



Barnstable eNews

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Reminiscing on last year's Barnstable Village Parade

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- Barnstable Public Schools Free Summer Meals began on June 29th;
- A friendly reminder that current Transfer Station permits expire on June 30th;
- The Hyannis Youth & Community Center has begun its new summer hours;
- Barnstable will be celebrating America's 250th birthday in style this year;
- There is an update to the State of Water Supply Conservation;
- The Town Council is accepting applications for a number of Board, Committee, and Commission vacancies; and
- Be sure to stay informed by downloading the MyBarnstable app.



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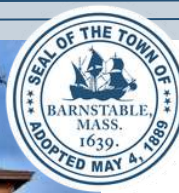
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CONSTRUCTION NEWS & UPDATES



SEWER CONSTRUCTION

ROAD PROJECTS UTILITY WORK

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Contact DPW
508-790-6400

Stay up to date on all CWMP News and Updates here
www.barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/



NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

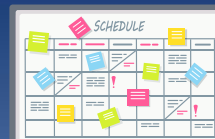
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View the Schedule





Happy
4th
OF
JULY

**TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 3 & SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY.**

The Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division as well as
Barnstable Adult Community Center will also be closed.

Trash and recycling services will resume on a normal schedule Sunday, July 5, 2026.

For questions, please contact the Solid Waste Division at 508-420-2258.

COOLING CENTER *now open*



HYANNIS YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTER
141 BASSETT LANE, HYANNIS
THURSDAY, JULY 2 - FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026
8:00AM - 8:00PM

Please note: there are no services or programs being provided
on Friday 7/3; cooling center services only



The Declaration of Independence
A READING



JULY 2, 2026
6:30PM TOWN HALL 2ND FLOOR
JAMES H. CROCKER JR HEARING ROOM

**HEAR A READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
BY 13 VETERANS, ENJOY HISTORICAL CONTEXT PRESENTED
BY LOCAL SPEAKERS AND HISTORIANS, AND EXPERIENCE
PATRIOTIC SPIRIT WITH MUSIC FROM FIFE AND DRUM AND
MEMBERS OF THE BARNSTABLE TOWN BAND.**



BARNSTABLE MA 250 4th of July 2026



VILLAGE PARADES, LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ON HYANNIS MAIN STREET, ASELTON PARK CONCERTS, AND A SPECTACULAR DRONE SHOW MARK AN HISTORIC MILESTONE

VILLAGE PARADES

The day begins with festive parades winding through Barnstable's beloved villages.

- 9:00 AM:** Barnstable-West Barnstable
- 10:00 AM:** Centerville Bike Parade
- 11:00 AM:** Cotuit
- 11:00 AM:** Hyannis Port



HYANNIS HARBOR BOAT PARADE

2:30 PM

Presented by the Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Hyannis Marina and Hyannis Yacht Club Cape Cod's original 4th of July boat parade returns to Hyannis Harbor! Decorated vessels will assemble off Hyannis Yacht Club before making their patriotic procession into the inner harbor at 2:00 PM. Boats will circle the harbor displaying their red, white and blue spirit for hundreds of spectators gathered along the waterfront at Bismore Park and Gateway Marina.



CAPE COD BASEBALL LEAGUE

Hyannis Harbor Hawks vs. Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

McKeon Park
120 High School Road, Hyannis

Enjoy an evening of classic Cape Cod Baseball League action as the Hyannis Harbor Hawks take on the Y-D Red Sox. Bring the family and friends and enjoy one of Cape Cod's most cherished summer traditions.



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT ASELTON PARK

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Set against the beautiful backdrop of Hyannis Harbor, Aselton Park will feature an afternoon and evening of live music, local talent and patriotic celebration



GET SHOCKED! | 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Kicking off the afternoon is Get Shocked!, a youth band featuring talented musicians ages 10-12, proving that the next generation of Cape musicians is already taking the stage. Bringing youthful enthusiasm and a classic rock spin, the group offers a fun and energetic start to the evening.

CHOWDAHEADS | 4:30 - 5:15 PM

The Chowdaheads bring a lively mix of classic rock favorites and familiar hits, offering audiences a chance to sing along and celebrate music that spans decades. Known for their local following and spirited performances, the band keeps the waterfront energy high.

