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January 15, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

Notice of Town Office Closures for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Last year, we shared the voices of students from Kathy Duran’s class and it seems appropriate now. You can watch the video [here](#). Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown said, “It is a reminder that there is great hope and expectation from our students, and that as educators we can impact the world through future generations. Your work is important, valued and appreciated.”

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Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

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

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. In his latest [Community Update](#), Mr. Ells shares information related to the state's rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine. He asks that you stay up-to-date on the latest updates to Governor Baker's orders and directives and remain diligent with the protocols that will keep you, your family, and community safe. A special community message to *Stay Safe, Stay Home If Sick* follows this week's Update. You are encouraged to visit the state's website for more information regarding [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#). The Town of Barnstable continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

A Message from Barnstable Public Schools

Dear BPS Community,

This past week I continued our remote learning plan, due to the higher risk of transmission in schools, combined with the increased number of positive cases among students. Remote learning this week was also a preventative measure, allowing for 14 day period beyond January 1st. This strategy was the same strategy we used post-Thanksgiving.

Similar to the trend we saw post-Thanksgiving, our BPS cases are now declining, even though community spread remains high. Our district physician, Dr. Katie Rudman, has indicated it is reasonable to return to in-person learning. Therefore, as discussed at today's steering committee meeting, ***I am announcing that we will return to in-person learning on Tuesday, January 19.***

In order to continue our goal of in-person learning, we are dependent upon our students, families, and community following healthy protocols – avoiding gatherings, washing hands frequently, staying six feet apart, wearing a mask, staying home when ill, and following the travel advisory for Massachusetts. The risk of in-school transmission remains high. We will do our part to implement and insist on our health and safety protocols during school hours. We need our families as partners in this endeavor, outside of school, so that our schools can remain as healthy and safe as possible. When we become aware of gatherings or other activities that may ultimately impact the health of our students and staff through transmission, it generates concern, worry and frustration across schools and will compromise our ability to stay open in-person. We will continue to monitor our public health data, consult with our district physician and public health, as we continue to navigate keeping schools open in a global pandemic.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of BPS.

Sincerely,

Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown

Superintendent of Schools

First Responders Vaccinated for COVID-19 in the Town of Barnstable

The Town of Barnstable Health Division successfully vaccinated 337 first responders for COVID-19 during the past two days (192 first responders on Tuesday, January 12th and 145 first responders on Wednesday, January 13th). Our first responders are comprised of police officers from the Barnstable Police Department, firefighters and paramedics from our five (5) fire districts (Barnstable, Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills (COMM), Cotuit, Hyannis, and West Barnstable), firemen from the Cape Cod

Gateway Airport, and police from the Cape Cod Community College. Clinics for their required second doses will be held in early February. We wish to thank the COMM Fire District Deputy Chief Byron Eldridge, Hyannis Fire Chief Peter Burke, and Deputy Police Chief Mark Cabral of Barnstable Police for their great assistance during these clinics.

Barnstable County Announces Region-wide Helpline to address COVID-19-related Questions

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

The Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment announced today the launch of a regionwide helpline to respond to COVID-19 related questions starting Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 8:00 AM. 10 Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers have been trained to answer questions about COVID-19, such as how to get a COVID-19 test or how to help someone navigate the three-phased approach to vaccination. “Staff at Barnstable County are beginning to be inundated with questions, especially from residents who are confused about when and how they can get a vaccine,” said Barnstable County Communications Manager Sonja Sheasley. “What our region needs right now, especially our elders who might not be comfortable with email or social media, is to be able to connect with a kind voice on the other end of a phone line who can help clarify information about the vaccine rollout. Through the generous help from the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers, we are making this happen.” The MRC helpline team can also walk residents through more complex questions, directing them to the right resources in their local communities and in other state government departments. Volunteers cannot provide individual clinical advice or a diagnosis through the helpline. If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 and are symptomatic, call your health care provider. Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps Director Diana Gaumont said, “Much of the MRC’s mission is to engage our local communities in times of emergency, to strengthen public health and preparedness. This mission includes helping people navigate complex information during this pandemic.” **The helpline will be taking calls beginning next Tuesday, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at 1-774-330-3001.** Barnstable County wants to ensure residents that a coordinated response is taking place in our region. We remain committed to encouraging all citizens to wear a mask, maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet, and wash hands for at least 20 seconds. For more information, COVID-19 case counts, testing, and vaccine information visit <http://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org> or <http://www.mass.gov>

