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**Updated**

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

Stay Informed with [www.BarnstableHealth.com](http://www.BarnstableHealth.com)

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource ([www.barnstablehealth.com](http://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](http://www.barnstablehealth.com).

### **Town Council Meeting – Thursday, December 3, 2020**

*The December 3, 2020 Barnstable Town Council Meeting was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The public was able to view through Live Streaming on the Town of Barnstable’s website or Comcast Channel 18. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.*

Town Council President Paul Hebert began last night’s [Town Council Meeting](#) with asking Town Council Vice President Jessica Rapp Grassetti to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was offered by President Hebert. Public Comment was available by phone and via Zoom. Town Manager Mark Ells presented his Town Manager Communications which covered the period November 20-December 3, 2020:

1. Chief Peter Burke, Hyannis Fire District, provided an update on remote testing status in Barnstable.
2. Congratulations to the Town of Barnstable’s Channel 18 staff on winning six awards at Wednesday night’s Northeast Region of the Alliance for Community Media Nor’easter Awards. Their work won three 1<sup>st</sup> Place, one 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and two 3<sup>rd</sup> Place awards (*see article below*).
3. As a reminder the Town of Barnstable continues to follow the Orders and Directives of our Governor. The Governor continues to frequently update his Orders and Directives therefore I encourage everyone to go to the Mass.gov COVID website or the Town of Barnstable website and read these Orders and Directives. The Town of Barnstable is now designated as “red” (higher risk) by the MA Department of Public Health. We have experienced an increase in the average number of positive cases (double digit) in Barnstable requiring continued attention by our residents to following proper safety protocols regarding personal hygiene, physical distancing, limit gathering size, wearing a face mask, and in general taking personal responsibility regarding this matter. We are still in Phase 3 Step 2 of the Governor’s four phase recovery plan in Barnstable but and we have been informed by the State that we will move back

to Step 1 on Monday December 7, 2020 based on current statistics. Thank you for your continued adherence to these requirements.

4. We are proceeding with the tasks in the updated budget action calendar for FY 2022 as scheduled and have incorporated the Town Council updated Strategic Plan into our budget planning documents. We continue to prepare the proposed Capital and Operating Budgets for FY 2022. We await the State of Massachusetts to pass a FY 2021 budget which establishes a base line for State aid and the State aid is used in establishing the Town's FY 2022 operating budget. We are using the preliminary state budget with the assumption of level funded state aid until such time as the final state budget is approved. The proposed Calendar Year Fee hearing was held on November 17, 2020 via Zoom. The proposed fees are posted on the Town's website Home page under In the News section as Proposed Fee Hearing Notice. I plan to approve the proposed fees on December 16, 2020 pending any further comment. We anticipate holding the joint meeting/workshop with the Town Council/School Committee to review the financial condition of the Town in January 2021. At the last Town Council meeting our Finance Director provided the Town Council with a presentation on the tax levy shifting options for setting the FY 2021 tax rate. We wanted to provide the Council with this information prior to the annually required tax classification votes that are scheduled for later this evening. The votes include a decision on the percentage for a residential exemption which can be a range of 0-35%, and whether or not to split the tax rate between the residential and commercial classes of property. We have had a 20% residential exemption in place since FY 2006 and the Council has elected not to split the tax rate since FY 2007. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
5. In accordance with MGL CH44 §31D, I have provided the Town's Finance Director with authorization to deficit spend for snow and ice removal in fiscal year 2021.
6. Thanks to the support of our generous community partners and volunteers, the Council on Aging staff assembled and delivered 133 Thanksgiving meals to older residents in our community, as part of their annual Turkey Trot. Many of these residents live alone and do not have the means or capability to prepare a holiday dinner. The meal included a full Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by The Casual Gourmet, a breakfast muffin provided by Dunkin Donuts, cranberry apple juice provided by Coca Cola, delicious pumpkin pie provided by the Centerville Pie Company, Sweet Hawaiian rolls provided by Barnstable Neighbor to Neighbor (BN2N), and bags of mints and chocolates provided by the BCOA staff. There were also beautifully decorated holiday pictures colored by local children and BCOA staff. We are grateful to the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging (FBCOA) for providing generous financial support for this event.
7. Barnstable Recreation partnered with the Cape Cod Culinary Incubator and sponsors to support local families in need by providing 54 pre-made turkey dinners consisting of turkey, stuffing, gravy, multiple sides, fresh rolls, homemade cranberry sauce and finished off with pie from Centerville Pie Company. The event was supported by KAM Appliance (who cooked all the turkeys), The Daily Paper, Guaranteed Fresh Produce and Dairy, EJ Jaxtimer Builders, Cape Cod 5, Family Table Collaborative, Jeni's Joy Catering, Fresh from the Vine, Camp Wingate\*Kirkland. The turkeys were donated by Cape Community Business Partners. Barnstable Police and Recreation staff distributed the meals the day before Thanksgiving.
8. The Remote Learning Center currently has 45 participants registered from Grades 4-7. Students come to the HYCC (when in-person school is in session) during the week from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The students are placed in pods, as they are during school, so students can work together to assist each other as well. Staff assists students with any issues with accessing their classes on

