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Barnstable Police Department Introduces E205 Officer Brian Morrison's well deserved and beautifully decorated cruiser!

Town Calendar Official Agendas Legal Notices

Early Voting Monday, February 24th-Friday, February 28th 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Absentee Ballots Now Available for March 3, 2020 Presidential Primaries

Town Clerk Ann Quirk would like you to know that Early Voting for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primaries will be starting on Monday, February 24 and end on Friday, February 28, 2020. Hours each day are from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM in the Town Clerk's Office. Also, Absentee Ballots are available in the Town Clerk's Office. You can <u>update and check your voter registration</u> very easily on-line.

Important Traffic Notification –Hyannis Marathon Sunday, February 23rd

The Barnstable Police Department wants all residents to be advised that the annual running of the Hyannis Marathon is this Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00 AM. The race starts and ends at the Hyannis Resort & Conference Center and will have an adverse impact on traffic throughout the morning. Motorists can expect long delays in the following areas:

Hyannis: The areas of Sea Street / Gosnold Street / Old Colony Road and Ocean Street.
Hyannisport: The intersection of Smith Street / Marstons Avenue and Scudder Avenue
Centerville: The areas of Craigville Beach Road / Main Street / Old Stage Road / Pine Street and Strawberry Hill Road

Motorists are encouraged to avoid travel in these areas. Most intersections along the route will be closed for extended periods of time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this event.

Hands-free Law Takes Effect February 23, 2020

The new Hands-Free law takes effect in Massachusetts in a few weeks. On Sunday, February 23, police throughout Massachusetts will be able to provide warnings for drivers who are not compliant with the new Hands-Free law. And remember, after March 31, police will be able to start citing drivers for these violations. More information can be found here: www.Mass.gov/handsfree. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep Massachusetts roads safe. We encourage you to watch this Public Service Announcement Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend prepared with Channel 18.

Take the following actions to stay focused behind the wheel.¹

- Do not use your phone while driving.
- Pull over in a safe location if you must text or make a call.
- Make necessary adjustments (e.g., adjust controls, program directions) to your car before your drive.
- Do not reach to pick up items from the floor, open the glove box, or try to catch falling objects in the vehicle.
- Avoid emotional conversations with passengers, or pull over in a safe location to continue the conversation. For normal conversation, passengers in the vehicle can often help lower crash risk for adult drivers.
- Focus on the driving environment the vehicles around you, pedestrians, cyclists, and objects or events that may mean you need to act quickly to control or stop your vehicle.

¹National Safety Council [2019]. <u>Safe Driving Kitexternal icon</u> [downloadable].



From Barnstable Health Division - Coronavirus Awareness

At this time, the risk for the coronavirus remains very low in Massachusetts. There are multiple cases of other types of bacterial and viral infections, but it is not the seasonal flu nor are there any cases of Coronavirus in Barnstable at this time. The <u>Massachusetts Department of Public Health has provided us</u> with an Information/Fact Sheet.

MassDOT's Statewide Exit Renumbering Project – Public Information Meeting Tuesday, February 25th at 6:30 PM

A Public Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's (MassDOT's) Statewide Exit Renumbering Project. Beginning in late summer 2020, MassDOT is converting all existing exit numbers on freeways to a mile-based numbering system, per Federal Highway Administration (FWHA) requirements.

> Tuesday, February 25, 2020 - 6:30 PM Hyannis Transportation Center - Conference Room 215 Iyannough Road Hyannis, MA 02601

Additional public meeting dates, times, and locations will be announced as they are scheduled. If you cannot attend a public meeting in-person, please visit <u>NewMassExits.com</u> to access the online meeting, learn more about the project, and ask the project team questions.