Barnstable Police Department Swears In Five New Patrol Officers

On January 13, 2021 the Barnstable Police Department swore in five (5) new patrol officers who will now begin three (3) months of field training before starting solo patrol duty. The five (5) officers recently graduated from the Plymouth Police Academy’s 69th Recruit Officer Course after 22 weeks of police training. Below are brief bios on the new officers:

Denise Baldner – Officer Baldner was born in Brazil and moved to the Town of Barnstable in 2007, she is fluent in both Portuguese and English. Officer Baldner attended Barnstable High School, graduating in 2012. She then earned her Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Cape Cod Community College in 2018. Officer Baldner interned at the Barnstable County Sheriff’s Office and is also a graduate of the Barnstable Police Citizen’s Police Academy.

Sean Cleary – Officer Cleary was born and raised in the Town of Barnstable. Officer Cleary attended Lake Forest Academy where he graduated from in 2014 and then went on to play hockey in Canada for a short time. Officer Cleary later attended UMass Lowell and graduated from Salem State University in 2020 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Science; he achieved the Dean’s List at both universities. Officer Cleary

played hockey at both universities and he received the MVP award in the 2019-2020 season for the Salem State University Men's Hockey Team.

Lorne Fellows Jr. – Officer Fellows was born in Tallahassee, FL and moved to the Town of Barnstable at a young age. He attended Barnstable High School and graduated in 2012 as an honor roll student. Officer Fellows attended Utica College and Suffolk University and achieved the Dean's List at both universities. Officer Fellows played hockey at both universities and spent time playing professional hockey for the Evansville Thunderbolts. Officer Fellows spends his free time coaching youth hockey in town.

Joseph Hallgren – Officer Hallgren grew up in Norton, MA where he attended Norton High School and graduated in 2012. Officer Hallgren was a varsity track and field athlete. He then attended Wentworth Institute of Technology as well as Texas Tech before becoming a full-time employee at Hy-Line Cruises in Hyannis in 2015. Officer Hallgren received employee of the month awards from Hy-Line on several occasions.

Riley Shea – Officer Shea grew up in Long Island New York where he graduated from Comsewogue High School in 2013. After high school, Officer Shea attended the University of Rhode Island where he played college baseball and achieved the Dean's List. He eventually transferred to Fitchburg State University, where he again achieved the Dean's List, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2018. After college, Officer Shea obtained his EMT certification and worked for Coastal Medical Transportation on Cape Cod. In addition, Officer Shea was also a supervisor for the Town of Dennis' Department of Natural Resources during the summer.

The new officers are all looking forward to living in and serving the citizens and visitors of the Town of Barnstable.



Barnstable Youth Commission Climate Subcommittee Meeting

On Wednesday, January 13th, the Barnstable Youth Commission Climate Subcommittee met with members of the Department of Public Works (DPW) staff – Rob Steen (Assistant DPW Director), Griffin Beaudoin (Town Engineer), and Casey Scrima (Engineering Aide) along with Town Council Vice President Paula Schnepf, Town Councilor Gordon Starr, Community Services Director Madeline Noonan, Recreation Director Patti Machado, and Ella Sampou from the Youth Climate Action Network – to review the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and its effects on climate. The agenda included a review of the problem, needs, potential solutions (science, traditional,

nontraditional), the Plan, What You Can Do, and a question and answer period. Casey did an outstanding job on making a complicated subject more easily understood. Kudos to the Youth Commission for taking on this serious issue that affects all of us. You can view the presentation here on [Video on Demand](#) or [here](#) on YouTube.

