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Today Town Manager Mark Ells joined members of the Hyannis Garden Club (HGC) and the Hyannis Public Library (HPL) to Celebrate Arbor Day and plant a Sweet Bay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana) in honor of the late Alice Erickson, who was a member of the HGC for many years until her passing at the age of 94. The <u>HPL's Miss Mary read "We Planted a Tree"</u> during a recent Facebook Live event. *We plant trees not for ourselves, but for future generations. ~Caecilius* 

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April 30, 2021 Color-Coded Guide: New Updated Same as previous week(s)

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#### Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (<u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>) 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 <u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>.

### **COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC!**

Harbor Community Health Center-Hyannis, the Town of Barnstable, and the Hyannis Fire Department have opened a new COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Barnstable Adult Community Center. Appointments are open to anyone 16 years of age or older. The clinic is offering the Pfizer vaccine. You 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: <u>https://bit.ly/3goTWQC</u>. Please follow the <u>Town of Barnstable's Facebook page</u> to see when walk-in appointments may be available.

## Special Town Council Meeting – Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Town Council leadership scheduled a workshop at a <u>Special Town Council Meeting</u> on April 29, 2021 to review and discuss the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance with Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne. The Sewer Assessment Ordinance can viewed <u>here</u>. The presentation can be viewed <u>here</u>.

# 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 <u>here</u>.

## **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Updates**

## An updated draft of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance is available on the Town's Accessory Dwelling Unit webpage.

An initial review of the Cape Cod Commission's model ordinance and discussion of policy issues was conducted by the Town Council's <u>Zoning & Regulatory Subcommittee</u> in 2020. A draft ordinance for consideration was put forward by that Subcommittee. The draft was then referred to Town staff for technical and legal review, as well as review against the new <u>"Housing Choice" legislation</u> adopted by the Commonwealth on January 14, 2021. The new Housing Choice legislation reduces the vote required for adoption of a zoning amendment allowing 'as of right' ADUs from a two-thirds majority vote to a simple majority vote in an effort to encourage new housing production.

#### Revisions to the previous draft include:

- Revision to the definition of ADUs for consistency with the Housing Choice provisions;
- Revision to the maximum size of a "by right" ADU from 1,000 square feet to 900 square feet for consistency with the Housing Choice provisions; and
- Clarification of the proposed language requiring that any rental on a property with an ADU be no shorter than 12 consecutive months, consistent with the Subcommittee's voted intent.

The Town Council has indicated this proposed ADU amendment will be introduced at their meeting on May 6, 2021. This amendment will be introduced as two items. The proposed ordinance incorporates a provision, specifically the ability to seek relief by Special Permit for ADUs larger than 900 square feet, which diverges from the Commonwealth's Housing Choice provisions. Housing Choice establishes that zoning amendments allowing 'as of right' ADUs no larger than 900 square feet can be adopted by a majority vote. The proposed Special Permit provision would allow for ADUs larger than 900 square feet; therefore, the passage of that provision would require a two-thirds majority vote and it will be considered separately. Upon introduction of a zoning amendment, the Town Council must vote to refer it to the Planning Board. The Planning Board then holds a public hearing on the proposed amendment and votes a recommendation to the Town Council. The proposed amendment then proceeds to a public hearing at Town Council, who votes on its adoption. For continuing updates, check e-news and the Town website or <u>sign up here</u> for zoning updates direct to your inbox.

## You're Vaccinated! Here is How to Choose Safer Activities

# **Choosing Safer Activities**

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity Outdoor	Fully Vaccinated People
Safest	Ð	Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	Ð
	Ð	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	Ð
	Q	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	Ð
Less Safe	Ð	Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	Ð
Least Safe	Q	Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	Q
Indoor			
Less Safe	Q	Visit a barber or hair salon	Q
	Ð	Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	Q
	Ð	Ride public transport with limited occupancy	Ð
	Ð	Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	R
Least Safe	Q	Go to an indoor movie theater	Q
	Q	Attend a full-capacity worship service	Q
	Q	Sing in an indoor chorus	Q
	Q	Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	Q
	Q	Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	Q

