

Celebrating the Holiday Season in Swampscott

Swampscott loves its holidays, and this season promises many opportunities to celebrate this time of gratitude. Listed below are just a few of the events and programs coming up this month. You'll find more information and details throughout this newsletter!

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Made in 01907 Crafts Market

ReachArts annual celebration of all things handmade by artisans living or working in Swampscott runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at ReachArts Arts, 89 Burrill Street.

NOV Indoor Thanksgiving Market

Join the Swampscott Farmers Market for their Thanksgiving edition in the Swampscott High School café from 10 a.m - 1 p.m. The market features farm products, vendors, crafters and more!



Turkey Treasure Hunt

Start your morning with a treasure hunt! Join the race around town using town and historic clues to find Tom Turkey! Cost: Donate a bag of groceries to Anchor Food Pantry. Pre-register at <u>swampscottrec.com</u>.

NOV 27-30

Holiday Wreath Raffle

Support the work of the Swampscott Recreation Department with a raffle ticket to win a one-of-a-kind wreath, decorated and donated by residents and local businesses across the North Shore. View the display in Town Hall, and winners will be announced on December 4. <u>Get your tickets here</u>.

Get in the Spirit of Generosity by Giving Back

Decorate and Donate a Wreath for the Holiday Wreath Raffle

We'll display the wreaths throughout Town Hall November 27th to 30th. Your business logo or family name will be listed next to the wreath you donate. Decorate a wreath of any size any way you wish. Drop your decorated wreath off to Town Hall by no later than November 20th.

Anchor Food Pantry Needs Donations

Bring your donations to Town Hall. A box has been setup at the fireplace on the first floor near Customer Service. Suggested: canned veggies, soups & stews, tuna, chicken; cereal, granola & cereal bars, pasta, beans (canned or dry) and hygiene products (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and razors).

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October Events Roundup

October was Full of Festivals and Fun...

Classic Cars and Their Fans On The Town Green

Terrific Car Show this year!

A beautiful day and so many fabulous cars and trucks. The perfect way to spend a Sunday in Swampscott!

Thank you to everyone that joined this amazing event, and especially the enthusiasts that brought their 245 cars to town center.



12th Annual Classics by the Sea

Gar Show

Porches Filled with Music for Porchfest 2023

October kicked off with ReachArts Porchfest, which brought more than 20 bands to 14 porches across Swampscott. The afternoon started with the Red Rock Ramblers ukulele sing-along at ReachArtsArts, and continued across Swampscott as residents and visitors joined in the fun.







Exciting Progress Continues in Swampscott S&P Upgrades Swampscott Bond Rating to AAA

Citing the town's "significant tax base growth, maintenance of very strong reserves, and increased budgetary flexibility", S&P Global Ratings has upgraded Swampscott's General Obligation Bonds from AA+ to AAA. This is great news for Swampscott, as it can lower our borrowing costs, and put us in a better position for growth and improvement projects.

S&P Global Ratings

The S&P report states that "Swampscott has demonstrated an ability to maintain balanced operations, supported by wellembedded financial planning tools and generally stable revenue and expenditures." S&P Ratings also noted Swampscott's "Stable residential tax base, with expected continued growth driven by large residential developments and ongoing demand for housing within the region".

Congratulations to all who contributed to Swampscott's efforts in this arena, particularly the Finance Committee, Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald, Director of Finance and Administration Amy Sarro, Treasurer/Collector Patrick Luddy, the Select Board and the entire Finance team. Congratulations!

Walk to the Sea at Littles Point

In collaboration with the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, the town installed new signage to a recently established public way leading to one of Swampscott's most beautiful outcrops and a stunning lookout area. The public way is located at 35 Littles Point Road with signage placed at key points along the route, which is accessible from dawn to dusk. Visitors must stay on the designated path. Dogs shall be leashed.

New Five Fisherman at the Beach

If you haven't visited Fisherman's beach lately, you may have missed its newest visitors, *Five Fisherman Returning From the Sea.*

A generous gift of Roger and Elaine Volk, the new statue is just one of several donated by the Volks to beautify Swampscott.





Community Resources

Did you know?

Swampscott TV broadcasts meetings of the Town of Swampscott's regulatory boards and committees, in addition to covering various town sponsored events. The content produced for Government Access TV is available on our cable channel and YouTube.

