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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

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

Town Council Meeting – July 16, 2020

The July 16, 2020 Meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The Town provided Zoom and telephone calls for remote communication for those who wanted to participate. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.

Town Council President Paul Hebert began last night's [Town Council Meeting](#) with Town Councilor David Bogan leading the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Public Comment was received by Zoom and telephone. Town Manager Mark Ells presented his Town Manager Communications for the period June 26-July 16, 2020:

1. Superintendent Meg Mayo-Brown provided an update on Fall 2020 School Reopening.
2. We closed out FY 2020 with all General Fund operations coming in under their respective budgets. Total returned appropriations for the General Fund are approximately \$4.6 million against a budget of \$177 million. Additionally, the Town collected over \$5M in back taxes owed. I want to thank our Treasury Division for their efforts in collection of these back taxes. Actual General Fund revenue exceeded budget estimates by approximately \$2.4 million. The largest contributor to the surplus in revenue was Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes which came in \$1.1M over budget estimates. Enterprise fund operations (nine enterprise funds) varied in their respective revenue estimates. Five enterprise funds fell short of their revenue estimates. Of the five that fell short three were able to cover their revenue deficits with returned appropriations. Of the

two that could not, the Solid Waste Enterprise fund collected the shortfall in July therefore offsetting the deficit and closing FY 2020 as a balanced budget. This was a timing issue as we allowed customers a grace period through August 1. Golf Division was able to offset over one half (1/2) of their revenue deficit with returned appropriations. Golf Divisions surplus will cover the balance (\$275K). We have conservatively estimated FY 2021 revenues in anticipation of a continuation of an economic downturn and will report on said revenues as more information is compiled. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.

3. The Assistant Town Manager, Finance Director, Human Resource Director, Director of Property & Risk Management and myself have been meeting with Directors of municipal departments to discuss each departments operations plans and how we will move forward with providing programs and services in the Town of Barnstable. We have effectively implemented a workplace with contactless service and developed the ability to work remotely in providing said services. I anticipate continuing with this type of work environment in our ongoing efforts to provide a high quality of service and programming to our residents, visitors and businesses. I will keep you advised of our progress.
4. As a reminder, the Town of Barnstable continues to follow the Orders and Directives of our Governor. We are in Phase 3 Step 1 of the Governor's Four-Phase Recovery Plan. We are required to adhere to proper social distancing and if we can not to wear face covering. The Governor has issued a directive that all visitors are expected to self-quarantine for 14 days, except for those traveling from New England, New York and New Jersey. Massachusetts expects all visitors to: wear masks or face coverings in public places when you can't keep 6 feet from others, practice social distancing, and frequent hand-washing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At our beaches the same social distancing requirements apply. There is also a limitation requiring groups no larger than 10 people on beaches in the Commonwealth. Please adhere to these requirements. I also encourage everyone to go to the [Mass.gov COVID website](https://www.mass.gov/covid) or the [Town of Barnstable website](http://www.townofbarnstable.us) and read these Orders and Directives. Thank you for your continued adherence to these requirements.
5. Barnstable has been notified by the Governor that we have been designated a Housing Choice community in 2020. This is the second Housing Choice designation for Barnstable. This designation recognizes Barnstable's efforts to support housing production over the past 5 years and has several benefits including the opportunity to apply for Housing Choice capital grants. Barnstable was previously designated in 2018 and was awarded a \$250,000 grant that was used to upgrade a sewer line in downtown Hyannis enabling new residential units access to public wastewater.
6. The TSA (Transportation Security Administration) is the governmental agency overseeing all airports security regulations, and requires that each airport based on their size and operations implement and regulate security measures with an airport security program. These programs are maintained, updated and enforced by each airport operator and the TSA must conduct annual inspections of the airport on these procedures. The annual inspection is conducted over a 30 day period and covers many aspects of security and usually has a special emphasis (i.e., proper ID use or security records). During the 30 days, the TSA Inspector will conduct undercover tests of security measures by trying to enter secure areas, enter the areas without wearing an ID or attempt to get onto a boarding aircraft without a ticket to gage the response to

