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**July 10, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:**  
**New**  
**Updated**  
**Same as previous week(s)**

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

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

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

**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. [Mr. Ells' latest Community Update](#) offers updates on Governor Baker's Phase III, Step I impacts including the opening of many activities, a 4<sup>th</sup> of July wrap up, issues at Long Beach in Centerville, and the continued need for personal responsibility. Large group events are not permitted until Phase IV. If you have a permit for an event on Town property, please call to make sure that it is valid as things may have changed since the permit was originally processed. Mr. Ells also requested that if the public sees something going on that shouldn't be, they should call the Police or email Town Hall at [email@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:email@town.barnstable.ma.us) to report the problem. The Town of Barnstable is proceeding with assisting businesses with economic recovery. Here is the link to [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#). Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

**New Law Allows for Voting By Mail**

In July, a new law was passed to allow all registered voters in Massachusetts to vote by mail in any 2020 election, with no excuse needed. As required by the new law, a Vote by Mail application will be mailed to every person who was registered to vote by July 1 and who had not already requested an absentee

ballot for the State Primary or for all elections this year. A second mailing will be sent out in September to all voters who have not already applied for a Vote by Mail ballot for the November election. The applications are pre-addressed to your local election official and no postage is necessary. Vote by Mail applications must be delivered to your local election office no later than 4 business days before the election. For a State Primary ballot, your application must reach your local election office no later than August 26. For a State Election ballot, your application must reach your local election office no later than October 28. If you wish to vote by mail, you are strongly encouraged to return your application as early as possible, to make sure that you will receive your ballot in time to return it and have it be counted. Vote by Mail applications are available for [download](#) and may also be requested by [contacting the Elections Division](#). You can find more information on voting by mail on Secretary of State William Galvin's [Voting by Mail FAQs](#) page.

## **Barnstable Affordable Housing/Growth & Development Trust Fund Grants \$300,000 to Housing Assistance Corporation to Provide Support to Barnstable Individuals and Families Residing in the Town of Barnstable Adversely Affected by COVID-19**

The Barnstable Affordable Housing/Growth & Development Trust Fund recently voted to grant the Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC) Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000) Dollars in Trust funds to provide support to Barnstable individuals and families residing in the town of Barnstable adversely affected by COVID-19 whose income is 80% or less of the Area Median Income through a temporary emergency rental assistance program. Eligible applicants could qualify for up to \$5,000 to pay rent and rental arrearages. The Trust's contribution used in conjunction with other funds received by HAC in its Workforce Relief Fund and Homelessness Prevention Programs will provide Barnstable residents with urgent and ongoing assistance to pay past due rent or mortgage payments or other housing-related expenses up to \$5,000 for Barnstable residents who are losing income due to the coronavirus.

<https://haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention/>

Below are the eligibility guidelines for the various available programs. The income eligibility under ERMA is the same for the funds which the Trust contributed. .

### **RAFT (Residential Assistance for Families in Transition)**

This state funded program provides payments to prevent homelessness. Eligible clients will demonstrate 1) loss of income or increase in expenses that has caused housing instability, 2) that they do not have other resources to make the payment, and 3) that the payment will stabilize their housing. Payments are made directly to landlord, mortgage company or other vendor.

Eligible clients can make up to 50% Area Median Income. Numbers below are for Barnstable County. Nantucket and Dukes County AMIs vary.

1 person household up to \$33,850

2 person household= \$38,650

3 person household = \$43,500

### **ERMA (Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance)**

This state funded program provides rental or mortgage payments to prevent homelessness. Eligible clients will demonstrate 1) loss of income or increase in expenses that has caused housing instability

that was due to COVID-19, 2) that they do not have other resources to make the payment, and 3) that the payment will stabilize their housing. Payments are made directly to landlord, mortgage company or other vendor.

Eligible clients can make between 50% and 80% Area Median Income. Numbers below are for Barnstable County. Nantucket and Dukes County AMIs vary.