Swampscott TV's Educational Access livestreams meetings of the School Committee and related committees on YouTube at Swampscott Public Schools and the cable channel. This channel also features student productions from High School TV Programs and High School Sports.

EDUCATIONAL ACCESS Comcast Channel 8 Verizon Channel 40 Channel Website - tv.swampscottps.org YouTube -Swampscott Public Schools YouTube - Big Blue Athletics

NEW Channel Number for Comcast is Channel 8. Old Number was Comcast Channel 15

GOVERNMENT ACCESS Comcast Channel 22 Verizon Channel 41 Channel Website - tv.swampscottma.gov YouTube - Town of Swampscott

PUBLIC ACCESS Verizon Channel 2141 (HD) Channel Website - swampscottma.tv/

Community Service

A Random Act of Bagelness–Creating a Win-Win For Youths



Dave Aldrich of Grab the Bagel is pictured with Town Hall staff (L to R) Dianne Marchese, Sean Fitzgerald, Dave Aldrich, Danielle Strauss and Marzie Galazka. Town Administrator Sean Fitgerald presented Dave with a citation.

From the minute you meet Dave Aldrich, you can feel his energy. Bump into him at the Farmers Market and buy one of his delicious bagels and he will share with you his enthusiasm. He's just one of those people, even after waking at 4 am to bake bagels. One hundred percent of the profits from Grab a Bagel go to scholarships and to fund-cloud-based curriculum for Grab the Torch.

Grab the Torch, started by Dave in 2009, teaches teens about making a difference in their communities. "Our goals are to help youth understand themselves first, discover what purposes and passions drive them and explore how they can strategically help improve the world" according to the <u>Grab the Torch website</u>. Grab the Bagel operates out of the JCC in Marblehead. Customers can find them at the Farmers Market and can <u>order online</u> and pick up the bagels the next day.

Eagle Scout Presents Tree Inventory to Swampscott Tree Committee

What's a tree inventory? Eagle Scout Elliot Pulaski from Troop 53 can tell you! Pulaski visited 174 street tree locations to update the Swampscott Public Shade Tree Inventory database, and recently

presented his work to the Swampscott Tree Committee and DPW Director Gino Cresta.

Pulaski's study added tree species, GPS location, tree diameter and apparent health to the database. The 174 locations updated by Elliot and his team included primarily new trees planted over the last three to four years. His efforts were a significant contribution to Swampscott's monitoring and care of its public



Photo (L to R): Dad (David), Elliot, Scout Leader David LaPorte, DPW Director Gino Cresta

Community Service

Girl Scouts Lobby for Trash and Recycling Improvements

Girl Scout Troop 60103 members Ainsley Miller & Sophia Armstrong came before the Select Board in October. They presented requests to:

- Ban plastic utensils
- Add a section for compostable materials alongside existing trash receptacles
- Schedule more regular trash pickup on the beaches.

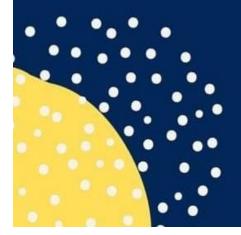


SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION is

SEEKING INSTRUCTORS

Do you have a special skill or hobby you'd like to teach others? Swampscott Recreation is looking to add to our Adult Program Offerings!

Floral Arranging, baking, cooking, holiday ornaments/gifts, crafting, knitting, sewing—anything!





Interested? Send an email to jcamerlengo@swampscott.gov

Upcoming Events

Nov. 17 @ 7 p.m. Wines to Give, Serve and Sip!



Nov. 19 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Thanksgiving Market



Nov. 19 @ 10 a.m. Turkey Treasure Hunt

Turkey Treasure Hunt

Join the race around Swampscott using town and historic clues to find Tom Turkey!

Clue #1: Meet at Linscott Park. Proceed by car and find subsequent clues around Swampscott!

When: November 19th @ 10:00am SHARP



Cost: Small bag of requested items for Anchor Food Pantry. A prize for 1st place awarded on the spot!

Nov. 27-30 Holiday Wreath Raffle



For more information and registration, visit <u>swampscottrec.com</u> <u>or click on the graphic.</u>

Upcoming Events

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION'S

BIG BLUE HOOPS



STARTS DECEMBER 2ND

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS IN GRADES K TO 4TH

\$150 FOR 10 WEEKS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER VISIT: SWAMPSCOTTREC.COM

Upcoming Events and Courses

Saturday, November 11 10 am - 4 pm



ReachArts Arts, 89 Burrill Street

A celebration of all things handmade by an impressive lineup of 19 artisans that have a unique connection - they all reside in the Swampscott 01907 zip code.

