

# Swampscott Democratic Town Committee Newsletter

*Edited weekly to keep you informed and your Inbox uncluttered  
October 6, 2011*

## **Informed citizens make better citizens**

<http://philanthropy.com/article/Strong-Local-Journalism-Spurs/126552/>

**Those who ignore history are doomed to vote Republican**

## **CALENDAR**

- 1. Good Governance Committee Meeting. Thurs Oct 6, 7:00 PM, 7 Rockland St.**  
At home of Mary Dechillo. Rsvp 339.440.2598
- 2. SDTC Film Fest, Sun Oct 23, 5:30 PM, 27 Rockland St**  
*Tapped* The high cost -- to both the environment and our health -- of bottled water is the subject of this documentary that enlists activists, environmentalists, community leaders and others to expose the dark side of the bottled water industry. Americans may rethink their obsession with bottled H2O when they learn of the unregulated industry's willingness to ignore environmental and health concerns, and the problems that arise as a result.  
Note: Lori Ehrlich will be present to explain her bill that would tax water bottles.  
**Space limited and Reservations necessary through eVite.**
- 3. Lynn Democratic City Committee Annual Unity Breakfast, Sun Oct 23, 8:30-11:00 AM**  
The Porthole Restaurant, 98 Lynnway, Lynn. A plentiful breakfast of eggs, pancakes, ham, bacon, sausage, coffee, fruit, juice, etc. will be provided. Ticket price is \$25.00 per person. Please send checks, payable to the LDCC, for the number of people planning to attend, to Laurie Walsh, LDCC Treasurer, 15 Avon St., Lynn, MA 01905. For more information, please contact LDCC Co-Chair Agnes Ricko, 781-599-9347; email: [alfredricko@comcast.net](mailto:alfredricko@comcast.net)
- 4. Nov. 4**  
Last day to submit nomination papers for town and ward committees to local registrars of voters and election commissions for certification of signatures.

## **NEWS**

### **LOCAL**

- 1. SDTC honors Somer, Patrikis**  
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/swampscott/news/x581211878/Swampscott-Democrats-honor-Somer-Patrikis#axzz1ZRh1S0ex>
- 2. Ehrlich's bill may raise state funding for Swampscott schools**  
<http://www.salemnews.com/local/x1190859447/Swampscott-superintendent-testifies-on-school-aid>  
<http://swampscott.patch.com/articles/dialogue-for-dollars>
- 3. Ehrlich & other local anti-coal activists honored by national environmental group**  
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/swampscott/news/x824874591/Clean-Water-Action-honors-anti-coal-crusaders#axzz1ZvuAh86Y>
- 4. Swampscott, Lynn get \$1 million to share dispatching**  
<http://www.salemnews.com/local/x555344601/Swampscott-and-Lynn-get-1M-to-share-dispatching>
- 5. Flooding creates havoc**  
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/swampscott/news/x748722725/Flooding-creates-havoc-in-Swampscott#axzz1ZvuAh86Y>
- 6. MEMA rep to meet with Swampscott flood victims**  
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/swampscott/newsnow/x1461799975/MEMA-rep-to-meet-with-Swampscott-victims-of-flood#axzz1ZvuAh86Y>

7. **Video: Tierney discusses fisheries hearing**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N57fd8Husno>
8. **Member blogs**  
**Ryan's Take**  
<http://www.ryanstake.net/>  
**Steve Iannaccone's blogs on Patch**  
[http://swampscott.patch.com/users/steve-iannaccone/blog\\_posts](http://swampscott.patch.com/users/steve-iannaccone/blog_posts)  
**John Moynihan's blogs on Patch**  
[http://swampscott.patch.com/users/john-moynihan/blog\\_posts](http://swampscott.patch.com/users/john-moynihan/blog_posts)

## MASSACHUSETTS

### 1. 'Good Governance' for Massachusetts?

#### ***BAD NEWS***

#### **IG sees subculture of corruption on Beacon Hill**

<http://www.commonwealthmagazine.org/News-and-Features/Online-exclusives/2011/Summer/031-IG-sees-subculture-of-corruption-on-Beacon-Hill.aspx>

