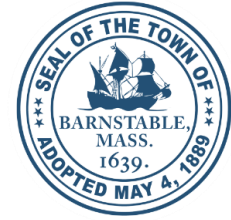




Media Release:
TOWN OF BARNSTABLE
CELEBRATES AMERICA'S 250TH
BIRTHDAY WITH A DAY OF FREE
FAMILY FUN



Village Parades, Live Entertainment on Hyannis Main Street, Aselton Park Concerts, and a Spectacular Drone Show Mark a Historic Milestone

(HYANNIS, MA – June 3, 2026) Break out the lawn chairs, dust off your best red-white-and-blue, and get ready to celebrate, because this July 4th is unlike any other. And this isn't just any birthday, America is turning 250! A quarter of a millennium ago, a bold group of patriots signed the Declaration of Independence and changed the course of history. This once-in-a-generation milestone, known as "America 250," deserves a celebration worthy of the occasion. From village parades to a patriotic drone light show, Barnstable is ready to party, and we want you there.

Village Parades to Kick Off the Celebration

The day begins with festive parades winding through Barnstable's beloved villages. Neighbors, local organizations, community groups, and parade enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to line the streets, wave their flags, and celebrate the unique character of each village that makes Barnstable so special.

Barnstable-West Barnstable

9:00 AM | Patriotic themed floats will parade through Barnstable Village with youth activities afterward at Barnstable Hollow. Presented by Barnstable Village 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.

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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 to the old Cotuit Elementary School property. The termination point is the public field behind the school building. Presented by the Cotuit-Santuit 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.

Family Fun Along Hyannis Main Street

Hyannis Village Green | 4:30 – 7:00 PM | Following the parades, the celebration moves to Hyannis Main Street for an afternoon packed with free family-friendly activities. Expect games, activities for children, local vendors, food, and plenty of red, white, and blue spirit. Families will find a community setting for picnics and lawn games, with the Visitor Center open from 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM to answer all your questions.

Mile Long Main Street | 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM | Take a stroll and enjoy the live music and festive fun at each block along the way, from Ocean to Sea Street. Check out the interactive map on your phone and look for the Locator Signs at each location with a QR Code that brings you right to the map so you can navigate easily to see all of the great local musicians, each with their own sound, from jazz to blues and beyond, plus DJs and other performers on every block.

Hyannis Harbor Boat Parade

2:00 PM | The Cape Cod Maritime Museum, Hyannis Marina, and the Hyannis Yacht Club present Cape Cod's Own Original 4th of July Boat Parade. Boats will assemble off Hyannis Yacht Club and head to the inner harbor to show off their red, white and blue at approximately 2:00 PM before circling the inner harbor to show off their civic pride for the many hundreds of spectators that gather along the waterfront at Bismore Park and Gateway Marina.

Cape Cod Baseball League: Hyannis Harbor Hawks Game

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Catch a great night of Cape Cod Baseball League action as the Hyannis Harbor Hawks face off against the Yarmouth-Dennis (Y-D) Red Sox at Judy Walden Scarafille Field at McKeon Park, 120 High School Road, Hyannis. Bring your family and friends and enjoy one of Cape Cod's favorite summer traditions!

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Live Entertainment at Aselton Park

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM | The festivities continue at Aselton Park, where live entertainment will fill the afternoon and evening with great music and performance. Set against the beautiful backdrop of Hyannis Harbor, the park will be the perfect gathering place for families and friends to relax, enjoy local talent, and soak in the patriotic spirit of the day. Full entertainment lineup details include:

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 classic rock spirit, 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 generational 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 spirited set of rock favorites sure to energize harbor audiences.

Super Soulshine | 6:45 – 8:30 PM | Formed in 2012, Super Soulshine is a Cape Cod–based band known for high-energy performances blending soulful originals with beloved covers. Rooted in soul, rock, funk, reggae, and blues, the band creates an upbeat feel-good atmosphere that keeps audiences dancing and engaged from first note to encore.

The current lineup features Ron Fuller (lead vocals), Mark Filteau (guitar & vocals), Colton Lange (bass & vocals), and Gino McCloud (drums), bringing strong harmonies, tight musicianship, and dynamic stage presence to every performance. Their growing catalog of original songs — including “Vibes (Have a Good Day),” “Flyin’,” “Wake Up,” “I’m Not Alone,” “A Kind Soul,” “Free,” “Risin’ Up,” “She’s Got Me,” “Forever Song,” and “Hot Honey” — reflects the band’s signature groove and uplifting spirit. Regular performers throughout Cape Cod, Super Soulshine has become known for professionalism, versatility, and unmistakable energy at festivals, clubs, and community events.

A Stunning Drone Light Show to Close the Night

Approximately 9:30 PM | As darkness falls, the sky over Hyannis will light up with a state-of-the-art drone show — a modern tribute to America's 250th birthday. Hundreds of synchronized drones will paint patriotic images and animations across the night sky, offering a spectacular and family-friendly alternative to traditional fireworks. Featuring approximately 22 illuminated aerial images, the show will celebrate the spirit of Cape Cod through scenes inspired by its history, maritime heritage, iconic landscapes, and cherished traditions — blending nostalgia, storytelling, and community pride in a visual tribute to Cape Cod as one of America's most beloved gathering places. Best Drone Show Viewing Locations:

- Aselton Park • McKeon Park • Bismore Park • Harbor Overlook

Parking & Transportation

There are several municipal lots in downtown Hyannis where free parking is available for up to six hours. For a map with locations visit:

<https://www.barnstable.gov/departments/parkingdivision/Locations/parkandwalk.pdf>.

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) has hourly parking available (after the first 30 minutes free) at the Hyannis Transportation Center. Long-term parking is also available for daily rates. CCRTA will be operating on its regular routes with a loop every 45 minutes throughout the day. For more information and service routes, please visit www.capecodrta.org

Look for details and future announcements at

<https://barnstablenews.com/BarnstableMA250>. Get notifications for all the latest updates in town by downloading the free MyBarnstable app, available for android and Apple devices.

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