commission's website](#). To apply, contact the Commission's Agent, Marissa Meaney, at [mmeaney@swampscottma.gov](mailto:mmeaney@swampscottma.gov) or 781-596-8829 x 1271.

### Climate Action Plan Committee

SHS students interested in the work of the Climate Action Plan Committee are invited to apply. Contact Martha Schmitt at [capc@swampscottma.gov](mailto:capc@swampscottma.gov).

## VOLUNTEER AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Volunteers play a vital role at the Center. Examples of volunteer opportunities include: Front Desk, Kitchen Help, Special Events, Shopping Escorts, Bingo Callers and Instructors. Please contact Sonja Nathan at 781-596-8866 x 3225 for more information or to sign-up.



# Town Hall News

## ASSESSOR NOTICE: BOAT EXCISE FORMS DUE BY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>

A boat excise is assessed by the community where the boat is habitually moored, docked, or principally situated for the summer season. July 1 is the assessing date. The tax rate is \$10.00 per thousand dollars of value, assessed for the privilege of using the waterways. All persons owning a boat on July 1 must file a declaration with the Board of Assessors of the community in which the vessel is principally moored, docked, or situated on or before August 1.



For information on boat excise, contact the Assessor's office with any questions at (781) 596-8850 x 1278 or [click here](#).

## WELCOME NEW HIRES

Please extend a warm welcome to these new faces to the Town staff team:

Kerri Roberts  
Benefits Coordinator

Jean Whelan  
Administrative Assistant DPW

Matt Deiulis  
Administrative Assistant Police

## SELECT BOARD RECOGNIZES NEW EAGLE SCOUT ELLIOT PULASKI

Congratulations to Swampscott's newest Eagle Scout, Elliott Pulaski. Elliott's service project involved working with his Scout troop and friends to survey 174 trees across Swampscott for the Swampscott Tree Database.

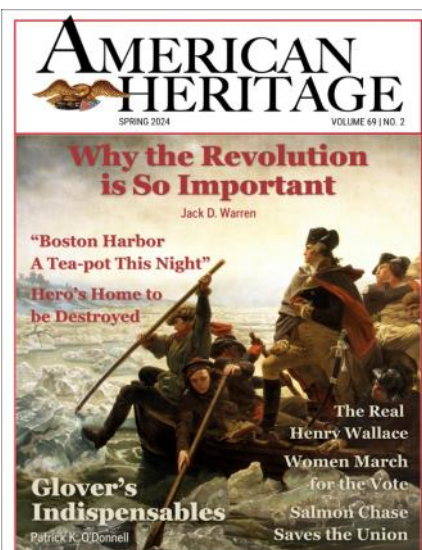
In recognition, the Select Board issued Elliott a Community Achievement proclamation.

Great work, Elliott!



## Historical Commission News

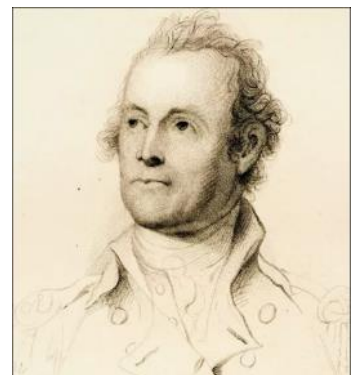
### AMERICAN HERITAGE MAGAZINE FOCUSES ON GENERAL JOHN GLOVER



American Heritage Magazine's Spring issue is devoted to the American Revolution and General John Glover. Multiple articles address the importance of Glover and his regiment, from Patrick K. O'Donnell's "Glover and the 'Indispensables' Save Washington's Army", to a "Save the Glover" editorial by Ed Grosvenor, and an article by Nancy Schultz, Chair of the Swampscott Historical Commission.

[Click here for more information.](#)

General John Glover



*Third annual*

# SWAMPSCOTT EARTH FEST



[!\[\]\(31dc830bf8206b94b5a585ce61ce9013\_img.jpg\) More Info](#)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10AM - 1PM TOWN HALL LAWN**  
**Celebrate Our Earth, Our Future**

- Buy a Used Bike from Friends of the Swampscott Rail Trail
- Go home with a FREE American Hornbeam tree from the Tree Committee
- Meet intertidal animals from the Northeastern Marine Science Center!



**Food from TJ's Taste truck!**

**INFORMATION and KIDS ACTIVITIES FROM:**

- Swampscott Library
- Swampscott Conservancy
- Save King's Beach
- SPUR
- The New Yankee Garden
- And MORE !!!

