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#### Stay Up-to-Date with BarnstableWaterResources.com

Stay up to date and learn more about the current state of our water resources and about the many Town programs designed to protect the health and quality of our water. The Town has a 30-year Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan—or CWMP—to solve this pollution problem by extending sewer service to 12,000 properties in Town. Visit the website today and sign up for the Community Currents newsletter https://barnstablewaterresources.com

## Beach Water Quality Updates Can Be Viewed Here

## Special School Committee Meeting – Tuesday, August 24, 2021

On August 24, the School Committee held a Special Meeting to introduce the Consultant for the new Superintendent Search and to update the Face Masking Policy for Barnstable Public Schools. Cape Cod Collaborative was the lowest eligible quote and Executive Director Paul Hilton was there to speak about next steps and answer any of the School Committee's questions. The School Committee will finalize the Superintendent's job description, set a salary range, and start the process of putting together the Superintendent Search Subcommittee members at the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 1. The School Committee discussed the Face Masking Policy for Barnstable Public Schools. Superintendent Mayo-Brown stated earlier in the day, the state Board of Education met and granted the authority to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Riley to implement a mask mandate for all students and staff in all Massachusetts schools until at least October 1. In light of their decision, she prepared recommended revisions to the Face Masking Policy that the School Committee adopted in September 2020. The School Committee approved the revised <u>policy</u> and will review this policy regularly in conjunction with any mandates, health expert advice, and local health metrics.

## Proposed Mixed-Use Sub Zone of the Medical Services Overlay District

On **September 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM** the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed zoning amendment: to add a Mixed-Use Sub Zone to the Medical Services Overlay District. A Legal Advertisement for this proposal is posted in the Barnstable Patriot today. Proposed text, maps, and other supporting information can be found on the <u>Planning Board website</u>. Please find details for joining the public hearing below:

> Town of Barnstable Town Council Public Hearing on Item No. 2022-007 Mixed-Use Sub Zone of the Medical Services Overlay District Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID 988 3174 1018 https://zoom.us/i/98831741018

#### 888 475 4499 US Toll-free

The proposed zoning amendment would add a new zoning overlay district, Chapter 240, Section 38.1 Mixed-Use Sub Zone of the Medical Services Overlay District. The proposed overlay district provides flexibility within the Sub Zone to permit development and relocation of medical and healthcare services together with commercial, retail and residential uses. The location of the proposed overlay district is Wilkens Lane and Kidd's Hill Road in Barnstable. The property is primarily zoned IND Industrial District, MSOD Medical Services Overlay District, and is within the GP Groundwater Protection and WP Wellhead Protection Overlay Districts. Multifamily residential development is a use permitted in the IND Industrial District. The proposed zoning overlay modifies the bulk and dimensional standards applicable to this use to allow housing development at a greater density than currently permitted. Maximum allowable building height is increased to four stories (not to exceed 55 feet). Parking requirements are reduced for multifamily, retail and medical uses. Uses not already permitted in the IND or MSOD, or additional multifamily development not currently contemplated (beyond 1000' of Kidd's Hill Road) will require a Special Permit. The Planning Board held a duly noticed public on the proposed amendment on August 9, 2021. After public comment, the Planning Board unanimously voted to affirmatively recommend the proposed Mixed-Use Sub Zone as written, with the inclusion of the two additional parcels located at 75 and 80 Perseverance Way, to Town Council.

You can submit comments on this item to the Town Council in the following ways:

- Attend the Town Council meeting on September 2, 2021 at 7 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting ID 988 3174 1018) and speak at the public hearing (via telephone or Zoom);
- Submit comments via email to Town Council staff, Cindy Lovell, at <u>cynthia.lovell@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>
- Submit comments in writing to: Town of Barnstable Town Council, ATTN: Cindy Lovell, 367 Main Street, Hyannis MA 02601

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Jenkins, AICP, Director of Planning & Development: Phone: 508-862-4678

Email: <a href="mailto:elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us">elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</a>

#### Want to Run for Office?

The Town Election will be on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Anyone interested in running for Town Council (evennumbered precincts of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 12); School Committee, Housing Authority or Town Clerk? Nomination papers are available and **must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by September 9th** for certification. For town-wide positions you will need to gather a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) good signatures to have your name appear on the ballot. For Town Council positions you will need a minimum of fifty (50) good signatures to have your name appear on the ballot. Any questions? Contact the Town Clerk at 508-862-4044.

#### **Beach Operation Changes**



SUN. SAND. SWIM.

