

Swampscott News

Swampscott Heads Back To School

Welcome Back Students!

Swampscott's teachers, Staff, and Sora were ready to greet students in all our schools as the town kicked off the school year.

Included are the kindergarten team at Hadley on the stairs, plenty of great graphics, Principal Norkun and the PTO ready for Popsicles in the Park at Clarke School, Hadley Assistant Principal Knowles having some fun and a balloon display at the Middle School.

Thank you Staff and Teachers for all you do for our students throughout the year!



Volunteers & Help Needed!

Seeking Poll Worker Volunteers for 2024 Elections

Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-596-4167 or email clerks@swampscottma.gov

Anchor Food Pantry Seeking Donations

The Anchor Food Pantry needs food and hygiene products. There will be a box near the fireplace on the 1st floor of Town Hall for your donations. Suggested items are: canned veggies, soups & stews, tuna, chicken; cereal, granola & cereal bars, pasta, beans (canned or dry). Hygiene Products (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and razors).

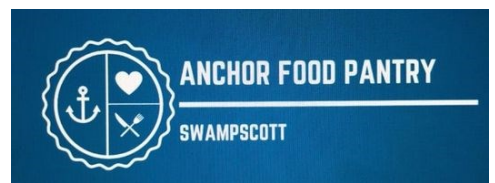


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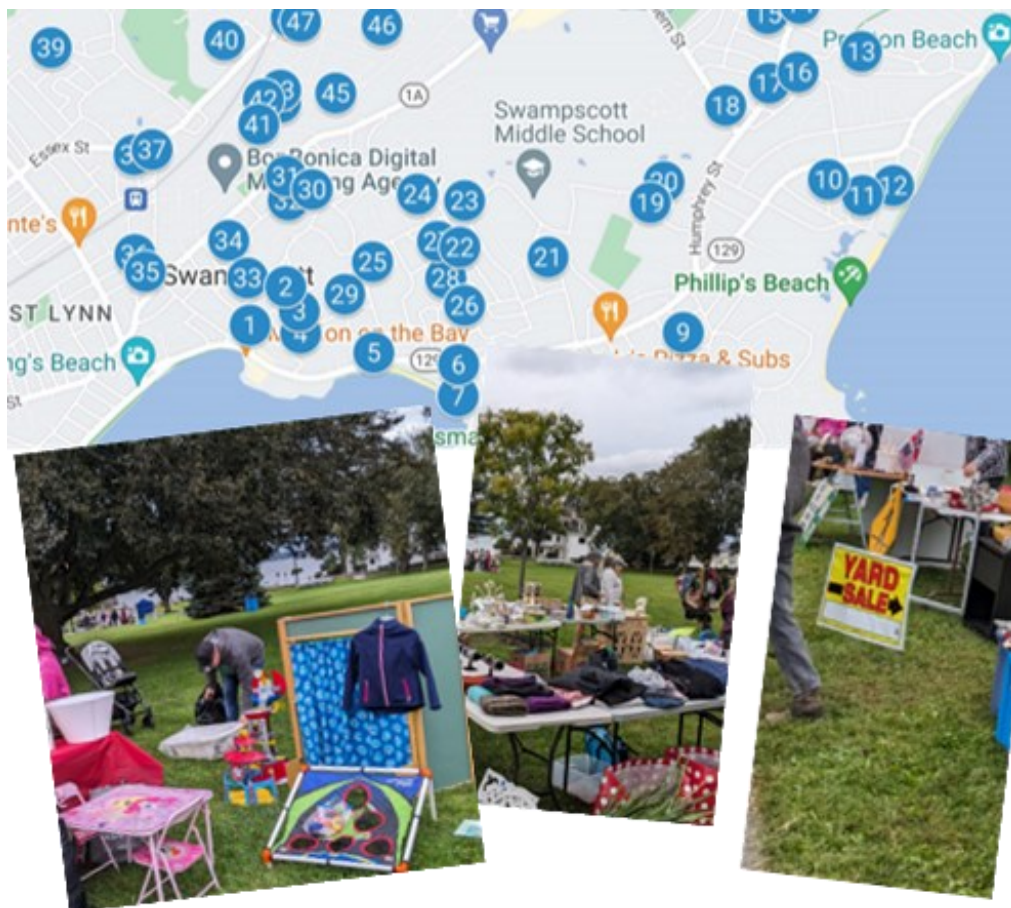
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Town Yard Sale Goes Forward, Despite Rain!

Saturday morning, September 23 may be been cloudy, but that didn't stop hundreds of shoppers and nearly 50 sellers from enjoying sales set up all over Swampscott at individual residences and Linscott Park.



