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Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (www.barnstablehealth.com) on March 16, 2020 to keep you up-to-date with the latest information as it relates to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the working of Barnstable Town government. Visit and bookmark www.barnstablehealth.com.

Special Town Council Meeting – Thursday, April 29th at 6:00 PM

Town Council leadership has scheduled a workshop at a Special Town Council Meeting on April 29, 2021 commencing at 6:00 PM to review and discuss the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance with Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne. The Sewer Assessment Ordinance can be viewed [here](#). The meeting can be viewed on Comcast Channel 18 or [stream live on the Town of Barnstable’s website](#).

Harbor Health, Town of Barnstable, and Hyannis Fire Department Team Up to Open COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Barnstable Adult Community Center

As Massachusetts opens vaccine eligibility this week, Harbor Health, the Hyannis Fire Department, and the Town of Barnstable have partnered to create a new vaccination clinic at the Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC) in Hyannis. Harbor Community Health Center in Hyannis began vaccinating

patients and community members at the Zion Church in Hyannis in February. To expand vaccine appointments, Harbor collaborated with the Hyannis Fire Department and Town of Barnstable Health to open a larger vaccine clinic at the BACC. “We are grateful for the support from the Town of Barnstable and Hyannis Fire Department— this kind of collaboration is critical to getting shots into arms and helping all members of our community stay healthy and safe,” said Mary Jo Brogna, Director of Nursing for Harbor Health. “Providing local access to vaccine services is essential to our efforts to get everyone in our community vaccinated as quickly as possible,”



explained Thomas McKean, Town of Barnstable Public Health Director. “Together with Harbor Health and the Hyannis Fire Department, we are taking an important step in making getting a vaccine easier for people living on Cape Cod.” Hyannis Fire Department Chief Peter Burke added that “As first responders, we are here to help protect our community. We are proud to be a part of this effort to give vaccines and bring hope for recovery from the pandemic.” Members of the Hyannis Fire Department and the Barnstable Health Division will work alongside Harbor Health staff to provide vaccines. The Harbor Health vaccine clinic at the BACC is by appointment only, no walk-ins. Appointments are open to anyone 18 years of age or older. The clinic is offering the Pfizer vaccine. Patients and people who are not patients of Harbor Health are welcome to make an appointment by calling 1-888-503-0766. Appointment assistance is also available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. People may also schedule an appointment online here: <https://bit.ly/3goTWQC>

To learn more about the vaccine clinic and how to make an appointment, please visit Harbor’s website at HHSI.US/CovidVaccine.

Preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment

Sign up to be notified when it’s your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination location. (Dartmouth, Gillette, Fenway) Eligible people who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can preregister now, for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a mass vaccination location.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PREREGISTRATION [here](#).

Vaccine Preregistration Signup

Sign up to be notified about appointments at mass vaccination locations

- Add your name to the list**
- Get notified when appointments are available**
- Schedule your appointment within 24 hours**

Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan

The Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan was announced and conforms to the phases and prioritized populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control. [When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine? | Mass.gov](#) Effective April 19th all individuals age 16+ are eligible. As of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations.

Get vaccinated against COVID-19



People age 16 and older who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can be vaccinated.

Sign up and be notified of appointments near you.

For more information visit [Mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine)



Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment

The first step to getting vaccinated is confirming you are in an eligible group. Once you confirm eligibility, you can book your appointment. To check who is eligible and to schedule appointments visit mass.gov/covidvaccine



What to know before you go

- The vaccine is free to all individuals.
- You must make an appointment to get a vaccine.
- The vaccine requires two doses. You should make sure you have a second appointment scheduled from the same site, or know how to schedule it, before leaving your first appointment.
- You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.
- You must confirm you are eligible for your phase. Learn how below.

What you need for your appointment

Confirm your eligibility

To get vaccinated in Phase 1 or 2, you will need to confirm that you are part of a currently eligible group within those phases. This is called "attesting." You might attest online or over the phone when booking. If you are not asked when booking, you will use a form. Locations should have an attestation form, however, you can fill out the state's form and bring it with you to your appointment to be prepared. Get the form at mass.gov/covidvaccineguide

Additional documents

Your vaccination location may list the below items as necessary, however, that only applies to people who have them. You can still receive the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID.

