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December 18, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:

New
Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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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 Council Meeting – Thursday, December 17, 2020

The December 17, 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](#) and Vice President Jessica Rapp Grasseti led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence. Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, presented his Town Manager Communications for the period of December 4-17, 2020:

1. Katie Servis, Airport Manager, provided an update on Airport Rebranding.
2. This is the last meeting that Vice President Rapp Grasseti would be serving as Vice President of the Council. Thank you for your leadership.
3. As a reminder the Town of Barnstable continues to follow the Orders and Directives of our Governor. The Governor continues to frequently update these Orders and Directives. 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 in Phase 3 Step 1 of the Governor's four phase recovery plan in Barnstable. After the recent Thanksgiving Holiday and an extended remote learning period our schools have returned to in class learning for all or part of their school week. Upon returning to school after the upcoming holiday recess it is anticipated that they will follow these same respective schedules. Please continue to watch for updates from our School Superintendent. 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. 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 approved the fees as proposed today. We anticipate holding the joint meeting/workshop with the Town Council/School Committee to review the financial condition of the Town on January 21, 2021. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
5. We have commenced the review of capital project submissions for the next 5 year plan covering FY22 through FY26 and they total \$468 million. Of this amount, \$124 million represent the Enterprise funds' request; \$203 million are General Fund request and \$141 million are requests associated with the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. A total of 170 projects were submitted for funding. The capital planning Task Force which is primarily comprised of Department heads from all departments met on Thursday, December 10th to review and categorize the projects requesting funding for the FY22 budget year. Projects were categorized as must do, should do, could do, or nice to do. A total of 54 projects were presented and will be ranked by the Task Force in accordance with 10 specific criteria that correlate to the Town Council's Strategic Plan. The Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) has been provided with access to all capital plan submissions as well as a video recording of last week's Task Force meeting. CFAC's report is scheduled for March 8, 2021 and will accompany the Town Manager's submission of the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program to Town Council. The Town Manager takes the recommendations of the Task Force under consideration as the FY2022 Capital Improvement Program is finalized. The 5 year capital plan as well as the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program is scheduled to be submitted to the Town Council on March 8, 2021.
6. The Town of Barnstable Years of Service Awards is on Friday, December 18, 2020 via Zoom. 2020 has been a year unlike any other we have experienced in recent memory. I will be thanking the Town of Barnstable employees for their dedication and commitment to quality service especially during these difficult times. We will be gathering virtually under the guidance of our Human Resources Department and recognizing staff in 5 year increments of service. I want to publically thank this year's honorees and an all our staff as we move through the recovery phases of this pandemic with focus on a high quality of service during a time of change to remote, contactless and safe provision of public services to our residents, businesses and visitors.
7. Dan Santos, DPW Director, provided an update on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

8. On December 10, 2020 the Town Council held a Special Town Council meeting on Fiscal Policy Review on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). In our effort to develop fiscal policy relevant to the CWMP, Mark Milne, Director of Finance, provided a Fiscal Policy presentation regarding the CWMP that was focused on several financial options for Town Council consideration. We have taken under advisement the comments and directions provided by our Town Council and have developed a draft Sewer Assessment Ordinance for public review. I have referenced the link to the draft ordinance that can be found on our [web page under Departments, Town Manager, Office Updates 2020-12-17 Initial Draft Sewer Assessment Ordinance](#). We plan to bring a final draft ordinance to Town Council for consideration after a public review process. In our continued efforts to achieve the desired communication outcome to maintain the professional credibility of the Town's government with its residents and stakeholders. The Town's citizenry should be active, involved, and feel heard on all aspects of our government and specifically on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. We anticipate a robust effort to engage our citizens in the review of this significant planning effort even with the challenges of COVID upon us. The time to proceed is now and we will use both traditional and nontraditional communication methods to achieve our desired outcome of engaging our public in this effort. We will keep you advised of our progress and bring back a final draft sewer assessment ordinance for your consideration upon satisfactorily completing a public process.

