

COVID-19 NEVER MISSES A PLAY. THIS HAPPENED AT A WATCH PARTY.



7 people gather to watch the big game.

4 infected



2 of the 4 infected attend a birthday party with 18 people

13 infected



3 of the 13 infected attend a weekend party the next day

9 infected



A total of 26 people are infected from the original incident

BASED ON A REAL OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

For more information visit [Mass.gov/StopCOVID19](https://www.mass.gov/StopCOVID19)



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February 5, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (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 – February 4, 2021

The February 4, 2021 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.

Town Council President Matthew Levesque began last night’s [Town Council Meeting](#) with asking Town Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetto to lead 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 January 22-February 4, 2021:

1. Chief Sonnabend provided an overview of the events of February 2, 2021 recognizing the heroic efforts of Barnstable Police Officers Nelson Souve, Gustavo Eloy, Marcus Cunningham, and Michael Lima.
2. Andy Clyburn, Assistant Town Manager, provided an update on COVID vaccination efforts.
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. As shared by our Assistant Town Manager, key officials of the Town continue to meet daily to plan and implement proper actions which are in step with the Governor's orders and MA DPH guidelines. We continue to remind everyone to follow the State guidelines and to take these basic precautions which include:
 - Wear a face covering;
 - Wash your hands frequently;
 - Maintain proper physical distancing;
 - Stay home from work, school, sports and other activities when ill.
4. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2022 as scheduled. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
5. On February 2, 2021 Standard & Poor (S&P) assigned a AAA rating with a stable outlook to our next bond issue and reaffirmed a AAA rating to all our outstanding debt. We plan to issue a \$2.8 million taxable bond this month for private road repairs and a \$10.8 million non-taxable bond in March for FY20 and FY21 capital projects. S&P will issue another report in March for our \$10.8 million issue next month. Finally, I want to thank our Finance Director Mark Milne with specific thanks to Treasurer/Tax Collector Deb Blanchette who performs much of the work with our financial advisors structuring the bond issue and providing bond counsel all the information they need to certify those bonds that are non-taxable.
6. The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated a work force to transition to a remote work environment in order to provide continuity of operations. While working remotely it has become apparent that access to archived paper files is necessary to be effective but they were inaccessible to those working remotely because they were not digitized. It was determined that the best way to access those documents was to have the archives scanned and put into a database that could be accessed remotely. After a trial run using building permits we determined that completing such a project in-house would take years and would not address our immediate or future needs so we contracted for this service. With the assistance of our Finance Director it was determined that digitizing our files was a project that was eligible for CARES ACT funding. Our goal is to digitize over 8,000,000 documents and make them available not only to our staff but to our public as well. The benefits to this project are immeasurable and will continue to benefit our organization and Barnstable residents here forward.
7. In late December Town Council appropriated funding for a rental registration monitoring system. The system by Host Compliance was acquired in January and staff is in the planning phase of implementation with the vendor. This system will help ensure all rental property operators come into compliance with existing regulations. Historically we have used a strictly complaint driven enforcement process. This tool will allow us to take a more active approach towards achieving compliance. Additionally, this system will help provide decision-makers data; data that will better inform any future decisions that may be brought forth on regulating rentals in our community. The vendor is currently working with our Assessing and I.T. staff to obtain Assessor's records required for this effort. Additionally, Inspectional Services staff are working with the vendor this

month to implement the monitoring system which we anticipate will be ready for testing in March. The following is a tentative Implementation timeline: April – May 2021: Implement Online registration and monitoring; June 2021: Initiate the Complaints Hotline and testing, compare / contrast the DOR list of registered tax payers with the Host Compliance and notice non-registered persons shifting towards active enforcement. We will keep you advised of our progress on this effort.

8. In our efforts to consider all options for meeting Criterion 5 of the Green Communities Act the Town is looking into alternative energy compliance methods that are stricter than 780 CMR the Massachusetts State Building Code which by reference standard uses the 2018 International Energy Compliance Code. In order for the Town of Barnstable to be able to adopt a stricter standard than what is codified in 780 CMR it would have to do so in a manner that is consistent with M.G.L. c. 143 § 98 which provides that – *The Town Manager may recommend to the board the adoption of rules and regulations imposing more restrictive standards than those established by the state building code....* In this case it would be a proposal for a more restrictive Energy Code. The Building Commissioner is preparing a letter from the Town Manager to the Board for the adoption of such rules and regulation. We plan to submit said letter in February 2021 and keep the Town Council advised of our progress on the matter. The Town Council has also requested a workshop to discuss the stretch code to gather a broader understanding of said code and its applicability here in Barnstable. We are prepared to schedule that workshop.
9. Town Manager update on proposed fiscal policy and associated public communication for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.
10. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning and Development, provided information on [Zoning Ordinances & Amendments: Process, Communications, and Updates](#) and [Local Comprehensive Plan: Overview and Phase One - Data/Existing Conditions and Community Visioning](#).