Treat yourself to something unique while supporting and appreciating the value of all things handmade.

Babysitter Course

All you need to know about responsible babysitting



Get your child trained to be a responsible Babysitter!

Learn infant and toddler care, diapering and feeding techniques, how to handle bedtime issues, choose age-appropriate toys and games and perform basic first aid.

Instructor Debbie La Flemme is a licensed day care provider who has been teaching this course throughout the state of Massachusetts. Open to grades 5-10.

Date: November 18, 2023, 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Location: Senior Center, Swampscott High School



Swampscott Recreation's

ADULT & CHILD CAKE DECORATING CLASS

\$50 - 4 SESSIONS

Register here

Take advantage of this 4-session workshop that will teach you and your middle schooler the proper techniques for decorating cakes and cupcakes—just in time for the holidays!

Swampscott Senior Center

Mondays in November

Swampscott Conservancy Upcoming Events



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Senior Center News and Events/Department of Veterans Affairs

Health Department Senior Flu Clinic Delivered Flu Shots and Gift Cards!

A successful High Dose Flu vaccination clinic was held on September 28 at the Senior Center. Thanks to a grant from the National Council on Aging (NCOA) Vaccine Uptake Initiative, the Swampscott Health Department, along with the Boards of Health/Health Departments of Peabody, Salem, Danvers, Beverly, Marblehead, Lynn, and Nahant, were able to purchase supplies for our regional flu clinics. The first clinic, for seniors, vaccinated 57 individuals ages 65 and older with the High Dose Flu vaccine. The regional NCOA grant also gave those seniors who



completed a NCOA grant survey the chance to spin the wheel for a free gift card to Market Basket!

The Swampscott Health Department is grateful to the Public Health Nurses in our region, regional staff from the North Shore Public Heath Collaborative, as well as our Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers for their help, with special thanks to Heidi Whear, Sabrina Clopton, and the Senior Center staff for promoting our clinic and helping seniors sign up for their vaccine appointments!





Swampscott/Lynn DAV Chapter Contributes \$500 to Disaster Relief

The Disabled American Veterans E.F. Gilmore chapter is an active contributor to ongoing DAV Disaster Relief Program activities. In October, the Swampscott/Lynn DAV Chapter contributed \$500 to support victims of the Maui wildfires and Hurricane

Idalia.

"When disasters strike, DAV and its team of National Service Officers are on the ground to help our nation's heroes," Swampscott/Lynn DAV Chapter Commander Jeffrey Blonder said. "DAV provides relief through financial assistance as well as supply kits to veterans and their families so they can obtain basic necessities such as food, warm clothes and shelter."

Photo at right courtesy of Swampscott Patch: E.F. Gilmore Commander Jeffrey Blonder, State DAV Board of Directors member Tracy Claudio, Board of Directors, and E.F. Gilmore Treasurer Andrea Gayle-Bennett present their donation. (Swampscott/Lynn Disabled Veterans of America)



Community Announcements New Resident and Business Notification System Coming Soon

The Town of Swampscott is launching a new communication platform to keep residents and businesses up-to-date with important information and alerts. Starting December 1, the Town will utilize OnSolve CodeRED to distribute alerts and information. Notifications are sent from the Town and can be received by you on mobile app, SMS text, email, and more.

This new communication system will be used to update residents about: weather alerts, elections, public health alerts, road/traffic alerts, sanitary sewer overflow alerts, trash & recycling, community events, and monthly newsletter. When you create your free account, you can decide how you want to receive updates and on what topics. You can also make changes to those selections at any time.

This monthly newsletter will be moving to distribution through CodeRED so be sure to create your account and select "Monthly newsletter" to continue to receive it. For more information and to set up your account, visit <u>swampscottma.gov/subscribe</u>.

Planning Board Seeks Input on Proposed Vinnin Square Design Guidelines

Do you want to keep abreast of proposed new vision and direction for Vinnin Square? At the October 16th meeting of the Planning Board, members met with Josh Fiala, Principal Planner of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, to review a DRAFT version of the proposed Vinnin Square

Design Guidelines. Over the next couple of months, Planning Board members will be reviewing the guidelines, with the goal of finalizing them at their December meeting.

