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July 24, 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

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

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. [Mr. Ells' latest Community Update](#) reminds us that it is important to wear a mask on Main Street Hyannis. He also congratulates the Barnstable High School Class of 2020 who will be graduating this week and reminds them to be safe in their celebrations. This week's update includes Barnstable Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown's update on Designing Reopening Barnstable Public Schools for the Fall. Dr. Mayo-Brown reminds us that this is a fluid situation and the number one priority is the health and safety of our students and our staff and that as plans are developed, they are subject to change as new information may be forthcoming. You are encouraged 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. The Town of Barnstable continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

Barnstable High School Graduation – Saturday, July 25, 2020

Given the limitations placed on this year's Barnstable High School Graduation, we wanted to share with you ways that you can view the celebration: [YouTube Livestream](#) (recommended); [BHS Graduation Webpage](#) (YouTube embedded in page); and live to Xfinity [Channel 22](#) on your cable box at home. We know that people are excited to celebrate our graduates, but we encourage you to do so safely.

Avoid the Three Cs

Be aware of different levels of risk in different settings.



There are certain places where COVID-19 spreads more easily:



Crowded places

with many people nearby



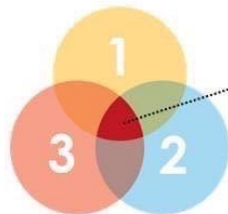
Close-contact settings

Especially where people have close-range conversations



Confined and enclosed spaces

with poor ventilation



The risk is higher in places where these factors overlap.

Even as restrictions are lifted, consider where you are going and #StaySafe by avoiding the Three Cs.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?



Avoid crowded places and limit time in enclosed spaces



Maintain at least 1m distance from others



When possible, open windows and doors for ventilation



Keep hands clean and cover coughs and sneezes



Wear a mask if requested or if physical distancing is not possible

If you are unwell, stay home unless to seek urgent medical care.

Barnstable Police Department Swearing In Ceremony – Thursday, July 23, 2020



Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend is pleased to announce the addition of five new patrol officers to the force. The five officers were sworn-in on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at the Barnstable Police Department. Four of the five recently completed recruit officer training at the Cape Cod Municipal Police Academy, one officer is a lateral transfer from the Hull Police Department. The officers will begin three months of field training prior to being cleared for solo patrol.

Patrol Officer Thomas Fullam is a United States Coast Guard veteran where he earned the rank of Lieutenant. He is a Barnstable High School graduate and holds Bachelor's Degrees from both Westfield State University and the United States Coast Guard Academy. Officer Fullam worked for the Department as a telecommunicator/jail assistant before attending the police academy. He resides in Hyannis.

Patrol Officer Owen Murray is a lifelong resident of the Town of Barnstable. He graduated from Barnstable High School in 2015, and then attended Stonehill College, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology in 2019. Officer Murray resides in Marstons Mills.

Patrol Officer Jonathan Moore was born in Ireland and has lived on Cape Cod since 2002. He is a 2004 graduate of Upper Cape Cod Technical High School. Officer Moore is an active member of the community, having coached both Barnstable Youth Hockey and Barnstable Youth Baseball. Officer Moore resides in Hyannis.

Patrol Officer Kristina Gustafson was born and raised on Cape Cod. She graduated from Barnstable High School in 2012 and earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Cape Cod Community College in 2018. Officer Gustafson worked for the Department as a telecommunicator/jail assistant before attending the police academy. She resides in Hyannis.

Patrol Officer Brandon Sanders is transferring to Barnstable from Hull Police Department, where he has worked full time as a patrol officer for two years. He graduated from Hull High School in 2015. He holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Quincy College and is currently enrolled there earning his Bachelor's Degree. Officer Sanders resides in Pembroke.

Congratulations, Officers Fullam, Murray, Moore, Gustafson, and Sanders!

Cape Cod Healthcare Transitions Mid-Cape COVID-19 Testing Location to Cape Cod Hospital

Effective July 24, 2020, Cape Cod Healthcare will transition its mid Cape drive-through testing site from the campus of Cape Cod Community College to the campus of Cape Cod Hospital. A second testing facility on the campus of Falmouth Hospital, which opened on June 24, 2020, continues to supplement testing access by serving the upper Cape community. The location transition is in anticipation of resumed activity at Cape Cod Community College with the goal of establishing a more permanent location at Cape Cod Hospital. Cape Cod Healthcare would like to extend its sincere gratitude to Cape Cod Community College for being an exceptional community partner during these exceptionally challenging times. As a reminder, testing is available to any person on the Cape and Islands with a doctor's order, including those with a physician not affiliated with Cape Cod Healthcare and/or not located on Cape Cod. Individuals without a primary care physician can call the dedicated call center (508-862-5595) to be screened for testing by a clinical provider by phone. For more information about COVID-19 testing at Cape Cod Healthcare, see capecodhealth.org/coronavirus.

Learn about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Mosquito bites can cause serious illness. Take steps to protect yourself & your family. When outdoors, always use EPA-approved repellent & wear mosquito-resistant clothing, like pants or long sleeves.