OLD BUSINESS began with Planning & Development Director Elizabeth Jenkins and Attorney John Kenney presenting [Agenda Items 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 [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 which were approved. DPW Director Dan Santos presented [Agenda Item 2021-067](#) Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$45,000** for the purpose of acquiring an easement on a portion of the property located at 528 Craigville Beach Road, Barnstable (Centerville) Massachusetts shown on Assessors Map 246 as Parcel 071 to be associated with the construction of new sewer infrastructure which was approved. Planning & Development's Housing Coordinator Arden Cadrin presented [Agenda Item 2021-068](#) Order authorizing a Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption Agreement between the Town of Barnstable and Pearl Street Holdings, LLC for 9 new market rate residential units located at 39 Pearl Street, Hyannis, MA which was approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with a First Readings of [Agenda Items 2021-070](#) Appointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: Barnstable Historical Commission; Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee; Human Services Committee; Licensing Authority; and Zoning Board of Appeals and [2021-071](#) Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$29,800** for the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Operating Budget for the purpose of funding Airport Website Redevelopment Services which were referred to a Second Reading on February 18, 2021. Town Manager Mark Ells presented [Agenda Item 2021-072](#) Authorizing the Town Manager to enter into and execute on behalf of the Town an employment contract with Mark A. Milne to serve as the Director of Finance which was approved.

First Readings for [Agenda Items 2021-073](#) Authorization of a Tax Increment Financing Agreement among the Town of Barnstable, WORDSMITH INK, INC. and SB NOMINEE TRUST for the property located at 1254 Main Street, Osterville, MA. Assessors Map 119 and Parcel 056 and [2021-074](#) Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$37,726** for the Barnstable Police Department Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget for the purpose of funding the hiring of three current patrol officer vacancies were referred to Public Hearings on February 18, 2021. *The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 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 related to the state's 3-Phase rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccinations started in December and Phase II began February 1st for those who are 75 years and older. It is important that we all be patient and continue to follow the protocols put in place to keep us all safe. Assistant Town Manager Andy Clyburn's presentation to the Barnstable Town Council on February 4, 2021 follows this update. Mr. Ells asks that you stay up-to-date on Governor Baker's orders and directives as they change daily. He invites you to take a look at the new Barnstable Water Resources button of the Town's webpage and stay engaged in the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan conversations. More information will come next week. 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](#).

Massachusetts has launched a Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line for 75+ residents

with over 500 staffers available for multilingual live phone support.

The call center will be a key option for older residents who do not have internet or can't use the website. Call 2-1-1 to access. Please share this important information.

MA VACCINE SCHEDULING RESOURCE LINE
CALL 2-1-1 and follow prompts

HOURS OF OPERATION: M-F, 8:30am-5pm

- Resource for those ages 75+ who are unable access the internet
- May take weeks to secure appointment due to high demand & limited vaccine
- Representatives have same access to appointments as on the public website; it will not give access to additional appointments
- If no appointments are available, callers will have the option to be placed on a call back list



Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan

The Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan was announced and conforms to the phases and prioritized populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control. [When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine? | Mass.gov](#) **As of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations.**

COVID-19 Vaccine Briefing for Cape Cod Residents Over 65

If you were unable to participate in the County-wide phone call hosted by the Cape Cod COVID-19 Response Task Force on Wednesday evening, you can find the information below. On February 3, 2021 the Cape Cod COVID-19 Response Task Force held a phone briefing for Cape Cod residents over 65 on the COVID-19 vaccine. Speakers included: Senator Julian Cyr; Mike Lauf, CEO, Cape Cod Healthcare; Dr. Kevin Mulroy, Senior VP, Cape Cod Healthcare; Kevin Cranston, Asst. Commissioner, MA Dept. of Public Health; Ron Bergstrom, Chair, Barnstable County Commissioners; Sean O'Brien, Director, Barnstable County Dept. of Health and Environment; Representative Sarah Peake; and Congressman Bill Keating.