During **Council Communications**, Lucas McCauley and Luc-Andre Sader of the Barnstable Youth Commission invited the Town Council to save the date for their 7th Annual Community Prevention Forum which will be held on January 12th (see more information below). **OLD BUSINESS** began with a Public Hearing for **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 which was presented by Building Commissioner Brian Florence, The item was approved. A Public Hearing was held for **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 which was presented by DPW Director Dan Santos. The item was approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend presenting five grants for the Police Department: **Agenda Item 2021-048** Acceptance of a Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant in the amount of \$8,000 from the United States Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs; **Agenda Item 2021-049** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 State 911 Department Training Grant in the amount of \$16,912.26 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; **Agenda Item 2021-050** Acceptance of a Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$15,500 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; **Agenda Item 2021-051** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant in the amount of \$270,026 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety; and **Agenda Item 2021-052** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch Grant in the amount of \$20,299.98 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. Chief Sonnabend also introduced Lena Bevilacqua, Administrative Assistant to Investigative Services, who assisted with the grants. All items were approved. DPW Director Dan Santos presented **Agenda Item 2021-056** Transfer Order in the amount of \$65,000 from the Fiscal Year 2021 Public Works Department Personnel Budget to the Fiscal Year 2021 Public Works Department Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services which was approved. Town Councilor Matthew Levesque presented **Agenda Item 2021-057** Appointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: **Mid**

Cape Cultural Council for which the Town Council voted to suspend the rules and then voted to approve. Two items were referred to the Planning Board: **Agenda Item 2021-058** Amending the Zoning Map of the Town of Barnstable to expand the Multifamily Affordable Housing District to include Map 250 Parcel 160 at 3 Whitehall Way, Hyannis, MA; and Agenda Item 2021-059 Amending Article III, Chapter 240, Section 16.1 of the Zoning Ordinance to modify the required percentage of affordable units and revise the definition of affordable unit and Article XI, Chapter 240, Section 116 of the Zoning Ordinance to exempt development under the Multifamily Affordable Housing (MAH) from Growth Management. A first reading was held for Agenda Item 2021-060 Reappointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: **Town of Barnstable's Representative to the Steamship Authority's Board of Governors:** Robert Jones, as a regular member to a term expiring 12/30/21; **Town of Barnstable's Representative to the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Port Council:** Eric Shufelt, as a regular member to a term expiring 12/30/21. The Town Council voted to approve the **2021 Town Council Calendar of Meetings**. Next on the agenda was Town Clerk Ann Quirk presiding over the **Town Council Election of 2021 Officers**. After speeches from candidates and their supporters, Matthew Levesque was elected President and Paula Schnepf was elected Vice President. The gavel was passed to newly elected President Matthew Levesque to adjourn the meeting. *The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website (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 about the first snowstorm of the season. DPW managed it well, but we are still looking for snowplow contractors. He reminds us the State has taken a step back to Phase 3 Step 1 as positive cases have continued to rise and with the holidays upon us the need to continue to wear a mask, physical distance, minimize group size, personal responsibility and proper personal hygiene.. Mr. Ells also recognizes the Town of Barnstable's employees as we celebrate the annual Years of Service Ceremony virtually today. He encourages the community to engage with us regarding the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan in the Town of Barnstable. He is asking that you share what the best ways to communicate with you are for this and many other important items we will be addressing in the future. 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](#).

Town of Barnstable Employees Recognized for Years of Service 2020

The Town of Barnstable virtually celebrated its Years of Service for 18 Retirees and 78 Employees on Friday, December 18, 2020 with Town Manager Mark Ells, newly elected Town Council President Matthew Levesque and Town Council Vice President Paula Schnepf joined the ceremony.

Congratulations and Thank You to the following Employees:

Retired (in order of years of service) Daniel Horn (35 years) Marine & Environmental Affairs Department; Kevin Tynan (35 years) Police Department; Joseph Cairns III (34 years) Police Department; Mark Palmer (34 years) Police Department; Donna Miorandi (33 years) Health Division; Ruth Weil (32 years) Legal; Sean Balcolm (31 years) Police Department; Thomas Twomey (27 years) Police Department;

John Caudle (26 years) DPW – Engineering Division; Susan Maffei (26 years) Town Clerk; Thomas Marcotti (26 years) Marine & Environmental Affairs Department; Susan Schaffer (26 years) Finance; James Melia (23 years) Police Department; David Houghton (21 years) Legal; Judy Redd (21 years) Community Services – Council on Aging; Claudia Borden (20 years) Community Services – Council on Aging; Johanna Boucher (18 years) Purchasing; and Brendan Burchell (14 years) Police Department.