#### **House rejects ethics reform**

[http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20111005mass\\_house\\_rejects\\_bid\\_to\\_advance\\_ethics\\_changes/](http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20111005mass_house_rejects_bid_to_advance_ethics_changes/)

#### **House follows the leader in casino votes**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/09/18/house-follows-leader-casino-votes/mf5clVLYzdw5HUf3Ur7JwK/story.xml#>

#### **Top DeLeo aide once called casinos "fools gold"**

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011\\_0929top\\_deleo\\_aide\\_calledcasinos\\_fools\\_gold/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011_0929top_deleo_aide_calledcasinos_fools_gold/)

#### **Patronage? Who, us?**

[http://www.lowellsun.com/danphelps/ci\\_19002559](http://www.lowellsun.com/danphelps/ci_19002559)

#### **Editorial: Public deserves to know**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2011/09/28/public-deserves-know/MxtS6RNWg9BZS7Zqy1NfLM/story.xml>

#### **Liquor lobby gives \$45,000 to Treasurer**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/09/29/liquor-lobby-gives-treasurer/oLVTCjC8CXY4wQ4K8fMqdN/story.xml>

#### **Editorial: Dispiriting contributions**

<http://bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2011/10/02/grossman-dispiriting-contributions/WUK3XmLyokGdv7jRq1UdeN/story.xml>

#### **Editorial: Reflexive secrecy in the Senate**

<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/opinions/editorials/x609833179/Editorial-Reflexive-secrecy-in-the-Senate>

#### **Race track owner aids politician's charities**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/10/04/racetrack-owner-aids-politicians-charities/6wRS8WdQu3dLhhofW7M5YN/story.xml>

#### **Attleboro City Councilor indicted for larceny**

<http://thesunchronicle.com/articles/2011/10/05/news/10288746.txt>

#### **Boston City Councilor: "School Dept. gets plush new offices while schools get substandard buildings"**

<http://www.dotnews.com/2011/yancey-school-department-gets-plush-new-offices-while-high-school-stud>

#### ***GOOD NEWS***

## **Virtually all Mass residents now covered by health insurance**

<http://www.wbur.org/2011/10/03/health-coverage-shift>

## **2. SENATE RACE**

### **Brown/ Warren in a dead heat**

[http://www.lowellsun.com/todaysheadlines/ci\\_19028793](http://www.lowellsun.com/todaysheadlines/ci_19028793)

### **Analyzing the poll numbers**

<http://www.masspoliticsprofs.com/2011/10/04/democratic-senate-debate/>

### **Analyzing the Democratic candidates**

<http://www.wbur.org/2011/10/04/senate-debate-10>

### **Debate: Warren shines, others glimmer**

<http://www.boston.com/Boston/politicalintelligence/2011/10/while-elizabeth-warren-shines-other-democratic-senate-contenders-also-glimmer/EJn4w4XSAno9FpnZ6gRUKM/index.html>

### **Quote of the week**

[http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/10/05/quote\\_of\\_the\\_day.html](http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/10/05/quote_of_the_day.html)

### **Senator, I am no Martha Coakley**

<http://baystateliberals.blogspot.com/2011/10/senator-i-am-no-martha-coakley.html>

### **In defense of walking**

<http://www.masspoliticsprofs.com/2011/10/04/in-defense-of-walking/>

### **GOP tries to cast Warren as un-American**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/10/01/brown-others-mass-gop-try-cast-warren-american/knMP6xg2Or7v3CwS2kwm0l/story.xml>

### **Niki Tsongas endorses Warren**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/10/03/rep-niki-tsongas-endorses-warren-senate-race/yi06wBmwXYZmZ5ckhNlyNN/story.xml>

### **Hefty war chest won't help Brown**

[http://www.lowellsun.com/ci\\_19024374?IADID=Search-www.lowellsun.com-www.lowellsun.com](http://www.lowellsun.com/ci_19024374?IADID=Search-www.lowellsun.com-www.lowellsun.com)

### **Money talks in \$enate race**

[http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2011\\_1001money\\_talks\\_in\\_enate\\_race/](http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2011_1001money_talks_in_enate_race/)