1 person household up to \$54,150

2 person household up to \$61,850

3 person household up to \$69,600

### **Workforce Housing Assistance Fund**

Eligible clients can make up to 100% Area Median Income, and must not be eligible for other state, federal or local relief. They must demonstrate a loss of income or increase in expenses that has caused them to fall behind on rent or mortgage payments. Priority is given to clients impacted by COVID or related economic downturn. Numbers below are for Barnstable County. Nantucket and Dukes County AMIs vary.

## **Congratulations to 2019 Barnstable Recreation Employees of the Year!**



Recreation Director Patti Machado and Assistant Recreation Director John Gleason presented this year's awards on location for the employees who were recognized for their efforts during the 2019 season.



## **Congratulations to Assistant Recreation Director John Gleason Recognized as One of Cape & Plymouth Business Magazine's 40 Under 40**

Congratulations to the Town of Barnstable's Assistant Recreation Director John Gleason who has been recognized as one of this year's Cape & Plymouth Business Magazine's *40 Under 40*! John has been working for the Town for 17 years. His initial goal was to work in professional sports. He was an intern for the Boston Celtics in college. He transitioned to graduate school where he became the assistant baseball coach at Western New



England University. He did an internship with Barnstable Recreation. After the internship ended, he was hired full-time and the rest, as "they" say, is history. In his write up for the magazine, John says that his favorite professional moment was being named Assistant Director of Recreation for the Town. John and his wife Barbara and are the proud parents of Molly, Colin, and Keegan. When he's not working, John can be found at his children's sporting events and activities. Congratulations, John!

## **Cotuit's Marion "Mimi" McConnell, Barnstable's First Woman President of the Town Council, Named 2020 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year**

The Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Selection Committee in partnership with the Barnstable County Commissioners is proud to announce that the winner of the 19th Annual Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Award is **MARION "MIMI" McCONNELL of Cotuit.**

### **ABOUT THE RECIPIENT:**

Mimi McConnell's name was placed into nomination by the Barnstable County Commissioners and was approved by that body on July 8, 2020. She was originally nominated by Nancy Meagher as President of the West Barnstable Civic Association; by Nancy Shoemaker, 2018 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year, and by Mimi's daughter Newbery Honor-winning author Lauren Elizabeth Wolk. Despite COVID-19, the Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Selection Committee was privileged to receive many outstanding nominations this year. Mimi rose to the top in this turbulent year as a modern-day Mercy Otis Warren, who, in the words of her daughter has served the people of Cape Cod "without fanfare". Soft-spoken as Mimi is, her tenacity, when it comes to the preservation of the environment, delivers a powerful punch. Before moving to the Cape in 1982, she helped create the Assateague





Island National Seashore in Maryland and worked with Save the Bay projects in San Francisco and Rhode Island. In Cape Cod, she quickly became involved, serving as a Board member of the Cotuit-Santuit Civic Association with whom she led a grass roots village effort to preserve a 35-acre parcel of land to protect the water quality of Popponesset Bay. This parcel is known as part of the Crocker Neck Conservation area, purchased by the Town of Barnstable in the early 1980s. Mimi was co-founder of the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, serving as its first Executive Director from 1988-1995. During this time, she also was a Cotuit Water Commissioner, a Barnstable Town Meeting member, and elected to the first Barnstable Town Council, serving as its first woman president. As an activist in the Cotuit Fire District, she created the Citizen Handbook, which explains the workings of local government. In 1997, then Governor Jane Swift created a Community Working Group to address concerns arising out of hazardous waste materials plumes emanating from the Massachusetts Military Reservation (now Joint Base Cape Cod). Mimi was appointed Chair of the group and guided the legislative process to create the Master Plan codified in Chapter 47 of the Massachusetts Acts of 2002. This Master Plan is now a national model for military-civilian relations. Today she serves as the Chair of its offshoot, the Environmental Management Commission Community Advisory Council, which oversees activities at the Base's 15,000 acres and on the Military-Civilian Council of Joint Base Cape Cod. Camp Edwards is now a designated water preserve. In the words of Nancy Meagher, "without the guidance and commitment of Mimi McConnell, this vital protection of water that we drink would likely never have come into being." Mimi has served on the Board of the Cape Cod Foundation, created the annual Jane Eshbaugh Community Service Award, served on a Cape wide Special Commission on County Governance (2012) and was an active Board member of Barnstable Land Trust (winning the Barnstable Land Trust Founders Award in 2018.). Currently she is active in movements to replace the Canal bridges, and to decommission the Plymouth Nuclear Facility. In nominating Mimi, 2018 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year recipient Nancy Shoemaker said: "Over 250 years ago, Mercy Otis Warren ...discovered in her life of service that government and the voice of the people were essential ingredients in getting things done. Mimi, too, has used the public forum...She shares many of the passions and interests of Mercy Otis Warren (who)...would have approved of Mimi's tenacity and willingness to work for what is right."