HYCC Hosts Children's Cove Focus Group on Wednesday, February 26th

We need YOUR help in reducing child sexual abuse! Join us on February 26th from 5:30-7:30 PM to give us feedback! Barnstable Recreation, the Hyannis Youth & Community Center (HYCC) and Children's Cove, The Cape & Islands Child Advocacy Center, work together in partnership to create a community where children enjoy healthy, safe, and empowered lives. Children's Cove is seeking input on how they are making an impact within the community, and how Children's Cove can better educate the community and reduce incidents of child sexual abuse, and other of crimes against children on Cape Cod. We are inviting parents and members of our community to attend and participate in a focus group in the Shepley Room at Hyannis Youth & Community Center on **Wednesday, February 26th, from 5:30-6:30 PM. Free childcare will be provided** by HYCC staff members during this period. Refreshments will be available for participants and **dinner will be provided for children in childcare during the session**. Participants will also receive a **\$50 Visa Gift Card.** If you would like to learn more or to participate please contact Mark Boardley at 508-790-6345 x116 or by emailing

mark.boardley@town.barnstable.ma.us. Please be prepared to provide some details about yourself such as your name, contact information, if you will need childcare, ages of children, and if they have any food allergies. Signups and registration for childcare are needed by **Friday, February 21st**. Please help us in joining Children's Cove to create a community where children are free of abuse, have a voice that is heard, and where they enjoy healthy, safe, and empowered lives.

Mooring Permit Renewals Deadline is Friday, February 28th by 4:15 PM

Renewal applications for Mooring and Mooring Waiting Lists were mailed out for January. **Mooring Permit Renewals are due by February 28, 2020 at 4:15 PM** to **at MEA, 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA 02632**. Mooring deadlines link on the Town of Barnstable's website can be found <u>here</u>.



Town of Barnstable Bringing Awareness to Heart Wellness One Beat at a Time BARNSTABLE Promoting Wear Red Day Friday; February 28, 2020

The Town of Barnstable is promoting *Barnstable Wears Red Day* on Friday, February 28, 2020 to raise awareness that heart disease is the #1 killer of women and men and is largely preventable. *Barnstable Wears Red Day* promotes the opportunity for everyone - men and women alike - to unite in this life-saving awareness to action movement by **wearing RED on the**

28th! Barnstable has been promoting heart wellness for several years and in 2009 received an award from The American Heart Association for being a heart friendly city for women. Barnstable, also in 2013, was ranked second in a Gallup study for work evaluation, which looks at participant's perception on their work experience including job satisfaction, treatment, and office environment and interactions. Lynne Poyant, Director of Communications, encourages all residents to join the town to support this life-saving awareness by wearing red; take a photo of your group and submit your pictures to <u>email@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>. Pictures will then be shared to the Town of Barnstable's Facebook page. Some facts on heart disease from The Heart Foundation: Heart disease is the number one cause of death for men and women in the United States. It is an equal opportunity killer which claims approximately 1 million lives annually. Women account for just over half of the total heart disease deaths in the US each year; although many women continue to think of heart disease as a man's disease.

The Barnstable Youth Commission is hosting its 4th Annual Youth Job Fair!

The Ready, Set, Work! Youth Job Fair is back again this coming year on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 2:30-4:30 PM at the HYCC. If you are looking to hire summer or year-round employees between the ages of 14 and 18, we welcome you to come join the fair this coming year. Please contact Amy Harwood at 508-862-4638 or <u>Amy.Harwood@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> if you are interested. *Deadline for participating businesses to register is February 28, 2020.*



Census 2020 – How Does the Census Affect Representation?

Importance of the Data

The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform hundreds of billions in federal

funding, and provide data that will impact communities for the next decade. The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more. The results of this once-a-decade



count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children. The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP. In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. Shape your future. Start here. Visit <u>2020CENSUS.GOV</u>. You can view the Census 2020 Public Service Announcement on How Does the Census Affect Representation <u>here</u>. Click <u>here</u> to view Channel 18's Paula Hersey's Census 2020 interview with Town Clerk Ann Quirk.