HOWLIN' CLAMS FEATURING TRENT BURRITT | 5:15 - 6:45 PM

Blending classic rock sounds with standout musicianship, the Howlin' Clams bring intergenerational talent to the stage, including an 11-year-old drumming prodigy, whose skill and stage presence have become a highlight of performances. Joined by Trent Burritt, the band delivers a set of rock favorites sure to excite harbor audiences.

SUPER SOULSHINE | 6:45 - 8:30 PM

Formed in 2012, Super Soulshine is a Cape Cod-based band known for blending soulful originals with beloved covers and playing anything that gets you moving on the dance floor. Rooted in soul, rock, funk, reggae, and blues, the band creates an upbeat feel-good atmosphere that keeps audiences dancing from the first note to the encore.

BARNSTABLE 250 DRONE LIGHT SHOW

APPROXIMATELY 9:15 PM

As darkness falls, hundreds of synchronized drones will illuminate the sky above Aselton Park in an aerial performance celebrating the spirit of Cape Cod and America. This family-friendly spectacle offers a stunning alternative to traditional fireworks. Tune in to our radio partner, Cape Cod X (102.3 FM/106.5 FM - capecodx.com), for the synchronized music soundtrack for an even more memorable experience!



STAY CONNECTED

For Event Updates & Announcements:
<https://barnstablenews.com/BarnstableMA250>



PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Free Municipal Parking
www.barnstablenews.com/BarnstableMA250

Cape Cod Reginal Transit Authority (CCRTA)
buses operate on a regular scheduled 45-minute loop.
For routes and info:
https://capecodtra.org/bus_routes/hyannis-trolley/



11th of July

VILLAGE PARADES

BARNSTABLE-WEST BARNSTABLE - 9:00 AM

Patriotic themed floats will parade through Barnstable Village with youth activities afterward at the Hollow playground area. Presented by Barnstable Village Civic Association and the West Barnstable Civic Association.

CENTERVILLE BIKE PARADE - 10:00 AM

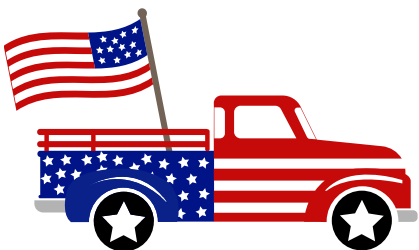
All are welcome to participate and are encouraged to sport their red, white and blue. Decorate your bike, scooter, wagon, stroller, or (well behaved) pup and join us at Centerville Elementary School for a parade to the Centerville Recreation Center. Upon arrival fun and games aplenty await. From face painting to candy cannon, ice cream, and field games, it is a family friendly celebration for all. Presented by the Centerville Civic Association.

COTUIT - 11:00 AM

The Parade begins on School Street, with some walkers and fire vehicles lining up on High Street. The parade proceeds down School Street and turns left onto Main Street before continuing down Main Street. Presented by the Cotuit Civic Association.

HYANNIS PORT - 11:00 AM

The traditional fun run starts at the Hyannis Port Post Office on Longwood Avenue at 9:00 AM followed by the parade at 11:00 AM beginning at the same location; proceeding to Washington, Lafayette, Winchester, Scudder, Dale, ending at the West Beach Club. Presented by the West Beach Club.



Celebrating Freedom

4TH OF JULY



HYANNIS HARBOR BOAT PARADE

APPROXIMATELY 2:30 PM

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Hyannis Marina and Hyannis Yacht Club

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JULY 4TH SAFETY

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN MASSACHUSETTS



Residents should only attend displays put on by LICENSED professionals



Never get behind the wheel while under the influence of drugs or alcohol



When boating, always wear a life jacket and adhere to all boating laws and warnings



When swimming in open water, be mindful of changes in currents or cold water temperatures.

In the event of an emergency, call 911

Remember to celebrate safely!



US Army Corps of Engineers

Practice Safe, Fun Boating!



BUCKLE UP

Everyone on your boat should wear a life jacket. Accidents can happen anytime.



ALCOHOL & BOATING DON'T MIX

Alcohol reduces reaction time and can cause accidents.



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Check the weather forecast and file a float plan with family and friends.



KNOW THE BASICS

Successfully complete a boating education course.



DON'T OVERLOAD

Too many people and too much equipment can capsize your boat.



MAINTAIN YOUR BOAT

Routinely check electrical, fuel and auxiliary power systems.



