

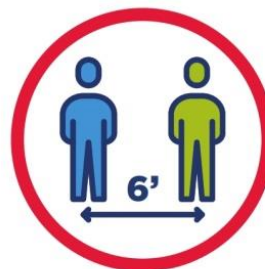
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February 19, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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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

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 18, 2021

The February 18, 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 Paul Hebert to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a Moment of Silence and Public Comment. Mark S. Eells, Town Manager; Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning and Development; and Dan Santos, DPW Director, were invited to [respond to Public Comment](#). Mr. Eells presented his [Town Manager Communications](#) for the period of February 5-18, 2021:

1. The Town of Barnstable was informed on February 16, 2021 that the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) filed a Clean Water Act complaint against the Town. CLF have not yet served the complaint on the Town, and the litigation process does not start until that happens. I issued the following statement in response to that lawsuit: *“The Town of Barnstable is taking decisive and effective action to improve water quality in our coastal waters, streams and ponds. The Town’s Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, recently approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, will fully achieve the nitrogen reductions needed to meet Federal clean water standards. The Town has already invested \$30 million toward the first phase of sewer construction needed to address this problem, and additional construction is planned to begin later this year, including upgrades to the Hyannis wastewater treatment plant. By the end of the decade, sewer expansions will be in place to remove nearly half of the nitrogen needed to protect our waters, with the remainder completed in subsequent phases. Contrary to the CLF’s allegations, the Town adheres to applicable environmental requirements. It operates the Hyannis wastewater treatment plant in full compliance with a Groundwater Discharge Permit issued to the Town by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. If CLF is seeking to change the manner in which the plant is permitted, they need to take up that issue with state and federal permitting agencies. Moreover, CLF’s actions could hinder the Town’s current efforts to address the problem of nitrogen pollution in our waters by diverting financial and staff resources away from that work. Nitrogen pollution of the Cape’s waters is a large-scale and costly problem. Barnstable is committed to ensuring that we do all that we can to protect and restore the health of our coastal waters, which are the lifeblood of our economy and quality of life. We encourage CLF and others concerned about this issue to support these efforts and work together with us.”* We will keep you advised through future executive session as we progress through this legal matter.
2. We anticipate a storm event starting today and continuing into Saturday. Many residents called following the last storm regarding plowing of sidewalks. We appreciate the calls and want our public to know that we are plowing sidewalks following the completion of roadway and parking lot clearing.
3. The Town of Barnstable has led the region’s efforts to protect and preserve our water resources. With the recent state approval of our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP), a 30-year plan focused on protecting the health of coastal, inland and drinking water quality, we embark on perhaps the most aggressive infrastructure and resource protection plan in the history of our community. We call upon our community to engage with us in the next phase of the plan, a review of fiscal policy to support the implementation of the approved CWMP. A Special Town Council meeting was held on October 29, 2020 to discuss proposed fiscal policy considerations in support of implementation of the CWMP. We have also provided subsequent reviews with Town Council, the Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee, civic groups and

the general public and we will continue to do so as we progress through this important discussion. The fiscal policy under consideration would establish how to equitably distribute the remaining cost of the CWMP. The Town Manager's proposal to Town Council includes the following:

- First, review and approve the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance which includes a sewer assessment to each individual property receiving the planned sewer; and
- Second discuss the use of general funds to pay for the remaining portion of cost associated with proceeding with the CWMP.

The Barnstable Town Manager will host a virtual public forum on February 25, 2021 at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. to discuss a proposal for a Sewer Assessment Ordinance to finance a portion of the cost to construct the sewer expansion in the Town of Barnstable. Mark Milne, Director of Finance, and Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, will accompany the Town Manager at this virtual forum. We have planned a second public forum on March 25, 2021 as we compile our public's comments and concerns regarding this proposal. We encourage all to engage in this important discussion. Please go to the Town's home page and click on Barnstable Water Resources button on the left side of the screen to find relevant information and links.

4. 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. Our staff continues 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.
5. 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>.
6. 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 at 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.
7. We continue with regular conversations with Vineyard Wind regarding the status of the Phase I and Phase II projects. Vineyard Wind continues to work with Barnstable staff regarding both Phases of the project. They anticipate commencing construction on Phase I in the spring of 2021 and are proceeding with permitting on Phase II. We have engaged in discussion with Vineyard Wind regarding a Host Agreement for a potential Phase III. I anticipate Vineyard Wind providing an update to the Town Council on the status of their projects both current and future at a meeting in March. We will keep you advised as this project progresses.

8. Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the Route 28/Willow Street intersection improvement project.
9. Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, provided an update on Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