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT FOR ADULTS & KIDS**  
**RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 4TH**



## Community & Economic Development Events

### TOWN HOSTS EARTH FEST AND THE HUNGRY HERON

This year, with assistance from local photographer and artist, Stefanie Timmermann, Swampscott will welcome the Hungry Heron sculpture installation to Town Hall lawn. This captivating piece serves as a powerful reminder of our interconnectedness with nature and the importance of preserving our precious ecosystems.

The Hungry Heron sculpture installation will be on display on the Swampscott Town Lawn starting April 5th offering residents and visitors alike the chance to admire its beauty and reflect on the importance of protecting our planet for future generations.



Featuring



# THE HUNGRY HERON



## SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

## 10AM-1PM

## TOWN HALL LAWN

# Department of Public Works News

## SEAWALLS AND SIDEWALKS: HUMPHREY STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Humphrey Street readies for summer with finalizing seawall repairs on King's Beach and expanding the sidewalks between St. John's Church and Redington Street for enhanced summer dining. Great job by our Department of Public Works!

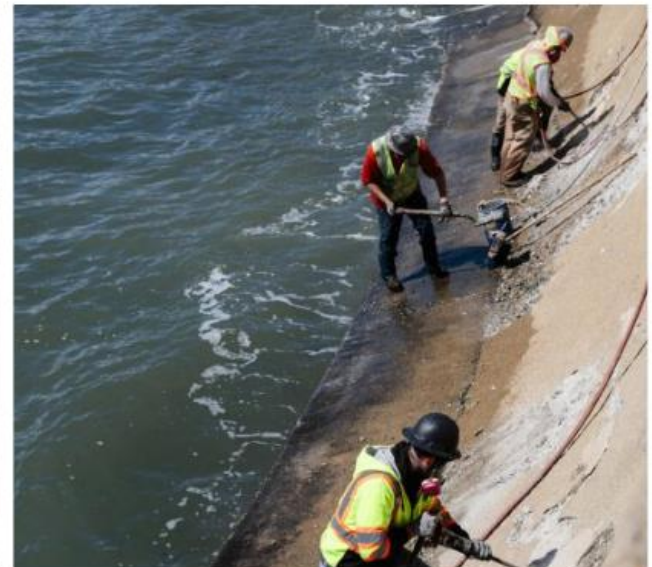


Photo credit: Lynn Item

### Does your basement flood? Let the DCR know

If you've experienced basement flooding due to groundwater in your neighborhood, please take a few minutes to complete the Massachusetts Groundwater Flooding Survey. Your experiences can help DCR gather accurate data on the prevalence and impacts of groundwater flooding and can inform potential solutions.

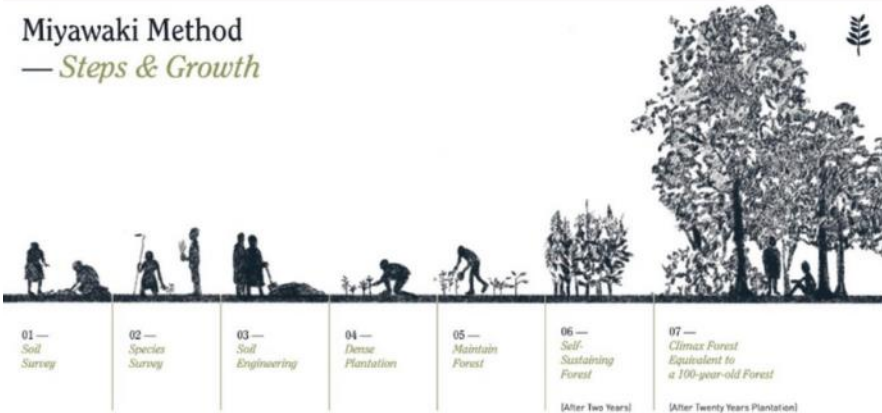
Your input matters! This information will be crucial in developing effective strategies to mitigate flooding and protect homes in our community and beyond. [Access the survey here.](#)



# Town Committee News and Events



## Miyawaki Method — Steps & Growth



### PROJECT The Swampscott microForest, Walker & Paradise Roads

Planted in May 2022, this triangular space of unused town property at the intersection of Walker & Paradise Roads was transformed into a mini forest called the Swampscott microForest. Based on research conducted by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki, this dense planting of native tree and shrub seedlings in a very small space will grow into a mature forest in 20 years.

Vegetation planted densely will stabilize and regenerate the soil while growing tens times faster than a natural forest. Within 3 years, weeds are suppressed and natural succession takes over.

As the first Miyawaki forest on the North Shore, it boasts more than 750 trees, shrubs and woodland perennials native to Essex County, as well as a native pollinator garden.