### **Video. Scotto: Let's put aside partisan gridlock**

[http://www.masslive.com/politics/index.ssf/2011/10/scott\\_brown\\_in\\_senate\\_floor\\_sp.html](http://www.masslive.com/politics/index.ssf/2011/10/scott_brown_in_senate_floor_sp.html)

### **Capuano weighing options in Senate race**

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/10/01/capuano-still-weighing-his-options-possible-senate-bid/hF9zmGU1RccTou2EOLb21L/story.xml>

## **3. Legislature**

### **On day of Swampscott flooding, House wants to add to rainy day fund**

[http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/10/05/mass\\_house\\_considers\\_boosting\\_state\\_reserves/?rss\\_id=Boston.com+++Local+news](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/10/05/mass_house_considers_boosting_state_reserves/?rss_id=Boston.com+++Local+news)

### **Mass. House aims to cut health spending growth in half**

<http://www.wbur.org/2011/09/29/health-costs-legislation>

### **Therese Murray backs Secure Communities**

<http://www.patriotledger.com/topstories/x748713803/Murray-gives-backing-to-Secure-Communities>

### **Editorial: Pass transgendered rights bill now**

<http://thephoenix.com/Boston/news/127534-transgendered-rights/>

### **Legislation plans to help ESL students**

<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x609833836/Legislation-aims-to-help-ESL-students>

### **Prescription drug disposal bill pushed**

[http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/politics/state\\_politics/prescription-drug-disposal-bill-pushed-](http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/politics/state_politics/prescription-drug-disposal-bill-pushed-)

#### 4. Immigration

##### **Calls intensify for crack down on undocumented immigration**

<http://www.wbur.org/2011/09/29/sheriffs-illegal-immigration>

##### **Bristol sheriff compares undocumented immigrants to terrorists**

[http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20110928protests\\_heckling\\_as\\_sheriffs\\_denounce\\_illegal\\_alien/](http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20110928protests_heckling_as_sheriffs_denounce_illegal_alien/)

##### **Scott Brown calls on feds to force Patrick to get tough on undocumented immigrants**

[http://www.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2011\\_0928sen\\_brown\\_calls\\_on\\_feds\\_to\\_force\\_gov\\_to\\_get\\_tough\\_on\\_illegals/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/2011_0928sen_brown_calls_on_feds_to_force_gov_to_get_tough_on_illegals/)

#### 5. AG seeks freeze on utility rates

<http://www.masslive.com/business->

[news/index.ssf/2011/09/mass\\_attorney\\_general\\_martha\\_coakley\\_see.html](http://www.masslive.com/business-news/index.ssf/2011/09/mass_attorney_general_martha_coakley_see.html)

##### **Coakley looks into fisheries enforcement**

<http://www.wvlp.com/dpp/news/massachusetts/MA-AG-looks-into-fisheries-enforcement>

##### **AG gets rebates for bikers**

<http://www.patriotledger.com/topstories/x609833491/More-than-14-000-motorcyclists-to-get-insurance-refunds>

#### 6. Auditor: More accountability for educational collaboratives

[http://www.lowellsun.com/rss/ci\\_19002567](http://www.lowellsun.com/rss/ci_19002567)

##### **Auditor has good news/ bad news for Agawam housing authority**

[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/massachusetts\\_auditor\\_notes\\_im.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/10/massachusetts_auditor_notes_im.html)

#### 7. Galvin: Lowell's plan to allow 17 year olds to vote is unconstitutional

[http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20111001lowells\\_plan\\_to\\_allow\\_17-year-olds\\_to\\_vote\\_unconstitutional\\_galvin\\_says/](http://bostonherald.com/news/politics/view/20111001lowells_plan_to_allow_17-year-olds_to_vote_unconstitutional_galvin_says/)

#### 8. Blue Cross deal with Partners will save \$80 million/ year

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/lifestyle/health-wellness/2011/10/05/partners-announces-deal-with-blue-cross-save-million/mudKkHAcr5OD0teuUrQIYO/story.xml>