You can find the most up to date information on COVID-19 Vaccine access on Cape Cod at www.BarnstableCountyHealth.org.

Listen to the Recording of the February 3rd Briefing: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-qoEkb-fvU>

Read a Transcript of the February 3rd Briefing by [clicking here](#).

Trying to help someone 75+ to book a COVID-19 vaccine?

Here's how:

- visit mass.gov/covidvaccinemap
- schedule an appointment
- have any documents, insurance ready
- fill out self-attestation form

Appointments are added on a rolling basis as vaccine supplies are available from the Federal stock.



Barnstable County Announces Region-wide Helpline to Address COVID-19-Related Questions

15 Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers prepare to begin taking calls next Tuesday

The Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment announced the launch of a regionwide helpline to respond to COVID-19 related questions. 15 Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers have been trained to answer questions about COVID-19, such as how to get a COVID-19 test or how to help someone navigate the three-phased approach to vaccination. The MRC helpline team can also walk residents through more complex questions, directing them to the right resources in their local communities and in other state government departments. Volunteers cannot provide individual clinical advice or a diagnosis through the helpline. If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are symptomatic, call your health care provider. **The helpline will be taking calls beginning next Tuesday, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 1-774-330-3001.** Barnstable County wants to ensure residents that a coordinated response is taking place in our region. We remain committed to encouraging all citizens to wear a mask, maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet, and wash hands for at least 20 seconds. For more information, COVID-19 case counts, testing, and vaccine information visit <http://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org> or <http://www.mass.gov>

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.

Reopening, Temporary Capacity and Gathering Limits Update

Yesterday, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito announced updates to reopening and the temporary capacity and gathering limits:

- 1. Temporary Capacity Limits Lifted** – The 25% temporary capacity limits order will expire on February 8th at 5:00 AM.
 - All businesses in the list below, currently limited to 25% capacity, will return to 40% capacity, as previously allowed (industry guidance effective in December 2020 will apply).
 - Arcades and Recreational Businesses
 - Driving and Flight Schools
 - Gyms/Health Clubs
 - Libraries
 - Museums
 - Retail
 - Offices
 - Places of Worship
 - Lodging (common areas)
 - Golf (indoor areas)
 - Movie theaters (no more than 50 people per theater)
 - Restaurants will now be limited to 40% of their seated capacity, but as under the 25% capacity rule, employees will not count toward their capacity limit
 - Close Contact Personal Services will now be limited to 40% capacity, but as under the 25% capacity rule, employees will be not count toward their capacity limit
 - A limit of 8 people per 1000 sq. feet applies for smaller businesses without an available fire occupancy capacity limit
- 2. Gatherings Order** – Gatherings remain at no more than 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- 3. The Commonwealth remains in Phase 3 Step 1 of Reopening (Order No. 58)** – Indoor performance venues and indoor recreation businesses like roller rinks and trampoline parks remain closed.

All sector specific guidance will be updated at www.mass.gov/reopening.

Barnstable Police Officers Rescue Woman in Centerville House Fire

On Tuesday, February 2nd at approximately 3:16 AM the Barnstable Police were dispatched to 844 Shootflying Hill Road in Centerville regarding a house fire. The reporting party, a paper delivery person, informed police dispatch that he could see flames in the window of the home. Officer Marcus Cunningham arrived on scene first and also reported seeing flames inside the home through the front bay window. He attempted to gain access to the front door, but it was locked. Cunningham then went around the side of the home, gained access to an attached sunroom and discovered an interior side door that was unlocked. Officer Nelson Souve had arrived on scene shortly after Cunningham and went

to his location to assist. Despite the fire and heavy black smoke that came barreling out of the home when they opened the side door, both officers went inside and located an unconscious 69 year old woman on the kitchen floor. The two officers then carried the unconscious female out of the house, set her down near the driveway and began to tend to her medical needs along with Officer Michael Lima and Officer Gustavo Eloy. The four officers then moved the victim to a location across the street due to the heat and heavy smoke that was pouring out of the home, making it difficult for them to treat her. The officers continued to administer rescue breaths to the still unconscious woman until Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills (COMM) Fire Department arrived on scene and took over her care. While being treated by COMM Fire rescue personnel, the female regained consciousness and was transported to Cape Cod Hospital. She was later moved to a Boston area hospital for further medical treatment concerning the smoke inhalation she had suffered as a result of the fire. The above four police officers were later evaluated and treated for smoke inhalation at Cape Cod Hospital and then released.