such security incidents by employees. Additionally, the inspector completes a comprehensive review of the Airport's security records including: required training certifications, ID holder training and clearance records, and security audits required to be conducted by the airport. Failure to pass these inspections (which are conducted annually as well as randomly throughout the year on a smaller scale), could yield written violations and potentially monetary fines starting at \$11,000 for chronic violations. Of course, the bigger picture for compliance is the protection of the passengers, employees, and the national airspace system which the Airport's air traffic feeds into. This past month, the Airport completed its 2020 inspection in which the inspector stated, "I have just completed all the paperwork and submissions for your annual comprehensive inspection. As you know there were no issues, as always. Your operation runs very well and it is a pleasure to work with Christina [Christina Lounsbury Barnstable Municipal Airport Security/Noise Abatement Coordinator] and all of you. Katie Servis, Airport Manager is extremely proud of the efforts of Airport Staff and Airport Tenants that make this happen year after year.

7. We continue with regular conversations with Vineyard Wind regarding the status of the Phase I and Phase II projects. Vineyard Wind continues to work with Barnstable staff regarding both Phases of the project. They anticipate commencing construction on Phase I in the spring of 2021 and are proceeding with permitting on Phase II. A workshop is planned with Vineyard Wind later this evening to further discuss remaining approvals by the Town and specifically Town Council for the Phase I project to continue as scheduled. We will keep you advised as this project progresses.
8. Barnstable Land Trust (BLT) hosted a virtual Annual Members Meeting on July 16, 2020, where they honored Barnstable's Director of Natural Resources Nina Coleman, among others. Barnstable Land Trust's Board Chair, Joseph Hawley, praised Nina's leadership in conservation and environmental education. "This award honors her vision of a beautiful and healthy Cape Cod environment." Nina Coleman will receive the Founders Award for her dedication to protecting Sandy Neck, one of the region's most important and vulnerable ecosystems, and for her work sharing the beauty of our natural resources.
9. The Governor has proclaimed July 12 - 18, 2020, to be [Hurricane Preparedness Week](#) in an effort to emphasize both the Commonwealth's potential vulnerability to tropical storms and hurricanes, and the importance of preparing for their impact, including taking necessary precautions during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Residents and visitors are encouraged to use this week to prepare for hurricanes, tropical storms and other emergencies. ***More information is provided in this newsletter.***
10. Dan Santos, Director of Public Works shall provide an update on the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

Vineyard Wind's Nate Mayo was joined by Rachel Pachter, Chris Rodstrom, and Jack Arruda for the **Workshop on Status of Vineyard Wind Phase I Project**. **OLD BUSINESS** began with DPW Director Dan Santos presenting **Agenda Item 2020-189** Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$129,400 pursuant to Temporary Repairs Program for certain private ways regarding Nyes Neck Road, Centerville, MA which was approved. Barnstable Municipal Airport Manager Katie Servis presented **Agenda Item 2020-190** Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$212,700.00** for the Fiscal Year 2020 Airport Enterprise Fund Capital Budget which was approved. The Public Hearing for **Agenda Item 2020-192** Order amending the General Ordinances by adding Chapter 190 Short Term Rental

Properties and amending Chapter 170 Rental Properties was continued to the August 20, 2020 Town Council Meeting. Airport Manager Katie Servis presented **Agenda Item 2020-194** Supplemental Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$277,600** for the Fiscal Year 2020 Airport Enterprise Fund Capital Budget which was approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with **Agenda Item 2021-001** Resolve allowing Mark S. Ells, Town Manager to continue teaching at Cape Cod Community College Under Section 8 of the Town Manager Contract which was approved. The Barnstable Police Department's Lena Bevilacqua presented **Agenda Item 2021-002** Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2020 Grant in the amount of **\$6,000** for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enforcement and Equipment which was approved. **Agenda Item 2021-003** Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$300,000** of Community Preservation Funds for the creation of two (2) moderate-income deed-restricted two-bedroom apartments at 255 Main Street Hyannis, MA was referred to a Public Hearing on August 20, 2020. DPW Director Dan Santos presented **Agenda Item 2021-004** Resolve to accept the grant of a sidewalk easement from Victory Chapel for new sidewalk in Merchants Way and **Agenda Item 2021-005** Resolve to accept the grant of a sewer main, pump station and force main easement from Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank both of which were approved. ***The next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM. At this time, we do not know if the August 20, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. If needed, Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website (www.townofbarnstable.us).***

