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August 28, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

Beach Water Quality Updates can be found on the [Town of Barnstable's website](#).

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.

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. [Mr. Ells' latest Community Update](#) provides information about a meeting held this week that was led by Barnstable Public Schools' physician Dr. Kathryn Rudman, the Primary Election on September 1st, this weekend's Sales Tax Holiday (more information below), and the drought conditions throughout the state. This week's update includes a new Barnstable Public Schools Reopening Update from Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Barnstable Public Schools Superintendent, which includes: update on cohort assignments; Phase I of Reopening begins Monday; information on masks for in-person learning; updating student contact information; daily home screening for students; ventilation in schools; and safety data sheets for hand sanitizers and cleaners. Thank you for remaining diligent with the protocols that will keep you, your family, and community safe. You are encouraged to visit the state's website for more information regarding [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#). The Town of Barnstable continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

Important Election Information from Town Clerk Ann Quirk

Early Voting

Last Day to apply **IN PERSON** for an Absentee
Ballot before the State Primary:

Monday, August 31, 2020 - 12:00 PM

Vote at your Polling Location on Election Day – Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Hours from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Polling Locations:

- Precinct 1 Zion Union Church, 805 Attucks Lane, Hyannis
- Precinct 2 St George's Greek Orthodox Church, 1130 Falmouth Road, Centerville
- Precinct 3 Barnstable Adult Community Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis
- Precinct 4 Our Lady of Victory Hall, 230 South Main Street, Centerville
- Precinct 5 Osterville Fire Station, 999 Main Street, Osterville
- Precinct 6 Gym of Christ Chapel, 2-C Oak Street, Centerville

Precinct 7 Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit
Precinct 8 Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis
Precinct 9 Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis
Precinct 10 7th Day Adventist Community Building, 2736 Falmouth Road, Marstons Mills
Precinct 11 West Barnstable Community Building, 2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable
Precinct 12 7th Day Adventist Community Building, 2736 Falmouth Rd, Marstons Mills,
Precinct 13 Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Ln, Hyannis

Track your Application and Ballot

Once you have voted your ballot, put it into the inside envelope, write your name, address and sign the inside envelope, put the signed envelope into the mailing envelope, you may mail it back for free or drop it into the black Lock Box on the top step of Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis (doors facing the Village Green).

Thank You and Stay Safe!

Ann M Quirk, CMC/CMMC/MMC, Town Clerk

SELECTION OF BALLOT TYPES - PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY

In a primary election, a voter who is NOT registered in a political party (Unenrolled or commonly known as Independent) must specify the party ballot type of choice on the application to vote by mail or in person voting (early or on election day). We are unable to process applications for Unenrolled / Independent voters who do not select a party ballot type on their application. Unenrolled / Independent voters who select a party ballot type do not become registered in that party - they remain Unenrolled / Independent voters. Voters who are registered in one of the 4 political parties (Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow, and Libertarian) MUST take that party ballot and are not given a choice of ballot. *The polls will be open as usual on September 1st. We will be taking all possible precautionary safety measures to ensure that elections workers and the voters will be in a safe environment to cast your ballot. We will have fewer voting booths set up six feet apart, so you may have to wait a little longer in line. We will change the flow of the polling location, enter in one door exit out a different door, if at all possible.*

Track My Ballot through the Secretary of State's Website

To find your 2020 mail-in ballot:

- Enter your name and the address at which you are qualified to vote.
- This address must be in a city or town in Massachusetts, and NOT your mailing address.
- If you live in a village, view list of [village names \(opens in new window or tab\)](#) to find the city or town name for your village.
- Data entered must match the data on your mail-in ballot application.
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).