We welcome resident participation and feedback in reviewing the guidelines, so please be sure to check out the draft version <u>here</u>!

Comments can be sent to Marissa Meaney, Land Use Coordinator at <u>mmeaney@swampscottma.gov</u>

Do you play an instrument?

The BLUE Big Band, Swampscott's community jazz orchestra, is starting up again and looking for musicians. The band was created so that people young and old in our community that either play or used to play an instrument could have a group to rehearse and perform with.

Organized by Joe Douillette and directed by Timo Shanko, 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 Cultural Council, a state agency. Rehearsals are Monday nights at 7:30 at Swampscott High School. If you are interested in joining, please <u>fill out this form</u> or contact joe@bluebigband.com. If you want to be on the mailing list to be informed of upcoming concerts, email info@bluebigband.com.







Public Library News

Feeding Strategies for School Age Children November 6th

Raising healthy kids is one of the hardest jobs of parenting. We work with families to ensure infants, children and teenagers develop healthy eating habits and get the proper nutrition their bodies need.



Join us on November 6th at 6:30 p.m. for an educational workshop with Liana DeLoid MS, RD, LDN, the principal and founder of Engaging Nutrition.

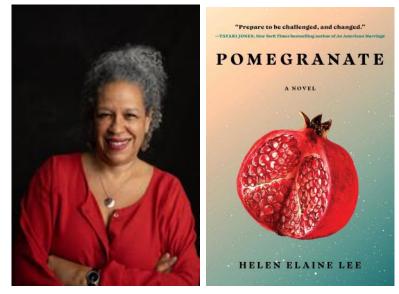
This presentation is a hybrid program

and will be available via Microsoft Teams in addition to in person at the Library. The Teams link will be provided at registration. <u>Register here.</u>

Author Event November 7th

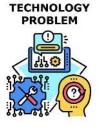
Helen Elaine Lee will join us **Tuesday**, **November 7th at 7:00 PM** to discuss the book Pomegranate. Registration is required, <u>register online</u> or call 781-596-8867 to register for this event.

"Like the pomegranate of the title...filled with unexpected treasures. Lee has created a powerful, beautifully written story of a woman who painfully confronts her past to build her future." -Booklist



Technology Thursdays

Do you need help with your smartphone or computer? **Thursdays at 2:00 PM** come to the reference room and librarians Caroline and Bernadette will help troubleshoot your technology. We cannot fix broken devices, or solve every issue, but we will do our best to help and point you in the right direction.



Holiday Hours

The library will be closed Fri. Nov. 10th and Sat. Nov. 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

The library will close at 5:00 p.m. Wed. Nov. 22nd and remain closed Thu. Nov. 23rd and Fri. Nov. 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

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

Police Department News

Detective Sergeant Candace Doyle Recognized for Leadership

Congratulations to Det Sgt Candace Doyle who was recognized by the Massachusetts Latino Police Officers Association for being a leader and mentor! Chief Quesada and Sgt Doyle attended the ceremony on Friday, October 13th.





Comfort K9 Sora Showing Support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month!



Sora is always on the move. Helping our students, supporting our residents. This month she went all on for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You go Sora!

Fire Department News Hadley Elementary's Field Trip to the Fire Department

Hadley Elementary School visited the fire station in October and learned all about what the firefighters do.





Students had the opportunity to help operate the fire hose and teachers got the chance to go up in the bucket on the ladder truck.



Firefighter Brittany Coppinger, along with Firefighter Gino DiGiorgio and Captain James Snow, showed students firefighter's turnout gear. Fun fact- turnout gear weighs about 60 pounds!

Firefighters Mike Salsgiver, Thomas Pitman and Gino DiGiorgio explained to students how the firepoles work.

Even the firehouse dog, Ryan, got in on the action! Ryan now has his very own Instagram account where you can follow along to see his adventures <u>@fire_dog_ryan</u>.

Thanks everyone for a great day of learning and fun!



Trash and Recycling

Public Comment Period on New Bylaw Ends November 8th

INVITATION TO PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 6PM

NEW BYLAW PROPOSAL FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE PLASTICS REDUCTION IN SWAMPSCOTT



The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has developed a draft bylaw that **seeks to increase recycling and reduce plastic solid waste coming from food service businesses** in Swampscott. The May 2023 annual Town Meeting was presented with a proposal to ban plastic takeout containers, but it was indefinitely postponed upon the recommendation that the town's Solid Waste Advisory Committee study the issue. Since last May SWAC has been working to develop a **comprehensive plastics regulation** that addresses the needs of the community, the environment, and the businesses affected. We are now seeking your input.