**ABOUT MERCY OTIS WARREN:** Mercy Otis Warren, born in West Barnstable in 1728, was a playwright, a historian, a pioneer in women's causes, a champion of liberty, an advocate of the Bill of Rights and a patriot. In an era where it was unusual for woman to be educated, much less to emerge as a leader, her advocacy for the cause of patriotism and a central role in the Revolution was remarkable.

**ABOUT THE AWARD:** The Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Award was established in 2002 to annually recognize a woman who exemplifies the traits of leadership in the community and has made significant contribution to the arts, education, business, community involvement and/or volunteerism while embracing the ideals of patriotism. Past recipients have been: Marion Vuilleumier (2002), Jean Gardner (2003), Eugenia Fortes (2004), Felicia Penn (2005), Bonnie Snow (2006), Lynne Poyant (2007), Josephine Ives (2008), Mary LeClair (2009), Gloria Rudman (2010), Susan French (2011), Judy Walden Scarafile (2012), Dorothy Savarese (2013), Mary Lou Petitt (2014), Michelle DeSilva (2015), Ann Williams (2016), Dolores DaLuz (2017), Nancy Viall Shoemaker (2018) and Juliet Bernstein (2019).

**ABOUT THE CELEBRATION:** Due to the uncertainties of COVID-19, plans for the 2020 celebration are on hold. Organizers hope to host the event in the fall. They will also be honoring Mariah Pillsbury, of Wareham, the winner of the 2020 Mercy Otis Warren Freedom of Expression Award.

## Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

**SUMMER SCHEDULE - Starting Monday, June 22, 2020**

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a “Grab and Go” option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one lunch.

**NOTE:** Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.

### **PICK-UP LOCATIONS:**

Monday - Friday from 10 am - 12 pm

- Hyannis West Elementary School  
549 West Main Street, Hyannis
- Barnstable Community Innovation School  
165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

**We must stress the importance of social distancing during meal pick up.** You can just drive up and we will bring the meals to you. Please do not congregate at meal sites, and please remain 6 feet from those around you at meal pick up. Our BPS educators and staff are also leading efforts to collect non-perishable food items, and we will begin distributing those items at meal sites as well.



## Barnstable Municipal Airport Announces New Service to Nantucket on Southern Airways Express

**Barnstable Municipal Airport (HYA)** is pleased to announce that Southern Airways Express will begin operating their new nonstop route from Barnstable Municipal Airport - Hyannis (HYA) to Nantucket Memorial Airport (ACK) began on Thursday, July 2, 2020. The route will operate with two daily roundtrips Friday through Monday. “We are thrilled to be able to offer the public another option for travel to Nantucket,” said Airport Manager Katie Servis. “This route furthers our mission to provide convenient and reliable air service for people traveling to and from the economic center of Cape Cod, Hyannis, and provides an alternative



option for accessing Nantucket for residents, visitors and business travelers.” “Southern Airways is proud to add Hyannis and Cape Cod to our growing family of great airports and fantastic destinations, which extend all the way from Hawaii to right here in New England,” said Southern Airways Express Chief Commercial Officer Mark Cestari. “Travelers can book their flights at [IFLYSOUTHERN.com](http://IFLYSOUTHERN.com) and experience Southern’s roomy aircraft, with plenty of room for luggage, golf clubs, bikes and even your family pet. Fares begin at just \$79 each way.” The new service was celebrated with a ribbon cutting and water canon salute on Thursday, July 2.