line and with school work as needed. When they are not in class, program staff engage the students with additional activities including science experiments, arts and crafts, and physical activities; we will soon be adding guest speakers to further enhance their education. In addition, any student may stay until 4:30 PM to participate in additional activities if parents need to work or just want to place their children in a safe and fun environment. All CDC and State COVID-19 protocols and guidelines are followed to keep the participants and staff safe. Thanks to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and a gift from the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod, this program is offered free of charge to participants.

9. On October 29, 2020 the Town Council held a Special Town Council meeting on Fiscal Policy Review on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). See attached [link](#) to presentation. In our effort to develop fiscal policy relevant to the CWMP, Mark Milne, Director of Finance, shall provide a Fiscal Policy presentation regarding the CWMP that is focused on fiscal policy related to one of several financial options for Town Council consideration. We have a second Special Town Council meeting scheduled on December 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom for further discussion with a proposed sewer assessment ordinance for Town Council consideration at a future meeting. This fiscal policy discussion is one of several that we hope will occur and achieve the establishment of fiscal policies in the near future.

**OLD BUSINESS** began with Finance Director Mark Milne and Director of Assessing Ed O'Neil presenting **Agenda Items 2021-029** Allocation of Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2021 – Tax Factor and **2021-030** Allocation of Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2021 – Residential Exemption which were both approved. Dan Santos, Director of the Department of Public Works, presented **Agenda Item 2021-036** Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of \$522,569 in Open Space/Recreation Community Preservation Funds for increased costs for construction of 10 new dedicated Pickleball courts and 2 tennis courts with Pickleball overlay lines located at 760 Osterville West Barnstable Road, Marstons Mills, MA. Mr. Santos was joined by Recreation Director Patti Machado and Town Architect Mark Marinaccio. The item was approved. Mr. Santos was joined by Water Pollution Control Facility Supervisor Andrew Boule for the presentation of **Agenda Item 2021-037** Appropriation Order in the amount of \$200,000 for the Evaluation of Denitrification Improvements at the Water Pollution Control Facility which was approved. Assistant Town Attorney Charles McLaughlin presented **Agenda Item 2021-043** Grant of an easement to Vineyard Wind LLC in certain streets and ways, including portions of Craigville Beach Road, Strawberry Hill Road, Wequaquet Lane, Phinney's Lane, Attucks Lane, and Independence Drive which was approved. Town Councilor Matthew Levesque presented **Agenda Item 2021-046** Appointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: **Licensing Authority** and **Recreation Commission** which were approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with referring **Agenda Item 2021-047** Appropriation Order in the amount of \$90,000 for the Inspectional Services Department Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Expense Budget to fund a contract for the comprehensive monitoring of rental properties to a Public Hearing on December 17, 2020. Marine & Environmental Affairs Director Derek Lawson presented **Agenda Item 2021-053** Transfer Order in the amount of \$23,870 from the Town Council's Operating Reserve Fund to the Fiscal Year 2021 Marine & Environmental Affairs General Fund Operating Budget for the purpose of replacing an Animal Control van which was approved. DPW Director Santos and Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin presented **Agenda Item 2021-054** Acceptance of Sewer Infrastructure within Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue, Hyannis, MA from Hyannis Rotary, LLC which was approved. **Agenda Item 2021-055** Appropriation Order in the amount of \$148,953.25 for the purpose of paying operating expenses of the Solid Waste Division for the disposal of household hazardous waste, construction and demolition material, municipal solid waste and recyclables was referred a Public Hearing on December 17, 2020. Town Clerk Ann Quirk accepted **Town Council Nominations of 2021 Officers**. The nominations for **President** are Paul Hebert