'Ebb & Flow' works inspired by time spent at Sandy Neck Beach Barnstable High School Art Students, Fine Arts 4 Class

Artwork on display at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center now through April 3, 2020



The Hyannis Youth and Community Center's (HYCC) United Cultures Resource Room (also known as Barnstable Public School's Family & Community Engagement Center) now features wall exhibit panels to showcase a variety of student creative works including literary and visual art pieces by Cape Cod students throughout the year. "The Hyannis Youth and Community Center is more than just sports; our youth's talents should be highlighted in all of their achievements and passions," says Recreation Director Patti Machado. The

inaugural student spotlight exhibit features students in Abby Fay Smith's Barnstable High School Fine Arts 4 class. The exhibit is on display now through April 3, 2020. The United Cultures Resource Room is open to the general public Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Saturday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM and occasional evenings during BHS special events. The Hyannis Youth & Community Center is located at 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601. 508-790-6345. The Hyannis Youth and Community Center is a 105,000 sq. ft. full service community center featuring twin NHL size ice skating rinks, a 12,500 sq. ft. wood floor gymnasium, walking track and outdoor skate park. The purpose of the HYCC is to provide state-of-the-art accessible facilities for a variety of recreational programs and special events, competitive sports organizations, after-school activities and opportunities for the community at large to foster educational excellence and physical growth across all generations.

ABOUT THE EXHIBIT

In October 2019 students from Barnstable High School's Fine Arts 4 Class participated in a field trip out to the Sandy Neck House at the "Halfway Point," so called because of its location half way down the inner rim of Sandy Neck. The building, more of a nature camp than a "house," is nestled in the maritime forest perched above the Barnstable Great Marsh. It overlooks a thick matted patch of marsh grass, Osprey nesting sites and a cluster of bird houses opening up to a view of Barnstable Harbor. Students Celita Cadet, Triona Ferrie, Victoria Hall, Alison Kearney, Shaya Morales, Stephen Pond, Alec Rogalski, Sam Van Gelder and Elisha Watson were tasked with combining what they had previously researched regarding the ecology, history, topography, and conservation aspects of Sandy Neck with their experiences journeying out to the House out at the Halfway Point. Accompanying them were Town of

Barnstable Sandy Neck Natural Resource Officer Sean Kortis and Barnstable High School art teachers Abby Fay Smith and Matt Kemp. During the day the students observed baby diamondback terrapins saved by the Town's conservation efforts, multiple tracks from a range of Sandy Neck fauna, explored the trails snaking through the maritime forest, gathered materials, and created a series of plein air sketches and wrote about their adventure. From this experience, the group created a range of artistic responses,



utilizing a variety of techniques including photo collage, mixed media painting, traditional acrylic painting, printmaking, and sculpture. They tell the story of the interaction of two of Barnstable's greatest resources: the natural beauty of Sandy Neck and the bright, talented, and inspiring students of Barnstable High School. For more information on the HYCC student artwork spotlight or the adult artist excursion program out at Sandy Neck Beach, email <u>melissa.chartrand@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> or visit on-line www.ArtsBarnstable.com.

FEATURED STUDENT ARTIST STATEMENT Sandy Neck Beach Park art excursion: Samantha Van Gelder

Free Acrylic and embroidery on canvas

I had a very relaxing experience at Sandy Neck Beach; I connected to nature and had a very peaceful trip. The ride along behind the dunes looking out across the marsh was amazing, and all of the plants and animals were very interesting. I had never seen Sandy Neck like this before; I always went to the beach but never thought about what was beyond the dunes. When I was free writing outside of the Midway House, I thought about how calm I was and the feeling of complete serenity being in nature gave me. I was inspired by Barry Van Dussen, who painted beautiful depictions of different kinds of birds. I was inspired by the shape of the swallow and how graceful they are. I really started to enjoy working with sewing and then decided to incorporate some acrylic. I used acrylic to create smaller details and the blackbirds in the background.

DPW's 2020 Snow & Ice Brochure

The 2020 Department of Public Works Snow and Ice Brochure is out. You can view the brochure here.

