

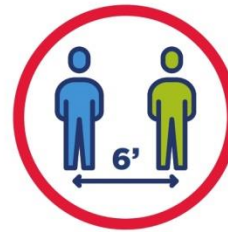
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January 8, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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Beach Water Quality Updates can be found on the [Town of Barnstable’s website](#).

Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

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

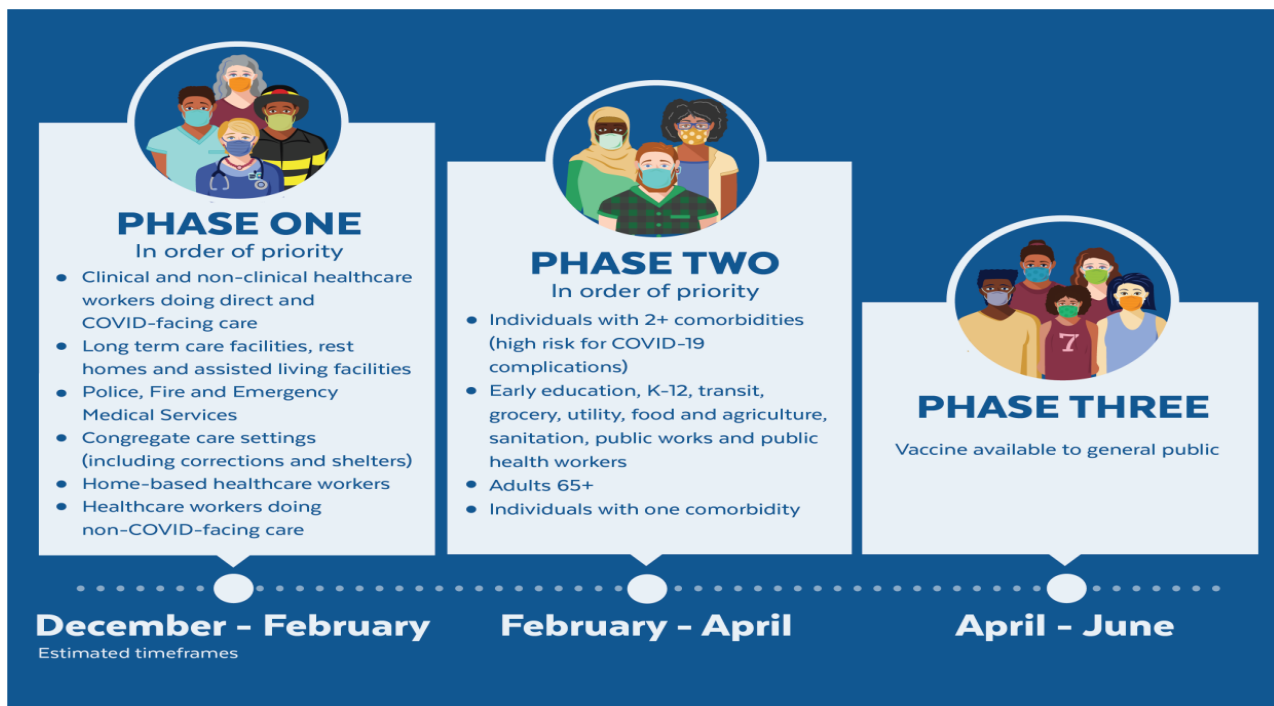
Town Council Meeting – Thursday, January 7, 2021

The January 7, 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. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.

