

Swampscott News

September 2023

Great Turnout At The Humphrey Street Summer Fest Block Party



The block party featured food trucks, fun for kids, music, beer, local crafters and restaurants. Big thank you to everyone who came out in droves to ply their wares, to buy from our vendors and eat at our first ever Humphrey Street Block Party! A big shout-out to our Recreation, Police, Fire & Public Works departments for working together and making this a huge success!

Volunteers Needed!



Seeking Poll Worker Volunteers for 2024 Elections

Volunteers sought to work the 2024 Elections. Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 781-596-4167 or email clerks@swampscottma.gov.

Looking For Volunteers for Town Committees:

- Earth Removal Advisory Committee (ERAC) - Excavating Engineer
- Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee
- Renewable Energy Committee

It's easy to apply, click here to go to the [town website and application](#).

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Public Safety Reminder



Please remember to be cautious and to not leave food out.

We continue to receive feedback that coyotes are sighted in various parts of town.

Farmers Market News

SWAMPSCOTT TALENT OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in performing at the Swampscott Farmers Market we have room for Opening and Closing Acts. Performances can be 5 minutes but no more than 25 minutes. There's availability on Sundays beginning in September through the end of October.



This is a great opportunity for local novice performers or experienced performers who want to showcase and share their talents. All artists need to provide their own equipment.

If you are interested, please contact Select Board member MaryEllen Fletcher at mefletcher@swampscottma.gov

Business News

Join the official ribbon-cutting to celebrate the opening of the Dockside Pub at 268 Humphrey Street on Thursday September 7th at noon.



Swampscott Community Power—Savings for Residents

Why opt up to New England Green? BECAUSE BUYING LOCAL MATTERS!



New England Green
13.583 ¢/kWh
100% from renewable sources
in New England

Buying electricity from renewable sources right here in New England helps make our local electricity grid cleaner. Here's how:

The more local renewable energy you buy, the more demand you create for it.

The more demand you create, the more local renewable energy projects get built to meet that demand.

Our New England grid gets cleaner.

When you opt up to the New England Green option in Swampscott Community Power, you are choosing to buy all of your electricity from renewable energy projects in the New England region. Choose New England Green to make the greatest environmental impact possible through the program.

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The ONLY electricity supply program approved by and from the Town of Swampscott.
Providing CLEANER ELECTRICITY to nearly 70% of Swampscott electricity customers since 2016!

Confirm your enrollment: If you see **NextEra Energy Svcs MA-Swampscott Comm Pwr** on the Supply Services portion of your National Grid bill, you're in!

All prices currently lower than National Grid's residential prices. *

Swampscott Community Power prices are fixed until November 2024.

Most people are enrolled here



Standard Green
11.406 ¢/kWh
100% from renewable sources



OPT UP to make a bigger environmental impact!
See the other side for more info.

New England Green
13.583 ¢/kWh
100% from renewable sources
in New England

Basic
10.603 ¢/kWh
No extra from renewable sources

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Enroll or opt up:
SwampscottCommunityPower.com / 1-844-483-5004

* National Grid's Basic Service prices change, and their future prices are not known. As a result, savings compared with National Grid cannot be guaranteed.

Community & Economic Development—Vinnin Square Meeting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
COMMUNITY MEETING
FOCUSED ON DEFINING

DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR

VINNIN SQUARE



August 29TH, 2023 6:00PM



Swampscott High School - Cafeteria

200 Essex Street

This past May, Town Meeting approved zoning changes that regulate a portion of Vinnin Square located between Essex Street and Paradise Road. These zoning changes are intended to encourage future mixed-use redevelopment and investments that would strengthen the Town's commercial tax base. The adoption of "Design Guidelines" is a required component of the new zoning. The purpose of Design Guidelines is to provide direction for and help regulate the architectural, landscape and pedestrian aspects of any future redevelopment project.

The Town of Swampscott, with the Planning Board as the lead, is working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to facilitate a planning process to develop the Design Guidelines for this area. **We invite Swampscott residents to join us for an interactive community meeting where you will provide feedback to help to define the Town's vision for this portion of Vinnin Square, identify priorities for Design Guidelines, and begin to establish parameters for a successful transformation of Vinnin Square properties.**

If you have questions or special needs, please contact: Josh Fiala, Metropolitan Area Planning Council at (617) 933-0760 or jfiala@mapc.org



Image: Swampscottphotos.com

Junior Entrepreneurs



Location, Location, Location!