Level 2 Drought Status Declared for All Seven Regions of State

Due to above normal temperatures throughout July and early August and more than three months of below normal rainfall, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides declared a Level 2 – Significant Drought in all seven regions of the Commonwealth – the Western, Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast, Southeast, Cape Cod, and Islands regions. *The significance of the drought levels, and the drought regions as classified by EEA, can be found in the attached Massachusetts Drought Management Plan.* At a Level 2 – Significant Drought, as outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, conditions are becoming significantly dry and warrant detailed monitoring


of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, emphasis on water conservation, more stringent watering restrictions, and technical outreach and assistance for the affected municipalities. **Temperatures remain well above normal**, as the Commonwealth recorded the second hottest July on record last month. Rainfall was scattered across the state with only a few areas receiving above normal precipitation; most areas were in a deficit by 1 to 3 inches. Meanwhile, temperatures throughout the first two weeks of August were 2 to 4 degrees above normal throughout Massachusetts, with warmer than normal temperatures predicted in the coming weeks and months. While most regions of the Commonwealth are experiencing a classic long-term drought, the Southeast, Cape Cod, and Islands regions are experiencing conditions akin to a ‘flash drought’ which is a rapid onset drought with decreased precipitation, above normal temperatures, and incoming radiation resulting in abnormally high evapotranspiration all combining to increase fire danger and decrease crop moisture levels. **Wildland fire risk continues across the state.** Extended drought conditions have rendered grasses, shrubs and forest fuels very dry across most of the state, and extremely dry in areas of the Southeast, resulting in increased wildfire risk and added challenges for firefighting agencies. Long term precipitation deficits have also led to extremely dry soil conditions, which results in fires burning deep into the ground, and taking multiple days to extinguish. These conditions exhaust local resources and increase risk to firefighter safety.


TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

When in Drought or Not – Please Do Your Part!





INDOOR WATER USE


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1. Choose high-efficiency plumbing products and appliances (look for the WaterSense or Energy Star labels).
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2. Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving: “Never Let the Water Run.”
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3. Take shorter showers (5 minutes or less) and use water-saving showerheads.
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4. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
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5. Fix leaks! Dripping faucets and leaking toilets, pipes, and appliances can add up to hundreds of gallons of water lost per week.
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6. Create a kitchen compost bin instead of using the garbage disposal.
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7. Collect and reuse clean household water (water running while you wait for hot water to reach your faucet or shower; leftover water from cooking, etc.) and use this to water plants.

To check your drought region and status go to: mass.gov/ma-drought-management

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OUTDOOR WATER USE

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1. LIMIT LAWN WATERING, ESPECIALLY DURING A DROUGHT¹
Lawns naturally go dormant during dry conditions. They'll revive when conditions improve.

 - If you are in a region at Drought Level 3, **Critical Drought** (Severe Drought Conditions) or Drought Level 4, **Emergency Drought**: Do not water your lawn.
 - If you are in a region at Drought Level 2, **Significant Drought** (Moderate to Severe Drought): Limit watering to hand-held only or drip irrigation. Water after 5PM or before 9AM to avoid evaporative losses.
 - If you are in a region at Drought Level 1, **Mild Drought** (Abnormally Dry Conditions): Limit watering to 1 day per week at most. Water after 5PM or before 9AM.
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2. MINIMIZE LANDSCAPE WATER NEEDS THROUGH WATER-SMART LANDSCAPING PRINCIPLES²

 - Maintain healthy soils (a minimum of 6-inches in depth, where possible).
 - Choose native plants or plants and turf that need less water.
 - Use mulch to reduce evaporation and moderate soil temperature.
 - Leave grass clippings on lawn to shade and return nutrients to soil.
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3. MINIMIZE YOUR USE OF WATER OUTDOORS

 - Sweep driveways, walks, patios, and other outdoor areas with a broom rather than hosing them off.
 - Wash vehicles using a bucket and sponge, employing a hose with a shut-off nozzle for rinse only, or, if available, use a commercial car wash that recycles water (most do).
 - Cover swimming pools when not in use to prevent evaporation.

To check your drought region and status go to: mass.gov/ma-drought-management

¹ Certain water uses are not subject to mandatory restrictions, such as water used: for health or safety reasons; for the production of food and fiber; for the maintenance of livestock; to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by plant nurseries as necessary to maintain stock).

