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This image of a Red tail hawk by the post office in Marstons Mills was shared by Sandy Neck Beach Park Operations Supervisor Donna Bragg.

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## Stay Up-to-Date with BarnstableWaterResources.com

Stay up to date and learn more about the current state of our water resources and about the many Town programs designed to protect the health and quality of our water. The Town has a 30-year Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan—or CWMP—to solve this pollution problem by extending sewer service to 12,000 properties in Town. Visit the website today and sign up for the Community Currents newsletter <a href="https://barnstablewaterresources.com">https://barnstablewaterresources.com</a>

# **Beach Water Quality Updates Can Be Viewed Here**

# West Nile Virus Identified in 12 Mosquito Samples Collected in Barnstable, Middlesex, and Suffolk Counties

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has identified 12 West Nile virus positive mosquito samples collected in Barnstable, Middlesex and Suffolk Counties. The populations of mosquito vectors that transmits WNV and EEE are above average and increasing due to intense regional precipitation events and continued warm weather. Avoid mosquito bites by using EPA approved repellents, appropriate clothing and avoiding peak mosquito activity between dusk and dawn. Remove standing water by emptying containers and tarps. Check your risk levels throughout the season by visiting the State interactive website at:

https://www.mass.gov/infodetails/massachusetts-arbovirus-update

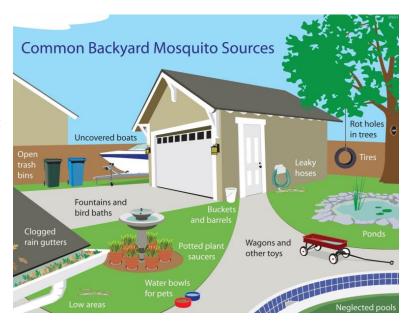
Please review the 2021 MDPH Surveillance and Response Plan for updates to risk levels and risk messaging.

https://www.mass.gov/doc/2021-arbovirussurveillance-and-response-plan/download

Establish good mosquito avoidance habits now:

- Teach children to be aware of mosquito activity around them and avoid it
- Pick a repellent with an EPA-approved active ingredient
- Use long sleeves to cover up when possible
- Remove standing water to help reduce mosquito populations
- Repair screens

If you should have any questions, please call us at the Health Division Office at 508 862-4644.



# **Community Meeting on Downtown Hyannis Zoning Revision**

The proposed Downtown Hyannis Zoning Revision and a draft map of the proposed Districts, as well as additional information can be found on the Town's <u>Downtown Hyannis Zoning Revision webpage</u>.

The zoning for downtown Hyannis is proposed to be revised, with a particular focus on residential and mixed-

use development that responds to local context through size, form, placement, and design considerations.

On Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM Planning and Development staff will hold a virtual Community Meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning regulations and zoning map in Downtown Hyannis. The purpose of this meeting is to present the proposed amendments, discuss the potential impact on development downtown, and how the proposal varies from the current zoning. Please find details for joining the meeting below:



# Community Meeting on Downtown Hyannis Zoning Revisions Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 932 4077 1707 https://zoom.us/j/93240771707

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

You can submit questions or comments to Planning and Development staff in the following ways:

- Attend the Community Meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting ID 932 4077 1707);
- Submit comments via email to Planning & Development staff, Karen Herrand, at Karen.herrand@town.barnstable.ma.us
- Submit comments in writing to: Town of Barnstable Planning Board, ATTN: Karen Herrand, 367 Main Street, Hyannis MA 02601

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Jenkins, AICP, Director of Planning & Development: Phone: 508-862-4678 Email: elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us

# Special Town Council Meeting – Thursday, August 5, 2021

The next Barnstable Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The public will be able to view through Comcast Channel 18 or Live Streaming on the Town of Barnstable's website.

This meeting is to engage in the second part of the proposed fiscal policy discussion which focuses on use of general funds to address any remaining costs beyond those covers by existing revenue sources.

Remote Participation Instructions are below:

Join Zoom Meeting ZOOM Link https://zoom.us/j/93995991235 Meeting ID: 939 9599 1235

US Toll-free 888 475 4499

The meeting Agenda will be available on the Town of Barnstable's website (<u>www.townofbarnstable.us</u>). The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021.