Town Council President Matthew Levesque began last night’s [Town Council Meeting](#) with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by Town Councilor Paul Hebert offering a Moment of

Silence for Robert O’Gara, a Korean War Veteran who recently passed. Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, presented his Town Manager Communications for the period of December 18, 2020-January 7, 2021:

1. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development, provided an update on support to businesses during COVID.
2. Merry Holway, Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course (OBF) Head Professional, has won the 2021 Gary Philbrick Professional of the Year Award. *(see article in this issue of eNews)*
3. As a reminder the Town of Barnstable continues to follow the Orders and Directives of our Governor. The Governor continues to frequently update these Orders and Directives. I encourage everyone to go to the Mass.gov COVID website or the Town of Barnstable website and read these Orders and Directives. Governor Baker announced the extension of a temporary Executive Order which took effect on December 26th and will continue until Sunday, January 24th. This temporary Order reduces allowable occupancy capacity levels from 40% to 25% in multiple sectors as follows:
 - Capacity will be set at 25% of pre-COVID seating capacity and distancing between tables and other requirements will remain in place. Indoor and outdoor seating capacity must be calculated separately (rather than combining them).
 - Small spaces (such as personal services) and other spaces without clear occupancy standards may use 5 people / 1000 square feet as an alternative to the 25% occupancy.
 - Limits at indoor event venues are reduced to 10 people.
 - Limits at outdoor event venues are reduced to 25 people.
 - Limits at movie theaters are reduced to 25% (no more than 50 people per theater)
 - Office spaces are required to reduce capacity to 25%, but allowances for offices with “critical services”, such as public safety, public health, and other critical services is continued.
 - K-12 schools will continue to follow the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education standards and guidelines. Under separate email I have forwarded the School Superintendent’s update which includes their plan to commence in class learning on Monday, January 11, 2021.
5. On December 14, 2002, the Cape Cod Reopening Task Force announced the test sites at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis. Eligibility criteria for the testing include residency in Barnstable County. Tests for asymptomatic individuals are available by calling the Community Testing Line at 508-534-7103. For additional information please visit <https://www.capecodhealth.org/medical-services/infectious-disease/coronavirus/covid-19-testing-process/>
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](#) During Phase 1, healthcare workers, older adults living in skilled nursing facilities, congregate care settings, emergency responders (police, fire, EMS), shelters, corrections, and other healthcare workers will be prioritized for vaccination as doses become available. It should be noted that as of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations. The first shipments of vaccine have been delivered to hospitals across the Massachusetts for vaccinations of their workers. The State contracted with CVS and Walgreens to arrange for vaccinations of patients and residents of long term care facilities.



Key officials of the Town continue to meet daily to plan and implement proper actions which are in step with the Governor's orders and MA DPH guidelines. Health Division staff continue to meet and coordinate daily to ensure we are providing the most up-to-date information to citizens and business owners relative to latest Massachusetts requirements and recommendations.

During these times of increasing numbers of positive case counts and patient hospitalizations, we strongly urge 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.

Our Public Health Nurses continue to contact those who become infected and those who have come in contact with positive cases to ensure they are appropriately isolated and are following the required quarantine precautions. If you should have any questions, call us at the Town of Barnstable Health Division Office at 508-862-4644.

4. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2022 as scheduled and are planning for a level service budget in FY 2022. Last fiscal year we modified our municipal budget proposal from a level service to a level budget approach given the unknowns of the emergency declaration related to COVID. We are proceeding cautiously and next Town Council meeting Finance Director Mark Milne will share our fiscal projections as we proceed with preparation of the FY 2022 budgets. The joint meeting/workshop with the Town Council/School Committee to review the financial condition of the Town is scheduled for January 21, 2021. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
5. The deadline for using the Coronavirus Relief Funds has been extended to December 31, 2021. The Town of Barnstable is eligible for up to \$3.9 million from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund. This is addition to any eligible FEMA expenses, awards through the CDBG program

and direct aid to school districts as part of the CARES Act. We will keep you advised of any further modifications to this Fund.