- An ID with your name, if you have one, to verify your name in the vaccination system.
- Health insurance card, if you have one. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you.

If you are going to a "local vaccination location" (yellow stars on map), those are for workers or residents of select cities and towns. They will include what you need to bring in their "special instructions" when scheduling your appointment.



Keep others safe

It will take time to get the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out and get everyone vaccinated. Before, between doses, and when you are fully vaccinated, continue to use all tools available to stop the spread.



Testing at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis and the Fairgrounds in Falmouth

Testing sites in Barnstable County for both symptomatic and asymptomatic persons remain open in Falmouth at the Fairgrounds and in Hyannis at Cape Cod Hospital. Daily testing capacity is 50 at the Falmouth site and 350 at the Hyannis site. Details can be found [here](#). For additional information on vaccine and testing, follow the [Town of Barnstable's Facebook page](#).

MEMA Offers Resource of Testing Site Map

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is a great resource for COVID-19 testing locations with its [COVID-19 Test Site Locator](#). The map provides an easy way to locate a COVID-19 test site near you. All of those experiencing symptoms or those who have been in close contact recently with a COVID positive individual should seek testing. There are different filters you can choose, such as free testing for residents, test children, referral not required, drive thru services, etc.

Cape Cod Chamber Policy Pod Features Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne

The Town of Barnstable has embarked on an ambitious and critical plan to ensure clean water for the community's future. On the most recent episode of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce's Policy Pod, host Matt Pitta and Chamber President and CEO Wendy Kittredge Northcross interviewed Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne to take an in-depth look at one of the most pressing issues facing all Cape Cod communities -- our future wastewater needs and treatment options. You can listen to the podcast [here](#).

Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Awards First Round of Grants

Funding will support water quality projects in many Cape Cod towns

The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board voted April 14, 2021 to award the first set of subsidies, totaling \$71,307,259, to qualified and eligible water quality projects in several Cape Cod towns. Projects eligible for funding include innovative strategies and alternative septic system technologies, water quality and wastewater management planning, the construction of sewer collection systems and wastewater treatment plants, and the implementation of drainage improvements and water treatment programs to improve water quality in freshwater ponds and marine resources. Member communities must go through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, or SRF, program and be consistent with the Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) to receive funds.

The Management Board voted to make final commitments to fund qualified projects listed on the 2018 and 2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans, in the amount of \$23,945,981. Projects in Chatham, Harwich, Bourne, and Orleans will receive funding. The Management Board voted to make contingent commitments for 25% subsidies totaling an estimated \$30,888,710 to fund qualified project listed on the 2020 and 2021 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan which do not yet have executed Project Regulatory Agreements (PRAs). Final subsidy amounts and commitments to the towns of Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, and Chatham will be determined upon execution of the PRA. The Management Board also voted to award grants to qualified and eligible town projects for pre-existing debt in the towns of Barnstable, Chatham, Falmouth, and Provincetown, totaling \$16,472,568. A full list of awards can be found at: www.capecodcommission.org/our-work/cape-cod-and-islands-water-protection-fund. "The Water Protection Fund is an extremely impressive public policy response to a very real problem," **Sandwich Town Manager and Board Chair George "Bud" Dunham** said. "Many people other than all of us on the Board worked for a really long time to get us to this point, so it's a nice reward to actually start appropriating some money." "Through collaboration and a commitment to the

environmental stewardship of this special peninsula, we're finally seeing real dollars arrive on Cape Cod to solve the region's \$4 billion wastewater problem," said **State Senator Julian Cyr** (D-Truro). "I was proud to help author the law establishing the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund, and I'm now heartened to see these first grants awarded. When I'm asked how I maintain a sense of optimism about the political process and community involvement, I will point to the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund." "It is so terrific to see this initial distribution from the Water Protection Fund!" said **State Representative Sarah Peake** (D-4th Barnstable). "It's not often as a legislator that one sees positive results as quickly as was done here. All Cape Codders and the Cape Cod environment will be the true beneficiaries of this." "The concept of a Cape-wide funding source to help drive implementation of critical water quality projects was embedded in the 208 Plan," said **Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Kristy Senatori**. "We are pleased to see off-Cape resources shared among the region and these important projects moving ahead with the funding they need to succeed." The Cape Cod Commission will now work with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust on administration of subsidy awards and disbursement of funds to towns.