PREPARING YOUR DOG FOR FIREWORKS SEASON



REGISTER MICROCHIP WITH YOUR CURRENT INFORMATION



HAVE AN ID TAG ON COLLAR



GIVE SUFFICIENT EXERCISE DURING THE DAY



KEEP INSIDE DURING FIREWORKS



TRY TO MAKE LAST POTTY BE BEFORE DARK



MAKE SURE ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS IN YOUR HOME ARE CLOSED AND SECURE



MISSING DOGS MASSACHUSETTS

www.missingdogsmass.com

Hyannis Sound at the Meetinghouse

One of the Finest Acoustic Spaces on Cape Cod!

Sunday, July 5, 7 pm



www.hyannisound.org

Hyannis Sound is a 10-member professional cappella group based on Cape Cod. Every summer these talented, college-aged vocalists from across the U.S. come together to curate extraordinary music and unforgettable lasting memories. And the Meetinghouse is one of their favorite venues!

Admission: \$20 at the door • \$15 for Foundation members & children
2049 Meetinghouse, Way (Rte. 149), West Barnstable
- just north of Exit 65 (formerly Exit 5) off Route 6

1717 Meetinghouse Lecture Series

508-362-4445 • www.1717meetinghouse.org



The 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation is a secular non-profit corporation dedicated to restoring and maintaining the West Barnstable 1717 Meetinghouse. The historic use of the building as a public forum is encouraged.

COTUIT FIRE DEPARTMENT
Excited to Celebrate
FOURTH OF JULY PARADE!

★ JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY! ★



**ALL SCHOOL OFFICES
 WILL BE CLOSED
 FRIDAY, JULY 3**

IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY



DATE CORRECTED: THE PARADE IS ON SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

**PARADE KICKS OFF
 AT 11:00 AM
 SATURDAY, JULY 4TH**

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS THIS YEAR!

THERE WILL BE **NO ENTRANCE** FROM OR OUTLET TO OLD OYSTER ROAD.

THE DEMOLITION AREA WILL BE FENCED OFF, SO NEITHER VEHICLES NOR WALKERS WILL BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH TO OLD OYSTER ROAD FROM THE PARKING AREA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION!



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
 To help our village enjoy a safe and happy long holiday weekend, **CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ON THE FIRE STATION PROJECT WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, JULY 3.**

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful Independence Day!

THRIVE

Find out what's going on in the newest issue of THRIVE!

BACC Weekly Calendar

July 6
 1:00 PM Movie Monday's
 Call for info

Registration begins for July/August session
 8:30 AM

REGISTER NOW

July 7
 World Chocolate Day!
 Come in for a sweet treat 11 AM - 1 PM

12:15 PM Adult Ballet Begins

1:00 PM Cribbage Club

July 8
 9:00 AM Ask the RN

9:30 AM Elder Services Caregiver Support

10:00 AM CenterWell Health Talk

11:00 AM Hearing Clinic

July 9
 9:30 AM Better Breather's Club

11:30 AM Better Together Lunch

11:00 AM Sight Loss Support Group

July 10
 10:30 AM The Other Side with Roger: an LGBTQ Support Group

12:00 PM Friday Flix
 Brown Bag



Town of Barnstable

PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR

For the complete calendar of events and meetings, visit <https://barnstable.gov/calendar.asp>

Schedule subject to change

Monday, July 6:

4:00 PM | Appointments Committee

Tuesday, July 7:

8:30 AM | Airport Finance Subcommittee

10:30 AM | Airport Infrastructure Marketing Subcommittee

4:00 PM | Tax Increment Exemption/Tax Incentive Financing Committee

6:30 PM | Conservation Commission

Wednesday, July 8:

6:00 PM | Shellfish Committee

6:30 PM | Old Kings Highway Historic District Committee

7:00 PM | Zoning Board of Appeals

Thursday, July 9:

No Meetings

Friday, July 10:

No Meetings

Download the new Barnstable Government Access app, stream on Apple TV, Roku or Amazon Fire Stick, or tune into Xfinity Channel 8/1070 or HD Channel 1072 for meeting coverage.



ATTENTION Dog Owners!



Long Beach Conservation Area was given a designated way to water for dogs in 2024 so our four-legged friends could enjoy the beach even when all other public access points in Centerville are closed to pets.

Lately, there's been an increase in people walking their dogs past the clearly posted dog zone. We want to keep this special access open, but we can only do that if everyone follows the rules.