Safest

## **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.

## Youth Commission Virtual Job Fair A Success!

In an effort to connect our youth with local job opportunities and create a solution for the current workforce challenges that Cape Cod business owners face now more than ever, the Barnstable Youth Commission (BYC) offered its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Job Fair. Since this year's event could not happen in person at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center due to COVID-19 restrictions, the BYC put together a Youth Job Fair subcommittee (Izzy Rudy, Luc-Andre Sader, and Piper Hunt) with support from Patti Machado (Recreation Director), Amy Harwood (Marketing & Outreach Manager), and Sarah Beal (Channel 18 Station Manager) to develop a virtual event. There were two sessions based on age-group to educate the participants on child labor laws prior to meeting with the businesses. 31 businesses signed up with participation from 142 youth. A Job Board is filled with 31 businesses hiring youth and this resource will be added to the Youth Services Program page and will be available year-round and businesses can add their online applications for jobs they are looking to fill. Youth Commission members have fostered an atmosphere of teamwork, creating this workforce development program specifically for youths. This effort was supported through a collaboration with the Town of Barnstable's Community Services, Barnstable Public Schools, Planning & Development, and Information Technology Departments, along with Mass-Hire Cape & Islands. Plans for an in-person event at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center in 2022 are being discussed. Business owners that hire youth can reach out to: <u>Amy.Harwood@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> for more information.

#### Adopt a Barnstable High School Senior

# This creative event is an opportunity for the school and community to partner together to support our senior class!

Please see the information below from Barnstable High School senior class president and vice president for more information.

"Adopt a Senior" is a campaign run by the Barnstable High School senior class officers with help from teachers, students and parents that aims to uplift the senior class and connect them to their community by gift. Seniors will be sent a profile survey to fill out so that the adopters

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have a better idea of who they are and a google form will be made available for members of the community to fill out to become an adopter. Once this process is completed, we will randomly pair adopters with seniors and send along the seniors profile to their adopter so they can get a gift together to be dropped off at Barnstable High School (date to be determined). In this tremendously challenging year, let's show the senior class that they are supported by the greater Barnstable community by providing small gifts, kind words and the knowledge that they are not alone. Gifts are expected to be no greater than \$50 and if you plan on getting your senior any form of food or candy it must be sealed and packaged (i.e. nothing homemade). For confidentiality, the adopter will be provided only with the student's first name and last initial along with the information provided by the student on their profile (ex. favorite color, hobbies and interests, etc.). Given this, for students who are under 18, parents/guardians will need to sign off on the student survey form to acknowledge that they understand that their student's first name and last initial will be shared with the community member they are paired with. In addition, students who are 18 or older will be asked for the same acknowledgement before submitting their survey. Forms are available here, spread the word! - Abby Olsen and Gracie Davis

## Important Notice regarding purchase of 2021 Beach Stickers/Parking Permits



The weeks are flying by and the beaches will soon be open. Please be advised that beach stickers are only available for purchase through our on-line portal <u>www.barnstablema.viewpointcloud.com</u> or through the mail by downloading an application from our website

www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation/Beach-Stickers

Our staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM to assist you with any questions or concerns. Stay well and enjoy your upcoming summer months. See links below.

Resident and/or TaxpayerSeasonal and WeeklyLandlord

## Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2021 Annual Action Plan Public Meeting Notice – Tuesday, May 4 at 12:00 PM

The Town of Barnstable's Planning and Development Department will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 12:00 pm via Zoom, Meeting ID 999 0268 2100** at

https://zoom.us/j/99902682100 or by phone at 888-475-4499 (US Toll-free) to take comments on the draft Community Development Block Grant 2021 Annual Action Plan. If you need reasonable accommodations, including translation services, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 508-862-4678 by May 3, 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain the comments and views of citizens, public agencies, community organizations, and other interested parties on the Town of Barnstable's housing and community development needs for the Annual Action Plan and recommended allocation levels for program activities. The Action Plan serves as the planning document for the Community Development Block Grant program which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). A draft of the 2021 Action Plan can be viewed at www.townofbarnstable.us/cdbg. The 2021 funding estimate is \$311,641 plus any carryover funds. According to the Five Year Consolidated Plan, projects or programs that fall into categories of Affordable Housing, Economic Opportunities, Public Facilities, Infrastructure or other Public Improvements, Public Services, and Downtown Hyannis Neighborhood Revitalization activities can receive funding in 2021. Information obtained from the meeting will be considered in the preparation of the Draft 2021 Annual Action Plan. Anyone unable to attend the meeting may submit written comments by May 14, 2021 to the Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 ATTN: Elizabeth Jenkins or by email to elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line please.