About the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund

The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (CCIWPF) was established by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2018 to help the Cape Cod and the Islands pay for necessary wastewater infrastructure and water quality remediation projects. Creation of the CCIWPF was the result of efforts by a diverse set of stakeholders, including the Cape and Islands Legislative Delegation, local officials, environmental groups, business leaders, and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, who recognized the need for new financial tools to address the region's degrading water quality and lack of wastewater infrastructure. The CCIWPF is a dedicated fund within the state's Clean Water Trust, set up solely to benefit communities in Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Counties. Its source of revenue is a 2.75% excise tax on traditional lodging and short-term rentals. The fund is administered by the existing Clean Water Trust and overseen by a management board comprised of representation from every member town from the region.

Eversource Offering Webinar for People Having Difficulty Paying Electric and Heating Bills

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 10:00 AM

If you're finding it difficult to keep up on your energy bills, Eversource has protections, programs and payment plans to help. A special webinar will be held on Tuesday, April 27th at 10:00 AM. You can sign up here: <https://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/residential/my-account/billing-payments/help-pay-my-bill>

Participation in an assistance program or payment plan will prevent service disconnection when they resume after July 1, 2021. Income eligible customers can earn up to \$75,201 for a family of 4 and \$51,137 for a family of 2 and qualify for assistance. Assistance programs for income eligible customers include:

- **Fuel Assistance.** This program may help pay your utility or heating bills. **Deadline to apply is May 28, 2021.** Visit HeatingHelpMA.org or call 2-1-1.
- **Discount Rate.** You may qualify for a 36% (electric) or a 25% (natural gas) discount on monthly bills.
- **New Start.** This program forgives overdue balances as on-time monthly payments are made.
- **Good Neighbor Energy Fund.** Additional financial assistance for overdue bills may be available. Visit MAGoodNeighbor.org.

- **Utility and Rent Assistance.** Massachusetts also has resources available to help residents pay utility bills and rent. Contact your local **Rental Assistance Agency** for more information by dialing **2-1-1**.

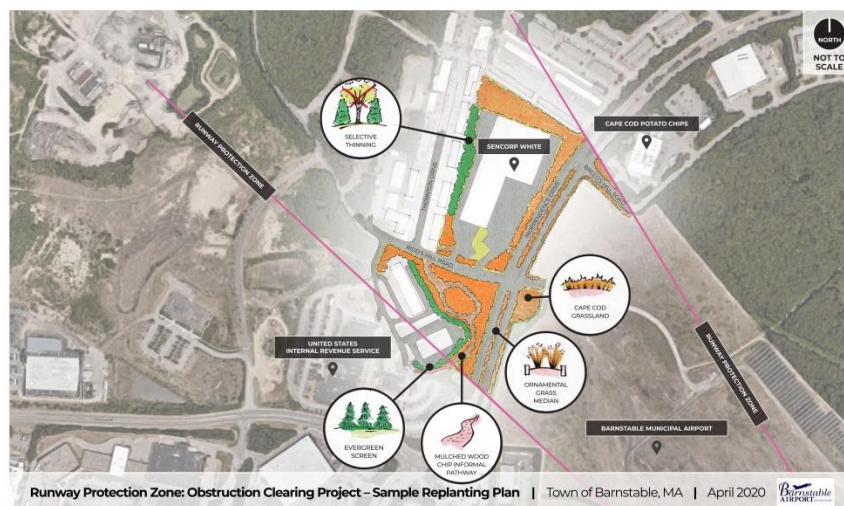
All customers, regardless of financial status, can take advantage of these programs:

- **Payment Plans.** All customers, regardless of financial status, can enroll in a payment plan to pay a past-due balance over a period of up to 12 months.
- **Reduce your Energy Use and Bill.** For energy-saving tips, rebates and incentives on energy-saving products, and to sign up for Home Energy SolutionsSM, go to [Eversource.com](https://www.eversource.com) and select Save Money & Energy.

Help is available. Please call Eversource at **866-861-6225** (Eastern Massachusetts) or visit [Eversource.com/billhelp](https://www.eversource.com/billhelp). They will work with you to find the right program or option for you.