6. We have completed the Town's FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This has been audited by an independent public accounting firm in accordance with Section 6-7 of the Town's Charter and their report can be found on pages 19-21. We received a "clean" opinion on the Town's financial statements. Finance has posted the CAFR to the Town's website and the Town Council has been provided an electronic copy. The two accompanying reports, a Management Letter and Report on Federal Awards Programs, are not yet finalized and will be provided in the near future.
7. On December 10, 2020 the Town Council held a Special Town Council meeting to review Fiscal Policy relative to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). In our effort to review the existing fiscal policy and potential changes for consideration by Town Council relevant to the CWMP, Mark Milne, Director of Finance, provided a Fiscal Policy presentation regarding the CWMP that was focused on several financial options. One of the options for consideration is a draft Sewer Assessment Ordinance. Director Milne has shared the draft ordinance with the Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) supported by a broader discussion of fiscal policy considerations for CFAC review and comment. The meeting with CFAC is planned for Monday, January 11, 2021. The comments of CFAC will be shared with Town Council. The link to the draft ordinance can be found on our web page under Departments, Town Manager, Office Updates 2020-12-17 Initial Draft Sewer Assessment Ordinance. We plan to bring a final draft ordinance to Town Council for consideration after a public review process. I plan to share the description of our communications and public engagement strategy with Town Council on January 21, 2021. In our continued efforts to achieve the desired communication outcome to maintain the professional credibility of the Town's government with its residents and stakeholders, the Town's citizenry should be active, involved, and feel heard on all aspects of our government and specifically on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. We anticipate an aggressive effort to engage our citizens in the review of this fiscal policy discussion even with the challenges of COVID upon us. We plan to have the next fiscal policy workshop discussion with Town Council in early April 2021. We will keep you advised of our progress and bring back a final draft sewer assessment ordinance for your consideration upon satisfactorily completing a public process.
www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/TownManager/Office_Updates/-2020-12-17-INITIAL-DRAFT-Sewer-Assessment-Ordinance.pdf?tm
8. Mark Milne, Director of Finance, provided a review on the budget process in anticipation of the joint Town Council/School Committee meeting on January 21, 2021 and in our continued efforts to adopt fiscal policy relative to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) a review of dedicated financial resources for the CWMP.

OLD BUSINESS began with Town Council Vice President Paula Schnepf reading **Agenda Item 2021-060** Reappointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: **Town of Barnstable's Representative to the Steamship Authority's Board of Governors:** Robert Jones, as a regular member to a term expiring 12/31/2023; **Town of Barnstable's Representative to the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority Port Council:** Eric Shufelt, as a regular member to a term expiring 12/31/2022 which were approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with Planning and Development Director Elizabeth Jenkins presenting **Agenda Item 2021-061** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal American Disability Act Improvement grant in the amount of **\$250,000** from the Massachusetts Office on Disability for completion of an American Disability Act Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan which was accepted. President Levesque thanked Assistant Human Resources Director Tammy Cunningham and

Assistant Planning and Development Director Liz Hartsgrove for their assistance with the grant. Department of Public Works Director Dan Santos presented **Agenda Item 2021-062** Acceptance of the grant of a water easement from OCW Retail-Hyannis, LLC for water main extension which was accepted. **Agenda Item 2021-063** Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$85,000** for the purpose of paying operating expenses of the Legal Department for the services of the law firm of Anderson & Kreiger which is serving as outside counsel to the Town with respect to two Notices of Intent to Sue received from the Conservation Law Foundation was referred to a Public Hearing on January 21, 2021. Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonabend presented **Agenda Item 2021-064** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Road Safety Grant in the amount of **\$39,999.80** from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security which was approved. At the end of the Orders of the Day, the Town Council voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation since a discussion in open session may have detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town and Town Council. Specifically, the Council will discuss the two Notices of Intent to File Suit dated August 5, 2020 and September 16, 2020, respectively, sent by the Conservation Law Foundation to the Town regarding claims under the Federal Clean Water Act and the Massachusetts Title 5 septic regulations and not to return to regular session. *The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21, 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).*

School Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Happy New Year! The School Committee had its first meeting of the new year on January 6th. The meeting started with the School Committee recognizing the work of David Kanyock, who retired on January 1st as the Director of Facilities. During his time in Barnstable he oversaw the building of the Enoch Cobb Early Learning Center, the first football turf field on the Cape at BHS, the new multi-purpose sports turf field, the BHS library, modular classrooms at BWB, playgrounds at almost every school in the district, a technology infrastructure overhaul, and the new Environmental Science Lab at BHS, to name a few of his major projects. Mike Lambros will be the new Director of Facilities for Barnstable Public Schools. Next, the School Committee was able to enjoy a virtual tour of the new Environmental Science Lab at BHS. You can watch the virtual tour [here](#). In Dr. Mayo-Brown's Superintendent Report, she discussed the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Report on Structured Learning Time during this school year. All Massachusetts' districts had to submit student schedules in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10. Schools are required to provide at least 35 hours of live instruction on a 10-day period. Barnstable was amongst the highest in the state providing 49 hours of live instruction over a 10-day period. The evening ended with the School Committee approving the Memorandum of Agreements with the Barnstable Teachers Association's Licensed Employee, Paraprofessionals, and Administrative Assistants units that each of the unions had ratified prior to the winter break.

Notice of Public Hearing: HD Zone Expansion & HD Plan Amendment 850 Falmouth Road and 3 Whitehall Way, Hyannis


A public hearing will be held on Wednesday January 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to consider expanding the existing Housing Development Zone (HD Zone) and amending the Housing Development Zone Plan (HD Plan) to include property at 850 Falmouth Road and 3 Whitehall Way, Hyannis. The proposed amendment to the Housing Development Zone plan describes how expanding the Housing Development Zone will increase residential growth, expand housing diversity, support economic development, and promote neighborhood stabilization. Public comment on whether the amended HD Zone and HD Plan

should be approved by the Town Council can be provided by utilizing the Zoom link or telephone number and Meeting ID provided below. If approved, the plan would allow the Council to execute tax incentive exemption agreements that exempt developers from the payment of certain real estate taxes which would otherwise be owed. Copies of the HD Zone and HD Plan may be reviewed at www.townofbarnstable.us/PlanningAndDevelopment.


Meeting Information:

<https://zoom.us/j/98378344589> or 888 475 4499 Meeting ID: 983 7834 4589

This Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 7th Annual Community Prevention Forum

**7TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
SUBSTANCE ABUSE
PREVENTION FORUM**

**Tuesday, January 12th
6:00-7:00 PM**
**30-MINUTE PRE-RECORDED
PRESENTATION BY LOCAL
EXPERTS FOLLOWED BY A
30-MINUTE Q&A SESSION**



CRITICAL INFORMATION ON HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SUBSTANCES


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


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

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

**LIVE
Q&A**
FOLLOWING THE
PROGRAM

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

**General Public is Welcome to attend this free event!**
Register in advance for this ZOOM meeting:
<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/TJ0acuuvrlljG9Xvw1L9FPCvm?l=1-EnuqcO>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Merry Holway Wins 2021 Gary Philbrick Golf Professional of the Year Award



Merry Holway, Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course (OBF) Head Golf Professional, has won the 2021 Gary Philbrick Professional of the Year Award! The award is the highest award given out by the Cape Cod Professional Golf Association (CCPGA). Merry has been working for the Town of Barnstable at OBF since 1995 and was mentored by the award's namesake and late OBF Director of Golf Gary Philbrick. Merry became the Head Professional at OBF after Gary's untimely passing in 2005. In that time Merry has been the consummate professional and the face of OBF. Her hard work and dedication over the last 25 years is commendable. OBF runs like a well-oiled machine known for excellence in customer service standards. OBF is one of the busiest municipal golf courses on Cape Cod, hosting over 40,000 rounds of golf each year. Merry and her staff do an outstanding job managing the large volume of play OBF sees with an emphasis on providing everyone with a great, memorable golfing experience. The awards ceremony will take place at the CCPGA Spring Meeting in April. Please join us in congratulating Merry on this outstanding achievement and well-deserved honor!