**About Barnstable Municipal Airport:**

[Barnstable Municipal Airport](#), located in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Cape Cod, provides commercial and general aviation services to Boston, New York and the islands of Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket. It is owned by the Town of Barnstable and managed by the Barnstable Municipal Airport Commission and its staff. Please check us out on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**About Southern Express Airways:**

[Southern Airways Express](#) is a Mississippi-based airline offering scheduled regional air service to over twenty cities with more than 100 daily departures. Southern operates a fleet of two dozen aircraft, including the Cessna Caravan and Grand Caravan, as well as the Piper Chieftain. Founded in 2013, Southern has experienced tremendous growth based on a commitment to “Every Passenger, Every Day, Every Flight.” Visit [www.IFLYSOUTHERN.com](http://www.IFLYSOUTHERN.com) for more information and to book flights.

*Pictured from left to right: Town Councilor Matthew Levesque, Barnstable Municipal Airport Manager Katie Servis, Airport Commissioner John Flores, Airport Commission Chair John Griffin, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO Wendy Northcross, Southern Airways Express Chief Commercial Officer Mark Cestari, and Barnstable Municipal Airport Assistant Manager Matthew Elia.*

**Want to learn how to shellfish?**

Have you ever wanted to learn how to shellfish and never had the time to go to our Learn to Shellfish classes we hold during the summer? The Town of Barnstable's Shellfish Natural Resource Technician Liz Lewis has all the tips and tricks to getting started - Getting a permit, reading a tide chart and map, choosing the right gear, digging for steamahs, raking for Quahogs - this series covers sandbar to table! Channel 18 covers dozens of events throughout the Summer and one of their favorites is the Learn to Shellfish class. This year, Channel 18 put their creative cameras and rakes together with Liz and produced a socially distant series - Learn how to Shellfish! Melt the butter and grab the rake and basket, you'll be bringing home dinner! You can view the four-part series [here](#).

**Safety First, Barnstable!**



A refrain you will hear our Town staff repeat over the Summer of 2020 as our Departments implement new guidelines and protocols to keep you and your family safe during COVID-19. Our beaches, golf courses, marinas and recreational areas all have additional rules mandated by the State to mitigate the spread of this highly contagious disease. Channel 18 has been out on location this past month, from a safe distance, to help you learn more - Tune in to Channel 18 on your TV, watch on [Video on Demand](#) or watch on our [YouTube playlist](#). You can also follow us on our [Facebook Page](#) for more videos and updates! ***Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Social Distance - Safety First, Barnstable!***

## **ArtsBarnstable.com | Seven Villages, One Town, All Things Arts & Culture**

Our seven villages are art-FULL with plenty of arts and culture complete with seaside charm! In Hyannis, the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District features the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor. The Barnstable Village Cultural District is history revisited with 21st century flair. A quaint downtown and walkable to Barnstable's Harbor and panoramic views of Sandy Neck Beach and lighthouse.

### **SPECIAL EVENT STARTS THIS WEEKEND**

#### **Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival | A Summer Garden Celebration | July 10-19, 2020**

Visit [www.CapeCodHydrangeaFest.com](http://www.CapeCodHydrangeaFest.com) for a complete list of garden tours and events. Visit the Hyannis HyArts Artists Shanties all season long, but during Hydrangea Fest many artists are blooming with specials and fun activities as a part of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival.

<https://www.capecodchamber.org/event/hydrangea-fest-at-the-hyannis-hyarts-artist-shanties/39639/>

### **Hyannis HyArts Cultural District Happenings**

#### **PARK AND WALK | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, steps away from parking lots**

It is easy to spend art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor.

Visit the artist shanties, Main Street Hyannis museums, shops, restaurants and more.

Mobile pay to park available for Bismore Park and Ocean Street lots with the app:

<https://www.mpay2park.com>

#### **WALK DOWN MAIN STREET!**

Spread out along the **Pedestrian Walkway**, created this summer to accommodate physical distancing while strolling along the street!