Public Input Sought for Placemaking Activation Strategies in Downtown Hyannis

The Town of Barnstable, in partnership with MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative [TDI], invites local Barnstable stakeholders, such as year-round and seasonal residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations, and their employees to participate in an on-line survey to share their opinions regarding the potential for existing public spaces in downtown Hyannis to become more vibrant, safe, and active. The goal is to better utilize these public spaces in order to improve the pedestrian

connection between important assets within the neighborhood. The Downtown Hyannis Public Spaces Activation Survey is designed to facilitate decision-making and brainstorming around design and activation strategies in three key sites of downtown Hyannis: the East End of Main Street; the Village Green and Main Street; and Harbor Overlook and Aselton Park. The survey results will help inform recommendations from the consultant, Utile Architecture & Planning.

There are three sections of the survey, one section for each site. In each section of the survey, there is a site map that identifies major zones for design and activation. Survey participants are asked to locate design improvements, activation strategies and programming ideas within these zones. The survey allows for more than one option as well as space to write in other ideas. The survey should

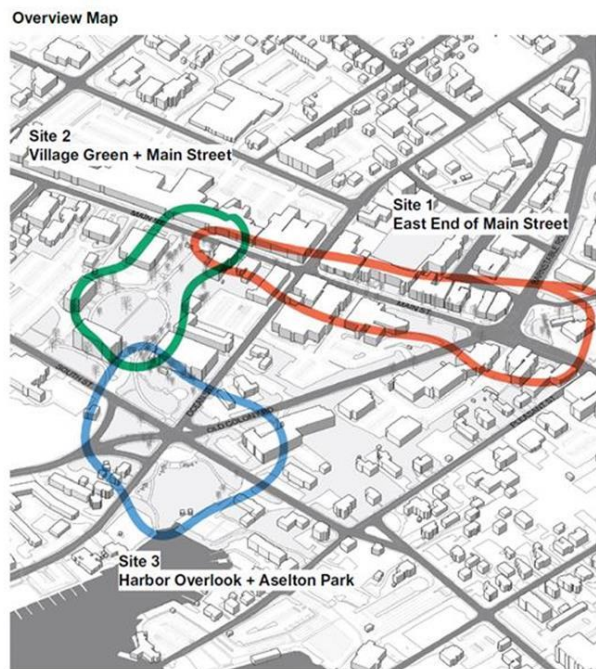
take less than 15 minutes. Feedback received from the survey will assist the project team in the development of a planning framework for the project. Participants are asked to complete the survey by end of day, February 12, 2021. The public is invited to register for the follow-up **public information session, scheduled for February 17, 2021 at 3:30pm time to review community input and next steps.**

TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY: PLEASE SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Before taking the survey, it is recommended to review the "Hyannis Public Spaces Activation Toolkit."

This document will serve as a reference for your participation in the survey

Review the tool kit here: <https://we.tl/t-KE7kEsJHwN>



SURVEY LINK: <https://forms.gle/Biywqc8oGvnbxK9t5> **Please submit BY February, 12, 2021.**

Results of the survey will be reviewed during a **public information session via Zoom:**

February 17th at 3:30pm to share community feedback and view presentation slides.

Those interested in attending this meeting are asked to pre-register:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAuce6qrzwoH92GpFzY-VbmezJ2cRiSuTmC>

ABOUT THIS PROJECT:

COVID-19's impact on American cities has brought new urgency and attention to the uses and functionality of urban open spaces. Funded through MassDevelopment's TDI program and under the guidance of the Hyannis TDI Partnership, UTILE is researching short-term activation and design strategies for three designated open spaces in downtown Hyannis. Utile has provided an "activation toolkit" that includes observations about each of the three open spaces and outlines a set of visual specifications that are coupled with options for public space activation. These design concepts may include but are not limited to outdoor recreation, arts/cultural programming, signage and wayfinding, public artwork, outdoor commercial and dining spaces for COVID-impacted businesses, socially distant gathering areas, etc. The underlying objective of this work is to create stronger psychological connections between these three key areas in the neighborhood.

