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Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

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

FY 2021 Operating Budget Now Available on Town Website

The Town of Barnstable's FY 2021 Operating Budget is now available on the Town's website here:

[FY 2021 Operating Budget](#). This webpage provides both a consolidated as well as individual breakouts of the entire book by department. A condensed version of the entire book is available within the attached FY 2021 Operating Budget Summary file.

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. [Mr. Ells' latest Community Update](#) offers information about how the Town of Barnstable is offering programs and services and provides an update now that we are in Phase II of [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#) for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which keeps a lot restrictions, advisories, and guidance in place but provides exceptions for certain activities that can resume safely. There is also an update to changes to the Transfer Station. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#). The Town Council Workshop on the Transfer Station can be viewed [here](#).

Town of Barnstable 4th of July Fireworks Postponed, Parades Canceled

In these unprecedented times, our first priority is the health and well-being of our community, therefore the Town of Barnstable has postponed the Annual 4th of July Fireworks event to tentatively be held on the Saturday (September 5, 2020) of Labor Day Weekend. According to Governor Baker's Reopening

Plan, parades can occur during Phase 4 which means all 4th of July parades have all been canceled. You can find more information about the Reopening Plans here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-when-can-my-business-reopen>

Town of Barnstable Opens Lane on Hyannis Main Street for Pedestrians and Outdoor Business Use

The Town of Barnstable looks forward to safely welcoming residents and visitors to Hyannis Main Street this summer. To provide room for social distancing, and to support the safe and successful reopening of the many small shops and restaurants on Main Street, the Town of Barnstable is making one of the two traffic lanes on the street available to pedestrians and outdoor business use. The southern lane and parking spaces will remain available for vehicle travel and parking. All intersections will remain open for traffic in all directions. The lane closure will begin prior to Barnstable Road and extend to Sea Street and will remain in place through the summer. Work to make this change will begin on Monday, June 15, 2020 is expected to be completed by Friday, June 19, 2020. "The Town of Barnstable is committed to promoting public health and safety and to supporting the small businesses that make Hyannis Main Street unique and vibrant," Town Manager Mark Ells said. These modifications to the public street are the centerpiece of efforts by the Town of Barnstable and the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District aimed at ensuring a successful economic recovery and transition to a safe and prosperous "new normal" in Hyannis. The new temporary outdoor business space will be accompanied by renewed efforts to enhance lighting and bring public art to the street, as well resumption of customary services including public restrooms and Community Service Officers. "There was much thoughtful discussion and outreach made on this change and we think it will help the downtown thrive this summer. We thank all of the hardworking and insightful partners who are making this happen," said Elizabeth Wurfain, Executive Director of the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District. For ongoing updates on the efforts to transition Main Street, visit the Town of Barnstable Economy Recovery webpage at: www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/planninganddevelopment/Barnstable-Economic-Recovery-Plan

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.

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.

Cape Cod Healthcare Continues to Resume Services in Accordance with State Guidelines

Effective June 8th, Cape Cod Healthcare has met [state attestation guidelines](#) to incrementally resume elective, in-person, non-urgent procedures and services in accordance with the second phase of the state's comprehensive plan for [Reopening Massachusetts](#). This updated attestation incorporates the capacity criteria and public health and safety standards required for *Phase 1: Start* as well as outlines additional requirements met for *Phase 2: Cautious*. This is welcome news for patients on Cape Cod who may have had to defer care due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following state guidelines in [Phase 2](#), in-person care will expand to include the reopening of non-urgent procedures and services, including routine office visits and nonessential, elective invasive procedures. Cape Cod Healthcare has demonstrated on-going compliance with public health and safety standards including the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), infection control readiness, screening for COVID-19 symptoms and social distancing protocols. For in-person services and procedures, health care providers will continue to use their clinical judgement and prioritize urgent services, chronic disease management and preventive care. All in-person medical care including routine office visits and behavioral health may resume, with the exception of elective cosmetic procedures and in-person day programs, which will be part of Phase 3. Cape Cod Healthcare patients who have a surgery, test or procedure that has been delayed, should **contact their clinical care provider**. Cape Cod Healthcare physicians will be prioritizing the scheduling of non-emergent, in-person cases according to state guidelines. In addition, Cape Cod Healthcare will continue to offer telehealth services to patients whenever possible. Cape Cod Healthcare has met the required state guidelines to ensure the safety of our patients and staff. Here's what you should expect to see if you visit a Cape Cod Healthcare hospital or facility:

- Use of masks and face coverings by everyone in the facility
- Screening of possible COVID-19 symptoms for all incoming patients
- Separate care zones for COVID and non-COVID care

- Social distancing measures in waiting rooms and other areas
- Frequent cleanings and disinfecting
- Continued restrictions for hospital visitors

Cape Cod Healthcare continues to strongly encourage patients to seek medical care for any urgent healthcare needs as we have seen patients in need of serious medical attention who have waited too long to visit our hospitals. Our healthcare facilities and hospitals are safe, and our staff are prepared to address your needs. If you have a question, please contact your provider.