Kids are so smart! Lucy set up a great table to “Make Your Own Yogurt” parfaits right on Monument Ave!

Not only did she offer healthy snacks with a great presentation, she took advantage of the Farmers Market to draw in customers. Go Lucy! Know another junior entrepreneur? Send us an [email](#).

Lemonade Fundraiser

Take a look at supporting [@EducationalAdventuresMA](#) on Instagram. These kids have an exciting adventure planned and could use some help!



Beating The Heat At Spray Day!



Thank you to the Swampscott Fire Department for helping kids cool off at the and maybe some parents too. Freeze pops and fun for all ages! Holding this on July 28th, at the “Bowl” behind the Middle School was perfect timing and a perfect location.

Police Department News

Student Officers had another action packed week this year learning all about many aspects of law enforcement. Student officers were certified in CPR and also greeted by Chief Quesada and K9 Sora who decided she also wanted to be certified.

Student Officers performed physical training (PT) above expectations. Then they met Lt. Waters down at the pier, and all students took a ride on the Harbormaster boat. Also, Student Officers learned how to conduct motor vehicle stops and were taught about impaired driving by participating in a field sobriety test while wearing goggles that simulate impairment.

If that wasn't exciting enough Trooper Tim Savo, a member of the MSP Bomb Squad and handler to bomb detection K9, "Kermit" taught about bomb detection and all that goes into making a large event safe.

We're so impressed by how well the Youth Academy is run. A big thank you to the Swampscott Police Department for taking the time with our young residents.



SUMMER YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 10-14, 2023 Swampscott Police Department



Police Department News

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Student Safety program annual camp was well attended by Swampscott students entering the sixth grade. Campers learn about the effects and consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs from police officers and peer leaders. The camp reinforces important lessons on good decision making, positive self-esteem and team work. Even Sora, the SPD therapy dog, enjoyed the week.



DARE CAMP



Congratulations to Officer Jon Loyte and Detective Candace Doyle on being promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Sgt Doyle joined the department in 2001 and Sgt Loyte in 2014. Sgt Doyle is assigned to the Detective Unit as the OIC and Sgt Loyte is assigned to the 1st Division (1200-0800) as the Street Supervisor.

Together, as Sergeants, you will continue to make a positive difference in our department and Swampscott.

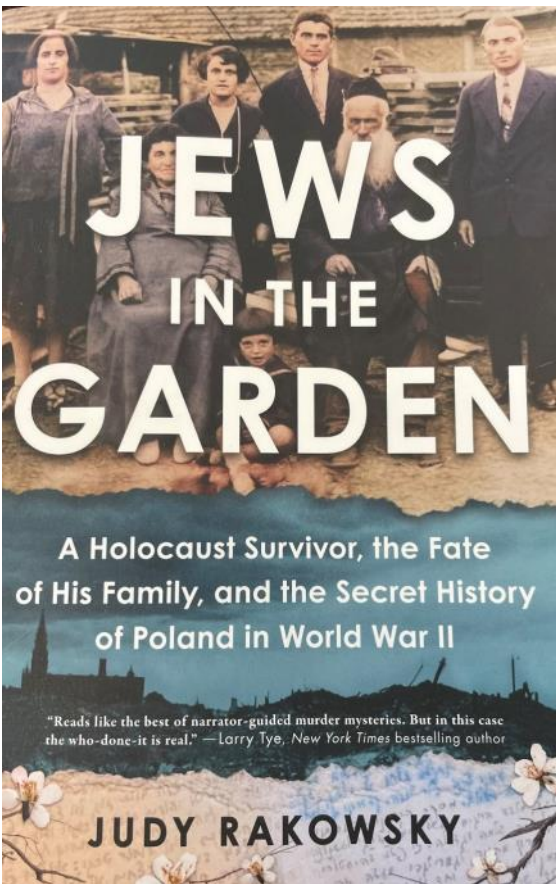


Fire Department News



Congratulations to Jason Losano Fire Captain and Michael LeBlanc Fire Lieutenant on their recent promotions. Officers Losano and LeBlanc are pictured above being sworn in August 14th by Fire Chief Archer, Town Administrator Sean Fitzgerald and accompanied by other members of SFD.