ABOUT MASS DEVELOPMENT:

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2020, MassDevelopment financed or managed 341 projects generating investment of more than \$2.69 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 10,871 jobs and build or preserve 1,787 housing units.

ABOUT UTILE:

Utile is a planning and architecture firm that is built like a think tank. By developing well-researched, locally specific design methodologies for each project, we offer original and effective solutions that integrate existing conditions while setting the standards for the cultivation of a meaningful urban realm. Utile specializes in unique regulatory, political, and design challenges. We are committed to the revitalization of the American city through proactive planning and design that bridges public and private jurisdictional boundaries. As a result of this professional framework and our well established reputation, Utile has tackled a diverse range of challenging projects including urban design proposals for new districts, colleges and universities embedded within cities, and aging industrial districts. In all of the firm's planning work, development economics, community engagement strategies, and the appropriate neighborhood character are carefully considered and balanced.

Barnstable Public Schools Virtual Registration for 2021-2022 is OPEN!

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." Malala Yousafzai

<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstablePublicSchools/posts/1135144636926462>



Student Virtual Registration

Registration meetings are being held virtually via Zoom app



**2021-2022
School Year**



If you are looking to register a new incoming Kindergarten - 12th grade student to Barnstable School District, please start (or continue) the registration process on our website at www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/registration.

To enroll your child in our preschool program, please begin by going to www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/Page/3224 to complete a preschool application.

If you live outside of the town of Barnstable and are interested in school choice, applications for open slots and lottery will be available April 1 at www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/Page/116.



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.

Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Hyannis Transportation Center in February

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape. The new location is at the Hyannis Transportation Center, [1 Transportation Ave, Hyannis \(Barnstable\), MA 02601](#). PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

Hyannis Patriot Farms Food Boxes - Hyannis Transportation Center – [1 Transportation Ave, Hyannis \(Barnstable\), MA 02601](#).

******See New Location - Enter site from Route 28 across from Mary Dunn Way******

- February 6 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- February 13 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- February 20 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- February 27 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 6 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).

Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students



To continue to support our Barnstable students and their families, Barnstable Public Schools Food Service is adding a new more convenient day for families to retrieve free meals.

SATURDAYS
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hyannis West Elementary
549 West Main Street, Hyannis

Beginning Saturday, January 9, 2021

Meals will increase from 5 days of meals to 7 days of meals. Both Breakfast and Lunch will be frozen bulk meals, cooked at home and will be items like; liquid eggs, home fries, a fruit and Chicken Dinners (with all the fixings) and 1/2 gallons of milk.

No ID required and parents can pick up meals, students do not need to be present.

NOTE: Limited supply of meals available. First come first serve



WEDNESDAY MEALS

STUDENT MEALS

Meals include 7 days worth of food!

This program runs each Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY BUS STOP SCHEDULE

Centerville Plaza – 1660 Rt. 28, Centerville
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cromwell Court – 168 Barnstable Road, Hyannis
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Village Green Apts. – 767 Independence Drive, Hyannis
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

NOTE: Limited supply of meals available. First come first serve

Keep Active and Thrive with the BACC on Channel 18

The Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC) and Channel 18 have teamed up to provide dedicated BACC programming hours on Comcast CH18. Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:00 AM and Tuesdays and Thursday at 5:00 PM you can tune to Comcast CH18 and view an hour of programming specifically geared to residents in our community who appreciate the wide range of activities provided at the BACC. The dedicated staff at the Council on Aging and Channel 18 have created programs including chair exercise classes, yoga, music programming, and updates on programs and activities. *Keep Active and Thrive with the Barnstable Adult Community Center!*

News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

Virtual Enrichment Programming

The Barnstable Adult Community Center offers a wealth of online classes and presentations to keep you active and engaged. We've listed several programs from next week's schedule below, and you'll find a complete list in our Thrive newsletter at www.townofbarnstable.us/coa To register for programs, please call 508-862-4761 or email susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us

Genealogy for the Beginner: This in-depth new series of workshops from the Cape Cod Genealogy Society will help you discover your family history.

Presenter: Cape Cod Genealogy Society

Mondays 2/8, 2/22 & 3/1 1:30-3:00 PM Free

Hollywood History: A Look Back at Sidney Poitier: Learn more about the man who holds the distinction of being the first African American actor to receive the coveted Academy Award.