## **Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update**

In his latest <u>Community Update</u>, Town Manager Mark Ells addresses the Town Council's action at two recent meetings to adopt significant ordinances for Sewer Assessments and Accessory Dwelling Units (also known as ADUs). He encourages you to watch the Town Council meetings and read the ordinances for yourselves to become familiar with them. The next Town Council meeting is a Special Meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> and will feature a Workshop on the fiscal policy for costs that exceed identified revenue sources for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Ells also provides an update on a meeting he attended which discussed emerging contaminants like Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (commonly known as PFAS).

# <u>Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant Program</u> Notice of Document Availability, Public Meeting and Public Comment Period

The Town has completed the 2020 program year for the Community Development Block Grant program and is preparing Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The Town was awarded \$286,135 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the goals and objectives of the Town of Barnstable Consolidated Plan for 2020 – 2025. The CAPER is a year-end report that outlines the accomplishments of the Town's CDBG program and is available for review and comment before the Town submits it to HUD for approval.

## **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

The Draft CAPER will be available for review on Monday, July 26, 2021 on the Town website: <a href="https://www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG">www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG</a> and in the Planning & Development Department, 367 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hyannis, MA 02601 between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Members of the public may also contact Elizabeth Jenkins at elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us or call the Planning and Development Department at 508-862-4678.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

The public is invited to participate in a virtual public meeting on the CAPER on <a href="Thursday">Thursday</a>, July 29, 2021 at 10:00</a>
<a href="mailto:am">am</a> via interactive online meeting. To join the Zoom meeting please click or copy the following link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/96554822073">https://zoom.us/j/96554822073</a> or you can join by calling +1 646 876 9923 US. The meeting ID is 965 5482 2073. Comments received in the meeting will be summarized in the final submission to HUD. Anyone unable to attend the meeting may submit written comments to the PDD office at the address or email below.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Written comments received on or before <u>September 10, 2021</u> will be included in the final submission to HUD. Please submit written comments to:

ATTN: CDBG Planning & Development Dept. 367 Main Street, 3rd Floor

Hyannis, MA 02601

Or by email: elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line.

## **Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Financial Overview for Fiscal Year 2022**

The Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee has prepared the <u>financial overview for Fiscal Year 2022</u>, running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, which is intended to provide a summary of the Town of Barnstable's ("the Town's") finances and operations. The complete <u>472-page FY 2022 budget</u> is available on the Town's website. The <u>website</u> also includes audited financial statements for the last five years and financial forecasts for the next five years.

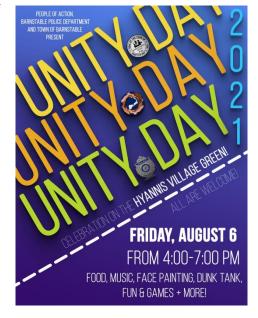
# Want to Run for Office?

The Town Election will be on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Anyone interested in running for Town Council (evennumbered precincts of 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 12); School Committee, Housing Authority or Town Clerk? Nomination papers will be available on August 2nd and must be returned to the Town Clerks office by September 9th for certification. For town-wide positions you will need to gather a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) good signatures to have your name appear on the ballot. For Town Council positions you will need a minimum of fifty (50) good signatures to have your name appear on the ballot. Any questions? Contact the Town Clerk at 508-862-4044.

# Save the Date - Celebrating Unity in our Community - Friday, August 6, 2021 4:00-7:00 PM

People of Action, the Barnstable Police Department and the Town of Barnstable are proud to announce the 5th Annual Barnstable Unity Day Celebration on the Hyannis Village Green on Friday, August 6, 2021, from

4:00-7:00 PM. The event is intended to welcome and engage the community and local police together in a fun, inclusive, and memorable celebration. Come show everyone that Barnstable is a special and unique place with strong and caring community bonds. We are excited that the Breakaway X-GRILL will be on hand again this year to cook up burgers and hot dogs. The event is free and open to all and will include food (and ice-cream!), music, dancing, and fun activities for all ages. Please bring your own chairs and blankets and join us for a beautiful summer evening on the Hyannis Village Green. Our award winning Channel 18 staff has created a public service announcement that you can view here.



# **Barnstable Public Schools Summer Learning Opportunities**



Please call the school for more details on the programs.