Earth Day Announcement: Cape Cod Gateway Airport to Prepare for an Additional Round of Seeding to Restore Native Cape Cod Vegetation

Cape Cod Gateway Airport (HYA), formerly Barnstable Municipal Airport, is preparing to reseed vegetation starting mid-May. “Safety is always our top priority at the airport, and managing vegetation is an important part of that priority,” explained Airport Manager, Katie Servis. “Our goal is to restore native Cape Cod vegetation with a low-growth variety that will be compatible with protecting the approach airspace while balancing an area that is maintained in an aesthetically pleasing manner.” Beginning the week of April 26, 2021, Airport Maintenance staff will be working in previously cleared areas to remove trash and debris to prepare for reseeding. In some areas, staff will utilize equipment to collect rocks and spread loam to prepare for successful seed contact and germination. The reseeding will cover the areas along the airport fence, along the intersection of Independence Drive and Kidd’s Hill Road and along Yarmouth Road on the East side of the airport. During 2020, the airport completed clearing of trees impacting the approach surfaces of two runways to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations as well as airport safety and certification requirements. No additional mature trees will be removed. Seeding was completed in 2020 however, despite robust watering of plantings, much of the seeding failed to take due to dry conditions late last year. “Safety is our highest priority, but right along with that is being a responsible member of the community. In the case of this project that means the airport restores the areas where trees had to be removed with native Cape Cod vegetation,” said Matthew Elia, Assistant Airport Manager. “Despite the drought conditions which negatively impacted growth last year, the airport is committed to restoring successful vegetation to these areas.”



Free Recycling Program for Boat Shrink Wrap Began on April 16th

Boats on trailers wrapped in plastic is a common sight on Cape Cod in the off-season. But what happens to all that shrink wrapped plastic when it comes off the boats in the spring? Too often it ends up in the landfill. To reduce the amount of plastic waste entering our environment, the Woods Hole Sea Grant program, in collaboration with the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, is conducting a free shrink wrap recycling program across Cape Cod from April 16 through June 30, 2021. “The best way to help keep plastic out of the marine environment is to choose reusable boat covers or reuse your shrink wrap for two to three years,” said Sea Grant Director Matt Charette, a senior scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. “After that, recycling shrink wrap is the responsible thing to do. By recycling, it can be re-used in a variety of products, like decking material and outdoor furniture -- a real win-win proposition.” This year’s program features six drop off locations across the Cape. The towns of Bourne, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham and Wellfleet are hosting recycling containers at their transfer stations, where boaters can bring their clean, bundled shrink wrap. Residents of Falmouth may also recycle their shrink wrap at MacDougall’s boatyard on specified dates and hours. The program requires recyclers to ensure the boat shrink wrap is clean and free of ropes, vents, strapping and any other non-shrink wrap material. Instructions on how to prepare shrink wrap for recycling can be found on the Woods Hole Sea Grant web site (<http://seagrant.whoi.edu>).

Collection Locations:

Bourne ISWM

Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM-3:00 PM; Saturday 7:00 AM-12:00 PM
201 MacArthur Blvd., Bourne, MA 02532

Chatham Transfer Station

Thursday-Tuesday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
97 Sam Ryder Road, Chatham, MA 02633

Dennis Transfer Station

Wednesday-Sunday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
100 Theophilus F. Smith Road, Dennis, MA 02660

Eastham Transfer Station

Saturday- Wednesday, 7:30 AM-3:30 PM
555 Old Orchard Road, Eastham, MA 02642

Wellfleet Transfer Station/Recycling Center

Friday-Tuesday, 8:00 AM-3:30 PM
370 Coles Neck Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667

“Dump stickers” are not required to access the shrink wrap recycling containers.

Visit the Woods Hole Sea Grant web site for more information <https://seagrant.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/>.

This program is funded by a grant from the NOAA Marine Debris Program and the National Sea Grant Program.

Barnstable Youth Commission Hosts the 5th Annual Youth Job Fair – Virtually!

Virtual Session on April 28th – FOR 14-17 YEAR OLDS ONLY!