BEACH OPERATION CHANGES Exercise caution and common sense and be observant when in the water when lifeguards are no present.



# **BEACH OPERATIONS STATUS**

Friday - 8/20 - No Staff at Joshua's Pond -Bath House closed for the Season Saturday - 8/21 - No Staff at Loop Beach & Millway Beach - Bath houses closed for the season Saturday - 8/21 - No Lifeguards at Sandy Neck Saturday - 8/28 - No Staff at Hathaway's Pond -Bath house closed for the season Monday - 8/23 - No Lifeguards at Veteran's Park Beach Thursday - 8/26 - No Lifeguards at Kalmus Park Beach Sunday - 8/29 - No Lifeguards at Dowses Beach Monday - 8/30 - No Lifeguards at Covell's Beach Important Notice

The following beaches/ponds are currently without lifeguard coverage: Joshua's, Hamblin's, Hathaway's, Millway, Loop, and Sea Street

## **Through Labor Day**

ONLY site with Lifeguards - Craigville Beach Craigville Gate staff 7:30am-4pm, with bath house open 9am-4:30pm Covell's Gate staff 9am-4pm, with bath house open 9am-4:30pm Veteran's Park Beach, Kalmus Park Beach, Sea St (Keyes Memorial Beach), and Dowses Beach Gate staff 9am-3:45pm, with bath houses open 9am-4:30pm



# www.townofbarnstable.us

#### **Recreation Commission Recognizes 2020 Employees of the Year**

On July 5<sup>th</sup> the Barnstable Recreation Commission presented the 2020 Employees of the Year Awards.





Learning Councilor: Diane Hercules



Recreation Program Assistant: Summer Megnia

HYCC Recreation Assistant: Samuel Morse

# Be Proactive Against Mosquitos in Your Backyard

Avoid mosquito bites by using EPA approved repellents, appropriate clothing and avoiding peak mosquito activity between dusk and dawn. Remove standing water by emptying containers and tarps. Check your risk levels throughout the season by visiting the State interactive website at:

#### https://www.mass.gov/infodetails/massachusettsarbovirus-update

Please review the 2021 MDPH Surveillance and Response Plan for updates to risk levels and risk messaging. https://www.mass.gov/doc/2021-arbovirus-surveillanceand-response-plan/download

Establish good mosquito avoidance habits now:

- Teach children to be aware of mosquito activity around them and avoid it
- Pick a repellent with an EPA-approved active ingredient
- Use long sleeves to cover up when possible
- Remove standing water to help reduce mosquito populations
- Repair screens

If you should have any questions, please call us at the Health Division Office at 508 862-4644.

#### <u>Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant Program</u> Notice of Document Availability, Public Meeting and Public Comment Period

The Town has completed the 2020 program year for the Community Development Block Grant program and is preparing Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The Town was awarded \$286,135 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the goals and objectives of the Town of Barnstable Consolidated Plan for 2020 – 2025. The CAPER is a year-end report that outlines the accomplishments of the Town's CDBG program and is available for review and comment before the Town submits it to HUD for approval.

#### DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft CAPER is available for review on the Town website: <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG</u> and in the Planning & Development Department, 367 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hyannis, MA 02601 between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Members of the public may also contact Elizabeth Jenkins at elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us or call the Planning and Development Department at 508-862-4678.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Written comments received on or before <u>September 10, 2021</u> will be included in the final submission to HUD. Please submit written comments to:

ATTN: CDBG Planning & Development Dept. 367 Main Street, 3rd Floor Hyannis, MA 02601

Or by email: <u>elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line.



## Cape Cod Healthcare Expands Access to COVID-19 Community Testing

Safe, effective and accessible COVID-19 testing is available at Cape Cod Healthcare.

#### Drive-through community testing

COVID-19 testing is available by appointment at two convenient drive-through testing sites on our hospital campuses:

Cape Cod Hospital campus, Hyannis Hours: Daily from 7:30 - 11:00 AM and 3:30 - 6:00 PM Falmouth Hospital campus, Falmouth Hours: Sunday-Thursday, 7:30 - 9:30 AM

#### Please note:

Drive through community testing is available to everyone, whether experiencing symptoms or not.

Schedule a COVID-19 Test

To schedule a COVID-19 test, please call the Cape Cod Healthcare Community Testing Line at:

COVID-19

508-534-7103

The testing method utilized is an RT-PCR test, considered the gold standard for accurately detecting active COVID-19 virus in a collected specimen and is accepted by all governments and agencies.