PorchFest Rescheduled for October 1



Upcoming Events

My Brother's Table Annual Walk

My Brother's Table is excited to announce that its Annual Walk will be held rain or shine on Sunday, October 15th. The three-mile walk along the Lynn/Swampscott shore begins at The First Church located at 40 Monument Avenue in Swampscott. Registration opens at 1:30 pm and the Walk begins promptly at 2:00 pm.

This year's event is aptly named the "Seven Million Meals Walk" since My Brother's Table proudly served its seven millionth meal earlier this year. Proceeds will help fund future meal programs.

Register yourself, start/join a team, or sponsor someone at www.mybrotherstable.org/walk. All registered walkers will be entered into a raffle to win a \$250 Amazon gift card. Also, free Walk T-shirt for all registered walkers who raise \$40+. Additional prizes for top individuals and teams.



7,000,000 MEALS
WALK

SUN. OCT. 15
@ 2PM

FIRST CHURCH
40 MONUMENT AVE
SWAMPSCOTT



REGISTER AT
WWW.MYBROTHERSTABLE.ORG

Upcoming Events

CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN SWAMPSCOTT

with the Nettukkusqk Singers



October 15th from 11:00am-12:00pm
on Swampscott Town Hall Lawn
Free to the public

The Nettukkusqk Singers a group of Wampanoag and Nipmuc Native American Traditional singers. Their mission is to learn from each other and teach our children the Eastern Woodland Traditional music, culture, dance and language.

SWAMPSCOTT RECREATION PRESENTS:

TRICK OR TREAT

OCT
31



AT TOWN HALL

22 MONUMENT AVENUE, SWAMPSCOTT
10:00 - 2:00PM

LITTLE GHOULS AND GOBLINS CAN TRICK OR TREAT
THE HALLS OF TOWN HALL! EACH DEPARTMENT WILL
BE HANDING OUT TREATS!

Swampscott Recreation's

Halloween Costume Parade at the Farmer's Market

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH - 12PM



Swampscott Town Hall's Lawn

COME EARLY AND SHOP OUR
FABULOUS VENDORS!

Parade starts at noon! Participants will
receive a Halloween goodie bag *while
supplies! After the parade, stick around and
trick-or-treat around the market!



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

FALL FUN AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

10:00am - 1:00pm every Sunday

Produce market • Food vendors • Artists and Artisans •
Entertainment • Programs

OCTOBER 1ST - TOUCH A TRUCK

CHECK OUT VEHICLES FROM THE PD, FD, AND DPW

OCTOBER 8TH - CLASSIC CAR SHOW

*OVER 200 CARS WILL BE DISPLAYED ON TOWN HALL
LAWN AND LINSOTT PARK*

OCTOBER 15TH - HONORING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY WITH THE NETTUKKUSQK SINGERS

11:00AM -12:00PM PERFORMANCE ON TOWN HALL LAWN

OCTOBER 22ND - MINIS WITH A MISSION

COME PET AND PLAY WITH MINI PONIES

OCTOBER 29TH - HALLOWEEN PARADE

*KIDS WHO COME DRESSED IN COSTUMES WILL RECEIVE A
GOODY BAG. TRICK OR TREAT AROUND THE MARKET*

Upcoming Events

BOLLY X

Join certified instructors Kim Beuttler and Jen Weissman for BollyX, a Bollywood-inspired dance fitness program that combines dynamic choreography with the hottest music from around the world.

When: Mondays at 7:15 pm starting October 16th (Kim) and/or Thursdays at 6 pm, starting October 20th (Jen); 60 minutes each.

Open to all fitness levels! To learn more and register [click here](#).



Join us for a Bollywood-inspired dance fitness program to get you moving, sweating, and smiling. No prior dance experience required!



Babysitter Course

All you need to know about responsible babysitting

\$60

Get trained to be a responsible Babysitter!

Date: November 18, 2023

Time: 9 am—1 pm

Location: Senior Center, at Swampscott High School

Open to grades 5-10.

[Register here.](#)

OCTOBER

BREAST
CANCER

AWARENESS
MONTH

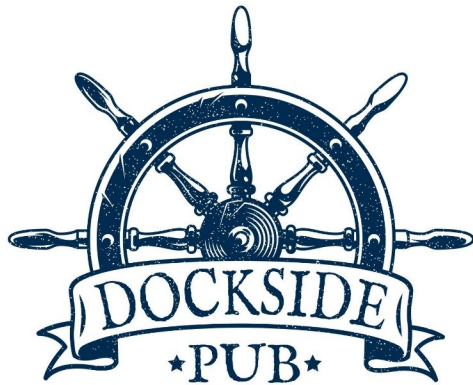
Upcoming Events



Join Us For A Ribbon Cutting



The Town of Swampscott Officially Welcomes Dockside Pub!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

12:00 noon

286 Humphrey Street

Swampscott, Massachusetts 01907

Refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by Swampscott's Office of Community and Economic Development

Saturday, November 11
10 am – 4 pm



Reach 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.

TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

Sept. 30th, 2023

8am-12pm

200 Paradise Road, Swampscott MA, 01907

NE Mass Mosquito Control (NEMMC) invites you to drop off passenger vehicle tires without rims at NO CHARGE

(no commercial truck tires will be accepted at this time)



Why? Tires without rims collect rainwater which can breed mosquitoes. NEMMC is actively working towards protecting your community from excessive mosquito breeding. For more information about our services, check out our website at: <https://www.nemassmosquito.org/>

Upcoming Events

Fishing and Boating: Past and Present Discover Swampscott's Marine Heritage at Town Hall Exhibit

Swampscott Historical Commission's latest exhibit delves into Swampscott's maritime past. Swampscott's early days included a rich fishing heritage that has changed over time. Take a visual tour of Swampscott's fishing and boating history with this self-guided exhibit, which runs through October at Town Hall.



Swampscott Community Power

Swampscott Community Power gives electricity customers an alternative to National Grid's Basic Service price and to other electricity supply offers in the marketplace without pressure or hidden fees. Through the program, participants automatically receive 100% renewable electricity as well as long-term, stable pricing.

The program changes the price that National Grid uses to calculate the supply services portion of the bill. Through the program, participants have the potential for savings compared with National Grid's Basic Service price. However, because National Grid's prices change and future prices are not known, savings cannot be guaranteed.



Nearly 70%
of the Town
participates.
DO YOU?



SwampscottCommunityPower.com

New Businesses!

The Dockside Pub



The Dockside Pub located at 286 Humphrey Street opened September 20th to the Public with a Grand Opening October 1st.

Promising classic New England Seafood Plates and Chowders, tempting and tasty Pasta dishes, as well as Pub Favorites, from Smash Burgers to Steak Tips, The Dockside Pub will feature table seating, a Pub Bar featuring six draft beer lines, as well as custom brewed beers and the finest cocktails, liquors, and wine. A take-out window and picnic tables will also be on offer, with classic fried beach food in addition to the full menu and bar.

For more information visit docksidepubswampscott.com



Coastal Collective



Coastal Collective is a beautiful new shop located at 434 Humphrey Street. Coastal Collective is home to a selection of coastal-inspired lifestyle needs, art, and gifts. Between the walls lined with work of local artisans you can find locally-made jewelry, pottery, candles, homewares, plants and other giftable goods.

To learn more visit coastalcollectivema.com and follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)



Fire Department News

Police and Fire Departments Observe 9/11 Remembrance

The Swampscott Police Department joined the Swampscott Fire Department for a ceremony to honor and remember those who lost their lives on 9/11/2001. Fire Chief Graham Archer spoke eloquently about the bravery of the men and women who showed up, "Looking back at footage of that day and hearing recollections of firefighters who were there, I was struck by how clearly aware they were of the extreme danger they faced. They couldn't have known exactly how the events would play out, but they were fully aware that they faced something unprecedented and terrible. At the same time, there was an unsettling normality to the scene of later arriving crews, reporting to the command post, receiving their orders, and walking away to attempt to execute their impossible assignments, as if it was just a normal day. Just another fire. These were some of the most amazing examples of courage I have ever seen."

Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald also shared his reflections, as those who gathered paid solemn tribute.



Striking the Four Fives



The sound of a bell holds special significance for firefighters. Historically, the toll of a bell summoned members to the station, signaled the beginning of a shift, notified departments of a call for help. Departments also sounded a series of bells when a firefighter died in the line of duty to alert all members that a comrade had made the ultimate sacrifice.

One of the most meaningful series of bells is commonly called "Striking the Four Fives". The custom of rendering final honors has its origins in the fire department of the City of New York, where many years ago, long before the advent of radios or cell phones, fire alarms and daily announcements were dispatched by a system of bell commands and telegraph. Each different type of alarm or announcement would have its own number and series of bell strikes.

When a firefighter died in the line of duty or when some important official or personage died, headquarters would transmit five bell strikes, repeated in four series, with a slight pause between each series, followed by the announcement. This was done as long ago as 1865 in the New York City Fire Department to inform the rank and file of the death of President Abraham Lincoln. The custom has continued down to the present day.

Senior Center News and Events

Red Sox Brunch!

Swampscott Seniors gathered September 14th to share tales of attending their first Red Sox games. The price for tickets back then for a family was just \$4!