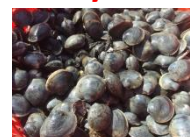
Airport Updates Name and Brand

Today the Airport rolled out a name change and new brand. The airport formerly known as Barnstable Municipal Airport (HYA) will now be marketed as Cape Cod Gateway Airport. The three letter identifier for the airport, HYA, will remain the same. As part of the 2018 Airport Business plan, four main goals were identified: to maximize general aviation activity at HYA, diversify revenue streams, become a regional air transportation leader, and enhance the airport image and branding. This puts us one step closer to reaching these goals," explained Airport Manager Katie Servis. "The new name and logo were chosen after a year-long review of alternative names presented during the Airport Master Plan Visioning Sessions and through discussions with airport users and Town of Barnstable officials. The airport considered its overall business objectives, potential opportunities a new name may afford, existing challenges, and our local community. The new name and logo were chosen not only to respond to passenger needs and expectations but to prepare for potential airline partnerships, align with the Airport's commercial future, refocus the customer experience, and change transportation perceptions for Cape Cod and the Islands. We wanted to ensure we created a greater sense of place as we market to travelers and users of the facility." "After months of deliberation and local and national research, we are happy with our decision with the name and logo," said Assistant Airport Manager Matthew Elia. "We are excited to start this new year with a new look." The airport will be gradually changing the logo throughout the terminal and grounds.



Commercial Shellfish Permit Lottery Applications Accepted Until February 1st

The Marine and Environmental Affairs Department is accepting Commercial Shellfish Permit Lottery applications from January 1, 2021 – February 1, 2021. The lottery regulations and application form are available [here](#).



Revised Massachusetts Travel Advisory

The state has revised the [Travel Advisory](#) to reduce the quarantine period to 10 days. This advisory requires that individuals (age 11 and up), who travel/return to Massachusetts from high-risk states, produce a negative COVID-19 test result or quarantine for 10 days upon arrival/return to Massachusetts.

Barnstable Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Fund

Applications Accepted through January 15, 2021

Background

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

Eligibility

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

OR

- ❑ **Disabled-** Applicant must be receiving benefits from a State or Federal recognized disability entity. (example: Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration)
- ❑ **Total gross household** income shall not exceed **\$35,000.00 single**, or **\$40,000 married**. **Other assets must be less than \$40,000**. Other Assets are the value of personal property and other real estate excluding domicile. This includes cars, boats, savings and checking accounts.

Gross household income is income earned in the calendar year ending 12/31/2019 and should include all income received from all sources by the applicant as well as any additional residents in the household.

Please be advised that we refer to the official Town Census Listing to confirm household residents.

- Applicant(s) must be the titled owner of the property or hold a life estate in the property on July 01, 2020. If Title is held by a Trust, **the applicant must be both a trustee and at least a 50% beneficiary of the trust in order to qualify. The property must be the applicant's primary residence.**
- Please provide proof of income by attaching copies of all the following that apply:

Social Security Benefits Award letter	Bank/Investment Account Statements
IRS Form W-2	IRS Form 1099
Pay Stubs	IRS Form 1040

Timeline

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

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



REMOTE MEAL STOPS

FREE BPS Student Meals while Remote Learning

Monday-Thursday one breakfast + one lunch and multiple meals on Friday

Route A	
1660 Rt. 28, Centerville Plaza	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
2377 Meetinghouse Way, Lombard Field	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Route B	
2095 Main St., old Marstons Mills Elementary	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
140 Old Oyster Rd., old Cotuit Elementary	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Route C	
168 Barnstable Rd., Cromwell Court	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.
767 Independence Dr., Village Green Apts.	12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Route D	
852 Bearer's Way, Hyannis Elks	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Free Grocery Delivery Service for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk

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

See a list of participating grocery stores with pre-ordering and curbside pickup options [here](#). Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is essential for "flattening the curve" of infections, which will curb the outbreak, prevent hospitals from getting overwhelmed with patients seeking treatment, and ultimately reduce the number of deaths. For current information on the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), please visit the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment's website: barnstablecountyhealth.org. If you have questions or concerns, please email COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org.

MEMA Offers Resource of Testing Site Map

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is a great resource for COVID-19 testing locations with its [COVID-19 Test Site Locator](#). The map provides an easy way to locate a COVID-19 test site near you. All of those experiencing symptoms or those who have been in close contact recently with a COVID positive individual should seek testing. There are different filters you can choose, such as free testing for residents, test children, referral not required, drive thru services, etc.