Test results are currently available within 24 hrs.

## **Barnstable County COVID-19 Testing**

# FREE COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing to Resume at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds!

#### Who:

Anyone who suspects they have been is exposed to COVID-19 is strongly urged to pursue testing.

# What:

FREE COVID-19 PCR testing is now available at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds! Results available within 24-48hrs.

# When:

Drive-through testing will take place every Thursday and Sunday from 4pm to 6pm beginning Thursday, August 26th.

# Where:

East gate of the Barnstable County Faigrounds (off Route 151 near Ashumet Road).

# Why:

Testing saves lives! A positive test for COVID-19 alerts an individual that they have the infection. Not only can they get treated faster, they can take steps to minimize the virus and stop it from spreading to others.

# How:

Schedule an appointment at www.barnstablecountyhealth.org. Walk-ins are welcome!



https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org

## **Barnstable County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics**



# WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS

#### **EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10AM - 2PM**

HARBORVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM | BARNSTABLE COUNTY COMPLEX (OLD JAIL BUILDING) 3 195 Main Street, RTE 6A BARNSTABLE VILLAGE

Sign up for an appointment at www.barnstablecountyhealth.com or just walk in! Pfizer will be offered to anyone 12+, and Johson & Johnson to anyone 18+

#### **MassNotify**

By enabling MassNotify in your phone's settings, you can be quickly notified if you've been exposed to COVID-19 by another MassNotify user. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone</u>.



## Sign Up for Cynobacteria Alerts

The Town of Barnstable contracted with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) to conduct routine monitoring and reporting of Cyanobacteria in Barnstable's Lakes and Ponds. If you are interested in receiving an email notification, when a potentially toxic bloom is identified by APCC, you <u>must opt-in</u> to the APCC toxic alerts. In order to receive email notification for toxic alerts, click this link: <u>https://apcc.org/our-work/science/cyanobacteria/cyanobacteria-alert/</u> This link will bring you to a webpage where you <u>must enter your email</u> in order to receive toxic alerts. You can also check out the cyanoMAP at <u>https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/community-science/cyanobacteria/</u> to see the recent cyanobacteria monitoring results from APCC.

## Cyanobacteria Notice

As we enter the summer season, we wanted to let you know the Town is planning to resume cyanobacteria monitoring and reporting. However, this program will have a delayed start this year due to unanticipated staff turnover. We expect the program to resume in July. Until this program is back up and running, we wanted to provide some tips to identify cyanobacteria blooms, what to do if you suspect a bloom, and who to contact.

Q: WHAT DOES CYANOBACTERIA WHEN LOOK LIKE? IN DOUBT A: IT CAN LOOK LIKE PEA SOUP OR A STAY **BLUE-GREEN PAINT SPILL ON THE** OUT WATER'S SURFACE. THE WATER COULD ALSO LOOK MURKY A BROWNISH GREEN MILKY GREEN OR BLUE. LEARN MORE AT WWW.BARNSTABLEWATERRESOURCES.COM

#### Identifying Cyanobacteria Blooms

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has provided examples of cyanobacteria blooms with scums and without scums. <u>https://www.mass.gov/service-details/identifying-cyanobacterial-blooms-and-scums-photographs-of-blooms-and-scums</u>

#### How do I know if there is a harmful algal bloom in the water?

Cyanobacteria can cause the water to appear slightly discolored, cloudy, or resemble pea soup or paint. They are usually blue or green but can also be brown or red. They can also give the water a bad odor. The cyanobacteria in some blooms are dispersed throughout the water, while in other blooms they are concentrated in a scum or mat, either on the surface of the water or in sediment along the shoreline.

#### What if you Suspect a Cyanobacteria Bloom?

#### WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!

If you see a possible cyanobacteria bloom, avoid contact with the water.

Contact the Health Department at 508-862-4644 or email <u>health@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>, if the bloom is at a recreational waterbody.

#### Want to Learn More About Cyanobacteria?

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/harmful-algae-blooms-in-freshwater-bodies

https://www.epa.gov/cyanohabs

https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/toxic-cyanobacteria-in-water---second-edition

## Vineyard Wind Public Information Sessions



#### Our Village Libraries are more than just books.

You can check out all of the activities are our Libraries here: <u>Sturgis Library</u> (Barnstable Village) <u>Centerville Public Library</u> <u>Cotuit Library</u> <u>Hyannis Public Library</u> <u>Marstons Mills Public Library</u> <u>Osterville Village Library</u> <u>Whelden Memorial Library</u> (West Barnstable)

#### **Barnstable Recreation Fall Brochure hot off the presses!**

#### After School activities, Fall sports and more

Online and In-person registration starts on September 8th (Non-Residents September 15th) at 8:45am. Click <u>here</u> to view the brochure.