## 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 <u>April 14, 2021</u> on the Town website: <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG</u> and in the Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <u>elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line. Comments will be accepted through <u>May 14, 2021</u> 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, <u>elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> 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:

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

## Cape Cod Commission Seeks Public Comment on Cape Cod Climate Action Plan

The Cape Cod Commission released the region's first-ever climate action plan for a 30-day public comment period. The draft Cape Cod Climate Action Plan was informed by input gathered from a wide range of stakeholders in an extensive and collaborative region-wide engagement and outreach effort, a regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory, an economic and fiscal impact analysis, and a legal and policy analysis. The result is a comprehensive plan that sets actionable goals for Cape Cod, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts framework. The Climate Action Plan is intended to foster collaborative, targeted action to address climate change in measurable ways. It details the need for planning and identifies strategies and actions the region can take to mitigate the Cape's contributions to climate change and adapt to its impacts. The plan targets the region's highest emitting sectors, transportation and energy, as identified in the greenhouse gas emissions inventory, and include strategies that apply more broadly to support successful implementation of the plan. Strategies outlined will require action across all sectors and actors, including all levels of government, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, and others. Priority strategies for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions include reducing energy consumption and striving towards net zero energy building; promoting efficient land-use policies and development patterns; generating and increasing the use of safe, reliable, and clean energy; reducing vehicle miles traveled and supporting low and no carbon transportation options; accelerating the electrification of the transportation system; and reducing emissions by increasing and enhancing natural carbon storage. Priority strategies for adapting to the impacts of climate change include addressing vulnerabilities in public infrastructure and the road network; identifying approaches for managing development in coastal resource areas; and addressing vulnerable buildings and structures through retrofits and relocation. Measuring progress towards meeting the goals of the Climate Action Plan will require both long-term tracking of regional performance measures and shorter-term tracking of the implementation of specific strategies and actions. Updates to the regional greenhouse gas emission inventory, tracking of regional performance measures, and communication of regional progress will be key in ensuring effective implementation. The Cape Cod Commission is seeking broad feedback from the public on the draft Climate Action Plan. Comments can be submitted via email to climate@capecodcommission.org, in writing to Cape Cod Commission, PO Box 226, 3225 Main Street, Barnstable MA 02630, or by phone to 508-744-1271. Comments are due by May 24, 2021. A summary of the plan in Portuguese can be found here. The draft version of the plan can be found here.

## Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Transportation Planning Documents

#### Planning for the Future Transportation Needs of Cape Cod

The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has released four (4) documents for a 21-day public review and comment period. Members of the public are invited to review these documents and provide comments.

- FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 2
- DRAFT FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2
- DRAFT FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In accordance with the Public Participation Process developed by the Cape Cod MPO, the Cape Cod Commission is making the FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 2, Draft FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2 and Draft FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program available for public review and comment. The TIP serves as a prioritized listing of roadway, bridge, and transit projects proposed for implementation during the next five (5) federal fiscal years. The UPWP describes all significant transportation planning activities planned on Cape Cod over the twelve (12) month period of October 2021 through September 2022. Copies of these documents are available for review online at: <a href="http://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo">www.capecodcommission.org/mpo</a> Online public comment opportunities for these plans will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM (transit focused), Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM (bicycle and pedestrian focused) and Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM (safety focused). These virtual meetings will feature a short presentation on the documents followed by an opportunity for public comments. Virtual office hours to discuss the plans will be available on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

All of these meetings can be accessed by clicking: <u>www.capecodcommission.org/outreach/join</u> or calling in to (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting ID 961 1903 7671.

A virtual public meeting of the Cape Cod MPO is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM to hear additional public comments and consider endorsement of these documents. Virtual meeting details will be available at <u>www.capecodcommission.org/mpo</u>

Please contact Steven Tupper at 508-362-3828 for further information.

Comments on these plans may be sent via mail, by facsimile, or via e-mail, by May 17, 2021, as follows: Mailed:

Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program

Steven Tupper, Transportation Program Manager

3225 Main Street (Route 6A) | PO Box 226

Barnstable MA 02630-0226

Sent by facsimile to the attention of Steven Tupper, Transportation Program Manager, FAX: 508-362-3136

Electronic mail "email"—please put "TIP," "TIP Amendment," "UPWP," or "UPWP Amendment" in the subject line and send to: <a href="mailto:stupper@capecodcommission.org">stupper@capecodcommission.org</a>

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print, as available). For accommodations or language assistance please contact the Cape Cod MPO by phone: (508) 362-3828, fax (508) 362-3136, Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), dial 711 or email frontdesk@capecodcommission.org. Title VI Notice of Nondiscrimination: The Cape Cod MPO complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related federal and state statutes and regulations. It is the policy of the Cape Cod MPO to ensure that no person or group of persons shall on the grounds of Title VI protected categories, including race, color, national origin, or under additional federal and state protected categories including sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, creed, ancestry, veteran's status (including Vietnam-era veterans), or background, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity administered by the Cape Cod MPO. To request additional information about this commitment, or to file a complaint under Title VI or a related nondiscrimination provision, please contact the MPO's Title VI Coordinator by phone at (508)362-3828, Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), dial 711, fax (508) 362-3136 or by e-mail at mhevenor@capecodcommission.org.