A collaboration between the Town of Swampscott, the Tree Committee and the SC, the microForest project is a direct action as part of the 2023 vResilient Swampscott Climate Action Plan

### Did You Know?



Collection of Atlantic Horseshoe Crab is PROHIBITED April 15 - June 7.

Salem Sound Coastwatch needs your help by reporting sightings online: <https://arccg.is/0rqH5f>



### Swampscott Conservancy Youth Conservation Grant Program

The SC is announcing a Youth Conservation Grant Program designed to provide support to Lynn and Swampscott Middle and High School students who wish to make positive environmental change in their community and more broadly across New England.

Students in grades 6 to 12 are eligible to apply for funds to support a project aimed at making a difference in our natural world. Individual students or groups and their adult mentor are welcome to apply on a rolling basis.

Grant awards, ranging up to \$500, can be used to support a variety of projects ranging from conservation improvements on public lands to education & outreach programs to support the community. What is most important is that your project is making a positive environmental difference in the community!

Apply today: [tinyurl.com/SCyouthGrant](https://tinyurl.com/SCyouthGrant), or email [info@swampscottconservancy.org](mailto:info@swampscottconservancy.org)



### New Chronolog Station Installed, Fisherman's Beach, Easy as 1-2-3

"[A] Chronolog is a monitoring tool for parks, nature centers, wildlife organizations, schools, and museums worldwide. With over 100,000 contributors across 300 organizations, Chronolog.io is on a mission to engage communities with nature while recording important natural changes."

Hosted by the SC in collaboration with the Town of Swampscott, the focus of **Station SCC-201** (above) centers on our coast & harbor, the Swampscott Fish House (c.1896), and the Albert J. Williams Town Pier (c.1961). The Swampscott Fish House is a registered *national landmark* and the oldest municipally owned working fish house in the country. The harbor is home to one of the most significant eelgrass beds found on the North Shore.

Adding photos to **Station SCC-201** is as easy as 1-2-3: place phone, snap photo, send email! As more and more of your photos are added, we will be able to collectively create a *time-lapse* view of how the changing shoreline is impacted by seasonal "wicked" high tides (aka "King tides") as well as dangerous storm surge. These high tides provide our community with a window into how sea level rise will look in the coming years.

As our town plans for the impacts of climate change though implementation of the 2023 Resilient Swampscott Climate Action Plan, photos like yours will provide valuable evidence for citizens and scientists alike to help understand and protect our beloved Swampscott Harbor.



The Swampscott Conservancy is a 501(c)3 with the mission to help support the Town of Swampscott in the preservation of our conservation lands and open spaces through education, research, and active stewardship.

[swampscottconservancy.org](https://swampscottconservancy.org)  
[info@swampscottconservancy.org](mailto:info@swampscottconservancy.org)



# Town Committee News and Events

## SWAMPSCOTT CONSERVANCY EVENTS

### Spring Events

20  
24

may

brooksby farm walk\*  
04 1:00 pm | peabody

may

family-friendly birding  
11 7:30 am | marblehead neck

may

nahant heritage trail walk\*  
18 1:00 pm | nahant

may

monthly meeting  
23 6:30 pm | TBD

june

Bike the Salem Bike Path  
01 1:00 pm | Pickman Park



Swampscott  
CONSERVANCY

\*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.org/events](https://swampscottconservancy.org/events)

# Town Committee News and Events

## TREE COMMITTEE TO REDEDICATE TOWN ARBORETUM ON MAY 25TH

As part of its Memorial Day Commemoration, the town will hold a rededication ceremony for the Swampscott Arboretum on Saturday, May 25th at 11 a.m. on the Town Hall lawn.

### Swampscott Has An Arboretum?

Many residents may be surprised to learn that the town has an arboretum. It was first described in a 1945 report by the town's park commissioners and included 43 trees to be planted the following year with bronze plaques to identify the trees, donors, and person in whose memory it was planted. Many of the trees were donated in memory of fathers, sons, and brothers, who, it is believed, were being honored for their war service. Some trees were dedicated to individuals' family members.

Though several of the original trees remain, and more have been added to the area since the 1940s, the existence of the memorial plaques was largely forgotten until 2021. In September 2021, a forklift crashed through the floor of the town garage and 38 of the plaques were discovered in the basement. Some of the plaques have now been reinstalled and 11 new trees were planted last year, funded by a matching grant from the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation.