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 17 can now sign up for the Barnstable Youth Commission’s Youth Job Fair taking place all Spring virtually! Participants will have access to a Job Board dedicated to local businesses that have positions available to their age group. Additionally, a limited number of spots are available for the live virtual age group sessions at <https://bit.ly/3cQ6a2t>. Two virtual sessions on April 28th will take place, one for 14-15 year olds and one for 16-18 year olds. Participating businesses will be on hand to introduce themselves and offer their input and advice for first time jobseekers; and for those who take advantage of the Job Board’s opportunity to fill out an application in advance, businesses will be able to use the virtual sessions as a mini-interview. Professionals at Mass-Hire will give input on labor

laws and how to obtain your work permit; and they will be available for businesses on questions about their compliance and information about other workforce training services they might not know about. The Barnstable Youth Commission, in coordination with the Barnstable Recreation Division of the Community Services Department and the Economic Development Program of the Planning & Development Department, as well as Barnstable



High School and Mass-Hire is hosting the 5th Annual Youth Job Fair virtually for an extended run through June this year.. **Businesses that hire applicants at ages 14-17 and are interested in participating should sign up at <https://bit.ly/3vbUnTq>**

Pictured: 2020 Barnstable Youth Commissioners- Lily Beal, Morgan Contrino, Alexandra Stampfl, Lucas McCauley, Connor Levesque, Jenna Schmidt, Luc-Andre Sader, Nina Barrette, and Piper Hunt) at last year's Job Fair.

Looking for a Job? The Town of Barnstable is a Great Place to Work.

To see what positions are currently available, click [here](#). Apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and click the “Apply” link. If this is the first time you are applying using the online job application, you need to create an account and select a username and password. After your account has been established, you can build an application by clicking on the “Build Job Application” link. This application can be saved and used to apply for more than one job opening.

Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2021 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Document Availability

Comments Accepted through May 14, 2021

The draft One Year Annual Action Plan for 2021 program year and the Citizen Participation Plan will be available **April 14, 2021** on the Town website: www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG and in the Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hyannis, MA 02601 by appointment by calling 508-862-4678. This location is accessible and reasonable accommodations may be made upon request. The plans serve as planning and strategic documents for the Town’s CDBG Program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2021 program year begins July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022. Estimated funding for this program year is \$311,641 plus any carryover.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Town is seeking public input on the draft Action Plan, which outlines funding priorities for the upcoming program year; and the Citizen Participation Plan that describes the public process. Funding levels are estimates and subject to change. Barnstable residents are encouraged to review the plans and to participate in the CDBG process.

Please submit comments in writing to the Planning and Development Department, ATTN: CDBG, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 or by email to elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line. Comments will be accepted through **May 14, 2021** and included in the final plans submitted to HUD.

CONTACT: Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Phone: 508-862-4678, TDD#508-790-9801, elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us with questions about the CDBG program.

Cape Cod Commission introduces COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Toolkits for Cape Cod's local businesses

Industry-specific strategies for addressing current challenges and planning for business continuity

The Cape Cod Commission is pleased to present the second round of its COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Workshop Series, an initiative designed to support business owners who are navigating the economic impacts of the pandemic and planning for future resiliency. This round of virtual workshops will introduce COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Toolkits. The toolkits span a broad range of subject areas including online sales and marketing, risk assessment, and collaboration/networking practices. Participants will learn about industry-specific strategies tailored to address the challenges facing Cape Cod businesses. The webinar series schedule is as follows:

- April 26 at 3:00 PM: [Food Service & Restaurant Businesses](#)
- April 28 at 3:00 PM: [Retail & Product-Based Businesses](#)
- April 29 at 6:00 PM: [Accommodations Businesses](#)
- May 3 at 4:00 PM: [Arts, Culture & Recreation Businesses](#)
- May 4 at 3:00 PM: [Service-Based Businesses](#)

This round of virtual workshops builds on an initial presentation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and other funding resources, and the first round of workshops which introduced the Commission's broader business recovery and resiliency efforts and provided examples of business resiliency and continuity in action. The presentation slides and video recordings from these workshops are available [here](#). This workshop series is funded by a U.S. Economic Development Administration CARES Act grant and is designed to help support Cape Cod businesses as they recover from the impacts of the pandemic and increase their resiliency. The Cape Cod Commission has been working with Boston-based consultant [Revby](#) to facilitate the workshops, develop the economic resiliency toolkits, and identify relevant strategies for local and regional economic recovery. All interested Cape Cod business owners are invited to attend this free workshop series, but space is limited, and registration is required. Business owners unable to attend their own industry's workshop are encouraged to participate in a different workshop that fits their schedule.