and Matthew Levesque. The nominations for **Vice President** are Eric Steinhilber and Paula Schnepf. The elections will be held at the December 17<sup>th</sup> Town Council meeting. ***The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM. A Special Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 to discuss Fiscal Policy for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)).***

## **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. In his latest [Community Update](#), Mr. Ells shares information related to the Town of Barnstable's continued designation as a red community through the state's health metrics and the need to take a step back to Phase 3 Step 1 on December 7<sup>th</sup>. While we await a vaccine, we need to continue to wear a mask, physical distance, minimize group size, personal responsibility and proper personal hygiene. He asks that you stay up-to-date on the latest updates to Governor Baker's orders and directives. Barnstable Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown's update includes: BPS extends remote learning – why; Public Health Metrics and BPS (State, County, and Town); in-person learning in BPS; and next steps. 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](#).

## **Effective December 7, 2020, the Town of Barnstable Reverts to Step 1 of Phase 3 of the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan**

Effective **December 7, 2020**, the Town of Barnstable must revert to **step 1 of phase 3** of the Commonwealth's reopening plan, as outlined in COVID-19 [order 56](#). The order specifies that a community must revert to step 1 of phase 3 if it is designated in the "red" category for three consecutive Department of Public Health weekly reports.

- The following types of businesses are prohibited from operating during step 1 of phase 3: indoor theaters and performance venues, roller skating rinks, trampoline parks, obstacle courses, laser tag and escape rooms.
- The following types of businesses must reduce capacity to 40% (currently 50%) when operating during step 1 of phase 3: driving/flight schools, gyms, libraries, museums, arcades, and lower-contact indoor and outdoor recreation businesses.
- During step 1, outdoor gatherings at event venues and in public settings are limited to 50 people.
- During step 1, outdoor theater and performance venues may operate at 25% capacity but no more than 50 people.

Here is a [link](#) that outlines the differences between step 1 and step 2. This document is available in other languages. Information on sector-specific protocols can be found at [mass.gov/reopening-protocols](http://mass.gov/reopening-protocols).

## **School Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

The School Committee met on December 2 in a virtual Zoom meeting. A major theme of the night was COVID and its effect on learning in Barnstable. The Highlight in Education lived up to its name, when Administrator in Charge of the Remote Learning School, Beth Deneen, showed a video the remote learning teachers and students put together to showcase their "school." If you want to see how our

remote students and teachers are doing (and have a reason to smile), watch their video at this link: <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1947627097>. In the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Mayo-Brown discussed how her recent decision to extend remote learning through December 11 was made. Key factors include the Barnstable COVID case data, traveling and gathering during the Thanksgiving break requiring a 14-day quarantine, and the difficulty of obtaining COVID tests and results on Cape Cod. While there is no evidence of in-school transmission of COVID in Barnstable Public Schools (BPS), she wanted to be proactive in preventing in-school transmission. She acknowledged that in-person learning is the goal. She hopes that by being cautious now and returning to in-person learning on December 14, this will prevent in-school transmission, which would result in remote learning for all students. Dr. Mayo-Brown was joined by the Directors of Health Services, Pam Ciborowski and Alicia Bryant, and School Attorney Dylan Pauly to give an update on COVID procedures, notifications and metrics. Ms. Bryant gave an overview of the process they go through when they are notified of a positive case of a BPS student or staff member in determining close contacts and notifying individuals, classrooms, schools, the district, and the families. The District has a dashboard of current and cumulative students and staff COVID cases on their website. Ms. Ciborowski mentioned that flu season is starting. The MA Department of Public Health requires all students in K-12 schools to have the flu shot by December 31, 2020. Presently over 2000 students in BPS either have not had their flu vaccination or have not provided documentation of receiving one.

