

## February 12, 2021 – Issue 6



### Finbar Coleman, Superhero!

Feeling good this Friday that Finbar Coleman has completed his last chemotherapy infusion for leukemia after 25 months! A joyous celebration of family, friends and neighbors took to the streets to congratulate this superhero on this amazing accomplishment. The Coleman Family thanked the medical teams at Boston Children’s Hospital, The Jimmy Clinic, the VNA nurses on the Cape, Barnstable Little League, Fin’s baseball coaches and the teams, his extended family of baseball moms and dads, his tutors and teachers, and the community for their support.

Finbar, Chris, Nina, and Ruby – you are all superheroes in our book! Be Well!

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February 12, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

**New**

**Updated**

Same as previous week(s)

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### Notice of Town Office Closures for the Presidents’ Day Holiday

Town offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of the Presidents’ Day holiday.

### Stay Informed during a Storm

In the event of a winter storm, the Town will re-activate the Storm Alert feature on our website. The Department of Public Works will share actual road plowing activities. Also available to residents is a storm information line that can be accessed by dialing 508-862-INFO (4636), which will be updated with the same information from the DPW. Our Town’s social media site on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) will also be updated during any storm event. Important information slides appear on Channel 18. The 2021 Department of Public Works Snow and Ice Brochure has been updated. You can view the brochure [here](#).

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

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource ([www.barnstablehealth.com](http://www.barnstablehealth.com)) on March 16, 2020 to keep you up-to-date with the latest information as it relates to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the working of Barnstable Town government. Visit and bookmark [www.barnstablehealth.com](http://www.barnstablehealth.com).

## Learn more about Black History month | Out of the archives of Channel 18

Channel 18 Host Paula Hersey sat down with Barnstable High School (BHS) educator Krissie Williams to learn more about Black History month; its origin, the significance in schools and how BHS celebrates in the classroom. You can watch [here](#).

## Citizen Forums will Discuss Proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance

**Background:** The health of Barnstable's coastal waters that is so vital to the Town's quality of life and local economy is at risk. The primary source of the problem is nitrogen pollution from septic systems. Likewise, the Town's freshwater ponds and drinking water supply are being degraded from nutrients and pollutants from septic systems, fertilizer, stormwater run-off and other watershed sources. Building wastewater infrastructure to reduce the amount of these pollutants entering water resources is necessary to protect the environment, property values, local economy, and quality of life. Fortunately, Barnstable is leading the way on clean water solutions. Building on more than a decade of scientific study and engineering design, the Town has put forward a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) to protect coastal, inland and drinking water resources. Barnstable's plan has been rigorously reviewed and approved by state environmental agencies. The Town's plan calls for sewers and other measures to be implemented over 30 years, at a total cost of \$1.4 billion. The Town has identified existing revenues to cover more than half of this cost. A Sewer Assessment Ordinance is being proposed to finance a portion of the remaining cost.

**What:** A proposal for a Sewer Assessment Ordinance to finance a portion of the cost to construct the sewer expansion will be presented for community discussion at a series of virtual public forums.

**Who:** Mark Ells, Barnstable Town Manager, will present the proposed sewer assessment ordinance; along with Daniel Santos, Director, Department of Public Works; and Mark Milne, Finance Director.

### When and How to Participate:

Thursday, February 25	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	7:00 PM
Thursday, March 25	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	7:00 PM

To participate via computer use the following link for all six meetings: <https://zoom.us/j/92047771927>

Webinar ID 920 4777 1927 or join by phone **888-475-4499** using the **Webinar ID:** 920 4777 1927.

All meetings will also be live-streamed on Channel 18 and the Town of Barnstable Facebook page. All sessions will be recorded and posted to the Town of Barnstable website or

[www.barnstablewaterresources.com](http://www.barnstablewaterresources.com) for later viewing.