² Adapted from Water-Smart Landscapes Start with WaterSense (EPA WaterSense)

Sales Tax Holiday This Weekend August 29-30 and My Local MA

Retailers Association of Massachusetts reminds us that the **Annual Massachusetts Sales Tax Holiday** has been **set for this weekend August 29-**

30, 2020. General Rule. During the sales tax holiday, most purchases by individuals of single items of tangible personal property costing \$2,500 or less are exempt from sales and use taxes, subject to certain exclusions as explained in 830 CMR 64H.1.8. For all purchases of tangible personal property eligible for the sales tax holiday exemption, transfer of possession of or original payment in full for the property must occur on one of the designated days of the sales tax holiday. The following transactions shall be ineligible for the purposes of the annual sales tax holiday:



1. transactions where a deposit, prepayment or binding promise to pay is made before the designated days of the sales tax holiday;
2. prior sales; and
3. layaway sales.

For detailed information regarding the event please review the [MA Department of Revenue's Sales Tax Holiday regulation and FAQs](#). The Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism and the state's Executive Office of Economic Development & Housing announced the launch of a \$2 million marketing campaign that begins this weekend (on sales tax weekend) running through the end of the year. Urging us to "put our money where our heart is" the campaign will be reinforced by the state's 16 Regional Tourism Councils (the Cape Cod Chamber is ours). The My Local MA campaign kicks off today. Businesses can find the My Local MA icon online at <https://www.findmylocalma.com/> letting people know that you're doing your part to preserve the Massachusetts we love. We would be remiss to not mention the fabulous work by our own [LoveLiveLocal](#) all year round.



LEGAL NOTICE: Balloon Test for a Proposed Wireless Communications Tower

American Tower Corporation, as applicant, is preparing to file for Development of Regional Impact review with the Cape Cod Commission regarding a proposed, new 110 ft. tall wireless communications monopole-style tower and associated equipment to be located at 2049 Meetinghouse Way, Barnstable, Massachusetts 02668 (Tax Assessors' Parcel ID 130/017). Pursuant to the Cape Cod Commission's application requirements for wireless communications towers, the applicant provides this notice of a balloon test which will be conducted at the above-referenced property on Monday, August 31, 2020, from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM which test will assist the Cape Cod Commission in assessing the visual impact of the proposed tower with regard to the surrounding community. If there is poor visibility or other inclement weather conditions including high winds, the same test will occur on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at the same times from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM. With a further inclement weather date for the same test on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the same times from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Update on Proposed Short Term Rental Regulations in the Town of Barnstable

On June 18, 2020, the Town Council introduced two items aimed at creating enforceable standards for the operation and occupancy of short term rentals in the Town of Barnstable:

- [Item 2020-192](#), a general ordinance requiring the registration of short-term rentals with the Town's Inspectional Services Department and requiring that certain standards, including life safety standards, are met; and
- [Item 2020-193](#), a zoning amendment to recognize short-term rentals as an allowed use of a residential dwelling.

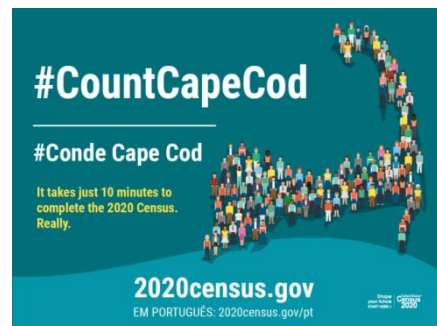
On August 20, 2020, the Town Council voted unanimously to withdraw the proposed Zoning Amendment ([Item 2020-193](#)) from their agenda and refer it back to Planning Board at the advice of the Town Attorney. There was a procedural irregularity with the Planning Board's recommendation. The item will be considered again by the Planning Board at an upcoming public hearing. On August 20, 2020, the [Town Council](#) opened the public hearing on [Item 2020-192](#) (General Ordinance). A presentation was made on the proposal and the Council heard public comment. The hearing was continued to the next meeting of the Town Council on September 3, 2020. The meeting can be viewed [here](#) (discussion on 2020-192 begins at approximately 3:08). Public comment on the proposed general ordinance can be submitted by e-mail to cynthia.lovell@town.barnstable.ma.us. Continue to check the Town's [Short Term Rental webpage](#) for updates and more information.