Wednesday 2/10 7:00-8:00 PM Free

MA Office of Consumer Affairs: Home Improvement Contractors: Do you know your rights when working with home improvement contractors? This presentation covers contractor registration and goes into complaints, arbitration, and the guaranty fund.

Thursday 2/11 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Free

Virtual Diversity Book Club with the Cotuit Library What a great way to engage your mind and discuss ideas with others in a safe way! Our next diversity book club discussion is in just a few weeks -- get reading now! Virtual book club meetings are held monthly on second Mondays of each month from 4-5pm. The complete list of book selections is sent on registration. For more information, please contact Eleanor at 508-428-8141.

The next book selections for 2021 are listed below:

February 8

How to be an Antiracist, by Ibram X. Kendi

March 8

The Reason/Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism, by Naoki Higashida

Special Registry of Motor Vehicle Hours for Older Adults

The RMV has designated Wednesdays in February and March to serve customers aged 75 and older. The South Yarmouth and Plymouth RMV centers are included in this group. Please note that a reservation is required. The options for making an appointment are listed below:

If you are a AAA member, you may make a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ID or registration at a AAA location. Visit www.aaa.com/appointments to schedule your visit.

If you are not a AAA member, visit Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation to visit an RMV Service Center. Select the "Senior Transaction" option on the "Make/Cancel a Reservation" transaction.

Email the RMV for assistance at MassDOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma Call the RMV at 857-368-8005.

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 members 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

Grab & 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 & Go

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab & 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. Questions? Call Stacey at 508-862-4765.

Stay in Touch

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.

Abstract Art Class - An Artful Blend

Barnstable Town Hall ARTIST SPOTLIGHT –VIRTUAL GALLERY

Now through March 2021

The "Artist Spotlight "program displays the works of local artists on meeting room walls in Barnstable Town Hall. Artwork by Pam Abrams-Warnick, Ruth Ann Kane, Mellissa Morris, and Liz Dodds Trimbach are featured in the James H. Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room and Selectmen’s Conference Room in Barnstable Town Hall, now through March 2021.

At this time, artwork may be viewed on the artsbarnstable.com website:

<https://artsbarnstable.com/artist/mellissa-morris/>.

Mellissa Morris has been teaching an abstract art class for over 10 years. This exhibit features the works of Mellissa and her students, Pam Abrams-Warnick, Ruth Ann Kane, and Liz Dodds Trimbach who have studied with Mellissa for many years. Mellissa says of her students, “They have honed their individual voices using paint and mixed media to communicate inner emotions, outer impressions and fantastical configurations. I guide these students through the elements and principles of art and provide assignments that stretch their understanding of the process of making art. Often these particular students have a funny way of teaching me how to be vulnerable, how to push one’s own boundaries, and how to be present in the moment. I am honored to exhibit with these brilliant ladies... the colors, mark making, shapes, and materials are sure to entice the imaginations and curiosities of onlookers.” Mellissa is an expressive abstract artist working with painting, collage, drawing, and printmaking techniques. Currently Mellissa is the Artist-In-Residence at Studio 46 on the Hyannis HyArts Campus in the Town of Barnstable. She has lived her whole life on Cape Cod. The eldest daughter of seven children, Mellissa is a graduate of The University of Massachusetts, with a Masters in Fine Arts Painting, a licensed practitioner of Yoga, and a Reiki Master.

ABOUT THE ARTWORK SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM:

Artwork is displayed in the James H. Crocker, Jr. Hearing Room and the Selectmen’s Conference Room, 2nd floor in Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis.

Artwork may be viewed virtually at artsbarnstable.com

For more information on this program email mellissa.chartrand@town.barnstable.ma.us

508-862-4767 | www.ArtsBarnstable.com

ARTIST STATEMENT (fourth artist featured):

LIZ DODDS TRIMBACH:

Liz is a provocative mixed media collage artist who often uses her own inventive language and mysterious veils of atmospheric spaces to create luminous compositions. Liz’s pieces are poetic visual gems. NYC-born and now Barnstable-based artist Liz Dodds Trimbach received her BFA from Roger Williams University and an MA in English and Creative Writing from Rhode Island College. In 2015, Liz turned her creative energy to the visual arts, starting in collage at Snow Farm, the New England Craft Program in Williamsburg. Multi-media studies followed. “An ancient, stained page of text, a water-spotted photo, a bit of torn envelope — these are the things I’m drawn to, that spark my imagination and push my aesthetic button. I’m devoted to mixed media and collage, combining found elements with the marks of my own hand. We humans lose, discard, and leave behind so much material (as well as damage); much like an archaeologist, I want to dig into what is wasted and what remains, attends to their banality and their beauty, creating works that inquire, intrigue, and provoke.”



Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions

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



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Join us for a presentation and Q&A about Vineyard Wind's offshore wind projects and plans in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

February 10 • 4:00pm
March 9 • 12:00pm

ROAD WORK UPDATES

As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.

***UPDATED* Drainage Improvements on Long Beach Road in Centerville**

Drainage structure installations on Long Beach Road in Osterville will be ongoing starting the week of February 1st and ending the week of February 8th. New drainage system structures and castings will be installed within the roadway between house #'s 153 and 177 for collection of stormwater. The disturbed section of the roadway will then be repaved and any areas disturbed during construction will be restored. This work is expected to take up to two weeks, weather permitting. Police details will be on site to assist traffic through the construction zone.

***CONTINUES* Renovations to Oyster Harbor Bridge**

The Town of Barnstable's contractor, MAS Building and Bridge, Inc. (MAS), is under contract to complete a rehabilitation project to the Oyster Harbors Bridge. The project will involve structural and safety repairs to the bridge, including replacement of steel stringers, replacement of abutment joints, repairs to columns supporting the bridge tender's house, and replacement of safety railings on the machine platform. To complete the improvements, one-lane of traffic will need to be closed for the duration of the project. Temporary traffic signals will be installed to manage traffic during this time. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2021. Once the lane closure begins, the draw-bridge will not be able to be opened for marine vessels passing under the bridge, until the completion of construction. Vessels that would require the draw bridge to be opened to pass under will need to seek an alternate route. Vessels that do not require the draw bridge to be opened will be able to continue to pass under the bridge. Marine vessels operating in the area should monitor the Notice to Mariners for updates and further detail relative to this project. Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, though work during weekends may be necessary. Traffic will be impacted as a result of the lane closure and residents are encouraged to plan accordingly when traveling in this

area. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through or near construction areas, and follow posted safety signs.

***CONTINUES* Sewer Construction on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue**

Robert B Our Co., Inc. will be performing 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.

***CONTINUES* Water Works Construction on Longview Drive in Hyannis**

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

***CONTINUES* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road**

MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road 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* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in Centerville/Main Street in Osterville**

Work on the bridge is scheduled to continue through mid-May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work will include improving riprap at bridge abutments, bridge deck repairs, improving endblocks and guardrail connections, and concrete repairs. The contractor is expected to deploy their construction craft from McCarthy's Landing (aka Hayward Landing) at 40 Hayward Road in Centerville. This may create brief delays for other users when the contractor is using the landing. The ramp will still be available for public access. The contractor is

responsible for maintaining small vessel navigational access under the bridge at all times during construction. Mariners are urged to use caution and go slow when approaching and moving through the work area. Divers may be in the water at times during construction operations. Mariners are required to maintain proper distance from Dive and Alpha flags based on Maritime law. The bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction. During this work there will be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

***CONTINUES* Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, Water Distribution, and Associated Improvements on Independence Drive in Hyannis and Barnstable Village, and on Portions of Mary Dunn Road, Kidd's Hill Road, and Attucks Lane in Barnstable Village**

Construction is scheduled to end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will include a new sidewalk and additional drainage systems the full length of Independence Drive, on Mary Dunn Road a short distance south of Independence Drive, on Kidd's Hill Road from Independence Drive to Merchants Way, and on Attucks Lane from Independence Drive to Wilkens Lane. The work will also include a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane; a watermain extension on portions of Attucks Lane and Independence Drive; and additional street lights on portions of Independence Drive and Kidd's Hill Road. During active construction there will be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

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

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

***CONTINUES* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Monday, February 8, 2021 through Friday, February 12, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on North Street, Hyannis; Harbor Road, Hyannis and Scudder Avenue, 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 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.



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

A drop off location has been established to the right of the front door at 367 Main Street.

Abatement Applications

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

Property Information

Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

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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.

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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.

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You have to believe in the things
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~Tom Brady

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