Author Judy Rakowsky is Coming to the Senior Center



Monday August 28, 2023 3-4 PM

A globe-trotting detective story, *Jews in the Garden* turns investigative eyes and ears towards the horrific actions taken by regular citizens during the Holocaust. This unlikely sleuthing pair knocks on doors, petitions court documents, gets run off properties, seeks clandestine meetings, and ultimately discovers what really happened to the "Jews in the garden next door."

To order a copy before the visit or also to bring and have the author sign it, [visit here](#).



Veteran News

DAV CHAPTER 64 LEADERS PROVIDE CRUCIAL RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR OUR VETERANS

At the recent Seth Moulton Constituent Resource Fair, local veterans and their families were greeted by the presence of Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 64's Commander, Jeff Blonder, and Adjutant, Andrea Gayle-Bennett. The event aimed to provide crucial resources and support to veterans, and the DAV representatives played a vital role in ensuring that veterans' needs were addressed.

Commander Jeff Blonder's dedication to serving fellow veterans was evident as he offered hands-on assistance to a veteran seeking to file a disability claim. Blonder provided invaluable guidance, ensuring that the veteran's case was comprehensively addressed and properly filed. His commitment to ensuring veterans receive the benefits they deserve exemplifies the core values of DAV.



Adjutant Andrea Gayle-Bennett actively engaged with attendees, sharing insights about DAV's mission and the comprehensive support the organization provides to veterans of all eras. She highlighted DAV's commitment to empowering veterans, connecting them with essential resources, and advocating for their well-being. Gayle-Bennett's outreach underscored the importance of organizations like DAV in fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among veterans.



DAV Chapter 64 members, Bob and Sue Quinn, took the opportunity to engage with VA Outreach Coordinator, Leanna Lynch to discuss the array of benefits available to veterans. The Quinns' conversation with Lynch shed light on the vital role that VA outreach coordinators play in ensuring veterans are informed about the benefits and services they are entitled to. These interactions underscored the collaborative efforts of both local organizations and government agencies in supporting veterans.



The presence of DAV Chapter 64's leaders and members at the Seth Moulton Constituent Resource Fair served as a testament to the organization's unwavering commitment to supporting veterans and their families. By actively participating in events that directly impact the lives of veterans, DAV continues to uphold its mission of empowering and advocating for those who have served our nation.

For more information about DAV Chapter 64 and their ongoing initiatives, please visit <https://davma.org/>

Board of Health News

BEACH INFORMATION

How do I know if it is safe to swim?

What we have learned of local and state data from the decades of routine beach water sampling, is that there is up to a 24-48 hour time period for local swimming areas to recover after a heavy or prolonged rain event.



Swimming conditions can also vary throughout the day. Below are a few recommendations for deciding when and where to swim:

- Check the weather, avoid swimming after heavy rain events - bacterial levels tend to rise due to runoff after heavy rains.
- Watch for "signs" of water pollution such as discolored, fast flowing, and strong-smelling water.
- Avoid swimming next to drainpipes, outlets, or other possible sources of pollution.
- Do not swim near trash or street litter floating in the water.
- Avoid swallowing the water - when waterborne pathogens are present, most swimmers are exposed when they swallow the water. You will be less likely to get sick if you wade or swim without putting your head under water.
- Swim only in areas designated as "swim beaches".

At different locations and for different storms, the time it takes for the waterbody to recover is going to depend on the characteristics of the waterbody, how much rainfall, tidal exchanges, etc. As this can be difficult to figure out, it is important to follow the Health Department advisory to avoid swimming at beaches within 24 to 48 hours after heavy or prolonged rain events.

To view current and historical beach water sample results please visit the Health Department page of the Town website or the [Commonwealth's Interactive Beach Water Quality Dashboard](#).

Senior Center News and Events

A SUMMER OF FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By the Sea Social Day program took a field trip to the Lynn Museum—welcome to Lynn Museum/LynnArts!

In the heart of Lynn's Arts & Cultural District, the Lynn Museum was founded in 1897 to collect, preserve and illuminate the city's remarkable history. The museum has evolved into a vibrant cultural center.