*A survivor from the original arboretum is the fine horse chestnut tree planted in memory of Michael J. Paradise, who was killed in action in Normandy in 1944*

### Join The Ceremony

The rededication ceremony will include remarks on the history of the arboretum by members of the Swampscott Tree Committee. Mike Sweeney, the veterans agent for Lynn and Swampscott, will honor the veterans memorialized there. More information on the arboretum, including photos, can be found [here](#).

## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE: NATURAL RESOURCES AS CLIMATE HEROES

Spring is the perfect time to appreciate Swampscott's many natural resources and to reflect on their role in our ongoing efforts to mitigate climate change. *Resilient Swampscott*, our town's Climate



Action Plan, is a framework to make our community stronger, healthier and more resilient. And also a framework for reducing our contribution to climate change - and ensuring equitable access and protection to open spaces, tree canopy, habitats and water resources.

Actions taken include planting 75 trees in 2023 to replace those lost to damage or age to increase diversity in our tree canopy. A healthy tree canopy is essential for ecosystem health, as well as for human health and well-being. Learn more about our climate action plan focus areas [click here](#).



## Veteran News and Events



# SWAMPSCOTT 20 VETERANS EVENTS 24

**1  
May**

### HERO MEALS MONTHLY FOOD MARKET

3:30-6 pm

Military Friends Foundation, 212 Humphrey St

**8  
May**

### VETERANS COFFEE

10-11 am

Café Avelino, 242 Humphrey St

**9  
May**

### DECORATING OF VETERANS GRAVES

6 pm, Swampscott Cemetery.

Meet at Veterans Section to gather flags. All welcome.

**16  
May**

### VETERANS BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

2pm

Swampscott Senior Center, 200R Essex St

**25  
May**

### MEMORIAL TREE ARBORETUM DEDICATION

11 am, Town Hall Lawn.

All are welcome. See story in this issue.

**27  
May**

### MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

10 am, Swampscott Cemetery

Please feel free to contact the Lynn/Swampscott Department of Veterans' Services with any questions at (781) 586-6911 or check us out on Facebook at [Facebook.com/LynnSwampscottVets](https://www.facebook.com/LynnSwampscottVets)

**SAT. MAY 18, 2024, 3:30 pm**

Swampscott High School

**Swampscott's Community Jazz Orchestra**



Playing Selections from  
**"Such Sweet Thunder"**  
by Duke Ellington

**BIG BAND**

**General Admission - \$10**  
**Youth and Seniors - FREE**

Get your tickets now by emailing  
[joe@bluebigband.com](mailto:joe@bluebigband.com)

The Swampscott BLUE BIG BAND is supported in part by a grant from the Swampscott Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass



The Swampscott BLUE BIG BAND is also supported by  
The Swampscott Public Schools  
The Town of Swampscott  
The members of the Blue Big Band

**BAND MEMBERS**

Timo Shanko, Director  
Khalil Abraham  
Aria Pace Balliro  
Owen Begin  
JoE Douillette  
Tia Etsey  
Sara Ewing  
Mathew Jensen  
Erik Lawless  
Terry Lorber  
Don McElroy  
Michael McClung  
Jake Piascik  
Valerie Sweeney

[bluebigband.com](http://bluebigband.com) | [facebook.com/BlueBigBand](https://facebook.com/BlueBigBand)





## Recreation Upcoming Events



# Save the Dates Town Events

May 13th

Town of Swampscott Gold Tournament Fundraiser at Tedesco Country Club

May 27<sup>th</sup>  
10 am

Memorial Day Ceremony at Swampscott Cemetery

June 1st

Pride Celebration on Town Hall (time TBD)

June 8<sup>th</sup>  
12-4pm

Harbor & Marine Fest at Fisherman's Beach

June 9<sup>th</sup>  
10am - 1pm

Swampscott Farmers Market Opening Day (runs through October 27)

June 12<sup>th</sup>  
1-3 pm

Juneteenth Celebration at Town Hall Lawn

June 15<sup>th</sup>  
8am - 12pm

Townwide Yard Sale

June 23rd  
4-8pm

Strawberry Festival on Town Hall Lawn

July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
5-9pm

Fireworks Festival on Town Hall Lawn

July 10<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Summer by the Sea Concerts on Town Hall Lawn (Wednesdays through Aug. 14)