## School Committee Meeting – February 3, 2021

The [February School Committee meeting](#) began with a moment of silence for Steve Goveia, a longtime teacher and coach at Barnstable High School (BHS), who recently passed away. The Committee recognized BHS teacher Krissie Williams who was nominated by BHS History teacher Katie Scholes as the Highlight in Education at this month's meeting. Superintendent Meg Mayo-Brown stated Ms. Williams has been teaching a class on Cultural Perspectives and this year developed a course about the African American experience. Ms. Williams spent the summer researching and developing this curriculum. She is also the President and Founder of the Barnstable ALLY Foundation, she has conducted anti-racism training for staff, won an Unsung Heroes Award from the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory

Commission, and has been asked to lead an all Cape training this summer. Assistant Superintendent Kristen Harmon stated in May 2020, BHS students participated in the NFTE National Youth Challenge and six students advanced to the Northeast Finals. Alex Arabadzhiev advanced to the Finals and placed third overall. This year, 15 students participated in NFTE and worked with real life entrepreneurs. Eric Arabadzhiev (brother of Alex) was one of the top 90 students worldwide in the NFTE World Series and top 10 in the Climate Action Challenge. He is moving onto the global Finals this month. The School Committee accepted the BHS Program of Studies for the 2021-2022 school year, approved the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar, and approved a Subcommittee for the School Attorney Search.

Superintendent Dr. Mayo-Brown and Deputy Finance Director Gareth Markwell presented the initial FY'22 Budget for the School Department. Dr. Mayo-Brown discusses the Budget Priorities for FY'22:

- Provide social, emotional, behavioral, and academic supports to students.
- Address and reduce equity gaps in achievement, opportunities, and experiences.
- Plan for a full return to school; continue online opportunities.
- Decrease reliance on school choice and circuit breaker accounts.

The School Committee will have a Roundtable Review of the Budget in a Workshop on February 24, followed by additional Budget Presentations at their meetings on March 3 and March 17 (which also includes the Public Hearing on the FY'22 Budget), and will adopt the FY'22 Budget on April 7 before it is sent to the Town Manager and Town Council for final approval. Next week, February 15-19 is Winter Vacation for Barnstable Public Schools. We hope all the students and educators have a happy and safe break!

### **Barnstable, MA \$2,745,000 General Obligation Bonds Net 1.20%**

Debra Blanchette, Town Treasurer, announced that the Town of Barnstable received competitive bids from bond underwriters on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, for a \$2,745,000, 15-year taxable bond issue. Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. was the winning bidder on the Bonds with an average interest rate of 1.20%. The Town received a total of five (5) bids on the Bonds. Bond proceeds will be used to finance private roadway improvements. Prior to the sale, S&P Global Ratings, a municipal bond credit rating agency, affirmed the Town's 'AAA' bond rating, the highest rating attainable. The rating agency cited the Town's very strong economy, very strong management with strong financial policies and practices, strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity, strong debt and contingent liability profile, and strong institutional framework as positive credit factors. The bids for the Bonds were accepted at the offices of the Town's Financial Advisor, Hilltop Securities Inc., at 54 Canal Street in Boston, Massachusetts.

### **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 Vaccination in MA: Phase 1 & 2 Eligibility Status



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



Residents **age 75+** now eligible to schedule vaccination appointments:  
[mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccine)

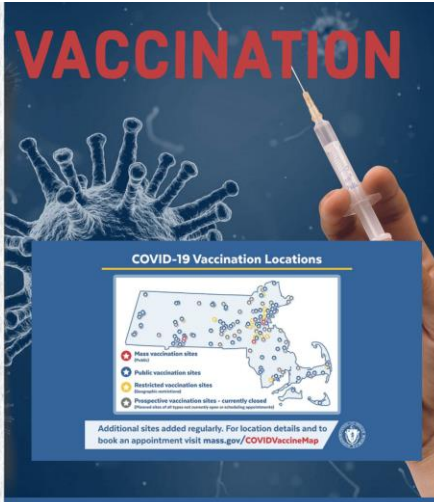
Here's how:

- visit [mass.gov/covidvaccinemap](https://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.