5 Years of Service Mark Brault, DPW – Structures & Grounds Division; Craig Fidler, DPW – Engineering Division; Eugene Fournier,

Inspectional Services – Building; Ryan Garvey, Community Services – Golf; Evan Haussman, Police Department; Andrew Johnson, Police Department; Daniel Karnes, DPW – Highway Division; Sean Kortis, Marine & Environmental Affairs – Natural Resources Division; Matthew Melia, Police Department; Susan O’Connor, Finance; Stephen O’Donnell, Inspectional Services – Building; Shannon Popillo, DPW – Structures & Grounds Division; Samantha Santos, DPW – Water Pollution Control; Jesse Schechtman, Community Services – Golf; Carolyn Selinger, Information Systems; Katie Servis, Airport; Kevin Shaw, Police Department; Vanessa Tripp, Inspectional Services – Health Division; David Valiga, Police Department; Jacob White, Police Department

10 Years of Service Robin Benjamin, Assessing; Andrew Boule, DPW – Water Pollution Control; Michael Collupy, Community Services – Golf; Tina Edgehille, Information Systems; Kevin Friel, Licensing Services – Licensing; Michael Gorenstein, DPW – Water Supply Division; Lisa Henderson, Assessing; Elizabeth Jenkins, Planning & Development; Sean Jones, DPW – Highway Division; Jessica Pkinnick, Police Department; Cynthia Sherman, Marine & Environmental Affairs – Natural Resource Division

15 Years of Service Mark Boardley, Community Services – Recreation; Sharon Crocker, Inspectional Services – Health Division; Edward Cronin, Police Department; Stacey Cullen, Community Services – Council on Aging; Christopher Elkins, Information Systems; Judith Flynn; Inspectional Services – Health Division; Kristine Henderson, DPW – Water Pollution Control; Michael Lima, Police Department; Wayne Malcolm, Community Services – Golf; George Noonan, Community Services – Recreation; Danielle Paradis, Police Department; Lynne Poyant, Town Manager’s Office; Susan Shanley, DPW – Highway Division; Sally Shea, Inspectional Services – Building; Ellen Swiniarski, Planning & Development

20 Years of Service Carlos Almonacid, Airport; Bill Cole, Human Resources; Michelle Davies,



Community Services – Recreation; Gretchen Drifmeyer, Police Department; Wayne Ellis, Police Department; Colin Kelley, Police Department; Scott Leger, Police Department; Mark McWilliams, Police Department; Brian Morecraft, DPW – Solid Waste Division; Shirlee Oakley, Town Manager’s Office; Troy Perry, Police Department; Tracy Regazio, DPW – Solid Waste Division; Hildelgardis Rios, Airport; Laura Scroggins, Human Resources; Kenneth Silva, DPW – Solid Waste Division; Nelson Souve, Police Department

25 Years of Service Francis Callahan, DPW – Administration; Michael Clark, Police Department; Christina Lounsbury, Airport; Mark Mellyn, Police Department; Michael Riley, Police Department; Daniel Wittenmeyer, DPW – Structures & Grounds Division

30 Years of Service Kathleen Hinckley, Police Department; John Murphy, Police Department; Elizabeth Peirson, Information Systems; Frank Zibutis, DPW – Structures & Grounds Division

35 Years of Service Brian Guiney, Police Department; Daniel Wood, Information Systems

40 Years of Service Arthur Jenner, Airport

Special Thanks to DPW for Their Efforts During Winter Storm Gail

Our first snowfall (followed by rain) arrived on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, but preparations for these winter events takes place well in advance. Crews prep the streets in advance of a storm. A reminder that we share information on our website, our Facebook and Twitter pages, and through our Storm Line 508-862-4636 during these kind of events. We are pleased to share Channel 18's [Snow and Ice video](#) featuring Assistant DPW Director Rob Steen and Joe Marshall, the Highway Division's General Foreman. Our thanks to the hardworking crews that worked through the night to keep our roadways safe. **2021 Snow and Ice Brochure can be found [here](#).** The picture below was shared by Community Services Director Madeline Noonan.