#### 9. Mass. lawmakers key in postal fight

<http://www.commonwealthmagazine.org/News-and-Features/Online-exclusives/2011/Summer/028-Mass-lawmakers-key-in-postal-fight.aspx>

#### 10.UMass Chancellor search committee wants candidate who can collaborate

[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/umass\\_amherst\\_chancellor\\_searc.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/umass_amherst_chancellor_searc.html)

#### 11. Who will the GOP run for gov in 2014?

<http://thephoenix.com/Blogs/talkingpolitics/archive/2011/09/23/q-amp-a-10-guv-14-the-other-party.aspx>

#### 12. Tax collections beat September forecast

[http://www.bizjournals.com/boston/news/2011/10/04/state-tax-collections-beat-september.html?ana=RSS&s=article\\_search&utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+bizj\\_boston+%28Boston+Business+Journal%29](http://www.bizjournals.com/boston/news/2011/10/04/state-tax-collections-beat-september.html?ana=RSS&s=article_search&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+bizj_boston+%28Boston+Business+Journal%29)

### NATIONAL

#### 1. Bernanke: "Recovery is close to faltering"

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/10/05/torrential-rains-leave-essex-county-reeling/OICJhACdOGtpTkdP2aXvkN/story.xml#>

#### 2. R.I.P. – Obama's jobs bill

[http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/10/05/pushing\\_a\\_dead\\_jobs\\_bill.html](http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/10/05/pushing_a_dead_jobs_bill.html)

- 3. Obama's disapproval rate hits 54%**  
<http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/politics/2011/10/obama-seen-as-underdog-but-against-whom/>
- 4. Democrat wins West Virginia Governor's race**  
<http://www.usatoday.com/news/politics/story/2011-10-05/west-virginia-governor/50663804/1>  
**Analysis**  
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/65179.html>
- 5. Napolitano: A reality check on immigration**  
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/65209.html>
- 6. White House Confident of Supreme Court win on Health Care**  
<http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2011/09/29/white-house-confident-of-supreme-court-win-on-healthcare>
- 7. Democrats call for investigation of Clarence Thomas**  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/29/democratic-lawmakers-call-for-investiation-into-clarence-thomas-finances\\_n\\_987934.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/29/democratic-lawmakers-call-for-investiation-into-clarence-thomas-finances_n_987934.html)
- 8. New state laws may deny 5 million the right to vote**  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/03/report-5-million-voters-i\\_n\\_992530.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/03/report-5-million-voters-i_n_992530.html)
- 9. Coming together to kill education reform**  
<http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2095515,00.html>
- 10. The collapse of American justice**  
[http://news.salon.com/2011/09/24/collapse\\_of\\_american\\_justice\\_excerpt/](http://news.salon.com/2011/09/24/collapse_of_american_justice_excerpt/)
- 11. A lost generation?**  
<http://onpoint.wbur.org/2011/10/03/a-lost-generation>
- 12. Jared Polis (D-CO) becomes first openly gay parent in Congress**  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/30/jared-polis-openly-gay-parent\\_n\\_989422.html?1317412915&ncid=edlinkusaolp00000008](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/30/jared-polis-openly-gay-parent_n_989422.html?1317412915&ncid=edlinkusaolp00000008)
- 13. Young evangelicals are as horney as the rest of young America**  
<http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2011/09/29/331692/study-finds-huge-majority-of-young-evangelicals-have-pre-marital-sex-exposing-flaws-with-right-wing-attacks-on-sex-ed/>
- 14. Islamophobia**
  - Lawyers seek docs on NYPD unit that eyed Muslims**  
[http://news.salon.com/2011/10/03/us\\_nypd\\_intelligence\\_2/](http://news.salon.com/2011/10/03/us_nypd_intelligence_2/)
  - Lawyers seek to prevent NYPD from destroying Muslim records**  
<http://www.wnyc.org/blogs/wnyc-news-blog/2011/oct/03/lawyers-seek-prevent-nypd-destroying-surveillance-records/>
  - Judge backs schools in suit over 'Islam is the devil' t-shirts**  
<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20110930/ARTICLES/110939946/1002/sitemaps>
  - Publisher receives threats over claims that text book was pro-Islam**  
[http://tpmmuckraker.talkingpointsmemo.com/2011/09/publisher\\_receives\\_terroristic\\_threats\\_after\\_compl.ph](http://tpmmuckraker.talkingpointsmemo.com/2011/09/publisher_receives_terroristic_threats_after_compl.ph)  
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  - Tancredo bashes Perry for being 'Soft on Muslims'**  
<http://www.kwgn.com/news/kdvr-tancredo-bashes-perry-on-muslims-txt,0,4002776.story>
- 15. Wacko Republicans**
  - Republicans turned off by size of Obama's package**  
<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110929/METRO/109290463/1361/Eastern-Echo-s-Obama-headline-goes-viral---again>