Scan the QR code or you can access the draft bylaw on the SWAC Committee page on the Town's Web site: https://www.swampscottma.gov/solid-waste-advisory-committee

Trash and Recycling

Town of Swampscott PUMPKIN COMPOSTING DROP-OFF

Saturday November 4th

9:00 am - 11:00 am @ The DPW Yard | 200 Paradise Road

Save space in your trash while putting your pumpkin to good use as compost with Black Earth Composting

Swampscott Trash and Recycling Updates

Trash and Recycling Opportunities for Residents!

From the House:

> Photo Chemicals

> Chemistry Sets

> Furniture Polish

> Oven Cleaner

> Spot Remover

> Fluorescent bulbs

> Floor & Metal Polish

> Drain & Toilet Cleaner

> Rug & Upholstery Cleaner

How Can I Safely Transport

* Tighten caps and lids.

and household cleaners.

pad with newspaper.

* NEVER MIX CHEMICALS.

These Hazardous Materials???

* Leave materials in original containers.

* Sort and pack separately: oil paint, pesticides,

* Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and

* Pack your car and drive directly to the site.

* NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous material.

> Hobby Supplies, Artist Supplies

> Rubber Cement, Airplane Glue

Get rid of that old paint, clean out unused yard treatment supplies from your shed. Do you refinish furniture? Safely dispose of your paint strippers. Closing up your pool? Unwanted chemicals can go!

November 18th at the Marblehead Transfer Station. Bring proof of Swampscott residency.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9-Noon

Marblehead/Swampscott Residents

What Not to Bring!!

What Do I Bring?? From the Workbench: >Fiberglass Resins > Oil Based Paints > Stains & Varnishes > Wood Preservatives > Paint Strippers/Thinners > Solvent Adhesives > Lighter Fluid From the Garage: >Roofing Tar >Swimming Pool chemicals > Fuels/Gasoline/Kerosene > Motor Oil > Antifreeze > Engine Degreaser > Brake Fluid/Carburetor Cleaner > Transmission Fluid > Car Wash, Polishes

> Driveway Sealer
From the Yard:
> Weed Killer
> Flea control Products
> Moth Balle

>Moth Balls >Poisons, Insecticides, Fungicides, Fertilizers X Commercial or Industrial Waste X Radioactive Waste, Smoke Detectors X Infectious & Biological Wastes X Ammunition, Fireworks, Explosives X Asbestos X Prescription Medicines/Syringes X Fire Extinguishers For More Information Contact:

Board of Health (781) 631-0212 Proof of residency is required

Cost: \$40.00 for 3 to 10 gal or lbs (Half Car) \$60.00 for 10 to 25 gal or lbs (Full Car) \$30.00 for 0 to 3 gal or lbs

Gal or lbs determined by container size not actual volume Additional Amounts Priced Accordingly

TV's and Monitors \$25 each

Propane Tanks Gas Grill size \$25 Small Torch/Camping size \$5

NO Rigid Plastics NO Styrofoam Collection

Place: Marblehead Transfer Station

5 Woodfin Terrace, Marblehead

Sponsored by the Marblehead and Swampscott Health Departments (781)-631-0212

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	8 November 2	5 December 30			
YARD WASTE COLLECTION							
On your regular trash day							
	April 24	June 5	July 24	September 11			
				September II			
	October 16	November 13	December 11				

COMPOSTING

There are two free composting 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 on the 2nd and last Saturday of each month

> 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: <u>Town Meetings</u> on the town website.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> TO SIGN UP FOR IMPORTANT TOWN NOTICES AND THIS NEWSLETTER

OTHER NEWSLETTERS:

<u>Swampscott Retirement Newsletter</u> <u>Council on Aging Newsletter</u> <u>Town of Swampscott Newsletter</u>

WEBSITES OF INTEREST:

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				
TOWN WEBSITE:					
WWW.SWAMPSCOTTMA.GOV					
FACEBOOK:					
LIKE US ON FACEBOOK					
INSTAGRAM:					
@SwampscottMass					
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