The Lynn Museum is at 590 Washington Street in Lynn. For more information on the Lynn Museum [click here.](#)



Great fun was had at our Luau. Our members donned leis, dined on Polynesian themed food and danced to singer Bobby Kerrigan's tunes.



A group from the Senior Center hits the seas aboard the Schooner Fame in Salem.



School News

We are ONE year away from the 1st day of classes at Swampscott Elementary School. Construction is moving along - classrooms are framed, brick is going on, roof is in place, and over 1/2 of the geothermal wells are drilled. EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING! Enjoy the time lapse video of 30 days from mid July to mid August. [Click here for video.](#)



SWAMPSCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**SEPTEMBER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 THURSDAY 6PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 THURSDAY 6 PM
REGULAR SESSION - SHS ROOM B129**





SWAMPSCOTT

— PUBLIC LIBRARY —



Movie Nights: *The Birds* Sept 6th & *Psycho* Sept 13th)
Lou Gallo History Buffs are back Sept 11th at 10 PM
Crystals Workshop - Sept 16th @ 1 PM

CHILDREN'S ROOM

Special Grandparents Story Time: Sept.11th @10:30 am

Ukrainian Story Time 1st & 3rd Wednesday w/ Ms. Iryna @5pm

Russian Story Time 2nd & 4th Wednesday w/ Ms. Iryna @5pm

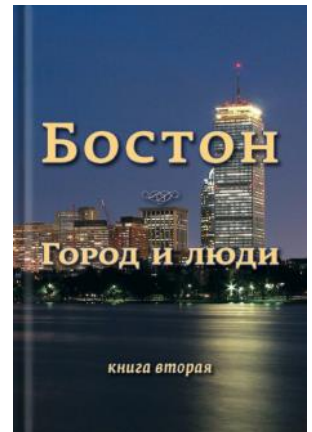


Rosh Hashanah Story Time Sept. 20th 10 – 11 AM

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AUTHOR EVENT!

Saturday, September 23rd @ 10 am

Boston City and People: this project, the first of its kind brought together more than thirty authors writing about Boston in Russian. Writers and journalists, poets and photographers who have dedicated their work to the city represent a kind of “group portrait” of Boston. You will meet the compilers and authors of the book, American and Russian inhabitants who made up the village. You will also hear prose and poetry performed by the author. ***This event will be presented in the Russian language only.**

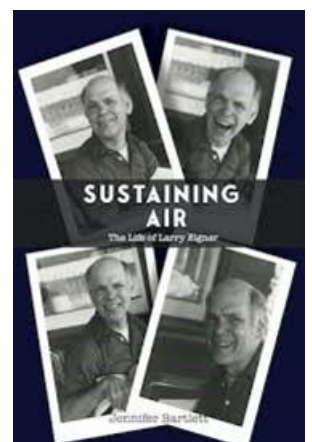


UPCOMING POET EVENT!

Jennifer Bartlett discusses her new biography of Swampscott Poet Larry Eigner.

Join us on Monday October 2nd at 7 pm to hear author and award winning poet Jennifer Bartlett discuss her new biography of Swampscott's own Larry Eigner, a poet of the Black Mountain School of Poetry who has been called “seminal to postwar American poetry.”

Mr. Eigner grew up on Bates Road here in Swampscott, where he lived from his birth in 1927 until he moved to San Francisco in 1978.



Upcoming Recreation Events



2023

THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT PRESENTS:

SWAMPTOBERFEST

SEPTEMBER 9 | 4-8PM

SWAMPSCOTT TOWN HALL LAWN

\$5/PERSON - \$20 MAX/FAMILY

LIVE MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS | KIDS PLAY AREA
BEER GARDEN EXCLUSIVELY PRESENTED BY THE
SWAMPSCOTT YACHT CLUB

VIVA
tequila seltzer

HARPOON

Upcoming Recreation Events



THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT INVITES YOU
TO SIGN UP FOR:

SWAMPSCOTT'S FALL YARD SALE

\$20 to participate

SEPT 23RD, 2023 | 8 AM - 12 PM
@ YOUR HOUSE OR TOWN HALL LAWN
***RAIN DATE - SEPT 24TH**

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 September 13th.
Register at: swampscottrec.com Sorry, no refunds.

[Click here to sign-up](https://swampscottrec.com)

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](#)



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](#)

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

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[SWAMPSCOTT SENIOR CENTER](#)

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