Make Your Voice Count in the 2020 Federal Census

It's Easy to Complete On-line, Just Click [Here](#)

Only 10 minutes of your time now has a great impact on our community for the next 10 years!

The Census Bureau has abruptly decided to cut their national counting operations a month short. **The last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Federal Census is now September 30, formerly October 31.** This announcement further jeopardizes Congressional representation, redistricting, and critical federal funding for things like education, housing, food programs, and more in the Town of Barnstable during the next 10 years. It could lead to a significant undercount. Only 55 percent of Barnstable's households have responded to date. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to my2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 64.6%. Massachusetts has a 67% self-response rate; Barnstable County 48.3%; and the Town of Barnstable 55.4%.**



News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

Contact Tracing: Truth vs. a Potential Scam

If you've been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you may be contacted by a contact tracer or public health worker from your state or local health department in an effort to help slow the spread of the disease. **Here's what to know if you get a call:**

- **A contact tracer may call** to let you know you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. All information you share with a contact tracer, like who you've been in contact with and your recent whereabouts, is confidential.
- **You may be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days.** This means staying home, monitoring your health, and maintaining social distance from others at all times.

- **You may be asked to monitor your health and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.** Notify your doctor if you develop symptoms, and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen or become severe.
- **Be aware of scammers pretending to be COVID-19 contact tracers.** Legitimate contact tracers will never ask for your Medicare Number or financial information. If someone calls and asks for personal information, like your Medicare Number, **hang up and report it to us at 1-800-MEDICARE.**

Do YOU have a Great Idea for a Zoom class?

Zoom classes are sweeping the nation, and they are very easy to present. From health and fitness to gardening and do-it-yourself tutorials, there are many people in our community who have an interest in your subject! So, if you are a history buff, or an artist, **we would love to hear your Zoom class ideas!**

Please contact our **Program Coordinator, Susan Griffin at (508)862-4761** or

susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us

Feeling Lonely? Join our Friendly Phone Line

The most common concern that we are hearing from the community is **how much most people miss the opportunity to socialize with others. Are you feeling a bit lonely?** While it is still important to be safe and maintain that 6 foot physical distance, there are other ways that we can maintain those important social connections. **Stay Connected!!** Let us know, and a friendly staff member or volunteer will call you once a week for a social phone chat. **Please call Debbie @ (508) 862-4755 or email**

Debbie.meckenna@town.barnstable.ma.us for more information, or to sign up. There is no need to be bored or lonely – call today!

Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division

Notice of a Public Hearing - Project File No. 607398

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Barnstable – Yarmouth Cape Cod Rail Trail (Phase III) project in Barnstable and Yarmouth, MA.

WHEN: September 24, 2020

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Barnstable – Yarmouth Cape Cod Rail Trail (Phase III) project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: This project proposes to extend the CCRT through Yarmouth and into a portion of Barnstable, to a new trail head on Mary Dunn Road in the Town of Barnstable. The route of the CCRT Phase III will follow a combination of an existing shared-use path and a newly constructed shared-use path. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a 10' bicycle lane have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth are responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 607398. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing/meeting transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be

emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us. This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the hearing. This Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings.

JONATHAN GULLIVER, HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR

PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER

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.

Barnstable Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust Announces New Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

The Barnstable Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust (the "Trust") is pleased to announce the issuance of a new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which is being funded by Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. The available funds are being offered for the creation, preservation, rehabilitation and support of affordable rental and homeownership housing. The Trust will entertain qualified proposals on a rolling application basis beginning August 1, 2020. The Trust will evaluate the success of the program quarterly. The NOFA offers three categories of funding opportunities:

Predevelopment Activities, Development Activities, and Affordable Homeownership Preservation Program. The NOFA and Applications can be accessed at:

<https://townofbarnstable.us/boardscommittees/AffordableHousingGrowth/>

Questions regarding the NOFA or any of its programs shall be directed to Ruth Weil, ruth.weil@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

SUMMER SCHEDULE - Starting Monday, June 22, 2020

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a "Grab and Go" option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one

lunch.