## PATHWAYS TO VACCINATION

- MASS VACCINATION SITES
- REGIONAL CLINICS
- PHARMACIES
- RETAIL
- MASS.GOV/COVIDVACCINEMAP
- NO COMPUTER? NEED HELP? DIAL 211



COVID-19 Vaccination Locations

Additional sites added regularly. For location details and to book an appointment visit [mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccineMap)

## 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.

## Public Input Sought for Placemaking Activation Strategies in Downtown Hyannis

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

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>

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.**

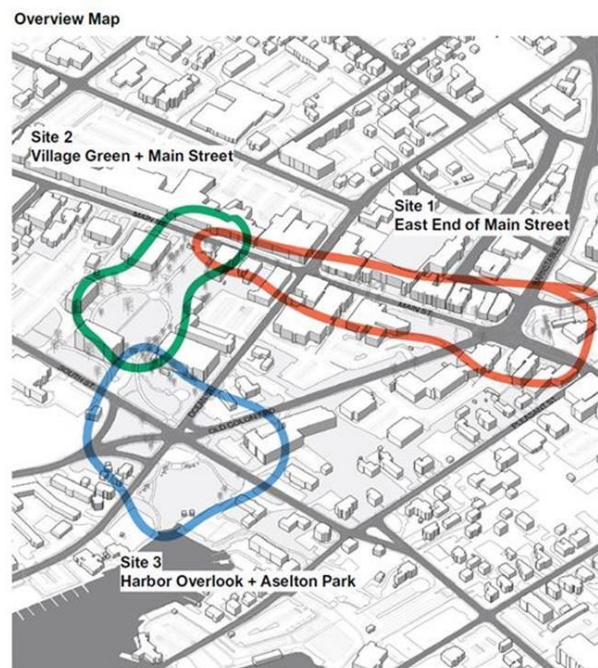
**TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY: PLEASE SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 12, 2021**

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.**



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<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAuce6grzwoH92GpFzY-VbmezJ2cRiSuTmC>

## **2021 Tourism Mini-Grants Available from the Town of Barnstable**

***The Town of Barnstable invites Civic Associations and Nonprofits to submit an application for a 2021 Tourism Mini-Grant.***

The Tourism Mini-Grant Program is designed to aid our seven villages in promoting new or existing events and festivals to draw visitors to our town and villages. All civic associations and nonprofit organizations that are marketing village events to visitors and/or providing visitor services are eligible and encouraged to apply. These grants are available up to a maximum of \$1,000 per applicant, and require one-to-one matching funds. [APPLICATIONS](#) must be submitted to the Town of Barnstable on or before 11:59 pm, Monday March 1, 2021. Grants will be awarded on or before March 31, 2021.

The link to the application and complete rules and guidelines are below. For more information, or if you have questions about the application process, please contact Gloria McPherson, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, at [gloria.mcpherson@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:gloria.mcpherson@town.barnstable.ma.us).

Apply [HERE](#) or at the following web address:

[https://www.cognitofirms.com/TownOfBarnstable1/\\_2021TownOfBarnstableTourismMiniGrants](https://www.cognitofirms.com/TownOfBarnstable1/_2021TownOfBarnstableTourismMiniGrants)

### **Tourism Mini-Grant Program Rules & Guidelines**

1. All civic associations and nonprofit organizations that are marketing village events to visitors and/or providing visitor services are eligible and encouraged to apply.
2. Grants will be awarded to promote and market new and/or existing special events and festivals within Barnstable's seven villages that draw visitors to Barnstable.
3. Projects must complement or expand the Town of Barnstable's overall mission of attracting new and repeat visitors to the town.
4. Mini-Grant projects should include, but not be limited to, placement and production of advertising to attract visitors to the region.
5. Grant funds cannot be used for staff, administration, operations, and travel or entertainment purposes.
6. Matching funds are required on a one-for-one basis for grants.
7. Applications must be for the primary benefit of the Town of Barnstable. Mini-Grant funds used for any other purpose will be revoked.
8. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to develop, market, distribute and account for all advertising products.
9. The Town of Barnstable **MUST APPROVE ALL PROJECTS PRIOR TO THEIR EXECUTION**. Failure to submit projects for prior approval will result in revocation of the Mini-Grant funds.
10. All projects must include the Town of Barnstable Seal.
11. Grant request deadline is March 1, 2021, at 11:59 pm.
12. Grants will be awarded on or before March 31, 2021.
13. Successful applicants, must, within seven (7) days of being awarded a mini-grant, respond in writing that they are accepting the amount awarded and have read and understood all terms and conditions set forth in the guidelines and will abide by these terms and conditions.
14. Projects must be completed by the end of 2021.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://barnstablecountyhealth.org). If you have questions or concerns, please email [COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org](mailto: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 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