For more information and to register, please visit capecodcommission.org/business.

Last Week! Oyster Season extended for Bay Street Only through April 28, 2021

Just a reminder the last day for oysters at Scudder was March 31st, but Bay Street will remain open for oysters until April 28th!

What's the largest Oyster you have evah slurped?

Join in on the delicious fun and enter the BIGGEST OYSTER SLURP Contest!

We are holding an oyster contest for the month of April!

The person who eats the largest oyster on the half shell from Bay Street will win a peck basket, a clamming life t-shirt, and a golden oyster “medal”.

Check out all the details [HERE](#)

- To enter, the person must send in two pictures; one is the oyster with a ruler (to get the measurement) and the other is of the person slurping it down! Largest oyster wins! Tie goes to the best slurping picture.

- All entries can be submitted by 4/28/2021: Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us. The winner will be chosen April 30th!

CONTEST OPEN TO: VALID 2021 BARNSTABLE RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY | Bay Street Harvest



Free Grocery Delivery Service for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk

The [Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service](#) will help people who should stay home receive groceries and critical household goods.

See a list of participating grocery stores with pre-ordering and curbside pickup options [here](#). Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is essential for “flattening the curve” of infections, which will curb the outbreak, prevent hospitals from getting overwhelmed with patients seeking treatment, and ultimately reduce the number of deaths. For current information on the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), please visit the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment’s website: barnstablecountyhealth.org. If you have questions or concerns, please email COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org.

Drive-Thru Food Distribution Moves to Barnstable High School Parking Lot

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape. USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution is moving to Barnstable High's Parking Lot, 744 West Main Street, Hyannis beginning, Saturday April 17. **NEW TIME - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.** PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

****[Click here for directions.](#)****.

- April 24 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM [Click Here to Register](#).
- May 1 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM [Click Here to Register](#).
- May 8 – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Link not active yet.

Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students

For most up-to-date information, please go [here](#).

Keep Active and Thrive with the BACC on Channel 18

The Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC) and Channel 18 have teamed up to provide dedicated BACC programming hours on Comcast CH18. Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:00 AM and Tuesdays and Thursday at 5:00 PM you can tune to Comcast CH18 and view an hour of programming specifically geared to residents in our community who appreciate the wide range of activities provided at the BACC. The dedicated staff at the Council on Aging and Channel 18 have created programs including chair exercise classes, yoga, music programming, and updates on programs and activities. *Keep Active and Thrive with the Barnstable Adult Community Center!*



News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

FEMA Funeral Assistance

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. In an effort to help ease some of the financial distress caused by the virus, FEMA is providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2021, for deaths related to COVID-19.

FEMA representatives can help you complete a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application. Multilingual services are available. To apply call the FEMA phone line Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM: 844-684-6333/TTY 800-462-7585.

Fraud Alert!

Scammers are targeting consumers offering to register them for funeral assistance. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and does not contact people before they register for assistance. Learn more at: www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance

Need help with prescription drug costs? Prescription Advantage may be your answer!

By now, many individuals have reached or are getting close to the gap or “donut hole” with your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). In 2021, you will reach the Medicare Part D gap when the negotiated **retail** cost of your medications add up to the \$4,130 threshold. Once in the gap, you become responsible for 25% of the negotiated retail cost for both brand name and generic medications. This may be a more costly out-of-pocket change. Prescription Advantage, which is a state-run program, can assist you in this gap and/or put a cap on your out-of-pocket cost for medications. Eligibility is based on **income only** and there is **no asset limit**. If you are a Massachusetts resident and eligible for Medicare, the income limits are:

- Age 65 or over- \$64,400 or less for a single person or \$87,100 or less for a married couple.
- Under age 65 and disabled- \$24,214 or less for a single person or \$32,750 or less for a married couple.