Repair broken doors & window screens. More info: <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks>

Learn about EEE

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. EEE can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death in any age group; however, people under age 15 are at particular risk. EEE does not occur every year, but based on mosquito sampling, a high risk of occurrence of human cases currently exists. Learn more about EEE and how to protect yourself and your family in this [fact sheet about EEE](#).

2020 Season

[Routine mosquito testing](#) began on June 15, 2020 and will continue through October. The Department of Public Health in partnership with Local Mosquito Control Projects will conduct comprehensive surveillance activities state-wide to assess the risk of WNV and EEE in 2020. [Risk maps and EEE and WNV detections](#) will be routinely updated. You can watch a brief video from the State [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. The polls will be open as usual on September 1st. We will be taking all possible precautionary safety measures to ensure that elections workers and the voters will be in a safe environment to cast your ballot. We will have fewer voting booths set up six feet apart, so you may have to wait a little longer in line. We will change the flow of the polling location, enter in one door exit out a different door, if at all possible.

Happy Retirement, COA Outreach Coordinator Claudia Borden!

Long-time Council on Aging Division Outreach Coordinator, Claudia Borden, is retiring after two decades of dedicated service with the Town of Barnstable. We are extraordinarily grateful to Claudia for the guidance and support she provided to so many of our older residents over the years. Having spearheaded our Brown Bag nutrition program and mailbox sticker program, among many other initiatives, and being a tireless advocate for older adults, Claudia leaves




behind a valuable legacy that we will continue to build upon in our ongoing commitment to providing a strong safety net for our most vulnerable older residents. We wish Claudia all the best in her next chapter!

Hurricane Preparedness

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Be Ready Before the Storm

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

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

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

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

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

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 and @artsbarnstable on facebook/Instagram.

SPECIAL EVENT THIS WEEK

Love Live Local Fest | Celebrating local business & community will be VIRTUAL this year Sunday, July 26 –Saturday, August 1

LoveLiveLocal.com

Home grown artists, artisans, farmers, food trucks, musicians, independent makers and kid zone activities! This year is an online community shopping event on LoveLiveLocal.com and on social media where you can find your Love Local Fest favorites along with some new faces, and all of the locally made products and Cape Cod brands that bring a unique flavor to our community and celebrate the special place we all love.



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 @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

Through 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

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

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.

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 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.

***CONTINUES* Double Yellow Centerlines, White Edge Lines, and Crosswalk Line Painting 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 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.

***CONTINUES* Ongoing Drainage Improvements** Drainage improvements will continue on 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* 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* 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).

***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.

***CONTINUES* 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.

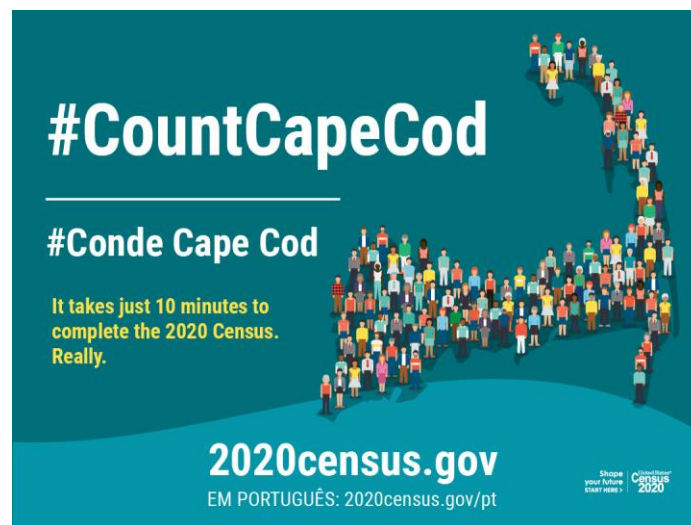
Free Grocery Delivery Service Launches for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk

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 62.3%. Massachusetts has a 64.3% self-response rate; Barnstable County 46.7%; and the Town of Barnstable 53.9%.**



Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions

A promotional banner for Vineyard Wind's virtual information sessions. The banner features a dark blue background on the left with the Vineyard Wind logo and text. The right side shows a photograph of a beach with a lifeguard stand. A green bar contains the RSVP link, and a white box lists the session dates and times.

VINEYARD WIND
Virtual Information Session
Paving the Way in Barnstable

RSVP Today: vineyardwind.com/barnstable

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.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed.

Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

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The Last Word:



Pictured from left to right: Rev. Bernard Harris (Zion Union Church), Mark Raymond (then Chair of the Barnstable Youth Commission), Brian Morrison (Barnstable Police Department), Samuel Rosen, and Congressman John Lewis.

In June of 2007, the Town of Barnstable competed in and won the National Civic League's All-America City Award. In October, we were invited to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the honor. While visiting the Capitol, we had the extraordinary opportunity to meet Congressman John Lewis. He was most gracious to pose for pictures (and then months later, sign them!) with some of our group.

Rest in Peace, Congressman John Lewis.

“Nothing can stop the power of a committed and determined people to make a difference in our society. Why? Because human beings are the most dynamic link to the divine on this planet.”

~John Lewis

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