Katie Watts shared stories from her times as a Red Sox Ball Attendant to a wonderful crowd of seniors. Katie is a Swampscott High alumnae and works at Fenway for the Red Sox. Looking back we should have served Fenway Franks for lunch, but had a great spread from Periwinkles.



Red Sox handouts; Katie Watts and Sonja Nathan



The Swampscott Health Department
will be holding a
High Dose (65+) Flu Clinic on:



Date: Thursday, September 28th, 2023
Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Location: Swampscott Senior Center
200R Essex Street, Rear
Swampscott, MA 01907

This High Dose Flu Clinic is for ages 65 and older

Registration is required for this clinic

Please click [here](#) to register for an appointment
or by using the following registration link:

[https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/swampscott?
site=swampscott-high-dose-ages-65-flu-clinic-at-sr-5311](https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/swampscott?site=swampscott-high-dose-ages-65-flu-clinic-at-sr-5311)

**If you need assistance registering for
an appointment, please call the
Swampscott Senior Center at: 781-596-8866**

Remember:

**Please wear a short-sleeve t-shirt
Please bring all insurance cards to the flu clinic**

Fire Department and Senior Center Summer Cookout

In late August, the Fire Department had the pleasure of grilling up some hotdogs and hamburgers for residents at the Senior Center. Wearing official Swampscott Fire Department aprons, the firefighters quickly got to work cooking up quite the meal.



Senior Center Director Heidi Sawyer Whear and Fire Chief Graham Archer gave brief remarks. The afternoon ended as all New England summer events should, with a Hoodsie cup.



Thank you to all the residents in attendance. We look forward to similar events in the future!

Public Library News

Thriller Thursday Author Talks

Join us every Thursday in October for special author talks. All talks will take place at the Library unless otherwise noted. [Registration is required and encouraged.](#) Make sure to grab a copy of each book at the library ahead of time!

A Storm of Witchcraft by Emerson Baker—October 5th at 6 PM (library)

All that is Mine I Carry by William Landay—October 12th at 7 PM (JCC)

Drawn by James Hankins—October 19th at 6 PM (library)

Good Neighbors by Sarah Langan—October 26th at 6 PM (library)



Movie Night: PSYCHO

Wednesday,
October 11, 6PM

Tarot Program

Thursday,
October 26th
at 5:45 PM



Free Demo Program



Tuesday, October 24th at 10 am, join Music Together of Salem for a FREE demo program. All ages welcome.

Friends of the Swampscott Public Library

Annual Flower Bulb Sale

Order flower bulbs for fall planting and support the Friends of Swampscott Public Library!

Choose from a wide selection of tulips, daffodils, alliums, hyacinth, iris, crocus, lilies and more

Order before October 15. Bulbs will be shipped in time for fall planting in your gardening zone

Purchase fall flower bulbs:

<http://SwampscottLibraryFriends.fpfundraising.com>

Public Library News

NEW! The Fathoms, our new Teen Space is open!

The Fathoms will be a haven for our young minds to expand their horizons, explore their passions, and find a sense of belonging. It's a place where creativity will flourish, friendships will be forged, and where the pursuit of knowledge can become an exciting adventure. The Teen Room houses an extensive collection of books and multimedia resources as well as collaborative workspaces, technology, and engaging programs to foster learning and personal growth.

Library Director Jonathan Nichols shared "This new space is dedicated to a beloved member of the staff and the community of Swampscott - Sandra "Sandy" Moltz. It seems fitting that we dedicate this room to her memory and to the legacy she started here with serving the teens of our community."



Sandy Moltz

We welcome you to visit and explore this new space!



Children's Room

Monday and Wednesday Story Times are back at 10 am! We also offer Ukrainian and Russian language specific story times Wednesdays at 5 pm.

Technology Thursdays

Need help with your smartphone or computer? Every Thursday at 2 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 will do our best to help and point you in the right direction.

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



School News

Progress Continues On Our New Elementary School

The School Building Committee is happy to share some behind-the-scenes pictures!

View from gym



View from indoor/outdoor STEM room



View from 1st floor of the media center



View from cafetorium



SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



SEPTEMBER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**OCTOBER 12, 2023 THURSDAY 6PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129**

**OCTOBER 26, 2023 THURSDAY 6 PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129**

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

Tires Too!



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 [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: [Town Meetings](#) on the town website.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR
IMPORTANT TOWN NOTICES](#)

The town is going to be changing to a new, enhanced resident notification system. We will be asking residents to sign up to receive notification by email, text or phone calls. Stay tuned for more information.

OTHER NEWSLETTERS:

[SWAMPSCOTT RETIREMENT NEWSLETTER](#)

[COUNCIL ON AGING NEWSLETTER](#)

[TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT NEWSLETTER](#)

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:

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