News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

Savvy Caregiver Program

The Savvy Caregiver Program is a free six-session training for family and friends who are active caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The next session will be conducted online via

Zoom, and runs January 27-March 3, from 10-11:30am. For more information or to register, please call Stacey Cullen at **508-862-4765** or email her at stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Barnstable Connects Dementia-Friendly Programs

The Barnstable Council on Aging invites caregivers and members of our community to join Barnstable Connects. Barnstable Connects is a dementia-friendly program that provides engaging programs for member of our community with memory impairments. The program focuses on keeping our bodies in motion, cognitive exercises and of course a little fun. Well-trained dementia friendly leaders lead the programs. For more information, please contact Stacey Cullen at **508-862-4765** or email: stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us



Silver Alert

The Barnstable Silver Alert program is a partnership between the Town of Barnstable Police Department and the Barnstable Council on Aging. The program provides the Barnstable Police Department with vital information about potential at-risk residents who may wander or have the potential for getting lost. "At risk" includes persons with memory impairment,

mental/behavioral health concerns or other health issues which may impair ability or judgment. To participate, you simply complete the registration form and provide a current photo of the resident. This personal and medical information is entered into a confidential database, and will be utilized in a recovery plan should that person go missing. The BCOA Outreach Department is available to assist families with preparing the necessary paperwork and can, if needed, take a photo of the "at risk" person. For more information, or to request assistance, please call Jacqi Easter at **508-862-4757**.

AARP Volunteer Tax Preparation Assistance

If you need help filling out tax forms, there are plans to conduct physically-distanced tax assistance this year. The details are being worked out, but we hope to have more information soon, and we will post them on the BACC Facebook Page and in our weekly Enews. **Scheduling for available appointments will begin on January 18, 2021. For an appointment, please call 508-862-4762.**

Grab & Go Grocery Bags



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

Weekly Drive thru Grab & Go

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab & Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll be happy to see you, and will bring the food items right to your car. Masks and proper social distancing practices are always in place. This program is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging. Questions? Call Stacey at **508-862-4765**.

The Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter is sent at least once a week, and contains lots of information and resources for the older adult community. If you'd like to have it sent to you, please email:



judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us. You'll also want to "like" and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page, where you'll find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed.

Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Payments Available

If you have been unable to pay your rent or mortgage due to a loss of income related to the coronavirus, you may be eligible for Emergency Rental or Mortgage Assistance Payments through the Workforce Housing Relief Fund administered by the Housing Assistance Corporation. The application and additional information about the Fund are available on the Housing Assistance Corporation's website. <https://haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention/>. The Town of Barnstable's Affordable Housing Growth and Development Trust Fund contributed \$300,000 to Housing Assistance Corporation's Workforce Housing Relief Fund.

Call to artists to participate in 2021

Applications available on line at www.ArtsBarnstable.com

2021 HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY SEASON

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

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

Application review begins November 1 of each year.

Applications can be submitted online: www.ArtsBarnstable.com

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

ABOUT THE HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY PROGRAM:

Artist shanties are located in the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District, on Ocean Street, along the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Hyannis Main Street to Hyannis Harbor. Seven shanties are located at Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, and steps away five shanties are located at the Harbor Overlook, 51 Ocean Street, at the corner of South and Ocean Street, overlooking Aselton Park and Hyannis Harbor. The expansion of the Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanty program to two locations creates an additional attraction for visitors walking from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor through the Hyannis Village Green along the Walkway-to-the-Sea and, at the same time, provides more affordable selling space and increased exposure for local artists and artisans. The Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanty Program began in 2005, as the first in a series of arts-oriented strategies designed to provide opportunities and exposure for local artists; enliven the economic climate in downtown Hyannis; and establish an important vibrant backdrop for year round residents and visitors. The shanties are open weekends May through mid-June; seven days a week through end of September; October weekends and special events in November and December. Artist work is hand-made, hand crafted or designed and all artists are from Cape Cod. A variety of work is represented including jewelry, paintings, photography, visual art, woodcarving, fiber arts, ceramics, rope work, glass work, literary art, mixed media, and more. This artist program is made possible in cooperation with the Town of Barnstable, and its Cultural District partners including the Cape Cod Art Center (CCAC), Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District (BID), the Greater Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce, the JFK Hyannis Museum and Cape Cod Maritime Museum and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority.