If this information is needed in another language, please contact the MPO's Title VI Coordinator by phone at (508)362-3828.

Caso estas informações sejam necessárias em outro idioma, por favor, contate o Coordenador de Título VI da MPO pelo telefone 508-744-1299.

The public discussion of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) at CCJTC, MPO, and transportation meetings satisfies the Program of Projects (POP) public hearing requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

## **Oral Rabies Vaccine Distribution**

# NOTICE ORAL RABIES VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Oral Rabies Vaccine baits to reduce rabies in wildlife will be distributed in

Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth, Barnstable,

Plymouth, Wareham, Carver, Kingston, Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester, & Marion

For bait distribution dates for your town please visit the website below or call (508) 476-2956



There are two types of oral rabies vaccination baits, Sachet and Block that will be distributed via Bait Station, Pickup Truck, and Helicopter.

#### If you find a vaccine/bait packet:

- Use a glove or towel to pick it up. Throw it into the woods where children and pets will not find it. If no suitable place is available, dispose of the bait in the trash.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after handling the vaccine/bait package.
- If your pet has eaten or had contact with a bait, it is not harmful to them, but please report the contact to: Cape Cod Rabies Program Coordinator Brian Bjorklund at (508) 476-2956.
- If you or another person has had contact with the liquid vaccine, wash the area thoroughly and call the MA Department of Public Health at (617) 983-6800.

For more information on the Cape Cod & Southeast MA Vaccination Program.

- · Call (508) 476-2956
- · Stop by your Town Board of Health
- Visit www.mass.gov/dph/rabies or www.barnstablecountyhealth.org/cape-codrabies-task-force, or find us on Facebook



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

The <u>Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service</u> 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 <u>here</u>. 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: <u>barnstablecountyhealth.org</u>. If you have questions or concerns, please email <u>COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org</u>.

## 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.\*\*\*\*\*.

- May 1 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Click Here to Register.
- May 8 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Click Here to Register.
- May 15 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Click Here to Register.

## Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students For most up-to-date information, please go <u>here</u>.

## 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

#### Stay healthy! It's time to sign up for May/June health and fitness sessions.

Most of the Barnstable Adult Community Center classes continue to be virtual, so you can exercise from the safety and comfort of home. Here is a sample of classes you might like:

#### Loosen Up, Stretch and Move Instructor: Holly Silva

Monday 5/3-6/28 9:00-10:00 AM \$36

Start the day with stretch and movement which gently works muscles, joints and connective tissue from neck to toes for a more flexible body. Sessions include floor work, supported stretches and standing movement. *No Class: 5/31* 

Lighten up for Bathing Suit Season! New Presenter: Maria Zombas, Certified weight loss coachThursday5/13-6/310:00-11:00 AM\$25

Do you think losing weight and getting healthy is hard? It doesn't have to be. This course gives you the understanding and support you need to get the results you want. We focus on the basics of getting healthy through nutrition, mindset, emotional eating and nighttime eating. Let our popular Drums Alive

instructor help you create a mentally, emotionally and physically healthy life from the inside out.

#### Other virtual enrichment classes coming up include:

#### Genealogy 102 Presenter: David Martin, Cape Cod Genealogy Society

#### Monday 5/10, 17, & 24 1:30-3:30 PM

Break down the brick walls of genealogy research with this series which picks up where our previous course left off. Topics include land and probate concerns and using the Census for research.

\$25

#### Fish Tales with a Cape Cod Fisherman Presenter: Mike Abdow

#### Monday 5/10 6:00-7:00 PM Free

Learn the fishing ways with a rousing storyteller who was born in Worcester, lived on the beach in Provincetown and sold fish as a youngster. Known for his booming voice and rich stories, he has spent his life as a fisherman on Cape Cod and makes a living chasing "horse mackerel."

## Attracting Birds to the Garden with Native Plants Presenter: Leslie Altman, Master Gardener

## Thursday 5/13 10:00-11:00 AM Free

Planting native plants in your yard attracts birds and other pollinators. While bird feeders can attract mice, squirrels, and other pests, native plants provide needed habitat and sustenance specifically for birds. This program provides information on planting choices, bird habitats, and specific native plants that do well on Cape Cod.