# **Barnstable Public Schools Offering Free Summer Meals**

The Barnstable Public School District is offering free meals to all students this summer. The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved free meals for all students through June 30, 2022. The lunches will be offered to all children 18 and under at Hyannis West Elementary School and Barnstable Community Innovation School from 9 AM to noon, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer. Questions should be directed to the Barnstable Public Schools Food Service Department at 508-778-0563.

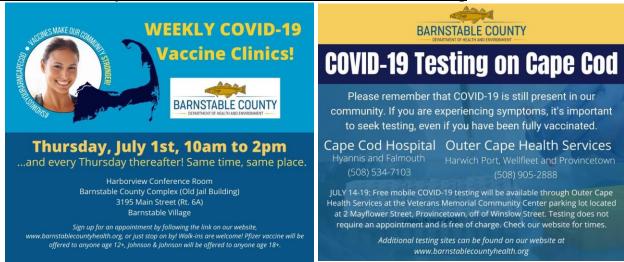
# **Massachusetts Vaxmillions Giveaway**

AP Stem & English Bridge Program | Virtual

Want a chance to win a \$1 million? Sign up to get vaccinated at VaxFinder.mass.gov. It's easy to find an appointment at a vaccination location that is convenient for you. https://www.mass.gov/vaxmillions



# **Barnstable County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics and COVID Testing**



# MassNotify

By enabling MassNotify in your phone's settings, you can be quickly notified if you've been exposed to COVID-19 by another MassNotify user. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone">https://www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone</a>.



# **Cyanobacteria Notice**



As we enter the summer season, we wanted to let you know the Town is planning to resume cyanobacteria monitoring and reporting. However, this program will have a delayed start this year due to unanticipated staff turnover. We expect the program to resume in July. Until this program is back up and running, we wanted to provide some tips to identify cyanobacteria blooms, what to do if you suspect a bloom, and who to contact.

## **Identifying Cyanobacteria Blooms**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has provided examples of cyanobacteria blooms with scums and without scums. <a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/identifying-cyanobacterial-blooms-and-scums-photographs-of-blooms-and-scums">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/identifying-cyanobacterial-blooms-and-scums-photographs-of-blooms-and-scums</a>

## How do I know if there is a harmful algal bloom in the water?

Cyanobacteria can cause the water to appear slightly discolored, cloudy, or resemble pea soup or paint. They are usually blue or green but can also be brown or red. They can also give the water a bad odor. The cyanobacteria in some blooms are dispersed throughout the water, while in other blooms they are concentrated in a scum or mat, either on the surface of the water or in sediment along the shoreline.

# What if you Suspect a Cyanobacteria Bloom?

## WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!

If you see a possible cyanobacteria bloom, avoid contact with the water.

Contact the Health Department at 508-862-4644 or email <a href="mailto:health@town.barnstable.ma.us">health@town.barnstable.ma.us</a>, if the bloom is at a recreational waterbody.

## Want to Learn More About Cyanobacteria?

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/harmful-algae-blooms-in-freshwater-bodies

https://www.epa.gov/cyanohabs

https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/toxic-cyanobacteria-in-water---second-edition

# Sign Up for Cynobacteria Alerts

Last month, the Town contracted with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) to conduct routine monitoring and reporting of Cyanobacteria in Barnstable's Lakes and Ponds. If you are interested in receiving an email notification, when a potentially toxic bloom is identified by APCC, you <u>must opt-in</u> to the APCC toxic alerts. In order to receive email notification for toxic alerts, click this link: <a href="https://apcc.org/our-work/science/cyanobacteria/cyanobacteria-alert/">https://apcc.org/our-work/science/cyanobacteria/cyanobacteria-alert/</a> This link will bring you to a webpage where you <u>must enter your email</u> in order to receive toxic alerts. You can also check out the cyanoMAP at <a href="https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/cyanobacteria/">https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/cyanobacteria/</a> to see the recent cyanobacteria monitoring results from APCC.

# Our Village Libraries are more than just books.

You can check out all of the activities are our Libraries here:

Sturgis Library (Barnstable Village)

Centerville Public Library

Cotuit Library

Hyannis Public Library

Marstons Mills Public Library

Osterville Village Library

Whelden Memorial Library (West Barnstable)

# **Proper Management of Pet Waste**



# Do Your "Doody" for Clean Water

You hate stepping in it. And fish hate swimming in it, too! Dogs produce a lot of waste which, if not disposed of properly, can end up in our waterways. Do your part to keep our waters and public areas clean and healthy! Bag your pet's waste and throw it in a trashcan..