NOTE: Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hyannis West Elementary School
549 West Main Street, Hyannis
- Barnstable Community Innovation School
165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

We must stress the importance of social distancing during meal pick up. You can just drive up and we will bring the meals to you. Please do not congregate at meal sites, and please remain 6 feet from those around you at meal pick up. Our BPS educators and staff are also leading efforts to collect non-perishable food items, and we will begin distributing those items at meal sites as well.

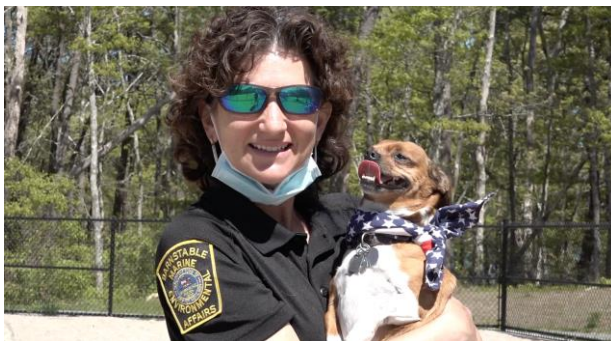


Free Grocery Delivery Service for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk

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.

Safety First, Barnstable!



A refrain you will hear our Town staff repeat over the Summer of 2020 as our Departments implement new guidelines and protocols to keep you and your family safe during COVID-19. Our beaches, golf courses, marinas and recreational areas all have additional rules mandated by the State to mitigate the spread of this highly contagious disease. Channel 18 has been out on location this past month, from a safe distance, to help you learn more - Tune in to Channel 18 on your TV, watch on [Video on Demand](#) or watch on our [YouTube playlist](#). You can also follow us on our [Facebook Page](#) for more videos and updates! **Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Social Distance - Safety First, Barnstable!**

ArtsBarnstable.com | Seven Villages, One Town, All Things Arts & Culture

Our seven villages are art-FULL with plenty of arts and culture complete with seaside charm! In Hyannis, the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District features the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor. The Barnstable Village Cultural District is history revisited with 21st century flair. A quaint downtown and walkable to Barnstable's Harbor and panoramic views of Sandy Neck Beach and lighthouse. Be sure to visit [artsbarnstable.com](https://www.artsbarnstable.com) and @artsbarnstable on facebook/Instagram.

Hyannis HyArts Cultural District Happenings

PARK AND WALK | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, steps away from parking lots

It is easy to spend art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor.

Visit the artist shanties, Main Street Hyannis museums, shops, restaurants and more.

Mobile pay to park available for Bismore Park and Ocean Street lots with the app:

<https://www.mpay2park.com>

WALK DOWN MAIN STREET!

Spread out along the **Pedestrian Walkway**, created this summer to accommodate physical distancing while strolling along the street!

CCRTA Hyannis Loop: Hyannis Main Street Trolley: **Through Labor Day weekend, EVERY Friday through Sunday, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Looping from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, daily.

Look for the trolley stop signs

OR wherever you see it, it will stop-just give a wave and hop on board, it's free!

HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTIES - BISMORE PARK LOCATION:

OUTDOOR SHOPPING! Spend Art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis.

Open daily: Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK: Now through **September 27, 2020, + fall weekends**

11:00 AM - at least 8:00 PM, July & August and until 6:00 PM in September

Artists frequently open early and stay late. October weekends & holiday events

Artists are set up for proper physical distancing and sanitizing wares often.

[artsbarnstable.com](https://www.artsbarnstable.com) @artsbarnstable on facebook/instagram

Cape Cod artists work and sell their wares in the heart of Hyannis' working waterfront. **Artists change weekly, discover new faces and work each visit!** Hand-made, designed or crafted in a variety of mediums: painting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, glasswork, and much more!

HyannisMainStreet.com

OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Discover Barnstable Journal - Fun activities for all ages - Collect summer memories!