Assembly of Delegates Launches 17th Session with New Leadership

Barnstable Delegate Patrick Princi Named Speaker

The 17th Session of the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates held its first meeting of the new Session on Jan. 6, 2021. In its first actions, the Assembly elected Barnstable Delegate Patrick Princi as Speaker and Brewster Delegate Mary Chaffee as Deputy Speaker. Speaker Princi has served in the Assembly since 2012. He is a probation officer, has led projects to address homelessness, was a legislative aide on Beacon Hill and a commercial shell fisherman. He has served the town of Barnstable on the Community Preservation

Committee, Economic Development Commission and Barnstable Charter Commission. Speaker Princi received the Cape Cod American Red Cross “Hero Award for Community Service.” He is a graduate of Barnstable High School, Saint Michael’s College, and holds a Master of Public Administration degree. Deputy Speaker Chaffee has served in the Assembly since 2017, is the Chair of Brewster’s Select



Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates Speaker Patrick Princi (Barnstable) and Deputy Speaker Dr. Mary Chaffee (Brewster)

Board, and served seven years on the Town’s Board of Health. She served as a Navy nurse for 26 years, where she was promoted to the rank of Captain. She is the author of dozens of publications, was a policy analyst attached to the Pentagon, and interned in the office of U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye. Deputy Speaker Chaffee completed two bachelor’s degrees at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and received a PhD from the University of Maryland Baltimore. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts School of Law Dartmouth, and was recognized with a Burton Award, a national award for legal writing. The Assembly of Delegates is the legislative arm of Cape Cod regional government. It was established through the Barnstable County Charter passed by the State Legislature in 1988. Each of Cape Cod’s 15 towns elect an Assembly Delegate every two years. The Board of Regional Commissioners, and County Administrator who leads daily County government activities, form the executive branch of Barnstable County government.

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](#) 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. **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.

Capacity/Gathering Limits through January 24, 2021 can be found here

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/temporary-capacity-and-gathering-limits>

Happy New Year from Barnstable Golf!

Hyannis Golf Course is currently open for winter golf weather permitting. We open for play with carts starting at 8:30 AM pending any frost. The driving range and practice areas are also open. Carts are limited to the last 18 hole cart will be sold at 11:00 AM and the last 9 hole cart will be sold at 1:00 PM and as always **TEE TIMES ARE REQUIRED**. The [tee time link](#) is available along with our [current specials/rates](#) and our [annual pass application](#) if interested in joining. Thank you!

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.

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

Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Hyannis Transportation Center in January

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****

- January 16 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register.](#)
- January 23 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register.](#)
- January 30 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register.](#)

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

A message from Donna Burns, Director

When the pandemic hit, and the world as we knew it stopped, the staff of the BCOA and every human service organization faced daunting challenges. In a demonstration of their commitment to our community, I am so proud to let you know that our staff went to work and began reinventing our traditional service models. We identified the core needs of older adults during a “Shelter Safely at Home” order: Food Security, Safety, Loneliness, Caregiver Support, and Outreach Support.



To assure food security, a Grab and Go Meals Program was launched in March, which to date has served 16,160 meals. Our monthly Brown Bag Nutrition Support program has distributed 2,872 bags of



nutritious food to largely home bound older adults, and our staff has stocked a food pantry with food for Emergency Food Bag deliveries. To provide a sense of security to older adults living alone, 3,650 daily Reassurance Calls have been made. To determine whether there may be those

who may need extra assistance, we have made Wellness Survey calls to over 2,500 adults over 75 in our community.

We have received 1,564 Outreach calls. We have been able to assist people with Real Estate Tax Assistance, Fuel Assistance, and assisted over 200 people with SHINE assistance over the Medicare Open Enrollment period. There were 118 referrals to Elder Services for older adults in need of more complex assistance. At Thanksgiving we delivered 133 meals to homebound older adults, and provided bags of holiday gifts to older adults who live alone and have few social supports. Caregiver support continued, as 3,320 daily calls were made to caregivers in need of support.



To keep our older adult community engaged and active, we embraced technology and offered 170 Virtual Programs. Health and Wellness, such as Meditation, Yoga, and Chair Exercise were very popular, as were a vast array of classes in culture, arts and science. There were many dementia friendly classes offered, and activity packets delivered to stave off boredom and keep minds active.

Floral bouquets to cheer the spirit were delivered, Sweet Treats on Thursdays were a reason to take a drive and have a cupcake or ice cream and a laugh with a friend in the next car over. Home deliveries of activity packets, food, documents that needed to be delivered, or other items of necessity were made. If that turned into an extended safely distanced, mask in place front door visit that was fine. I cannot say who enjoyed it more – the resident or the staff person. For both, it is all about that treasured connection. Why not have a holiday concert out of our van in the parking lot? Cocoa, cookies, carols and the wonderful magic of community coming together, even in a parking lot, is good for the soul.