## **GOP plays phony fear factor on job growth**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/30/opinion/krugman-phony-fear-factor.html?\\_r=2&src=recg](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/30/opinion/krugman-phony-fear-factor.html?_r=2&src=recg)

## **Legal bill to defend DOMA: \$1.5 million**

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/04/doma-defense-taxpayers-main-994121.html>

## **North Carolina. State for sale**

[http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/10/10/111010fa\\_fact\\_mayer](http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2011/10/10/111010fa_fact_mayer)

## **More staff leave Bachman campaign**

[http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_BACHMANN\\_STAFF\\_DEPARTURES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2011-10-03-20-26-34](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_BACHMANN_STAFF_DEPARTURES?SITE=AP&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT&CTIME=2011-10-03-20-26-34)

## **Bachman hasn't voted since August 1**

[http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/10/03/bachmann\\_hasnt\\_voted\\_since\\_august\\_1.html](http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/10/03/bachmann_hasnt_voted_since_august_1.html)

## **Fox News exec: "I hired Palin because she was hot"**

[http://www.politico.com/blogs/onmedia/1011/Ailes\\_I\\_hired\\_Sarah\\_Palin\\_because\\_she\\_was\\_hot\\_and\\_got\\_ratings.html](http://www.politico.com/blogs/onmedia/1011/Ailes_I_hired_Sarah_Palin_because_she_was_hot_and_got_ratings.html)

## **Poll: GOPers back gays in military**

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/65190.html>

## **Very expensive tea**

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/64957.html>

## **Buy it on Amazon: *The Tea Party Guide to Being a Real American***

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1402262698/ref=as\\_li\\_ss\\_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=youwonnowwhat&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399373&creativeASIN=1402262698](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1402262698/ref=as_li_ss_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=youwonnowwhat&linkCode=as2&camp=217145&creative=399373&creativeASIN=1402262698)

## **New expose of Koch Brothers**

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1011/64987.html>

## **Michigan bill would jail teachers who send political emails**

<http://thinkprogress.org/justice/2011/09/29/331816/in-stealth-assault-on-unions-michigan-gop-bill-would-jail-teachers-who-send-political-emails/>

### **From *The Onion***

#### **1. Congress takes group of school children hostage**

<http://www.theonion.com/articles/congress-takes-group-of-schoolchildren-hostage,26207/>

### **From *The Borowitz Report***

#### **1. Introducing an affordable government health care : 'Perrycare'**

<http://www.borowitzreport.com/2011/09/14/a-letter-from-rick-perry/>

### **EDITORIAL CARTOONS**

1. <http://www.gocomics.com/paulszep/2011/09/30/>
2. <http://www.gocomics.com/claybennett/2011/09/23>
3. <http://www.gocomics.com/jeffdanziger/2011/10/03>
4. <http://www.gocomics.com/glennmccoy/2011/09/27>
5. <http://www.gocomics.com/robroggers/2011/10/04>
6. <http://www.gocomics.com/jerryholbert/2011/09/30>
7. <http://www.gocomics.com/stuartcarlson/2011/09/20>
8. <http://www.gocomics.com/danwasserman/2011/10/03/>
9. <http://www.gocomics.com/mikeluckovich/2011/10/04/>
10. <http://www.gocomics.com/jimmorin/2011/10/04>
11. <http://www.gocomics.com/jimmorin/2011/10/05>

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