ROAD WORK UPDATES

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

***NEW* Tree Removal 707 Main Street, Osterville, Between East Bay Road and West Bay Road**

The Department of Public Works Tree Crew will be performing a tree take down on Monday, January 11, 2021. The removal will be in the vicinity 707 Main Street, Osterville between East Bay Road and West Bay Road. Work performed will include cutting, chipping and stump grinding. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the day on Monday, January 11, 2021. The removal process will require lane closures throughout the day. At times, vehicular traffic will be directed by Barnstable Police Officers. Operations will start promptly at 8:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM, after which time traffic will be opened back onto all lanes of Main Street. Traffic during construction operations will be delayed and motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the tree work.

***NEW* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Monday, January 11, 2021 through Friday, January 15, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on North Street Hyannis. Friday, January 15, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Harbor Road 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](https://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* Sewer Construction on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue**

Robert B. Our Co., Inc. will be starting construction on a privately funded sewer extension on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue from 10 Hyannis Avenue to Nob Hill Road. The work will consist of the installation of approximately 1,250 feet of new sewers which, upon completion of the work, will become part of the municipal sewer system, and allow for adjacent properties to connect to the municipal sewer system. The disturbed roadways will be trench patched (temporary pavement) for the remainder of the winter. In the spring, the disturbed roadways will be milled and paved for the full road width. Weather pending, work began on December 21st and the work is anticipated to take six (6) weeks to complete. Work will be performed from 7:00 AM to 5:00 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, originally scheduled to start December 14th, is now scheduled to start January 4, 2021 on Longview Drive in Hyannis. This project will install approximately 500 feet of 8 inch water main and move the temporary interconnection with the COMM water system to a vacant lot on Longview Drive. The metal container will be enclosed in a building appropriate for the neighborhood. Normal works hours will be between 8:00 AM and 4:40 PM.

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

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

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

MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road will continue through to April 2021. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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

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

***CONTINUES* National Grid Service Road**

National Grid has completed the installation of new gas main on Service Road in Barnstable. The gas line was activated on December 3rd, and the contractor will start demobilizing from the site in by mid-December. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Service Road will remain open with one-lane of traffic. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Final re-paving of Service Road is anticipated to be completed in spring 2021.

***CONTINUES* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in Centerville/Main Street in Osterville**

Work on the bridge supports is scheduled to continue through mid-January 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday; however, the work may be performed during nighttime and weekends based on tidal cycles and weather conditions. The contractor is expected to deploy their construction craft from McCarthy's Landing (aka Hayward Landing) at 40 Hayward Road in Centerville. This may create brief delays for other users when the contractor is using the landing. The ramp will still be available for public access. The contractor is responsible for maintaining small vessel navigational access under the bridge at all times during construction. Mariners are urged to use caution and go slow when approaching and moving through the work area. It is expected that divers will be in the water during construction operations. Mariners are required to maintain proper distance from Dive and Alpha flags based on Maritime law. The bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction. During this work there may be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

***CONTINUES* Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, Water Distribution, and Associated Improvements on Independence Drive in Hyannis and Barnstable Village, and on**

Portions of Mary Dunn Road, Kidd's Hill Road, and Attucks Lane in Barnstable Village

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

***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) 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 lien parcels that are in Tax Title may be mailed to:

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

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

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

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

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Abatement Applications

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

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

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

Property Information

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

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

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

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

200 MAIN STREET

Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.

- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

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

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The Last Word:
Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.
~ Seneca

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