#### **CCRTA Hyannis Loop: Hyannis Main Street Trolley:**

#### **Through Labor Day weekend, EVERY Friday through Sunday, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Looping from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, daily. Look for the trolley stop signs

OR wherever you see it, it will stop-just give a wave and hop on board, it's free!

#### **HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTIES - BISMORE PARK LOCATION:**

#### **OUTDOOR SHOPPING! Spend Art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis.**

**Open daily: Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis**

**SEVEN DAYS A WEEK:** Now through **September 27, 2020, + fall weekends**

11:00 AM - at least 8:00 PM, July & August and until 6:00 PM in September

Artists frequently open early and stay late. October weekends & holiday events

Artists are set up for proper physical distancing and sanitizing wares often.



[artsbarnstable.com](http://artsbarnstable.com) @artsbarnstable on facebook/instagram

Cape Cod artists work and sell their wares in the heart of Hyannis' working waterfront. **Artists change weekly, discover new faces and work each visit!** Hand-made, designed or crafted in a variety of mediums: painting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, glasswork, and much more!

**THURSDAYS:**

**Tai Chi, Hyannis Village Green: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**July 16 - August 27:** Find your Zen with this slow paced, relaxing instructional class.

Drop in friendly, no experience necessary. **FREE**

Participants will physical distance in grassy area. No shade! Come prepared: sunblock, hats and water.

**FRIDAYS:**

**Movies on Main: Hyannis Main Street, 8:00 PM, lot opens at 7:00 PM**

**July 3 - August 7:** Family Friendly movies each week. Music and more pre-show!

Tickets required. [HyannisMainStreet.com](http://HyannisMainStreet.com)

**OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:**

**Discover Barnstable Journal - Fun activities for all ages - Collect summer memories!**

A colorful journal filled with activities and ways to collect all your summer experiences and memories.

**Available online and free to KIDS OF ALL AGES.** From eye spies, scavenger hunts, to fun facts and word searches, Learn and Discover Barnstable in a new way!

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/parkingdivision/Projects/discover.asp>

**Discover Barnstable Fun Pack:** for ages 14 and under, **FREE, while supplies last.**

An exciting, educational and an entertaining collection of items including a copy of the Discover Barnstable Journal, shellfish activities, Frisbees, water bottles, crayons and other fun items packaged in a drawstring bag. Perfect for exploring and discovering Barnstable!

Get yours today, while supplies last at the Bismore Park Welcome Center!

**Bismore Park Welcome Center | Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis**

Information Take-Out Service Window at Bismore Welcome Center:

The Gateway Greeters at Bismore Welcome Center now are safely serving all visitors through a take-out window style operation. Stop by 7 days a week between the hours of 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM\* to get maps, menus, transportation schedules and other information about all the fantastic ways you can enjoy Barnstable and our neighboring communities here on beautiful Cape Cod.

\*Hours vary by month, currently till 8:00 PM through end of August.

**OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:**

**Kennedy Legacy Trail | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor**

A self-guided walking trail featuring 10 sites, Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Informational signs uncover stories and history about the Kennedys on Cape Cod.



Trail on line at [ArtsBarnstable.com](http://ArtsBarnstable.com)

### **Birdie Riddle Boxes I Cape Cod Trivia**

Look for the 11 brightly colored, birdie 'riddle ' boxes as you stroll from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor and learn fun facts about Cape Cod along the way. Designed/painted by local artist Donna Rockwell.

### **Heritage Trail info kiosks I Information along Main Street**

Seven blue info kiosks with custom weathervanes dot the street from east to west end of Main Street. Each kiosk features three panels: navigation (map) ; events and a heritage panel filled interesting facts and images with historical significance of Hyannis Main Street and the surrounding community.

### **Love Live Local Fest I Celebrating local business & community**

**Sunday, July 26 & Sept 27**, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM I [LoveLiveLocal.com](http://LoveLiveLocal.com)

Home grown artists, artisans, farmers, food trucks, musicians, independent makers and kid zone activities!