### **Town of Barnstable Upgrade to the Current E-Permitting System**

#### ***NOTICE - To All Online Applicants of the Current ViewPermit Permitting System***

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Town of Barnstable is expanding our current permitting software to a new program called, *Permitting, Licensing, and Code Enforcement by OpenGov*. This is an upgrade of our current software and the new system is more integrated, easier to use, and allows for greater electronic communication between you and staff. **The current system will retire at the end of the business day on Thursday, December 3, 2020.** At that time you will no longer have access to the current system. During this time all permits and applications will be migrated to the new system, with a live date projected for Monday, December 7, 2020. **On December 7<sup>th</sup> you will be able to access the new system, however you will need to create a new account using your existing email address.** Programming is in place to link your current applications/permits to this newly created account. We will send out the new link and instructions for creating an account once the new system is available. At this time, please continue to use the system that you are using now. Questions? Contact Building: [building@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:building@town.barnstable.ma.us) or Health: [health@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:health@town.barnstable.ma.us). Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we transition to serve you better in the near future.  
*Inspectional Services Department*

### **Town Manager Fee Hearing – Public Comment Ends December 16, 2020**

Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne held a public hearing via Zoom on November 17, 2020 on changes to various permits and program fees within the Town of Barnstable that will take effect January 1, 2021. The proposed changes and justification for the Marina Enterprise Fund operations can be found [here](#). The proposed changes and justification for Sandy Neck Beach Park can be found [here](#). You can also visit the [Town Manager's page](#) of the Town of Barnstable's website at [www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us). The public has until December 16, 2020 to provide comments. Comments may be submitted to the Town Manager at [Mark.Ells@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:Mark.Ells@town.barnstable.ma.us).



## Barnstable Channel 18 Wins Six ACM-NE Awards

Over the course of a year Channel 18 produces 100's of hours of programming from meetings to community stories. This year they were recognized for their outstanding storytelling skills at the regional PEG Access TV (Public, Education, Government) video festival at the Alliance for Community Media Northeast region held virtually on December 2, 2020. Their work won three 1st Place, one 2nd Place, and two 3rd Place awards.



### 1st Place

Stormwater 101 in the PSA/Short Program category

Students of SNK in the School/Educational Program category

Hyannis Water System in the Science, Health, and Spirituality category

### 2nd Place

Intergenerational Interviews in the Profile Talk Show category

### 3rd Place

HyWest I Have a Dream in the Diversity Empowerment category

Learn How to Shellfish in the Municipal/Government Programming category

Congratulations to Channel 18's Station Manager Sarah Beal, Assistant Station Manager Paula Hersey, Video Specialist Chris Ledda, and Video Assistant Stone Dow! You can view the videos on this [playlist](#).

## Have you been directed to quarantine? Here's what you need to know.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

### 10 Tips for At-Home Quarantine or Self-Monitoring

If you have been directed to quarantine or self-monitor at home because of possible COVID-19 contact:

- 1 Stay home** from work, school and away from public places.
- 2 Monitor for symptoms** and take your temperature twice daily. If you develop symptoms or a fever, then call your healthcare provider immediately.
- 3 Get rest, stay hydrated and exercise** if possible. If you are able to exercise, do so in your home or yard. Avoid locations where you may come into contact with others.
- 4 If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- 5 For medical emergencies, call 911 and notify the dispatch personnel** that you have been exposed to COVID-19.
- 6 Take everyday actions** to prevent the spread of germs.
  - Clean your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
  - Cover your cough/sneeze.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- 7 As much as possible, stay in a specific room and away from other people and pets** in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- 8 Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels and bedding.
- 9 Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.
- 10 Make the best of your time at home** by teleworking if you're able or catching up on reading, exercising or other hobbies.

For more information, visit [mass.gov/COVID19](https://mass.gov/COVID19) or call 2-1-1

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

## Time to Renew Your Burglar Alarm Registration with the Barnstable Police Department

All burglar alarm registrations within the Town of Barnstable will expire on **December 31, 2020**. If you own a house or business in the Town of Barnstable that is equipped with an active burglar alarm, monitored or non-monitored, you need to renew your Alarm Registration and get your 2021/2022 decal. Please complete a 2021/2022 Alarm Registration form and submit with a \$25.00 registration fee.