August 10<sup>th</sup>  
12-4pm

Humphrey Street Block Party

September 7<sup>th</sup>  
4-8 pm

Swamptoberfest on Town Hall Lawn



## Recreation Upcoming Events



SWAMPSCOTT Recreation

### Knotted Bracelet Workshop

with EOS Designs Studio



\$50

Wednesday, May 8th  
6:00-8:30pm  
89 Burrill Street, Swampscott



SWAMPSCOTT Recreation

### Beaded Hoop Earrings Workshop

with EOS Designs Studio



\$45

Wednesday, June 5th  
6:00-8:30pm  
89 Burrill Street, Swampscott

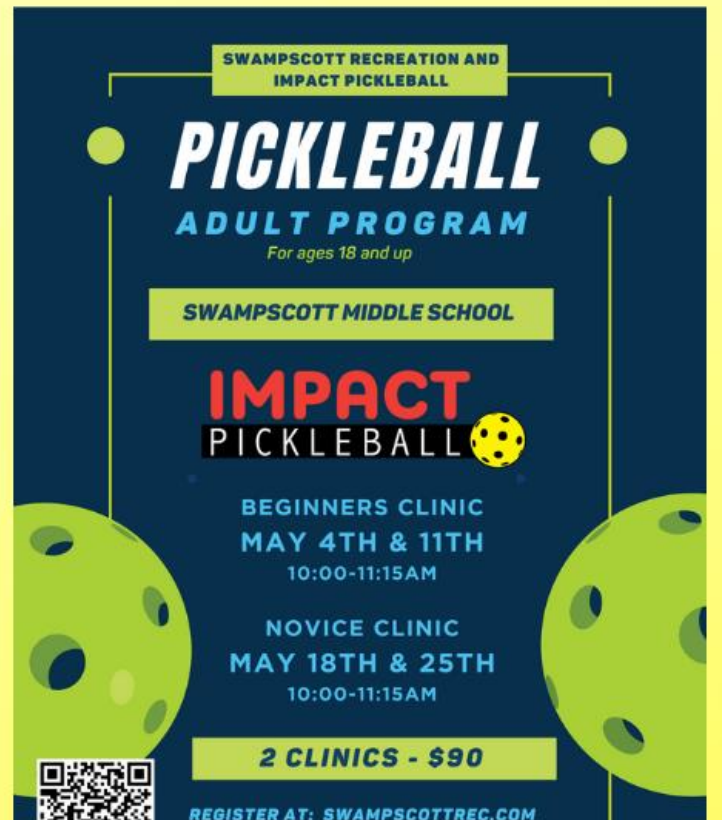
## Adult Spring Programming with



- WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS THE SEA -

For more information and to register, visit:

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



SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION AND  
IMPACT PICKLEBALL

## PICKLEBALL

ADULT PROGRAM

For ages 18 and up

SWAMPSCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL


## IMPACT PICKLEBALL

BEGINNERS CLINIC  
MAY 4TH & 11TH  
10:00-11:15AM

NOVICE CLINIC  
MAY 18TH & 25TH  
10:00-11:15AM

2 CLINICS - \$90

REGISTER AT: [SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM](http://SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM)



# STAY

# UP-TO-DATE



Sign up for Swampscott Recreation's  
email blasts to get the latest on our  
program and event offerings!

Sign up for an account at:  
[www.swampscottrec.com](http://www.swampscottrec.com)  
and opt-in to receive our emails!



- WHERE COMMUNITY MEETS THE SEA -

## Recreation Upcoming Events

### PRIDE DAY IS JUNE 1ST, 4 - 7 P.M.

Join us on the Town Hall Lawn in a Celebration of the LGBTQ+ community! Run with Pride kicks off at 4:00 pm. There is also the annual festival featuring complimentary face painting, lawn games, and entertainment, as well as food, treats and a beer garden.

The Run With Pride 5K is open to runners and walkers. The race and walk are free to enter, and T-shirts will be given to the first 100 registrants.

Those interested in running can register [here](https://swampscottrec.com).



**5K RUN WITH PRIDE**

**JUNE 1ST, 2024**  
RACE STARTS AT 4:00 PM  
ON SWAMPSCOTT TOWN HALL LAWN

**FREE!**  
Open to anyone and everyone!  
Swag given to the first 100 registrants.

Ends with our annual Pride Event on Town Hall Lawn

**Register for the 5K Run with Pride at [swampscottrec.com](https://swampscottrec.com)**



**SWAMPSCOTT Recreation** **Swampscott Yacht Club**

**MARINE & HARBOR FEST**  
@ Fisherman's Beach  
Saturday, June 8th  
12:00 - 4:00pm

Marine vendors, craft and artisan vendors, music, food trucks, activities for the kids, and so much more!