School Committee Meeting – July 15, 2020

The July 15th School Committee Meeting started with public comment from three BHS students all asking the School Committee to retire the Red Raiders mascot at Barnstable High School due to its racist and offensive undertones. The School Committee later discussed having a more in depth conversation and vote on the fate of the mascot at their next meeting in August. The District Management Group presented their findings in an Opportunity Review based on interviews with over 100 members of the Barnstable Public Schools (BPS) staff, students, and community and classroom observations made last fall. They provided five opportunities where BPS could put their efforts into helping struggling students. The Superintendent spoke about her Framework for Equity in Professional Development, Curriculum, and Instruction that included four major areas including Individual Mindset, Racial Literacy, Culturally Responsive Teaching, and Curriculum. She gave an update on the Massachusetts Guidance on Reopening Schools. Dr. Mayo-Brown formed a Reopening Steering Committee along with Subcommittees in early June to work out different scenarios for this upcoming school year. The district needs to submit plans to the State for in-person learning, remote learning, and a hybrid model. Some of the state's guiding principles include:

- All adults and students in grades 2-12 must wear masks with students in PreK-grade 1 encouraged to wear masks.
- Physical distancing must be implemented.
- Students must be provided the opportunity for frequent hand washing/sanitizing.

The Superintendent said school districts are still waiting on guidance from the state on the process for handling COVID- 19 positive cases in the school community, transportation, reopening checklist, athletics and extracurriculars, guidance for special programs and student support, and key policies, including the academic calendar considerations. Given the fluid and ever-changing environment we find ourselves in these days, the Reopening Plan will be finalized and made public in mid-August.

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](#) reminds us that gatherings – both indoor and outdoor – have limitations as large group events are not permitted until Phase IV. He encourages us to visit the state's website for more information regarding [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#). Our own personal responsibility will keep us all safe during this time. A reminder from last week, Mr. Ells 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 to report the problem. The Town of Barnstable continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

Update on Proposed Short Term Rental Regulations in the Town of Barnstable

On June 18, 2020, the Town Council introduced two items aimed at creating enforceable standards for the operation and occupancy of short term rentals in the Town of Barnstable:

- [Item 2020-192](#), a general ordinance to register short-term rentals with the Town's Inspectional Services Department and require that certain standards, including life safety standards, are met; and
- [Item 2020-193](#), a zoning amendment to recognize short-term rentals as an allowed use of a residential dwelling.

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Amendment addressing short term rentals ([Item 2020-193](#)) on Monday night. The Board took public comment, deliberated on the matter, and closed public comment. The Planning Board put the item on their [July 27th agenda](#) for further discussion amongst the Board. A recording of Monday's meeting can be viewed [here](#). Public comment on the proposed zoning item can be submitted by e-mail to karen.herrand@town.barnstable.ma.us.

The Town Council referred [Item 2020-192](#) (General Ordinance) to a public hearing on Thursday, July 16th and the item appears on the [agenda](#). A Council vote must be taken to open and continue the item to a subsequent meeting, or the Council may choose to open and hold a public hearing on the matter at the July 16th meeting. Public comment on the proposed general ordinance can be submitted by e-mail to cindy.lovell@town.barnstable.ma.us. Item 2020-193 (Zoning Amendment) is not on the Town Council agenda for Thursday, July 16th. Continue to check the Town's [Short Term Rental webpage](#) for updates and more information.

"Hurricane Preparedness Week" Reminds Residents to Prepare, Take Precautions

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed July 12-18, 2020, to be [Hurricane Preparedness Week](#) in an effort to emphasize both the Commonwealth's potential vulnerability to tropical storms and hurricanes, and the importance of preparing for their impact, including taking necessary precautions during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Residents and visitors are encouraged to use this week to prepare for hurricanes, tropical storms and other emergencies. "During the ongoing COVID-19 response, our administration continues to ensure that the state and its residents are prepared for other disasters, including hurricanes and tropical storms," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "Preparing in advance will help reduce damage to your property and protect your family in case of a hurricane or other emergency."