A colorful journal filled with activities and ways to collect all your summer experiences and memories.

Available online and free to KIDS OF ALL AGES. From eye spies, scavenger hunts, to fun facts and word searches, Learn and Discover Barnstable in a new way!

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/parkingdivision/Projects/discover.asp>

Discover Barnstable Fun Pack: for ages 14 and under, **FREE, while supplies last.**

An exciting, educational and an entertaining collection of items including a copy of the Discover



Barnstable Journal, shellfish activities, Frisbees, water bottles, crayons and other fun items packaged in a drawstring bag. Perfect for exploring and discovering Barnstable!

Get yours today, while supplies last at the Bismore Park Welcome Center!

Bismore Park Welcome Center | Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis

Information Take-Out Service Window at Bismore Welcome Center:

The Gateway Greeters at Bismore Welcome Center now are safely serving all visitors through a take-out window style operation. Stop by 7 days a week between the hours of 8:00 AM-8:00 PM* to get maps, menus, transportation schedules and other information about all the fantastic ways you can enjoy Barnstable and our neighboring communities here on beautiful Cape Cod.

*Hours vary by month, currently till 8:00 PM through end of August.

OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Kennedy Legacy Trail | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor

A self-guided walking trail featuring 10 sites, Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Informational signs uncover stories and history about the Kennedys on Cape Cod.

Trail on line at [ArtsBarnstable.com](https://www.ArtsBarnstable.com)

Birdie Riddle Boxes | Cape Cod Trivia

Look for the 11 brightly colored, birdie 'riddle' boxes as you stroll from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor and learn fun facts about Cape Cod along the way. Designed/painted by local artist Donna Rockwell.

Heritage Trail info kiosks | Information along Main Street

Seven blue info kiosks with custom weathervanes dot the street from east to west end of Main Street. Each kiosk features three panels: navigation (map) ; events and a heritage panel filled interesting facts and images with historical significance of Hyannis Main Street and the surrounding community.

Barnstable Village Cultural District Happenings:

Cape Cod Art Center | gift wares and artwork!

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tales of Cape Cod - 2020 Live Stream & recorded programs

ALL PROGRAMS \$10.00 Sign up at www.talesofcapecod.org

Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning

Town of Barnstable staff are working to help our businesses reopen successfully, recover from this crisis, and move towards a strong and prosperous future. We are listening to and working with our businesses, residents, the Economic Development Task Force (a Town Council presidential subcommittee), the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and other community partners on developing an [Economic Recovery Plan](#), with an initial focus on promoting the safe and successful reopening of businesses when allowed by the Governor. We are looking at ways the Town can support our local businesses, while promoting public health and safety. If there are ways we can help you succeed in the coming days, months, and in the long-term, please reach out and share your suggestions with us. Submit your suggestions on the [Economic Recovery Plan website](#). Additionally, we encourage our businesses to take the [Cape Cod Commission's online survey](#) for Cape Cod business owners. The survey is being conducted to better understand the current and anticipated economic impacts of COVID-19. Data collected through this survey will be used to support economic recovery now and in the coming weeks and months, and can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports.

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.



***CONTINUES* Ongoing Drainage Improvements**

Drainage crews will be adjusting covers/grates on Oak Street in Barnstable and Old Stage Road in Centerville. The work includes adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

***CONTINUES* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants**

Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village Construction is expected to end in September 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During portions of the work there will be road closures for construction on Business Lane, the south half of Merchants Way, and Kidd's Hill Road (about 500 feet each side of its intersection with Merchants Way).