DO DON'T





#### Did you know that the average dog can produce nearly a pound of waste each day?

- Pet waste left on lawns and in public spaces is not only gross. It can be quite harmful too.
- · Pet waste contains twice as much bacteria as human waste!
- If left in your yard, pet waste can kill grass and other plants.
- Adults and children who come in contact with it can get sick.
- When pet waste washes into storm drains and waterways, it can make the water unhealthy for people and wildlife.
- Pet waste in waterways can even cause algae to grow, making the water turn an unpleasant green color.

#### Do your "doody" in both public areas and in your yard.

To help keep our waterbodies clean and to comply with **Barnstable's General By-Laws (Part I; Chapter 403; Section 403-7 Nuisances Committed by Dogs)**, always carry a plastic bag or other collection means with you when you walk your dog and be sure to pick up your dog's poop and dispose of it in a trash can. Citations and penalties between \$25.00 (first offense) and \$50.00 (second offense) can be issued for failing to meet these requirements.

To learn more, visit the www.ThinkBlueMassachusetts.org





# 2021 WEEKLY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

Cape Cod Ukulele Club • VILLAGE GREEN 5:30-6:30 PM • Jul 5-Aug 23

#### TUESDAYS

Zumba · VILLAGE GREEN 5:30-6:30 PM · Jul 6-Aug 31

Live Music • HYANNIS HARBOR 6:00-7:30 PM • Jul 6-Aug 24

Movies on the Green • VILLAGE GREEN 7-10:00 PM • Jul 6-Aug 10 movie begins at dusk (around 8:15) 7-8 PM: free fun craft and green screen photos

#### WEDNESDAYS

Town Band • VILLAGE GREEN 6:30-7:30 PM • Jun 30-Aug 25

#### THURSDAYS

Tai Chi · VILLAGE GREEN 10:00-11:00 AM · Jul 8-Sep 16

African Drumming • VILLAGE GREEN 6:00-7:00 PM • Jul 1-Sept 23

Jazz Music Stroll • MAIN STREET 7:00-9:00 PM • Jul 1-Aug 19

### **FRIDAYS**

Singer-Songwriter Series • MAIN STREET 5:30-7:00 PM • Jul 2-Aug 13

Hyannis Sound, A Cappella Singers ASELTON PARK • 7:00-8:00 PM Jun 7-Aug 13 • no concert July 16

Visit HyannisMainStreet.com & ArtsBarnstable.com for more details and the most up-to-date list of events. Events may be subject to change or cancellation without notice.

# **OPEN EVERY DAY**

#### **Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanties**

HARBOR OVERLOOK & BISMORE PARK open from 11 AM • May-Oct + events in Nov/Dec artists frequently open early and stay late

#### Welcome Center - BISMORE PARK

Memorial Day to Columbus day stop by for maps, menus, transportation schedules, Discover Barnstable Fun Packs, and more

#### **Hyannis Trolley**

#### MAIN STREET TO HYANNIS HARBOR

10:30 AM-9:00 PM • late June through Labor Day loop runs every 45 mins, catch it anywhere on the route Just give it a wave and hop on board!

#### Kennedy Legacy Trail

MAIN STREET TO HYANNIS HARBOR self-guided tour • ArtsBarnstable.com









Scan for PARKING INFO













HyannisMainStreet.com
ArtsBarnstable.com





**Dog Licenses** 



It is time to renew or obtain a new 2021 Town of Barnstable Dog License. The Town of Barnstable requires that anyone who owns, keeps, possesses or has control of a dog six months of age or older must have their pet licensed and vaccinated against rabies every year. In the interest of continued social distancing, and limiting face-to-face contact with others we have converted to a touch-free payment process for your 2021 Dog License. Renewals were sent by email, so check your spam folder! For more information please click here.