Vineyard Wind Information Sessions in the Town of Barnstable



Updated January 23, 2020 - Update on Water Quality Resource Management Efforts in Barnstable

Barnstable's Channel 18 has prepared a YouTube playlist of segments they have created on Water Quality Resource Efforts in the Town of Barnstable. The informative pieces include Town Manager Mark Ells talking about Water Quality Planning, Herring Run 2019, Cotuit Bay Dredging, Barnstable at Work – Hyannis Water Supply Division, Water Quality Testing in the Three Bays and more. At the January 3, 2019 Town Council meeting, DPW Director Dan Santos presented an Update on Wastewater Management Efforts in Barnstable. We thought we would share this important information again in this week's eNews. Mr. Santos' presentation can be viewed here. Additional updates have been provided at the February 28, 2019 Town Council Meeting, March 21, 2019 Town Council Meeting, June 20, 2019 Town Council Meeting, August 15, 2019 Town Council Meeting, as well as the September 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Here is the link for Finance Director Mark Milne's presentation to the Town Council at their October 3, 2019 meeting. DPW Director Dan Santos, joined by Assistant DPW Director Rob Steen and Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin, presented the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) at the October 10, 2019 Town Council meeting. DPW Director Dan Santos provided an update on the CWMP during Town Manager Communications at the November 21, 2019 Town Council meeting, the December 19, 2019 Town Council meeting and the January 23, 2020 Town Council meeting.

ROAD WORK UPDATES

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

NEW National Grid New Customer Hookups

ROAD WORK AHEAD

Neuco crews will install gas service as follows: Monday, February 24, 2020 Summerside Lane, Hyannis; Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Whidden Avenue, Hyannis; Wednesday, February 26, 2020 Green Dunes Drive, Centerville; Thursday, February 27, 2020; Waterfield Road, Osterville; Friday, February 28, 2020 Cypress Point, Barnstable. 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 two 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.

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

Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021

MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road. 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.

Hours of Operation (Day/Night): Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. The initial work shall be done in four phases to allow access to local businesses for both vehicles and pedestrians. 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.

For more information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit <u>www.mass511.com</u>, 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 National Grid Service Road

National Grid Service Road Construction began on November 12, 2019; National Grid will be installing a new gas main on Service Road in Sandwich and Barnstable. Work in Barnstable will be starting the week of February 24th. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Service Road will remain open with one-lane of traffic. The project is scheduled to be completed in November, 2020.

CONTINUES Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village

Construction is scheduled to continue through May 2020. Normal work hours will be 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Main Street (Route 6A) from Rendezvous Lane to Mill Way, and Mill Way from Main Street to Barnstable Harbor Marina. The project objectives are to improve pedestrian access and overall traffic safety, rehabilitate aging infrastructure, and enhance the streetscape. The project scope includes new/improved sidewalks, landscaping, decorative street lighting in the village center, drainage, pavement, crosswalks, median islands, and traffic signals. In addition, Verizon is installing a number of new utility poles and the utility companies are responsible for transferring their lines to the new poles and then removing the obsolete poles. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road

construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

CONTINUES Sea Street, South Street, and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis

Construction is scheduled to continue into Spring 2020. Normal work hours will be 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Sea Street from Main Street to Ocean Avenue, Ocean Avenue from Sea Street to Keyes Memorial Beach, and the intersection of Sea Street & South Street. Comcast and Verizon are responsible for relocating overhead utility lines to the new poles and removing obsolete utility poles. Remaining work by the Town's contractor includes sidewalk work at the intersection of Sea Street & South Street; improvements at the beach parking driveway; sidewalk reconstruction and street lights installation on the east side of Sea Street between Main Street and South Street, and on the west side of Sea Street between South Street and Ocean Avenue; placing the top layer of asphalt on the roads and remaining driveway aprons; permanent pavement markings; and various punch list items. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