## 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!* 

To view all Thrive programming on YouTube please click here!

## News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

The Barnstable Adult Community Center is extremely pleased to announce that our doors are open again. We are excited to welcome you back, and ask that you please bear with us as we work to get our in-person programs and activities up and running. The BACC building is open Monday-Friday, from



8:30am-4:30pm. Below you'll find some of activities and offerings that are coming up. **NEW PROGRAMS AND CLASS SESSIONS BEGIN NEXT WEEK** You'll find a complete listing of offerings in Thrive magazine. It's available at the BACC or online at <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/coa/thrive/Thrive.pdf</u> **DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE FOR VETERANS** 

Tuesday August 31, from 10am-12pm at the BACC, 835 Falmouth Road, Hyannis To benefit Cape Cod's veterans, AmeriCorps and Elder Services of CC&I will be collecting toiletries, gift cards and non-perishable food items next week. Place donations in your trunk and they'll take them out for you! For more information, please call 508-394-4630, extension 520.

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Department answers questions and provides access to community resources. For information on caregiver support, please contact Stacey Cullen at 508-862-4765. For information on other Support Services resources or to schedule an appointment, please call Jacqi Easter at 508-862-4757. To find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed, please "like" and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page at www.facebook.com/barnstableadultcommunitycenter

#### **Stay Informed**

The Barnstable Council on Aging's bi-monthly magazine, Thrive, is available in our lobby area, and can also be found under the "Newsletter" tab on our website:

<u>www.townofbarnstable.us/coa<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/coa</u>> Our E-newsletter is sent weekly, and contains news, resources and information for the older adult community and others. If you'd like to receive it, please email: <u>judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>.

#### **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\* Roadway Improvements on Winter Street in Hyannis

Curb, sidewalk, drainage and roadway pavement improvements on Winter Street will resume after the Labor Day holiday, 2021. New granite curb and paved sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the street between North Street and Barnstable Road. Drainage improvements will also be made along with milling and paving of the roadway surface. Police details will be on site to direct traffic as needed. Please seek alternate routes to avoid delays during construction and use caution when traveling through work zones.

## \*NEW\* Roadway Improvements on Dunn's Pond Road in Hyannis and Oceanview

#### Avenue & Popponessett Road in Cotuit

Curb, sidewalk, drainage and roadway improvements are planned on Dunn's Pond Road in Hyannis and Oceanview Avenue & Popponessett Road in Cotuit. Work will begin after the Labor Day holiday, 2021. Police details will be on site to direct traffic as needed. Please seek alternate routes to avoid delays during construction and use caution when traveling through the work zones.

#### \*NEW\* National Grid New Customer Hookups

Thursday, September2, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Kalmia Way, Centerville, Centerville. 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.

#### \*UPDATED\* 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 August 30, 2021. The remaining work will include restoration of all disturbed areas. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

#### **\*UPDATED\* Town Wide Drainage Improvements**

The Town's contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements at eight (8) locations along Oldham Road in Osterville the week of August 30, 2021. 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. 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.

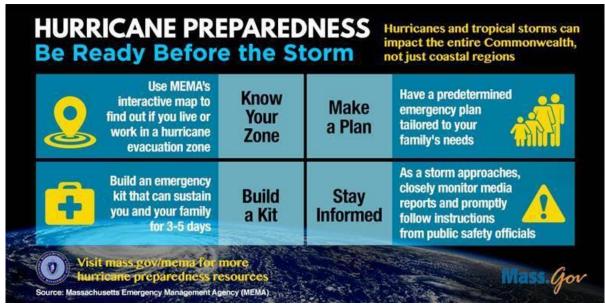
#### \*CONTINUES\* Rendezvous Lane Wastewater Pump Station Replacement Project

The Town of Barnstable's contractor, Robert B. Our Co., Inc., is under contract to complete a wastewater pump station 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. Remaining work includes restoration of disturbed areas.

## Sign Up for the Town of Barnstable's Emergency Notification System - CodeRED



## Hurricane Preparedness



You can watch a special informational video here.

#### 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.

# The Last Word: Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. ~W.B. Yeats

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