“Should a disaster take place during the COVID-19 public health emergency, communities would face additional challenges with necessary evacuations and sheltering,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “Our administration continues to coordinate with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to enhance their readiness before the next hurricane or tropical storm.” “As the peak of tropical cyclone activity in Massachusetts has historically been during August and September, now is the time to begin preparing yourself, your family, your home, and your business,” **said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco**. “Whether you live in a coastal evacuation zone that may experience storm surge or further west in the Berkshires, tropical systems can bring heavy inland rainfall, flooding, and destructive winds in all parts of the state and we encourage all residents to prepare.” “The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) continues to work with our partner agencies to plan how to respond to disasters while considering the public health challenges of COVID-19,” **said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips**. “We are working closely with the Department of Public Health and other state agencies to adapt our sheltering and evacuation plans to the COVID-19 environment. These changes will help ensure people are able to socially distance, safely quarantine and isolate, and reduce exposure to the coronavirus if evacuations and sheltering become necessary. We encourage all residents to learn if they live in a hurricane evacuation zone, make an emergency plan, assemble an emergency kit, and stay informed. Given COVID-19, residents should also add face coverings, disinfectants and hand sanitizer to their emergency kits and plan where they would evacuate to if needed.”

How Residents Can Prepare

- **Make an Emergency Plan** – Have an emergency plan of how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place that addresses the needs of all of your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and functional needs, and pets.
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>
 - o During the COVID-19 pandemic, your plan to evacuate should include where you might evacuate to (relatives’ home, hotel, etc.) given your circumstances. If you are in a high-risk population, the safest option may be to evacuate to a location without the general public such as a hotel, relatives’ home or other destination.
- **Build an Emergency Kit** - Build or customize an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.
 - o During the COVID-19 pandemic, include face coverings or masks, disinfectants, hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies that you may need in an emergency.
- **Stay Informed** - Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, 2-1-1 hotline and local notification systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>
- **Know Your Evacuation Zone** - Learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone: www.mass.gov/knowyourzone

For more information, visit the Hurricane Safety Tips section of MEMA’s website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hurricane-safety-tips>.





Commonwealth Hurricane Season Preparedness Activities in a COVID-19 Environment


MEMA and the Department of Public Health have developed guidance for the Commonwealth and municipalities for providing operating shelters and conducting evacuations during COVID-19. This guidance will be provided to municipalities to inform their planning and preparedness for hurricane season and will be used to adjust the Commonwealth's mass care and evacuation plans to help keep individuals both safe and healthy during a disaster. Working in partnership with the Emergency Support Function Team and with local partners, some of the steps MEMA is taking to prepare for the 2020 hurricane season during COVID-19 include re-evaluating capacities of state-initiated regional shelter sites; preparing for the need for additional evacuation transportation vehicles; adding screening, sanitization, disinfection, and general public health protocols to existing mass care plans; and planning for and preparing to provide sheltering in non-congregate settings such as hotels.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Be Ready Before the Storm

Hurricanes and tropical storms can impact the entire Commonwealth, not just coastal regions

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|  <p>Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone</p> | <p>Know Your Zone</p> | <p>Make a Plan</p> | <p>Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs</p>  |
|  <p>Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days</p> | <p>Build a Kit</p> | <p>Stay Informed</p> | <p>As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials</p>  |



Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.gov

Extra steps to prepare for hurricane season during COVID-19

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|  | <p>Include face coverings, disinfectants & hand sanitizer in emergency kits</p> |
|  | <p>Sheltering at a hotel or relative's house may be safer than a large shelter, especially if you are in a high risk population</p> |



Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources about hurricane evacuation zones, emergency plans, emergency kits, and staying informed

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.gov

Director of Natural Resources/Sandy Neck Park Manager Nina Coleman Receives Barnstable Land Trust's Founders Award; Phyllis Miller of Cotuit Receives President's Award

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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.

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:

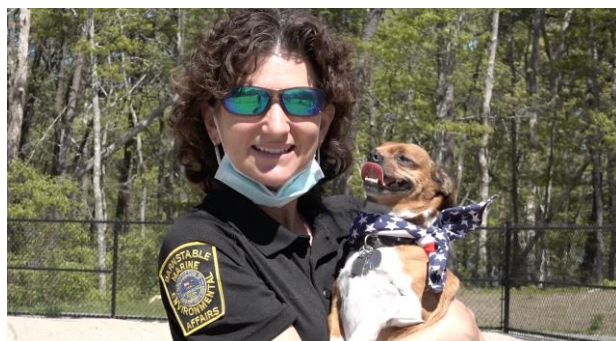
Monday - Friday from 10 am - 12 pm

- Hyannis West Elementary School
549 West Main Street, Hyannis
- Barnstable Community Innovation School
165 Beares 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.