**Mass Cultural Council**



Town of Swampscott's

**JUNETEENTH JUBILEE:**  
**LET FREEDOM RING!**

*Join the celebration!*

**June 12th, 2024**  
**1:00 - 3:00pm**  
**Town Hall Lawn**

**Food, music, face painting, vendors, speakers, flag raising ceremony, and more!**

Mark your calendars for the return of the  
**Swampscott Farmers Market!**  
Opening Day is June 9  
Sundays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Town Hall Lawn





## Upcoming Recreation Events




The Town of Swampscott  
is hiring for the summer!

# LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

Seeking lifeguard-certified individuals this summer to  
keep our beautiful beaches safe.  
Compensation: \$18/hr



CONTACT THE RECREATION OFFICE AT 781-596-8854  
OR [DSSTRAUSS@SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV](mailto:DSSTRAUSS@SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV) TO APPLY



THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT INVITES YOU  
TO SIGN UP FOR:

# SWAMPSCOTT'S TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

\$20 to participate

**JUNE 15TH, 2024 | 8 AM - 12 PM**  
**@ YOUR HOUSE OR TOWN HALL LAWN**  
**\*RAIN DATE - JUNE 16TH, 2024**

You'll receive:

- One yard sale sign with stakes
- Automatic permit for the day of the yard sale
- Featured on town wide social media postings and map leading up to the event

**Deadline to register is June 3rd, 2024.**  
Register at: [swampscottrec.com](http://swampscottrec.com) Sorry, no refunds.

## REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS!

Don't miss out by waiting too long. Programs include (all listings are hyperlinks!):

### Elementary School-Aged Programs

- [USTA Tennis in the Parks](#)
- [Chess Wizard Week](#)
- [Demolition Robots STEM Program](#)
- [Premier Martial Arts- New students only](#)
- [Summer Youth Cooking Clinic](#)
- [Top Secret Science and Math Clinic Grades K-4](#)
- [Youth Summer Art Program](#)

### Middle School-Aged Programs

- [USTA Tennis in the Parks](#)
- [Demolition Robots STEM Program](#)
- [Youth Sailing](#)

- [Stand Up Paddle Board Children's Program](#)
- [Summer Youth Cooking Clinic](#)
- [TV Studio Production](#)
- [Youth Summer Art Program](#)

### Adult Classes & Activities

- [Glow SUP Tours](#)
- [Adult Sailing](#)

### Preschool-Aged Programs

- [Multi-Sport Tots with SkyHawks](#)
- [Preschool Arts & Crafts Program](#)
- [Preschool Top Secret Science and Math](#)
- [Super Soccer Stars 2-5 Year Old](#)

And there's more! Visit [Swampscott Recreation](#) for more information.

## Recreation Upcoming Events

### SWAMPSCOTT GARDEN ART WALK SATURDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>,



#### **CALLING SWAMPSCOTT ARTISTS!**

Share your creations in local gardens

#### **CALLING SWAMPSCOTT GARDENERS!**

Share your natural wonders, big and small

This year's Garden Art Walk will be bigger than ever with gardens, art, and activities across our entire town and two shuttles providing transportation on a loop through the day. Registered artists and gardeners will have the opportunity to win prizes donated by LOWE'S®, one of our generous sponsors. Please consider registering your art and/or garden (any size or type of garden), for the third annual GARDEN ART WALK !

**Terrific Prizes from event sponsor, LOWE'S® will be drawn throughout June.**

Registered gardeners/artists are eligible. Prizes include:

- ♦ [LOWE'S® Blackstone 30" Culinary Griddle - \\$399 value](#)
- ♦ \$100 LOWE'S® Gift Certificate
- ♦ LOWE'S® Kobalt Blue Zipper Tool Bag filled with assorted gardening tools
- ♦ Assorted Tall Pots of Perennials and Flowers
- ♦ Assorted Garden Accessories

#### **To all artists who don't have a garden:**

Many gardens are hosting several artists. Claire Donnelly's Open Studios on Eastman Avenue is where several artists can be found. [Hannah Cloud Sharpless](#) and Fran Levy-Freiman are hosting several artists on Reid Terrace and Ruth Rooks will be showcasing Swampscott Art Association works in her beautiful gardens on Puritan Lane, while plein-air painting demonstrations will take place through-out gardens in the Monument area. (While ReachArts cannot guarantee a garden for your art, we will try our best to find a beautiful spot!)