**Electronic registration and payment is now available at [www.barnstablepolice.com](http://www.barnstablepolice.com)!** Renewal forms are still available to be downloaded on our website (above) and are available at any time in the front lobby of the Barnstable Police Department and can be mailed or delivered to:

Barnstable Police Department  
1200 Phinney's Lane  
Hyannis, MA 02601



**Due to Covid-19, we are trying to limit the amount of people that come up to the Records Department. If you are picking up or dropping off a registration form, please obtain a form from the front lobby and drop completed forms off in the alarm bin which is also located in the front lobby.**

Please renew by the expiration date (December 31, 2020) to avoid costly late fees and unregistered alarm fines. Please familiarize yourself with the regulations by visiting our website (see above). If you have any questions regarding the renewal please call 508-778-3824 or email [alarmadmin@barnstablepolice.com](mailto:alarmadmin@barnstablepolice.com). Thank you for your continued assistance and diligence in reducing false alarms in our Town!

## Meals for Barnstable Public School Students

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.

All schools will have grab and go breakfast and lunch set-up outside from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. This will be available until the end of the year. This is free to all students in Barnstable. **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. Barnstable Public Schools' Food Services and Transportation



## WEDNESDAY MEALS

— STUDENT MEALS —

*Meals include 5 days worth of food!*

This program starts 11/18 and runs each Wednesday, excluding holiday weeks (no meals on 11/25, 12/30) or during poor weather conditions.

### WEDNESDAY BUS STOP SCHEDULE

Centerville Plaza – 1660 Rt. 28, Centerville  
10:40 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Cromwell Court – 168 Barnstable Road, Hyannis  
11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Village Green Apts. – 767 Independence Drive, Hyannis  
12:05 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.

are once again partnering on a food delivery program for our Barnstable Families that can't access grab and go sites. Multiple meals, 5 breakfast and 5 lunches will be handed out to students and parents/guardians at specific bus stop locations on Wednesdays.

## Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Cape Cod Community College in December

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape at Cape Cod Community College, [2040 Iyannough Road, West Barnstable, MA 02668](#). PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

- December 5, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.
- December 12, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.
- December 19, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.
- December 26, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.

## 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](mailto:COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org).

## 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.

## News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

### **Turkey Trot 2020**

The day before Thanksgiving was cloudy and cool, but the spirit of the staff, the 22 volunteer delivery



helpers and the recipients of the Thanksgiving meals were bright. This year, with help from some generous community partners, the BCOA staff was able to assemble an outstanding bag. There were 133 beautifully decorated bags delivered to older residents in our community. Many of these residents live alone, and do not have the means or capability to prepare a holiday dinner. These are the frail of our Barnstable residents, for whom the holiday season can be a lonely time. These residents were treated to a full Thanksgiving Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by The Casual Gourmet. There were



more treats: a breakfast muffin provided by Dunkin Donuts, cranberry apple juice provided by Coca Cola, delicious pumpkin pie provided by the Centerville Pie Company, Sweet Hawaiian rolls provided by BN2N, and bags of mints and chocolates provided by the BCOA staff. There were also beautifully decorated holiday pictures, colored by local children and BCOA staff. As they always have, the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging provided generous financial support for this event. Despite unique challenges this year, the BCOA staff was determined to continue this treasured tradition. We knew that this would be an unacceptable loss if we could not find a new and safe way to get this done. If ever there was a year that we needed to continue this caring community service, 2020 was certainly the year! Thank you to the generosity and kindness of all the community partners who helped make this exceptional day happen. We truly are all in this together!



***Are you feeling lonely? Join a circle of friends!***

It's the most common concern we hear from the community — that many of us miss the opportunity to socialize with others. While it is still important to be safe and maintain that six-foot physical distance, there are other ways that we can maintain those important social connections. Stay connected! Let us know, and you can be part of a circle of friends. Please call Debbie at 508-862-4755 for more information, or to sign up. There is no need to be bored or lonely – call today.