### Student Bulk Meals - February Break Week



**SATURDAY**  
**February 13**

**Hyannis West  
Elementary**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**549 West Main Street  
Hyannis**



**WEDNESDAY**  
**February 17**

#### **BUS STOP SCHEDULE**

**Centerville Plaza**

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

**Cromwell Court**

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

**Village Green Apts.**

767 Independence Dr., Hyannis  
12:05 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.



**SATURDAY**  
**February 20**

**Hyannis West  
Elementary**

**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**549 West Main Street  
Hyannis**

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

**Check out our Village Libraries for some FUN ideas and virtual activities during School Vacation Week**

[Sturgis Library](#) (Barnstable Village)

[Centerville Public Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Hyannis Public Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Public Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Whelden Memorial Library](#) (West Barnstable)

### **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](http://www.townofbarnstable.us/coa)<<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/coa>> To register for programs, please call 508-862-4761 or email: [susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us)>

### Programs coming up this week:

#### Virtual Valentine's Day Celebration with the Red Sox

Each year, the Red Sox organization hosts a special online Valentine's program for older adults. For 2021, you'll enjoy music and poetry with Fenway Park organist Josh Kantor and Red Sox poet Dick Flavin. Sunday, 2/14 at 2PM Free

#### Advance Directives

What happens if you're unable to make medical decisions for yourself? Learn which legal documents you need to have in place.

Wednesday, 2/17 at 10AM Free

#### Winter Consumer Rights

This program from the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs addresses heating, utilities, scams and other important consumer protection concerns.

Thursday, 2/19 at 1PM Free

#### Virtual Tour of the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy

Get an overview of the organization's work and the role of sharks in the marine ecosystem. Research taking place off our coastline is explained in detail. We'll talk about public perception of sharks as well the effects of shark presence on the Cape community.

Tuesday, 2/19 at 11AM Free

#### 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](http://www.aaa.com/appointments)<<http://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](mailto:MassDOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma)<<mailto: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](mailto:stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us)<<mailto: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 directly into 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.

**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: [judtih.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:judtih.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us). You may 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.

### **Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions**

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



**VINEYARD WIND**  
**Virtual Information Session**  
*Paving the Way in Barnstable*

*RSVP Today: [vineyardwind.com/barnstable](https://www.vineyardwind.com/barnstable)*

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

**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 continue during the week of February 15, 2021. Schedule delays have been encountered due to the recent snow events and cold temperatures. New drainage system structures and castings are being 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 once weather permits. Police details will be on site to assist traffic through the construction zone.

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

Monday, February 15, 2021 through Friday, February 19, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Main Street, Osterville; Phinney's Lane, Centerville 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](http://ngrid.com/service) line to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

### **\*CONTINUES\* 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](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

## **\*CONTINUES\* 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.



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

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

## **Working with Barnstable Town Hall**

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

## **TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

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

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for 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](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) to make an appointment or for any questions regarding

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

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

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

### **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

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](mailto: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.

#### **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;

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**The Last Word:**

**A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.**

**~Nelson Mandela**

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



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**USE UMA MÁSCARA**



**WASH YOUR HANDS**  
**LÁVESE LAS MANOS**  
**LAVE AS MÃOS**



**WATCH YOUR DISTANCE**  
**VIGILE SU DISTANCIA**  
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