To help keep dogs welcome at Long Beach, please:

- Keep dogs leashed
- Clean up after your pet
- Stay within the designated dog-friendly zone

When we all follow the guidelines, we get to keep this unique privilege for our community and our pups.

Thank you for doing your part!

EUGENIA FORTES BEACH WAY TO WATER CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

The Town of Barnstable will be temporarily closing the Eugenia Fortes Beach Way to Water to vehicular traffic as of Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

No vehicles are to be driven on the beach to launch vessels. This closure will be temporary in nature and is due to endangered nesting shore birds in the area. Vehicle access will be restored as soon as possible.

Please contact Marine and Environmental Affairs with any questions at 508-790-6272.



PET ADVISORY



**CYANOBACTERIA / BLUE GREEN ALGAE
MAY BE PRESENT IN THE WATER.**

**PROCEED WITH CAUTION.
WHEN IN DOUBT STAY OUT.**



You can swim in this water, but stay away from algae and scum in the water.



Do not let pets or other animals go into or drink the water or eat the scum on shore.



Keep children away from algae in the water or on the shore.



Do not drink this water or use it for cooking.



For fish caught here, throw away the guts and clean fillets with tap or bottled water before cooking.



Do not eat shellfish from this water.

Learn more about water quality monitoring by visiting BarnstableWaterResources.com or by scanning the QR code. Questions? Contact: 508-790-6400



ATTENTION

Current Pet Advisories:

Long Pond, Marstons Mills

Hinckley Pond, Barnstable

Shubael Pond, Marstons Mills

To see a map with all monitored ponds, click [HERE](#)
Sign up to receive email alerts of water quality updates [HERE](#) or download the MyBarnstable App to see the current water quality notifications.

BARNSTABLE BEACHES LIFEGUARD UPDATE



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE BEACHES, PONDS, AND LAKES ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK THROUGH LABOR DAY. ALL BEACHES WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 9AM THROUGH 9PM.

THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE REQUIRES RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT STICKERS TO BE AFFIXED TO YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL LOCATIONS.

Lifeguard staff will be present at Kalmus, Craigville, Covell's, Dowses, and Veteran's Beach.

To assist the public with their summer plans, we will continue to communicate our staffing operations and provide updates. We advise the public that due to limited staffing other sites will not have lifeguard coverage and swimmers will do so at their own risk.

Renew your beach sticker [HERE](#)

Barnstable Public Schools FREE MEALS Summer 2026

June 29th, 2026 - August 14th, 2026
FREE MEALS are available to anyone 18 and under. No enrollment, ids, or any questions asked!

KIDS EAT FREE

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

BF 8:30-9:30 Lunch 11:30-12:30	Barnstable High School Main Cafe 744 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA
Lunch 11:30-12:30	Luke's Love Playground 2377 Meetinghouse Way Route 149 W. Barnstable, MA
Lunch 11:30-12:30	Centerville Playground 524 Main St, Centerville, MA
Lunch 11:30-12:30	BCIS Playground 165 Bearses Way, Hyannis, MA

Tuesday & Thursday

BF 8:30-9:30 Lunch 11:30-12:30	Barnstable High School Main Cafe 744 West Main Street, Hyannis, MA
Lunch 11:30-12:30	Luke's Love Playground 2377 Meetinghouse Way Route 149 W. Barnstable, MA
Lunch 11:30-12:30	Barnstable United Elem. Playground 730 Osterville West Barnstable Rd, Marstons Mills, MA
Lunch 11:30-12:30	Hyannis West Elementary Playground 549 W Main St, Hyannis, MA



Barnstable EATS
ENERGIZING ACTIVE THINKING STUDENTS



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ARE YOU HURRICANE READY?

THE BEST TIME TO PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE IS BEFORE IT HAPPENS!

MAKE A PLAN



HAVE A PREDETERMINED EMERGENCY PLAN TAILORED TO YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS



BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT THAT CAN SUSTAIN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR 3-5 DAYS

BUILD A KIT

STAY INFORMED



AS A STORM APPROACHES, CLOSELY MONITOR MEDIA REPORTS AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources

ONE MORE THING...



Barnstable is older than the United States.

The Town of Barnstable was incorporated in 1639 – 137 years before the United States Declaration of Independence was adopted.

Thank you for receiving and reading eNews each week!