The Town Council received an update from [Kristy Senatori, Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission](#), on staff activities in 2020 and priorities for the coming year in Barnstable and across the Cape. Ms. Senatori was joined by **Frederick Chirigotis** who represents the Town of Barnstable on the Cape Cod Commission. Mr. Chirigotis served 12 years including terms as President on the Barnstable Town Council. **OLD BUSINESS** began with [Agenda Item 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** were approved. Cape Cod Gateway Airport Manager Katie Servis presented [Agenda Item 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 was approved. Planning and Development Director Elizabeth Jenkins presented [Agenda Item 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 which was approved. Atty. Steve Pizzuti represented Aime and Jim Smith who thanked the Town Council for their support. Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend presented [Agenda Item 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 expenses related to hiring and equipment purchases for three new patrol officers which was approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with Sandy Neck Beach Park Manager/Natural Resources Director Nina Coleman presenting [Agenda Item 2021-075](#) Transfer Order in the amount of **\$108,000** from the Town Council's Operating Reserve Fund to the Fiscal Year 2021 Sandy Neck Enterprise Fund Operating Budget to purchase sand for replenishment to the Sandy Neck Beach Park frontal dune which was approved. [Agenda Items 2021-076](#) Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$37,000** for the purpose of funding seasonal salaries and wages for the Fiscal Year 2021 Golf Enterprise Fund Operations, [2021-077](#) Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$5,000** for the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Operating Budget for the purpose of funding the administrative costs associated with the Airport Master Plan Update Planning Project, and [2021-078](#) Supplemental Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$470,000** for the Fiscal Year 2021 Airport Enterprise Fund Operating Budget for the purpose of purchasing aviation jet fuel for resale were referred to Public Hearings on March 4, 2021. Madeline Noonan, Director of Community Services, presented [Agenda Item 2021-079](#) Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 Grant in the amount of **\$154,140** from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs to support staff salaries and programs of the Barnstable Council on Aging Division which was approved. Director Noonan also presented [Agenda Item 2021-080](#) Acceptance of a Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative Grant in the amount of **\$2,400** from the Barnstable County Department of Human Services for the 2021 Seventh Grade Youth Summit which was approved. [Agenda Items 2021-081](#) Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$70,000** for a Community Data and Visioning Project Consultant in support of a local comprehensive plan update and [2021-082](#) Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$92,945** for the treatment of the invasive species Hydrilla in Long Pond, Centerville and Mystic Lake and Middle Pond, Marstons Mills were referred to Public Hearings on March 4, 2021. ***The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 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).***

THIS WEEK! 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

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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 for later viewing.

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.

Group 2 of Phase 2 can get the COVID-19 vaccine beginning February 18

- 65+** **Who is in this group?**
Individuals age 65+, individuals age 16+ with 2 or more certain medical conditions*, and residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing
*find conditions at mass.gov/medicalconditions
- When can this group schedule an appointment?**
Individuals in this group can start scheduling appointments tomorrow, February 18th
- Will I need to provide medical documents to prove I am in this group?**
You will NOT need medical records or a note from your doctor.


Learn more and prepare at mass.gov/covidvaccineguide



@massgov

Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment

The first step to getting vaccinated is confirming you are in an eligible group. Once you confirm eligibility, you can book your appointment. To check who is eligible and to schedule appointments visit mass.gov/covidvaccine



What to know before you go

- The vaccine is free to all individuals.
- You must make an appointment to get a vaccine.
- The vaccine requires two doses. You should make sure you have a second appointment scheduled from the same site, or know how to schedule it, before leaving your first appointment.
- You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.
- You must confirm you are eligible for your phase. Learn how below.

What you need for your appointment

Confirm your eligibility


To get vaccinated in Phase 1 or 2, you will need to confirm that you are part of a currently eligible group within those phases. This is called "attesting." You might attest online or over the phone when booking. If you are not asked when booking, you will use a form. Locations should have an attestation form, however, you can fill out the state's form and bring it with you to your appointment to be prepared. Get the form at mass.gov/covidvaccineguide

Additional documents

Your vaccination location may list the below items as necessary, however, that only applies to people who have them. You can still receive the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID.


- An ID with your name, if you have one, to verify your name in the vaccination system.
- Health insurance card, if you have one. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you.

If you are going to a "local vaccination location" (yellow stars on map), those are for workers or residents of select cities and towns. They will include what you need to bring in their "special instructions" when scheduling your appointment.



Keep others safe

It will take time to get the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out and get everyone vaccinated. Before, between doses, and when you are fully vaccinated, continue to use all tools available to stop the spread.



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.

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.

Deadline to Apply is before 11:59 PM on Monday, March 1, 2021

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.

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

https://www.cognitofirms.com/TownOfBarnstable1/_2021TownOfBarnstableTourismMiniGrants

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 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

Remote Learning Program Sends Love to Older Adults in Barnstable

Older adults in Barnstable were “feeling the love” on Valentine’s Day thanks to the efforts of local children. Hundreds of beautifully decorated handmade Valentine’s Day cards were delivered to the Barnstable Adult Community Center by Mickie Davies, Coordinator of the Recreation Division’s Remote Learning Program. Not only were these cards beautifully and creatively decorated, but they also contained lovely messages of love, hope and encouragement. The cards were a wonderful and appreciated surprise to the many older adults who received these special works of love and care. The cards were given to Brown Bag recipients, Grab and Go participants, and older adults who receive Meals on Wheels. We hope that these generous, kind and thoughtful card makers know that this wonderful project brought a huge smile and deep sense of gratitude to each recipient. The Recreation Division also shared cards with local Veterans and at the Family Table Collaborative Friday evening meal distribution at the HYCC.



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

Are you turning 65 or retiring?

Are you about to turn 65 in the next three to four months?

Did you know that you need to look into Medicare plans now, even if you’re not planning to collect Social Security benefits or intend to keep working at a job where you have insurance? If you’re working or getting ready to retire, it’s important to know your insurance options and how to proceed. SHINE volunteers are trained counselors who review your choices and help you connect with an insurance that meets your needs. To set up an appointment to meet with a SHINE Counselor over the telephone, call us at **508-862-4757**.

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. The next session begins March 19. 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**.

Beep! Beep! 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: 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.

Our Village Libraries are more than just books. Check them out at:

[Sturgis Library](#) (Barnstable Village)

[Centerville Public Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Hyannis Public Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Public Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

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

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 22, 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.

***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 continue 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.

***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.

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

Monday, February 22, 2021 through Friday, February 26, 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 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/>

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

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call 508-862-4044. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to

confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

200 MAIN STREET

Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.
- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

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The Last Word:

This is a wonderful day, I have never seen this one before.

~Maya Angelou

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