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. Be sure to visit [artsbarnstable.com](https://www.artsbarnstable.com) and @artsbarnstable on facebook/Instagram.

SPECIAL EVENT CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND

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

Visit 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](https://www.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

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

Tickets required. [HyannisMainStreet.com](https://www.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](https://www.artsbarnstable.com)

Birdie Riddle Boxes | 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 | 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 | Celebrating local business & community

Sunday, July 26 & Sept 27, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM | [LoveLiveLocal.com](https://www.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 | Main Street, Hyannis | 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 | 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

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.

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* Survey and Map Five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects**



As the first step in a multi-year planning and design effort, the Barnstable Department of Public Works has contracted with multiple land surveying firms to survey and map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects identified in the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The projects include the mapping of dozens of roadways, including many residential areas for the following Phase 1 projects:

- Phinney's Lane Sewer Expansion Project which includes Phinney's Lane from Route 132 to Route 28 including residential roads to the east and west of Phinney's Lane
- Long Pond Area Sewer Expansion Project which includes all roadways between Old Stage Road / Park Avenue (western limits) and Strawberry Hill Road (eastern limits) and including the residential areas on the north and south side of Pine Street
- Route 28 East Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from the Water Pollution Control Facility property to Phinney's Lane
- Route 28 Centerville Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from Phinney's Lane to East Osterville Road and includes East Osterville Road and Old East Osterville Road
- Route 28 Marstons Mills Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from East Osterville Road to Old Post Road

Citizens can expect survey field crews to be working within the project areas at various times throughout the summer and fall. In the coming weeks, property owners within the project areas will be receiving notifications from the survey consultants which provide further detail on the survey project. Citizens are encouraged to review the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan which is available on the Town's website at: https://townofbarnstable.us/WaterResources/CWMP_Final.asp Any questions regarding this survey effort, or the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, should be directed to the Barnstable Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400.

***CONTINUES* Double Yellow Centerlines, White Edge Lines, and Crosswalk Line Painting July 12th through July 30th**

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.

***UPDATED* Ongoing Drainage Improvements** Drainage improvements are complete on Park Ave at Bacon Lane and work will move to 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.

***UPDATED* 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); installing street lights; restoring areas disturbed by construction, 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* 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. During the summer of 2020 construction will be limited to areas north of Attucks Lane. 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.

***UPDATED* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village** Construction is expected to end in September 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 the work 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

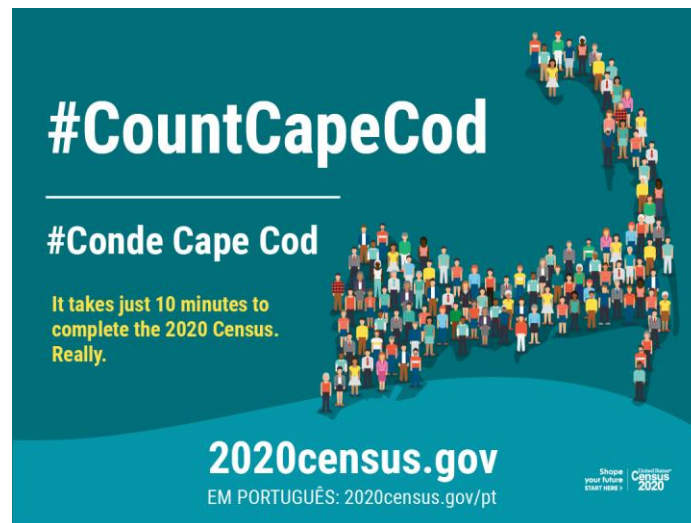
The [Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service](#) will help people who should stay home receive groceries and critical household goods.

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. If you have questions or concerns, please email 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, 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 62.1%. Massachusetts has a 64.1% self-response rate; Barnstable County 46.5%; and the Town of Barnstable 53.8%.**



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Paving the Way in Barnstable

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

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) and 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 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 1st and the first quarter will be due on August 3rd.

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.

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.

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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:

Live in the sunshine, swim the sea, drink the wild air's salubrity*.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Merlin's Song*

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