#### **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: <a href="https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance">www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance</a>

#### 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, though 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

#### **Support Services Appointments**

The Support Services Department continues to assist older adults with Fuel Assistance and 41C Real Estate Tax Abatement applications. For information on income guidelines and the paperwork you need for both Fuel Assistance and Real Estate Abatement programs, please call **508-862-4757**. Once you have the proper documents gathered, we'll be able to schedule an appointment for you to process the paperwork. In June, we will be scheduling one on one appointments. Masks must be worn, and all safety protocols must be followed. Schedule an appointment at **508-862-4757**.

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.

## 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 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 (<a href="http://seagrant.whoi.edu">http://seagrant.whoi.edu</a>). Visit the Woods Hole Sea Grant web site for more information <a href="https://seagrant.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/">https://seagrant.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/</a>. This program is funded by a grant from the NOAA Marine Debris Program and the National Sea Grant Program.

## Our Village Libraries are more than just books.

You can check out all of the activities are 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)

## **Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions**

Barnstable residents can find more information here: <u>https://www.vineyardwind.com/barnstable</u>.

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**Virtual Information Session** 

Paving the Way in Barnstable

# RSVP Today: vineyardwind.com/barnstable

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

## Bismore Park Welcome Center Opens May 20<sup>th</sup>



### **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.

## \*UPDATED\* National Grid Gas Pipe Installation, Anchor Lane

National Grid, through their contractor Fraser Engineering, is planning on replacing the Anchor Lane Regulator Station, which will include removal of the existing regulator station and installation of a prefabricated 3 layer regulator station, and new gas lines that will tie into the existing 10" gas main located along the Route 28 roadway shoulder. Work will take place on the corner of Anchor Lane and Falmouth Rd (Route 28) in Cotuit. Construction is expected to begin on **April 19, 2021** and anticipated to last to **September 1, 2021**. Weather pending, construction will be on-going, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM until completion of this phase of the project. It is anticipated that there will be at least one night work operation in early May, with a date to be determined. Portion of Anchor Lane travel lanes will be restricted, and work on Falmouth Road will include temporary lane closures, which will be controlled by police details. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

**\*CONTINUES\* Rendezvous Lane Wastewater Pump Station Replacement Project** The Town of Barnstable's contractor, Robert B. Our Co., Inc. is under contract to complete a wastewater pump station grave replacement project at the intersection of Rendezvous Lane, Kent Road and Salten Point Road. The project involves a new below grade precast concrete wet well and valve vault, pumping system, control panel, standby generator and gravity sewer main to replace the existing wastewater pump station at the Town Right of Way to Barnstable Harbor at the end of Rendezvous Lane. The improvements are necessary to replace the existing pump station approaching the end of its intended service life and to relocate the new pump station above the FEMA base flood elevation. Typical work hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with groundwater dewatering pumps and sewer bypass pumps occasionally requiring 24/7 operation. Rendezvous Lane at the southern intersection of Salten Point Road to the northern intersection of Salten Point Road will remain closed due to construction activities until May 28, 2021. The Town Way to Water will remain accessible via Kent Road to Salten Point Road for the duration of the project, unless otherwise noted.

## \*CONTINUES\* 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 May 3, 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.

### \*UPDATED\* Drainage Improvements on Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills

The Towns contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements at five (5) locations along Head of the Pond Rd and Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, adjustment of drainage structure castings, and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. It is anticipated that work will take 3-weeks to complete. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

\*CONTINUES\* Three Bays BMP Construction - South County Road The Town of Barnstable, through the Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program, is installing a new biofiltration swale along South County Rd to treat existing stormwater runoff before it enters in the nearby river. The project will continue through June 30, 2021. Traffic will remain open, however there will be periods where the road will be closed to one-lane of traffic in proximity to the project site. Work will be performed from 7 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Police details and signage will direct motorists around the construction crews. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the construction area, and follow posted safety signs.

## \*CONTINUES\* Water Works Construction on Longview Drive in Centerville

The water works construction project is ongoing on Longview Drive in Hyannis. This project will install approximately 500 feet of 8 inch water main and move the temporary interconnection with the COMM water system to a vacant lot on Longview Drive. The metal container will be enclosed in a building appropriate for the neighborhood. Normal works hours will be between 8:00 AM and 4:40 PM.

### \*CONTINUES\* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth

**Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road** MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road are ongoing and will continue through to July 2021. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Visit <u>www.mass511.com</u>, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

## \*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.

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

To see what positions are currently available, click <u>here</u>. 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.

## 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 (<u>www.townofbarnstable.us</u>) and <u>www.BarnstableHealth.com</u>. 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 <u>taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 <u>assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

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.

Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19

## The Last Word: The wonder is that we can see these trees and not wonder more. *~Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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