There is no charge for joining Prescription Advantage if you have an annual income at or less than \$38,640 for a single person or \$52,260 for a married couple. However, there is a \$200 per person annual enrollment fee for those with higher incomes. If you are a member of Prescription Advantage, you are also allowed to change your prescription plan one time outside of the Medicare Open Enrollment. You may also join if you are 65 years or older and not eligible for Medicare. If you are not eligible for Medicare, Prescription Advantage will be your primary prescription drug plan. There is no income limit. Medicare also has a program, called “Extra Help,” which can assist with the cost of your Medicare Part D plan’s premium, deductible and co-pays. Please call **508-862-4757** to make an appointment with a SHINE counselor for more information on these programs or assistance with any Medicare issue. Trained SHINE

volunteers offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and related health insurance programs.

Fuel Assistance Program Application Deadline Extended

Massachusetts has extended the Fuel Assistance Program application period to May 28, 2021. Please note that although the intake period has been extended, the program only pays bills for the heating season of November 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021. Applications may be updated for changes to household size or income through May 28, 2021. Here are the new deadlines:

- Last day to complete incomplete applications: June 28, 2021
- Local appeal deadline: July 27, 2021
- Deadline to issue local appeal decisions: August 24, 2021
- State appeal deadline: September 22, 2021

The **Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter** is sent weekly, and contains news, resources and information for the older adult community and their families. If you'd like to receive it, please email: judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us. You may also want to "like" and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page, where you'll find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed.

Our Village Libraries are more than just books.

You can check out all of the activities at our Libraries here:

[Sturgis Library](#) (Barnstable Village)

[Centerville Public Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Hyannis Public Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Public Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Whelden Memorial Library](#) (West Barnstable)

Hydrant Flushing

Water main flushing is part of a preventive maintenance program being undertaken by the various Water Departments to ensure that water quality is not being compromised.

Discoloration of the water may occur. This is an unavoidable effect of flushing, with an aesthetic value only, and is not considered a health hazard. The water should clear after a short period of time. Signs will be visible in flushing areas. Residents in these areas are advised to refrain from laundering between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and to set water aside for drinking and cooking purposes. All village residents are advised to check water clarity before use, while this program is in operation, as water lines outside the flushing area could be affected.

Check your District's website for notices.

Hyannis Water Supply <https://town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/watersupply/>

Barnstable Fire/Water District <https://www.barnstablefiredistrict.com/>

Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills (C.O.M.M.) Water Department <http://www.commwater.com>

Cotuit Water District <https://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/>

Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions

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VINEYARD WIND

Virtual Information Session

Paving the Way in Barnstable

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Join us for a presentation and Q&A about Vineyard Wind's offshore wind projects and plans in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

May 19 • 5:00pm
June 18 • 12:00pm

Sagamore Bridge Repair Work Underway

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District announced today that lane restrictions will begin mid-April on the Sagamore Bridge spanning the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne, Massachusetts, due to scheduled maintenance work. Beginning April 12, 2021, vehicle travel over the bridge will be reduced from the current two lanes in each direction to a single 12-foot lane in each direction as repairs to structural steel supports and the bridge lighting system are conducted. Lane restrictions will be in place 24 hours a day until the project is completed. Repair work and lane restrictions are scheduled to end prior to Memorial Day weekend. Motorists planning to use the Sagamore Bridge during this timeframe should be aware that travel delays are likely to occur during the morning and afternoon peak travel periods each day. Signs, traffic control devices and police details will be used at all times that work is being performed on the bridge. USACE's construction contractor for this project, R. Zoppo Corporation of Stoughton, Massachusetts, will perform the work in phases utilizing multiple shifts to keep the bridge open at all times and complete the work as quickly as possible. All traffic lanes on the Bourne Bridge will remain open while work is occurring on the Sagamore Bridge. This bridge work is critical to maintaining the structural integrity of the bridges, which are a vital component to the transportation system of Cape Cod, the Islands and southeastern Massachusetts. Work will include steel repairs to base structures of light posts, installation of repaired light posts, repairs to the bridge fence and light brackets, and replacement of conduits, cables and light fixtures. *The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers team thanks the Cape Cod residents and regional commuting public for their understanding and patience during the execution of these necessary bridge repair activities and lane closures. The bridge repair work is critical to maintaining the structural integrity of the bridges, which are a vital component to the transportation system of Cape Cod, the Islands and southeastern Massachusetts.*

For more information and updates, visit the USACE New England District website at

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>, or follow us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland> and Twitter <http://twitter.com/CorpsNewEngland>.

ROAD WORK UPDATES

As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.