### **Register by May 31st!**

Register your window box, planter, or garden. This will put you on the printed and online maps and make you eligible for LOWE'S prizes. [Click Here](#)





## Senior Center News and Events

### NEW TRIPS PLANNED THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL AROUND NEW ENGLAND TRAVEL

The Senior Center is excited to announce their new partnership with Cheryl Toby and All Around New England, a travel company that provides day-long excursions within Massachusetts and beyond. Six trips are planned for 2024:



- Lobster Roll Cruise on Cape Cod in May
- Clambake in Maine/Isle of Shoals Cruise in June
- Simon & Garfunkel/James Taylor Tribute show (Springfield, August)
- Show featuring the Edwards Twins in Wrentham (September)
- Fall Foliage excursion in New Hampshire (October)
- Xmas Festival at Mohegan Sun (November)

More detailed Information is available at the Senior Center. To register, please contact Cheryl Tobey at 617-846-5965 or email: [allaroundnewengland@verizon.net](mailto:allaroundnewengland@verizon.net)

### PILOT PROGRAM WITH LOCAL RESTAURANTS TO BECOME AGE AND DEMENTIA FRIENDLY

Swampscott for All Ages is working with local businesses and organizations to become more understanding of the needs faced by our older family and friends and those living with dementia.

Three local restaurants have stepped up to be pilot sites. We are thrilled to work with the owners, staff and management teams to ensure better understanding of the needs and challenges faced by people who may be more frail and/or are living with dementia. Kick-off events are planned at each of these three restaurants. Please join us for a celebration and light refreshments!

- **Cafe Avellino** where kicks off this “Forget Me Not Initiative” on April 23 at 3:00 pm
- **Mission on the Bay** will host the second kick-off on May 7 at 3:00 pm.
- **Periwinkles** will also pilot this initiative. Join us to recognize their efforts on May 9 at 3:00 pm.




Thank you to [Seaglass Village](#) volunteers who will help us roll out this endeavor.

### Creating Your Healthy Aging Plan Conference: Recordings available

Did you miss the conference in February? You can still catch up on the valuable presentations and conversations, including **Dr. Wayne Saltsman's**, [If There Were Only A Geriatrician Downstairs](#), **Sarah Hartline**, Esq on [Estate Planning Basics for Seniors](#) and a [panel of professionals](#) who addressed the spectrum of care for those who wish to remain at home.

## Public Library News and Events

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# Trivia Night

You don't have to be Ken Jennings to like trivia. Join us and have some fun and maybe win some prizes

**THURS MAY 2ND 7PM**


**Free Snacks!**

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THE DELVENA THEATER COMPANY  
PRESENTS:

# Mangia, Meatballs and Murder!



A racy, interactive and hilarious murder mystery.

From robbery to murder - Who dunnit? You decide! Set in an Italian Ristorante serving up some spicy experiences and one character winds up with the cold plate on a marble slab!

Thursday, May 9th 6:15 PM  
Register online at [swampscottlibrary.org](http://swampscottlibrary.org)



**Saturday, May 18th**  
**Clay and Mirror Mosaic**  
with  
**Niloufer Rakhangi**  
**Children's session @ 10am**  
**Adult session @ 12pm**

Space is limited  
Please register for event



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or call 781-596-8867  
for updated information on  
programs and events.



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### SOURDOUGH STARTER WORKSHOP TEACHES RESIDENTS TO BAKE THEIR OWN SOURDOUGH!

On March 12, Sourdough Brandon reviewed how to make, maintain and store their own sourdough starter. Participants left with their own starter, and instructions on how to keep it living. The website for the presenter has more information on recipes and how to maintain the starter at [sourdoughbrandon.com](http://sourdoughbrandon.com).



### YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Make a Financial Donation

**Friends of the Swampscott Public Library** is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to supporting the library by purchasing museum passes, providing a monthly newsletter, and finding adult and children's programming. The *Friends* accepts financial donations.

**Swampscott Public Library Investment Trust** is also a 501c3 dedicated to funding major capital improvements to the library. To donate, contact the library director.

**General Monetary Gifts** are welcome and can be approved for both restricted and non-restricted use.

#### Enhance Your Garden...Order by May 15

**FRIENDS OF THE SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### Spring Flower & Plant Sale

Choose from a beautiful selection of flowers, vegetables, fruit & herbs

Order before May 15th - items will start shipping April 1st

Purchase spring flowers:

<http://SwampscottLibraryFriends.fpfundraising.com>

For more information on ways to support the library, including purchasing items on their [Amazon Wishlist](#), contact them at 781-596-8867 or visit the [website](#).