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](#).



Keep your family safe during the Holiday season

COVID-19 DOESN'T TAKE HOLIDAYS OFF. THIS HAPPENED AT A DINNER PARTY.

4 families gather for a meal

11 of 15 family members infected, including some children

Elderly family member to ICU

BASED ON A REAL OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

For more information visit Mass.gov/Holidays

Save the Date – 7th Annual Community Prevention Forum

BARNSTABLE YOUTH COMMISSION 7TH ANNUAL **COMMUNITY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION FORUM**

Tue., January 12th
6:00-7:00 PM

30-MINUTE PRE-RECORDED PRESENTATION BY LOCAL EXPERTS FOLLOWED BY A 30-MINUTE Q&A SESSION

FREE ONLINE

CRITICAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SUBSTANCES

Debra Ciavola, PhD, RN Executive Director of Behavioral Health Services
Cape Cod Health Care
Offers supportive language and ideas for easily translatable terms and phrasing to start productive conversations with your child(ren).

Barnstable Police School Resource Officer David Downs
Discusses facts about the laws that will impact you and your child if found with substances. This knowledge will help with the Q&A discussions and prepare you for the challenges ahead if you are faced with the situation.

Barnstable Police School Resource Officer Dennis Stampf
Shows you what is currently being found amongst our Youth who are using. New products are constantly coming out and parents need to be informed and know what they are looking at. Know and see what substances are available to your children and where they are often hidden in the home.

LIVE Q&A FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM

Following the 30-minute presentation, registered participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and have an open live discussion with all of the professionals, moderated by members of the Barnstable Youth Commission, about what is actually happening with our youth in the community and what is being done. The Forum will be recorded and re-transmitted on Channel 18 at a later date to be announced.

General Public is Welcome to attend this free event!

Register in advance for this ZOOM meeting:
https://zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?MeetingID=913761149&JoinFrom=US_Boston

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Barnstable Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Fund

Background

The Barnstable Town Council has accepted Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 60, Section 3D which allows the Town to establish a fund to defray the real estate taxes of low income elderly and disabled persons. Taxpayers contribute to the fund through a voluntary check off on their real estate tax bills. The funds collected are distributed to needy individuals through an annual award process. To be considered for this annual award, potential recipients need to meet the following eligibility requirements and complete and submit the attached application form.

Eligibility

- ☐ **65 years or older** on July 01, 2020

OR

- ☐ **Disabled-** Applicant must be receiving benefits from a State or Federal recognized disability entity. (example: Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration)
- ☐ **Total gross household** income shall not exceed **\$35,000.00 single**, or **\$40,000 married**. **Other assets must be less than \$40,000**. Other Assets are the value of personal property and other real estate excluding domicile. This includes cars, boats, savings and checking accounts.
Gross household income is income earned in the calendar year ending 12/31/2019 and should include all income received from all sources by the applicant as well as any additional residents in the household.
Please be advised that we refer to the official Town Census Listing to confirm household residents.
- Applicant(s) must be the titled owner of the property or hold a life estate in the property on July 01, 2020. If Title is held by a Trust, **the applicant must be both a trustee and at least a 50% beneficiary of the trust in order to qualify. The property must be the applicant's primary residence.**
- Please provide proof of income by attaching copies of all the following that apply:
 - Social Security Benefits Award letter Bank/Investment Account Statements
 - IRS Form W-2 IRS Form 1099
 - Pay Stubs IRS Form 1040

Timeline

Applications will be accepted through **January 15, 2021**. Awards will be announced by January 30, 2021 and will be applied directly to the applicant's residential tax bill. Applications are available at the Barnstable Senior Center, on the Town of Barnstable Website or by calling the Town of Barnstable Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656.

What To Do If You Find A Cold-Stunned Turtle

It is very important to recover these stranded turtles as quickly as possible. Do not assume a turtle is dead—turtles that appear lifeless are often still alive. If you come across a stranded sea turtle on the beach, please follow these simple steps:

1. Move the turtle above the high tide line. Never grab or hold the turtle by the head or flippers.
2. Cover it with dry seaweed or wrack.
3. Mark it with an obvious piece of debris—buoys, driftwood, or branches.