***NEW* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills**

Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are currently on-going and will continue during the week of April 26, 2021. Work will include installation of new drainage system equipment, pulverizing and grading of the roadway sub-base, installation of new asphalt pavement and restoration of all disturbed areas. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

***CONTINUES* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in**

Centerville/Main Street in Osterville Work on the bridge is scheduled to continue through mid-May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work will include improving riprap at bridge abutments, bridge deck repairs, improving endblocks and guardrail connections, and concrete repairs. The contractor is expected to deploy their construction craft from McCarthy's Landing (aka Hayward Landing) at 40 Hayward Road in Centerville. This may create brief delays for other users when the contractor is using the landing. The ramp will still be available for public access. The contractor is responsible for maintaining small vessel navigational access under the bridge at all times during construction. Mariners are urged to use caution and go slow when approaching and moving through the work area. Divers may be in the water at times during construction operations. Mariners are required to maintain proper distance from Dive and Alpha flags based on Maritime law. The bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction. During this work there will be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

***CONTINUES* Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, Water Distribution, and Associated Improvements on Independence Drive in Hyannis and Barnstable Village, and on Portions of Mary Dunn Road, Kidd's Hill Road, and Attucks Lane in Barnstable**

Village Construction is scheduled to end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will include a new sidewalk and additional drainage systems the full length of Independence Drive, on Mary Dunn Road a short distance south of Independence Drive, on Kidd's Hill Road from Independence Drive to Merchants Way, and on Attucks Lane from Independence Drive to Wilkens Lane. The work will also include a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane; a watermain extension on portions of Attucks Lane and Independence Drive; and additional street lights on portions of Independence Drive and Kidd's Hill Road. During active construction there will be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

***CONTINUES* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A)**

and Mill Way in Barnstable Village Construction is scheduled to continue into spring 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals in a few locations (by utility companies); constructing a sidewalk from Main Street to the County Complex parking lot east end; installing street lights; refurbishing traffic signals; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

***UPDATED* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Huckins Neck Road in**

Centerville/Barnstable Village The roadway will be overlaid with new pavement on Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23, 2021. Driveway apron installations and restoration of all areas disturbed during construction will be performed following the roadway paving. Please use alternate routes when possible to avoid delays during the remainder of the project.

***CONTINUES* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Next week Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Bay Street, Osterville. Work will be ongoing for several weeks. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about five days to complete. Visit ngrid.com/service line to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system has been used to provide information during the ongoing COVID-19 event and for the recent COMM Water District issue. Did you know that only landlines are part of the federal and state Reverse 911 system and you must register cell phones which are not public records? Make sure you are on our list. Sign up [here](#) today. **What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?** CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Barnstable residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town. Only authorized officials are allowed access to use the system. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed [here](#). Be sure to take a moment to learn more about this important notification system.

Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Public access to Town Hall Offices and 200 Main Street is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website (www.townofbarnstable.us) and www.BarnstableHealth.com. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Treasurer/Collector's Office will be accepting payments either through mail or payments may be placed in the drop box located outside Town Hall next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. **No cash is to be mailed or left in the drop box.**

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for liened parcels that are in Tax Title may be mailed to:

Town of Barnstable, Treasurer's Office, 230 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

Tax Collector's Office is open to the public by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us to make an appointment or for any questions regarding real estate and personal property taxes, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer utility bill payments. Payment options for Treasurer/Collector's office:

- Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601

- Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
- Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall, or by appointment.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box.

The third and fourth quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on December 31st. The third quarter was due on February 1, 2021 and the fourth quarter is due on May 3, 2021.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

A drop off location has been established to the right of the front door at 367 Main Street.

Abatement Applications

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

Property Information

Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

All other forms are available at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

A drop off location has been established to the right of the front door at 367 Main Street.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call 508-862-4044. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

200 MAIN STREET

Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.
- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

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The Last Word:
**You cannot get through a single day
without having an impact on the world around you.
What you makes a difference and you have to decide
what kind of difference you want to make.**
– Jane Goodall, primatologist and anthropologist

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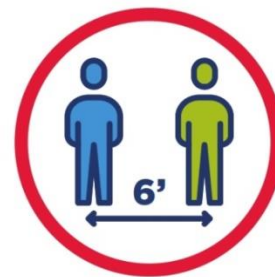
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