***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. During the summer of 2020 construction will be limited to areas north of Attucks Lane. 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* Survey and Map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects**

As the first step in a multi-year planning and design effort, the Barnstable Department of Public Works has contracted with multiple land surveying firms to survey and map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects identified in the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The projects include the mapping of dozens of roadways, including many residential areas for the following Phase 1 projects:

- Phinney's Lane Sewer Expansion Project which includes Phinney's Lane from Route 132 to Route 28 including residential roads to the east and west of Phinney's Lane
- Long Pond Area Sewer Expansion Project which includes all roadways between Old Stage Road / Park Avenue (western limits) and Strawberry Hill Road (eastern limits) and including the residential areas on the north and south side of Pine Street
- Route 28 East Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from the Water Pollution Control Facility property to Phinney's Lane

- Route 28 Centerville Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from Phinney's Lane to East Osterville Road and includes East Osterville Road and Old East Osterville Road
- Route 28 Marstons Mills Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from East Osterville Road to Old Post Road

Citizens can expect survey field crews to be working within the project areas at various times throughout the summer and fall. In the coming weeks, property owners within the project areas will be receiving notifications from the survey consultants which provide further detail on the survey project. Citizens are encouraged to review the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan which is available on the Town's website at: https://townofbarnstable.us/WaterResources/CWMP_Final.asp Any questions regarding this survey effort, or the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, should be directed to the Barnstable Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400.

Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions



VINEYARD WIND
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.

**September 18
4:00pm**

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 Healthcare Transitions Mid-Cape COVID-19 Testing Location to Cape Cod Hospital

Effective July 24, 2020, Cape Cod Healthcare will transition its mid Cape drive-through testing site from the campus of Cape Cod Community College to the campus of Cape Cod Hospital. A second testing facility on the campus of Falmouth Hospital, which opened on June 24, 2020, continues to supplement testing access by serving the upper Cape community. The location transition is in anticipation of resumed activity at Cape Cod Community College with the goal of establishing a more permanent location at Cape Cod Hospital. Cape Cod Healthcare would like to extend its sincere gratitude to Cape Cod Community College for being an exceptional community partner during these exceptionally

challenging times. As a reminder, testing is available to any person on the Cape and Islands with a doctor's order, including those with a physician not affiliated with Cape Cod Healthcare and/or not located on Cape Cod. Individuals without a primary care physician can call the dedicated call center (508-862-5595) to be screened for testing by a clinical provider by phone. For more information about COVID-19 testing at Cape Cod Healthcare, see capecodhealth.org/coronavirus.

Learn about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Mosquito bites can cause serious illness. Take steps to protect yourself & your family. When outdoors, always use EPA-approved repellent & wear mosquito-resistant clothing, like pants or long sleeves. Repair broken doors & window screens. More info: <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks>

Learn about EEE

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. EEE can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death in any age group; however, people under age 15 are at particular risk. EEE does not occur every year, but based on mosquito sampling, a high risk of occurrence of human cases currently exists. Learn more about EEE and how to protect yourself and your family in this [fact sheet about EEE](#).

2020 Season

[Routine mosquito testing](#) began on June 15, 2020 and will continue through October. The Department of Public Health in partnership with Local Mosquito Control Projects will conduct comprehensive surveillance activities state-wide to assess the risk of WNV and EEE in 2020. [Risk maps and EEE and WNV detections](#) will be routinely updated. You can watch a brief video from the State [here](#).

Hurricane Preparedness

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
Be Ready Before the Storm

Hurricanes and tropical storms can impact the entire Commonwealth, not just coastal regions

 Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone	Know Your Zone	Make a Plan Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs
 Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days	Build a Kit	Stay Informed As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials

Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources
Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Extra steps to prepare for hurricane season during COVID-19

 Include face coverings, disinfectants & hand sanitizer in emergency kits
 Sheltering at a hotel or relative's house may be safer than a large shelter, especially if you are in a high risk population

Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources about hurricane evacuation zones, emergency plans, emergency kits, and staying informed
Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.gov

Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices 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.

A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed [here](#).

TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer'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 lien 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

Tax Collector's Office is currently closed to the public. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us for any questions regarding real estate, personal property, 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 only.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box. **Checks Only.**

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on Wednesday July 1st and the first quarter will be due on August 3rd.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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.

Forms All other forms are available at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>. Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

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:

Please, please remember – Your vote is your voice.

~Ann Quirk, Barnstable Town Clerk

Thank you for receiving and reading e-news each week!