4. Call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary hotline at 508-349-2615 x6104.

Sea turtles are federally protected under the Endangered Species Act; as such, it is illegal to harass sea turtles or transport them without a permit.

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!** 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. Thank you for your continued assistance and diligence in reducing false alarms in our Town!

Route 6 Renumbering

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is getting ready to swap the exit signs along Route 6 to a mileage-based system. On Monday, crews will begin making the changes on Route 6. That work will begin in Bourne and proceed eastward to Orleans for a week before reversing direction to do the westbound side. Work on Route 6 is scheduled to primarily occur between 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM. The exit numbers are being changed by MassDOT to comply with federal highway mandates, which require mile-based exit signs. Massachusetts is one of three states that have not yet begun any sort of conversion to the mileage-based system. Delaware and New Hampshire are the other two states. The old numbers will remain on the signs for at least two years.

ROUTE 6 RENUMBERING

Old Exit	New Exit	Street/Route
1A (WB)	1A (WB)	Scusset Beach Rd.
1B (WB)	1B (WB)	Jct. RTE 3 N
1C	55	Jct. RTE 6A & Cranberry Highway
2	59	Jct. RTE 130
3	61	Quaker Meeting House Rd.
4	63	Chase Rd.
5	65	Jct. RTE 149
6	68	Jct. RTE 132
7	72	Willow St.
8	75	Union St., Station Ave.
9A/B	78A/B	Jct. RTE 134
10	82	Jct. RTE 124
11	85	Jct. RTE 137
12	89	Jct. RTE 6A

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 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 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

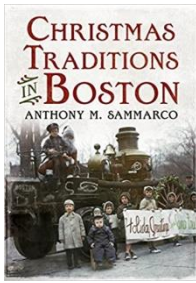
The [Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service](#) will help people who should stay home receive groceries and critical household goods.

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.

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



Free Virtual Presentation: Christmas Traditions in Boston, Monday, December 21, 11:00 AM

Did you know that in 1659, the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony banned the celebration of Christmas? Noted author and historian Anthony Sammarco shares the history of festivities (or lack thereof) for the holiday, including the introduction of Christmas trees, Christmas cards, and how Bostonians have celebrated the season through the centuries. To register and receive the link to the Zoom meeting, please email: susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us

Grab & Go Activity Kits

Winter weather and stay-at-home precautions are preventing us from getting out as much as usual, but it's important to keep our minds sharp and active. We've put together fun activity kits to help you stay focused and busy while we weather the winter. Pick up one for yourself here at the BACC during our regular Tuesday and Thursday Grab & Go lunch distributions (11:30 AM-12:30 PM) or call us at **508-862-4765**, and we'll be happy to mail one to you!



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 socializing with others. While it's essential to be safe and maintain physical distances, we can still telephone each other to keep up those important and caring social connections. Let us know, and you can be part of a telephone chain circle of friends staying in touch and checking in with each other. Please call Jacqi Easter at **508-862-4757** for more information, or to sign up. There is no need to be bored or lonely – call today and meet new friends!

Grab and Go Grocery Bags

If you're running low on food or are unable to get to the grocery store, the BCOA can help. A large array of shelf-stable foods and other grocery items are available, and we can load a bag to your car. If you don't have a means of transportation, we can also deliver a bag to you. In need of a bag? Please call Jacqi Easter at **508-862-4757**.

Weekly Drive thru Grab and Go

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

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

The Barnstable Council on Aging 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 at **508-862-4765** or email:

stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us

The Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter is sent at least once a week, and contains lots of information and resources for the older adult community. If you'd like to have it sent to you, please email: judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us. You'll also want to "like" and follow us on the

Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page, where you'll find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed.

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.