# **Transfer Station Stickers Now Available On-line or by Mail**



**Transfer Station Stickers On-line** 

Transfer Station Mail-in Form

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# **Keep Active and Thrive with the BACC on Channel 18**

The Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC) and Channel 18 have teamed up to provide dedicated BACC programming hours on Comcast CH18. Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:00 AM and Tuesdays and Thursday at 5:00 PM you can tune to Comcast CH18 and view an hour of programming specifically geared to residents in our community who appreciate the wide range of activities provided at the BACC. The dedicated staff at the Council on Aging and Channel 18 have created programs including chair exercise classes, yoga, music programming, and updates on programs and activities. *Keep Active and Thrive with the Barnstable Adult Community Center!* 

To view all Thrive programming on YouTube please click here!

# News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

The Barnstable Adult Community Center is extremely pleased to announce that our doors are open again. We are excited to welcome you back, and ask that you please bear with us as we work to get our in-person programs and activities

up and running. In the meantime, please continue to enjoy our virtual programs. You can register for these by calling us at 508-862-4750 or emailing:

susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BACC IS A COOLING STATION?

If high temperatures have you feeling hot and bothered, do come to the BACC to cool off. We have comfortable seating, free internet access and A\*I\*R C\*O\*N\*D\*I\*T\*I\*N\*G!

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Support Services Program is available to answer any questions, to provide community resources or to assist with any of the above programs. For information on Caregiver support, please contact Stacey Cullen at 508-862-4765. For information on other Support Services resources or to schedule an appointment, please call Jacqi Easter at 508-862-4757.

#### **TURNING 65 OR RETIRING?**

Are you turning 65 in the next three or four month? It's important to look into Medicare plans now, even if you're not planning to collect Social Security benefits or you intend to keep working at a job where you have benefits. Support Services at the BACC can connect you to the a trained SHINE program counselor to learn about your options and benefits. Call Jacqi Easter at 508-862-4757 to book an appointment.

#### TOPS WEIGHT SUPPORT MEETINGS HAVE RESUMED

BACC's Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) chapter welcomes visitors to take off their "Quarantine 19" together as its nonprofit weight loss support group returns. After staying 'safer at home," members are re-committing to their healthy journeys. If you've struggled with your own weight, join them on Thursdays at 9:45am. Questions? Please call Rob at 508-258-9284.

#### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

To register, call 508-862-4750 or email susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us

To find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed, please "like" and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page at www.facebook.com/barnstableadultcommunitycenter

### **Stay Informed**

The Barnstable Council on Aging's bi-monthly magazine, Thrive, is available in our lobby area, and can also be found under the "Newsletter" tab on our website: <a href="www.townofbarnstable.us/coa">www.townofbarnstable.us/coa</a>. Our E-newsletter is sent weekly, and contains news, resources and information for the older adult community and others. If you'd like to receive it, please email: <a href="judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us">judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us</a>.

## **ROAD WORK UPDATES**

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

# \*New\* National Grid New Customer Hookups

Monday, July 26, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Sean's Circle Centerville. Thursday, July 29, 2021 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Brookshire Road Hyannis. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about five days to complete. Visit ngrid.com/service line to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

# \*UPDATED\* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills

Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are currently on-going and will continue during the week of July 26, 2021. The remaining work will include the raising of structures to finished grade, final asphalt paving and restoration of all disturbed areas. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

# \*CONTINUES\* Rendezvous Lane Wastewater Pump Station Replacement Project

The Town of Barnstable's contractor, Robert B. Our Co., Inc., is under contract to complete a wastewater pump station replacement project at the intersection of Rendezvous Lane, Kent Road and Salten Point Road. The project involves a new below grade precast concrete wet well and valve vault, pumping system, control panel, standby generator and gravity sewer main to replace the existing wastewater pump station at the Town Right of Way to Barnstable Harbor at the end of Rendezvous Lane. The improvements are necessary to replace the existing pump station approaching the end of its intended service life and to relocate the new pump station above the FEMA base flood elevation. Typical work hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with groundwater dewatering pumps and sewer bypass pumps occasionally requiring 24/7 operation. Remaining work includes restoration of disturbed areas.

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

The Town's contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements at five (5) locations along Head of the Pond Rd and Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, adjustment of drainage structure castings, and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

# **Hurricane Preparedness**



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

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

## The Last Word:

This is a wonderful day! I've never seen this one before.

~Maya Angelou

Thank you for receiving and reading e-news each week!