Traditionally held at Aselton Park, downtown location may change, stay tuned.

If unable to host an in-person event, this fest will go virtual!

### **Hyannis Open Streets I Main Street, Hyannis I HyannisOpenStreets.com**

**Sunday, September 20**, Noon -5:00 PM

Free, fun filled activities all day; dance, sing and play in the streets.

### **Barnstable Village Cultural District Happenings:**

**Cape Cod Art Center** I gift wares and artwork!

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**Sturgis Library:** Outdoor Reading Trail every Wednesday

Kid Story walks Wednesdays through Aug 26:

Enjoy a story outdoors, grab a to-go bag to make a craft at home

### **Tales of Cape Cod - 2020 Live Stream & recorded programs**

ALL PROGRAMS \$10.00 Sign up at [www.talesofcapecod.org](http://www.talesofcapecod.org)

**MONDAY, JULY 13** at 6:30 PM

**Judith Kalaora** - I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone, an immersive living history

**MONDAY, JULY 20** at 7:00 PM

**Greg Williams** presents The Boston Massacre at 250: snowballs, musket balls and a trial

**MONDAY, JULY 27** at 7:00 PM

**Janet Uhlar** presents FREEDOM'S COST, The Story of General Nathanael Green

## **Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning**

Town of Barnstable staff are working to help our businesses reopen successfully, recover from this crisis, and move towards a strong and prosperous future. We are listening to and working with our businesses, residents, the Economic Development Task Force (a Town Council presidential subcommittee), the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and other community partners on developing an [Economic Recovery Plan](#), with an initial focus on promoting the safe and successful reopening of businesses when allowed by the Governor. We are looking at ways the Town can support our local businesses, while promoting public health and safety. If there are ways we can help you

succeed in the coming days, months, and in the long-term, please reach out and share your suggestions with us. Submit your suggestions on the [Economic Recovery Plan website](#). Additionally, we encourage our businesses to take the [Cape Cod Commission's online survey](#) for Cape Cod business owners. The survey is being conducted to better understand the current and anticipated economic impacts of COVID-19. Data collected through this survey will be used to support economic recovery now and in the coming weeks and months, and can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports.

## **Changes to Recycling at the Transfer Station effective July 1, 2020**

At their meeting on May 26, 2020, the Barnstable Board of Health voted to modify the Solid Waste regulations to eliminate the provision of free recycling for Barnstable residents. While this was a difficult decision, there was little choice due to circumstances beyond our control. The regulation was enacted years ago when there was a robust market for recyclable materials which enabled the Transfer Station to utilize recyclables as a source of revenue. Unfortunately, during the past four years, due to upheaval in the world-wide market for recyclables, the demand for these materials has effectively dried-up, except for a few specific items. In fact, we must now pay to dispose of the majority of the recyclable material we receive at costs that in some cases exceed the cost of trash disposal. The Transfer Station operates as an Enterprise Account which means that it must generate enough revenue to completely cover all the costs of operating the facility. As a result of the recycling situation, the Enterprise Account has been operating at a deficit, utilizing cash reserves to subsidize the cost of the recycling operation. This is not a sustainable economic model and has forced the Town to cease the practice of offering free recycling to residents that do not purchase a Transfer Station sticker. Residents do have a number of options for disposing of their recyclable material. They can purchase an annual Transfer Station sticker that runs from July 1 - June 30 for \$250.00. There are also two pay-per-visit options for the disposal of trash and/or recyclable material: one is a \$10.00 per visit fee for disposal of two 30-gallon bags of household trash and recyclables and the other is a \$20.00 per visit fee for disposal of up to five 30-gallon bags of household trash and recyclables. Any bag over the five 30-gallon bag limit is \$4.00 per bag. Residents also have the option of utilizing a number of local private trash hauling services to have recyclables collected at their home. We apologize for any inconvenience or hardship that these changes may present. The Town Council Workshop on the Transfer Station can be viewed [here](#).