In spite of the struggles, I am filled with hope for better days. I am optimistic that we are soon to turn the tide of fear as we look forward to an end of this pandemic. I have deep gratitude for our caring Barnstable community who has been there to support each other, young and old alike. I am so proud to be a member of the caring, kind and dedicated BCOA staff, all of whom care so deeply for the older



adults in our community. I am so proud that together, we found a way to overcome, and shine a light for those who needed us, to see.

It is the little things that build community, and help remind us that we are all in this together. Just maybe, we will look back at this difficult time, and what we will remember first is how we helped each other through.

Wishing You a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Donna Burns, Director

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

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

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.

Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter

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.

Abstract Art Class - An Artful Blend

Barnstable Town Hall ARTIST SPOTLIGHT –VIRTUAL GALLERY

Now through March 2021

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

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

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

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

ABOUT THE ARTWORK SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM:

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

Artwork may be viewed virtually at artsbarnstable.com

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

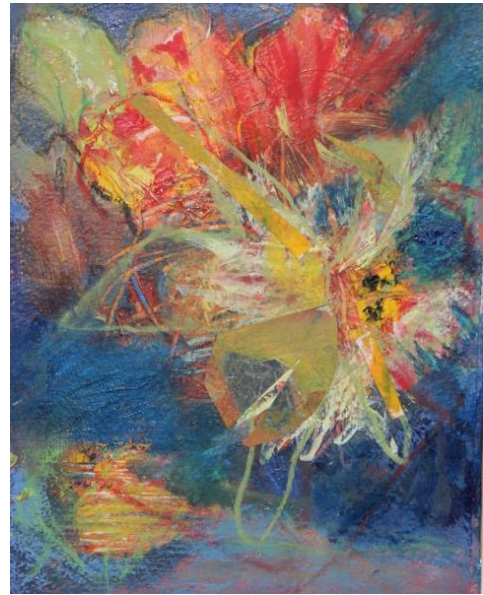
508-862-4767 | www.ArtsBarnstable.com

ARTIST STATEMENTS (we will feature a different artist each week for the next four weeks):

PAM ABRAMS-WARNICK: Pamabramswarnick@gmail.com

Pam is a curious painter always pushing the boundaries and finding ways to insert specks of brilliant color and authentic shapes. Pam's art ebbs and flows between Chaos, color, and using her imagination. Pam is not afraid to try something different or experiment with new materials to help her paintings grow.

"Marcel Proust stated 'the real discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but rather in having new eyes.' My art reflects explorations of my own history and life's transitions (some normal, some traumatic), and how this energy finds its way into an abstracted work of art. I love playing with and exploring varied mediums, yet, most recently, I enjoy creating with mixed media and collage. For example, I use an old painting as a substrate, or ripped up artwork, or photographs of my paintings as ephemera; synthesizing the old with the new, thus, creating a new piece that has the history to actually support it. As a retired psychotherapist, I am attuned to the emotion within words. As an artist, I am drawn to the emotion and energy represented by the marks, shapes and colors. Living on Cape Cod, with its natural beauty, also directly informs my work."



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* Renovations to Oyster Harbor Bridge in Osterville**

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. MAS will begin mobilizing to the project site on Thursday, January 14, 2021. The lane closure is scheduled to begin during the week of January 18, 2021. 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.

***NEW* MassDOT Schedules Waterline Improvements at 691 Yarmouth Road**

MassDOT's contractor, Robert B. Our, will be working within Yarmouth Road to install a new 8" waterline crossing. Work is scheduled to be performed on January 20th and January 21st, between the

hours of 8:00 pm and 5:00 am. Traffic will be limited to hospital and local business traffic in the southbound lane only. This section of roadway will closed to northbound traffic. All other traffic will be detoured via Camp St. Message boards directing traffic will be provided, as well as Police details/flaggers as needed. Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

***UPDATED* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Monday, January 18, 2021 through Friday, January 22, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on North Street 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.

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

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

***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 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

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.

[Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19](#)

The Last Word:

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

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