# School News and Events

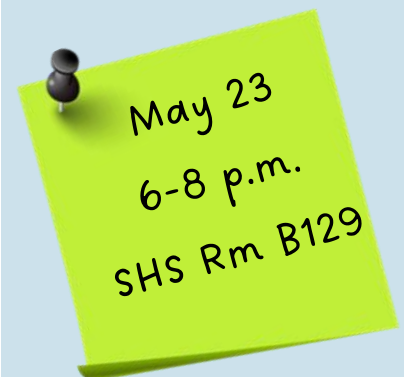
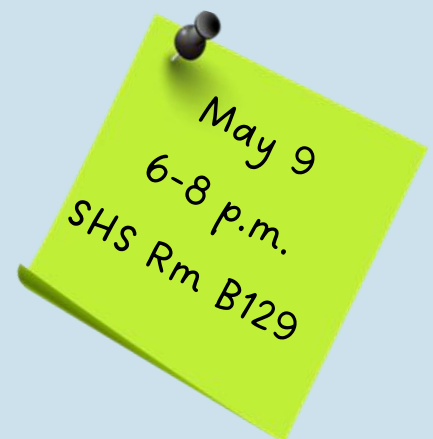
## IT'S LOOKING LIKE A SCHOOL.....

This past month all elementary school teachers had the opportunity to tour the new elementary school and the amazing spaces they will be working in starting the 2024-2025 school year. Curbing, sidewalks, fences and grass are being installed. Also, the gym floor is being laid, plumbing is being hooked up, and painting and tiling are progressing inside.

The continued seamless collaboration of the construction and design teams, Owners Project Manager Hill-LiRo, School Building Committee and Town ensure this project is completed on time!



## UPCOMING SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS





## Police News & Events

### NATIONAL DRUG TAKEBACK DAY AND SWAMPSCOTT'S EVERYDAY TAKEBACK

The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting.

Swampscott offers Drug TakeBack every day. The Swampscott Police Department has a drug drop-off box at all times inside the lobby of the police station at 531 Humphrey Street. Residents are encouraged to bring in medication at anytime for disposal. The only items **NEVER** accepted are needles of any type. Liquid medication is accepted but needs to be placed in a sealable ziplock bag to prevent leaks.

DEA NATIONAL  
**TAKEBACK**

Saturday,  
April 27  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
[DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com)



...in Swampscott,  
everyday is  
takeback day!

### COMFORT DOG SORA AND FRIENDS HELP WITH STUDENT STRESS

As part of mental health awareness month, the students at Swampscott High School were surprised by Sora and her friends Derby from Salem PD and Charlie from Revere PD. This was the conclusion of a month-long initiative to help students learn to deal with stress - for which the K9s were the final stage to help the students to decompress.



*Sora (right) with friends Charlie (left) and Derby (center) at Swampscott High School*

# Swampscott Trash & Recycling

## UPDATED RECYCLING GUIDANCE

Have you wondered if what you put in your bin is actually making it through the recycling process? Follow this guide so your recycling efforts are not in vain! Here are some additional tips:

- ⇒ Anything smaller than a credit card will slip through the sorting machinery and will be discarded
- ⇒ Place lids of tin cans inside the can itself, squeeze inward to close so the lid does not fall out
- ⇒ Keep bottle covers attached to the bottles (plastic or glass)
- ⇒ Empty pizza boxes with some grease is okay (if a section is soaked with grease, tear it off)
- ⇒ Remove food scraps and liquids from containers
- ⇒ Although some thin, stretchy plastic bags may be recycled at most grocery or big-box stores, **no type of plastic bag may go in the recycling bin**



## RECYCLING CENTER VISIT

Members of the Swampscott Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) visited GreenWorks, a recycling facility in Danvers on April 9th. GreenWorks collects and sorts plastics, paper, glass, and metal waste collected from residential households in town. The tour of operations demonstrated how these recyclable materials are processed. SWAC members, joined by Select Board Members David Grisham, Doug Thompson and several residents, toured the GreenWorks facility.

Tractor-trailers brought waste to the facility and were weighed before and after delivering their contents. Backhoe loaders then deposited the trash inside a warehouse-like building several stories high, which housed equipment to process the waste. Conveyor belts with prongs protruding and spinning from the belt separated the different materials of incoming trash, magnetized conveyor belts separated metal from other types of recyclables.



*GreenWorks facility in Danvers*

The system was coordinated so the process worked seamlessly **UNLESS** plastic bags were mistakenly put in recyclable trash containers. The bags wrapped around the prongs, congesting and ultimately halting the entire production line. So please be careful - **DO NOT put plastic bags in your recycling!**



## **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 11	December 9	

## **METAL RECYCLING & STYROFOAM DROP-OFF DATES**

*8 am-12 pm (Weather Permitting)*

March 30	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.

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[TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT](#)  
[SWAMPSCOTT SENIOR CENTER](#)



## 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

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