CONTINUES Route 149, Main Street, and River Road in Marstons Mills

Construction is scheduled to continue into Spring 2020. Normal work hours will be from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Route 149 from Mill Pond to Lovell's Lane, Main Street from Route 149 to the former elementary school, and River Road from Route 149 to the post office drive. Verizon is responsible for relocating overhead utility lines to the new poles and removing obsolete utility poles. Remaining work by the Town's contractor includes installing colorized stamped asphalt crosswalk surfaces; installing welcome signs; and various punch list items. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

Notice from the Town Assessor

From now until October, representatives of Vision Government Solutions, who have been contracted to conduct the Fiscal Year 2021 Town Wide Reappraisal Project, may request access to your property. The first phase of the project is: 1) the inspection of all real property that have not been inspected within the last ten years (the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue requires all communities to perform periodic inspections of all real property every TEN years); and 2) a full field review of <u>residential sales during calendar 2019 to be utilized in the FY2021 assessments</u> (the Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue requires all of all property every FIVE years). Channel 18 has shared a <u>brief video</u> with Town Director of Assessing Edward F. O'Neil, MAA, explaining why this project is so important.

The scope of this part of the project is to verify the property characteristics of sold properties in calendar year 2019. Accurate property data is a critical element in the development of uniform and equitable market values.

The representatives from Vision Government Solutions will have ID badges, a letter of introduction from the Town Director of Assessing, Edward F. O'Neil, MAA, and are registered with the Barnstable Police Department. The Board of Assessors and Vision Government Solutions appreciate your cooperation in providing the representative with access to your property or any information necessary to undertake this assignment. Please keep in mind that if your property characteristics are not accurate

a less reliable assessment could result. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the Assessors' Office at 508-862-4022.

There's lots going on at the Village Libraries of Barnstable

Barnstable Libraries' Corner Visit a Town of Barnstable Library today!

Sturgis Library in Barnstable Village www.sturgislibrary.org

> Centerville Public Library www.centervillelibrary.org

Cotuit Library www.cotuitlibrary.org

Hyannis Public Library www.hyannislibrary.org

Marstons Mills Public Library www.mmpl.org

Osterville Village Library www.ostervillevillagelibrary.org

Whelden Memorial Library in West Barnstable www.wheldenlibrary.org

Barnstable Residents – become involved in your town's government, apply for a position on a board, committee or commission

The Town of Barnstable has over 40 boards, committees, and commissions with approximately 291 seats. Our citizen participation is exemplary and the Town Council appreciates each and every member who serves. If you are a resident of Barnstable and are interested, please consider submitting an application. The appointments committee consists of five Town Councilors who interview applicants and make recommendations to the Town Council. All Councilors then vote to appoint members at the Town Council meetings. If you are a resident and registered to vote in the Town of Barnstable and are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit our web page linked from the Town <u>website</u> and fill out the application. For a more detailed description and responsibilities of the committees listed, please contact the Town Council office: <u>council@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> or phone 508-862-4738.

Looking for a Job? The Town of Barnstable is a Great Place to Work.

To see what positions are currently available, click <u>here</u>. Apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and click the "Apply" link. If this is the first time you are applying using the online job application, you need to create an account and select a username and password. After your account has been established, you can build an application by clicking on the "Build Job Application" link. This application can be saved and used to apply for more than one job opening.

Are you interested in the Bids and Request for Proposals (RFPs) the Town of Barnstable puts out?

Find all the Invitations for Bid and RFPs for the Town that are currently available to the public <u>here</u>.



e-News TRIVIA

Last Week's Question: As we approach the Presidents' Day Weekend, can you identify the United States Presidents with ties to Cape Cod? John & Ellen Perry were the first to respond with John F. Kennedy, Barack Obama,

Bill Clinton, Theodore Roosevelt, and Grover Cleveland. We received more responses that included: Ulysses S. Grant, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush, and Donald Trump.

This Week's Question: Where was the only hydro-electric plant on Cape Cod? Please email your answer here.



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