***Weekly Drive thru Grab and Go***

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Lunch is on us! Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab and Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll be happy to see you, and will bring the food items right to your car. Masks and proper social distancing practices are always in place. This program is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging.

***Barnstable Connects Dementia-Friendly Programs***

Barnstable Council on Aging/Barnstable Day Program invites caregivers and members of our community to join Barnstable Connects. Barnstable Connects is a dementia-friendly program that provides engaging programs for member of our community with memory impairments. The program focuses on keeping our bodies in motion, cognitive exercises and of course a little fun. Well-trained dementia friendly leaders lead the programs. For more information, please contact Stacey Cullen, Program Coordinator, at **508-862-4765** or email: [Stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:Stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us).

**Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Payments Available**

If you have been unable to pay your rent or mortgage due to a loss of income related to the coronavirus, you may be eligible for Emergency Rental or Mortgage Assistance Payments through the Workforce Housing Relief Fund administered by the Housing Assistance Corporation. The application and additional information about the Fund are available on the Housing Assistance Corporation's website. <https://haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention/>. The Town of Barnstable's Affordable Housing Growth and Development Trust Fund contributed \$300,000 to Housing Assistance Corporation's Workforce Housing Relief Fund.

**Snow and Ice Contractors Wanted**

Barnstable DPW wants **YOU** to plow this winter. Experienced snowplow contractors with equipment from ¾ ton four-wheel-drive trucks to ten wheelers are needed to assist



during winter snow and ice operations. Call Joe Marshall at 508-790-6330 for information. More information for Contractors can be found [here](#). **2021 Snow and Ice Brochure can be found [here](#).**

## **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\* Water Works Construction on Longview Drive in Hyannis**

The Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works' Water Supply Division will be commencing a water works construction project starting on Monday, December 14, 2020 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. For questions relative to this project call Michael Gorenstein, Project Manager, at (508) 775-0063.

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

Drainage improvements on Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills are scheduled to begin on Monday, December 7, 2020. 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. Work will continue as weather permits and resume in the spring of 2021 as needed. 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.

### **\*UPDATED\* Newtown Road Drainage Improvements (Sandwich)**

The Town of Sandwich department of public works will be performing drainage improvements at #19 Newtown Road in sandwich. Work was postponed due to equipment issues and will be rescheduled accordingly.

### **\*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 will continue through to April 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 [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), 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\* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville/Barnstable Village**

Drainage and pavement improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville and Barnstable Village continue. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, milling of the existing pavement, adjustment of drainage structure castings, overlay of the roadway with new pavement and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Drainage system improvements are expected to be completed by December 11, 2020. Final pavement milling and overlay work will follow as weather permits. If necessary, pavement milling and overlay may be rescheduled to the spring of 2021. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 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\* National Grid Service Road**

National Grid has completed the installation of new gas main on Service Road in Barnstable. The gas line was activated on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the contractor will start demobilizing from the site in by mid-December. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Service Road will remain open with one-lane of traffic. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Final re-paving of Service Road is anticipated to be completed in spring 2021.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in Centerville/Main Street in Osterville**

Work on the bridge supports is scheduled to continue through the beginning of January 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday; however, the work may be performed during nighttime and weekends based on tidal cycles and weather conditions. 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. It is expected that divers will be in the water 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 may be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village**

Construction is expected to end in November 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes applying centerline and edge lines on Kidd's Hill Road where recently resurfaced, from Wilkens Lane to a point about 400 feet north of Merchants Way. During active construction there may be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

### **\*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 through the fall. 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.

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

Monday, December 7, 2020 through Friday, December 11, 2020 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on North Street Hyannis. Work will be ongoing for six weeks. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about five days to complete. Visit [ngrid.com/service](http://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.

### **\*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](#). 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



## Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

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

## Working with Barnstable Town Hall

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

### TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for 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 is open to the public by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) to make an appointment or for any questions regarding

real estate and personal property taxes, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer utility bill payments. Payment options for Treasurer/Collector's office:

- Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
- Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
- Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall, or by appointment.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box.

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The first quarter was due on August 3, 2020 and the second quarter is due on November 2, 2020.

## 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](mailto: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/>

## 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.

**The Last Word:**

**The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings  
and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.**

***~ Terri Marshall***

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