## **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\* Double Yellow Centerlines, White Edge Lines, and Crosswalk Line Painting**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Town of Barnstable Highway Division will be repainting the double yellow centerlines, the white edge lines and transition lines into stop bars and crosswalks on all Town main roads that have yellow



and white lines. The Work will begin July 12, 2020 and continue through July 30, 2020. The work hours will be between the hours of 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM, Sunday through Thursday, weather permitting. The public should take notice and stay off the lines. The paint will be dry enough to cross after 15 minutes. Traffic during painting operations will be delayed and motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the work. As always, please slow down; do not pass the line painting crew and use extreme caution when traveling through the road areas.

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

Monday, July 13, 2020 through Thursday, July 16, 2020 Neuco crews will continue installation of gas service on Hollidge Hill Lane, Marstons Mills. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about two days to complete. Visit [ngrid.com/service line](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.

**\*UPDATED\* Ongoing Drainage Improvements** Drainage improvements will be on-going on Park Ave at Bacon Lane and then move onto Juniper Lane in Centerville. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings, adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

### **\*CONTINUES\*Chipseal Pavement Improvements on Various Town Roads**

**A chipseal wear surface will be applied on top of the existing pavement on the following roads:**

**Barnstable Village:** Dromoland Lane, Iris Lane, Oakmont Drive, Pine Avenue

**Centerville:** Clifton Lane, Harvard Street, Pinecrest Road, Sachem Avenue

**Hyannis:** Bacon Avenue, Chase Street, Dartmouth Street, Murphy Road, Tucker Road

Activities completed to date include street sweeping, installation of a thin asphalt leveling course on an as-needed basis and crack filling. Spraying of a rubberized membrane onto the road surface and installation of crushed pea-stone aggregate are currently scheduled to be performed on July 13 & 14, 2020, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Through traffic will be maintained throughout the process with support from police details.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Sea Street, South Street, and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis**

Construction is scheduled to continue through the end of July 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals (by utility companies); sidewalk reconstruction; paving and marking the roads; installing street lights; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.



## **\*CONTINUES\* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village**

Construction is scheduled to end in July 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During portions of June and July there will be road closures for construction on Business Lane, the south half of Merchants Way, and Kidd's Hill Road (about 500 feet each side of its intersection with Merchants Way).

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

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

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

## **It's Easy to Complete Your 2020 Federal Census On-line, Just Click [Here](#)**

Households that receive a reminder in the mail after responding may disregard it. The reminder was sent before the response was received. Some households that have already responded will receive a census taker visit as part of quality checks on the census. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov), by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 61.9%. Massachusetts has a 64.0% self-response rate; Barnstable County 46.3%; and the Town of Barnstable 53.7%.**

The logo for the United States Census 2020. It features the words "United States" in a smaller, red, sans-serif font at the top. Below that, the word "Census" is written in a very large, bold, red, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the year "2020" is written in a large, bold, red, sans-serif font, matching the style of "Census".



## Respond your way to the 2020 Census.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding. All of them are easy!



Online



By Phone



By Mail

The 2020 Census marks the first time you will be invited to respond online—even on your mobile device. The online form is available in many different languages. Visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV) for more information about responding online.

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## Census data impacts funding for things like:

- > Education programs and grants
- > Public transportation
- > Medicare and Medicaid
- > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- > Libraries
- > Community centers
- > School meal programs
- > Parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities

For more information, visit:  
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## Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions



**VINEYARD WIND**

### Virtual Information Session

*Paving the Way in Barnstable*

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

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

July 15 • 4:30pm  
August 11 • 12:00pm  
September 18 • 4:00pm

## 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

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)) and [www.BarnstableHealth.com](http://www.BarnstableHealth.com). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

**A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed [here](#).**

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer'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

Tax Collector's Office is currently closed to the public. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) for any questions regarding real estate, personal property, 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 only.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box. **Checks Only.**

**The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> and the first quarter will be due on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## 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](mailto:assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us) or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

## 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:**

**And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees,  
just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was  
beginning over again with the summer.**

**~ F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby**

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