Take a Stroll through "Gingerbread Lane" for a Story Walk of *The Mitten* by Jan Brett



Take a fun photo in front of the giant tree at the top of the Hyannis Village Green. Follow along the Walkway-to-the-Sea through the Village Green to the Harbor Overlook. Stroll the upper loop through 'Gingerbread Lane' where the shanties are decorated with colorful candies, icing and gingerbread characters for extra fun memories and holiday pictures all season. From cookie shutters with hand cut sprinkles, icing trim, wrapped candy sticks

to donut accents and peppermint treats take photos by your favorite sweet treats. *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett, 'story walk' is featured at 'Gingerbread Lane' at the Harbor Overlook. Visitors can stroll through at any time to see the holiday décor and follow the story walk, sponsored by the Barnstable CFCE and the Hyannis Public Library. Follow the walkway through the Hyannis Village Green to the Hyannis Public Library on Main Street to receive a free book and craft, while supplies last. The library is open noon to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. For information email the library at mbianco@clamsnet.org



Call to artists to participate in 2021

Applications available on line at www.ArtsBarnstable.com

2021 HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY SEASON

The Town of Barnstable is currently accepting applications for artists and artisans interested in participating in the 2021 season, May through October and November & December special events.

Applications are received on rolling basis until all spots are filled.

Application review begins November 1 of each year.

Applications can be submitted online: www.ArtsBarnstable.com

For more information contact: Melissa Chartrand, Arts & Culture Coordinator, melissa.chartrand@town.barnstable.ma.us

ABOUT THE HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY PROGRAM:

Artist shanties are located in the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District, on Ocean Street, along the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Hyannis Main Street to Hyannis Harbor. Seven shanties are located at Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, and steps away five shanties are located at the Harbor Overlook, 51 Ocean Street, at the corner of South and Ocean Street, overlooking Aselton Park and Hyannis Harbor. The expansion of the Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanty program to two locations creates an additional attraction for



visitors walking from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor through the Hyannis Village Green along the Walkway-to-the-Sea and, at the same time, provides more affordable selling space and increased exposure for local artists and artisans. The Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanty Program began in 2005, as the first in a series of arts-oriented strategies designed to provide opportunities and exposure for local artists; enliven the economic climate in downtown Hyannis; and establish an important vibrant backdrop for year round residents and visitors. The shanties are open weekends May through mid-June; seven days a week through end of September; October weekends and special events in November and December. Artist work is hand-made, hand crafted or designed and all artists are from Cape Cod. A variety of work is represented including jewelry, paintings, photography, visual art, woodcarving, fiber arts, ceramics, rope work, glass work, literary art, mixed media, and more. This artist program is made possible in cooperation with the Town of Barnstable, and its Cultural District partners including the Cape Cod Art Center (CCAC), Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District (BID), the Greater Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce, the JFK Hyannis Museum and Cape Cod Maritime Museum and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority.

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* Sewer Construction on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue**

Robert B. Our Co., Inc. will be starting construction on a privately funded sewer extension on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue from 10 Hyannis Avenue to Nob Hill Road. The work will consist of the installation of approximately 1,250 feet of new sewers which, upon completion of the work, will become part of the municipal sewer system, and allow for adjacent properties to connect to the municipal sewer system. The disturbed roadways will be trench patched (temporary pavement) for the remainder of the winter. In the spring, the disturbed roadways will be milled and paved for the full road width. Weather pending, work is scheduled to begin on December 21st and the work is anticipated to take six (6) weeks to complete. Work will be performed from 7 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Temporary detours will be necessary during the work. Police details and signage will direct motorists around the construction crews. Drivers are advised to seek alternate routes. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the construction area, and follow posted safety signs.

***UPDATED* Water Works Construction On Longview Drive In Hyannis**

The water works construction project, originally scheduled to start December 14th, is now scheduled to start January 4, 2021 on Longview Drive in Hyannis. This project will install approximately 500 feet of 8 inch water main and move the temporary interconnection with the COMM water system to a vacant lot on Longview Drive. The metal container will be enclosed in a building appropriate for the neighborhood. Normal works hours will be between 8:00 AM and 4:40 PM.

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

Drainage improvements on Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills are on hold due to winter conditions. Contractor will be demobilizing until spring 2021.

***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, 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.

***UPDATED* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville/Barnstable Village**

All drainage work is completed. The contractor will be demobilizing and returning in spring 2021 to complete roadway paving.

***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 3rd, 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* 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.

***UPDATED* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village**

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

***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.

Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

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

Working with Barnstable Town Hall

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

TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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

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

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

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

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

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on July 1st. 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 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.

Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19

**The Last Word:
Kindness is like snow.
It beautifies everything it covers.
~ Kahlil Gibran**

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