Need for Blood Donations Continues

Over the past few months, Cape Cod Healthcare's blood center's inventories have fallen to their lowest levels since pre-pandemic days. Nationwide, blood centers have experienced a significant drop in donations which is limiting the ability for the overall blood supply to be adequately replenished. Locally, the Cape Cod Healthcare blood program is experiencing the same challenge as the organization transitions back to a new normal and looks forward to resuming elective surgeries. Lok Tse, supervisor, transfusion medicine services and blood donor program at Cape Cod Healthcare, reviewed the recent history of the blood donation levels and needs. During the early stages of the pandemic, the blood supply decreased to a critical level but then, thanks to a strong response from the public, the blood supply was replenished through donors' selfless acts. "Though our donors have been extremely supportive and generous, we are challenged by cancellation of regular blood drives as many businesses, high schools and community organizations remain closed. The social distancing measures have limited our ability to collect blood at pre-pandemic levels, simply by the numbers of donors allowed at one time," says Lok. Jonathan DeCoste, senior blood donor recruiter at Cape Cod Healthcare reminds everyone, "the Cape Cod Healthcare Blood Program continues to need blood. It's important for people to know the coronavirus does not pose any known risk to blood donors during the donation process or from attending blood drives. Blood centers are regulated by the FDA and must follow specific guidelines to ensure donor safety at all times." The full list of drives can be found at <https://www.capecodhealth.org/ways-to-give/blood-center/>. The scheduled drives are updated regularly so be sure to check back for up to the minute schedule changes. Information can also be found on the Cape Cod Healthcare Facebook page. To minimize contact with others, all donations are by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit our website at www.capecodhealth.org/give-blood. The Nicholas G. Xiarhos Blood Donor Center at Cape Cod hospital continues to schedule platelet donations by appointment. Note: When platelet donors arrive, they will be screened at the main entrance. Note: The FDA has reiterated that there have been no reported or suspected cases of transfusion-transmitted coronavirus and the virus poses no known risk to patients receiving blood transfusions.

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

It is important to return both your annual street listing and the United States Census in 2020. The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that Barnstable and Massachusetts

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receive our fair share of federal money and political representation for the next 10 years. Representation in the United States Congress is based on United State Census responses. Recently the U.S. Census Bureau has resumed field operations in our area. **Of note, census workers are dropping off paper forms included in their invitation package on the doorsteps of residents who receive mail through a PO Box. We have been assured that census workers are taking all precautions to make this non-contact delivery as smooth and safe as possible.** 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 60.9%. Massachusetts has a 63.0% self-response rate; Barnstable County 43.1%; and the Town of Barnstable 51.5%.**

June is Myasthenia Gravis Awareness Month

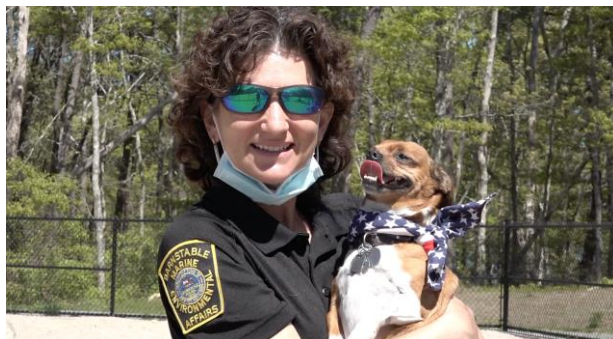
One of our employees has asked that we share this information with you.

What is Myasthenia Gravis (MG)?

- The most common form of MG is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disorder characterized by fluctuating weakness of the voluntary muscle groups.
- In the U.S., it is estimated that 20 in 100,000 have MG; approximately 36,000 to 60,000 cases. However, as myasthenia gravis often remains underdiagnosed, the prevalence is most likely higher.
- MG can occur regardless of race, gender, and age.
- MG is not thought to be directly inherited nor contagious, but may occur in more than one member of the same family.
- MG is not transmitted via intimate or any form of contact.
- There is no known cure for MG, but there are many effective treatments that can make managing life with MG easier.

For more information about Myasthenia Gravis, visit <https://myasthenia.org/>.

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 week, 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 Channel](#). You can also follow us on our [Facebook Page](#) for more videos and updates! **Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Social Distance - Safety First, Barnstable!**

Online Sales: Transfer Station Sticker and Beach Parking Permits

In an effort to assist our community during the COVID-19 emergency, the Town of Barnstable is proud to offer online purchases for transfer station stickers and beach parking permits starting Tuesday May 26, 2020. In addition to accepting mail-in applications, Barnstable residents can now conveniently go to **permitvats.com**, select "Barnstable, MA" in the drop down menu, identify the permit you wish to apply for and download all necessary documents. All online permit sales will be mailed and please allow up to 2 weeks for processing and mailing. The Town of Barnstable is committed to assisting our community and is available to help with any questions you may have.

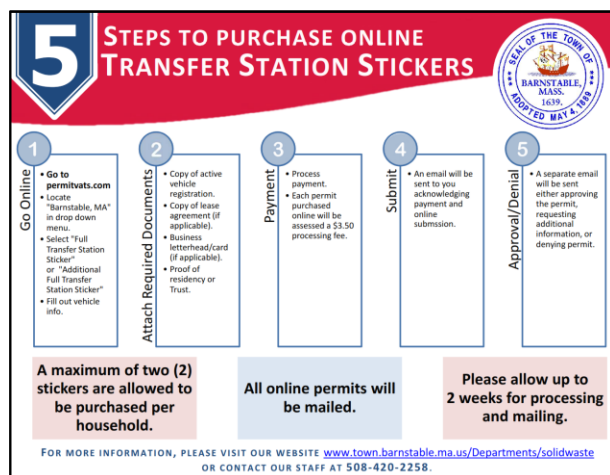
For more information about the Transfer Station Stickers, please visit

www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/solidwaste or contact staff at 508-420-2258.

For more information about Beach Parking Permits, please visit

www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation or contact staff at 508-790-6345.

We are happy to help!



Information to Help You Stay Safe at Barnstable Beaches This Weekend



COVID-19 BEACH SAFETY RULES

Make your safety a priority and remember - WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

-  **1 IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK, STAY HOME.**
-  **2 GENERAL DISTANCING**
Maintain at least 6' of distance from other beach-goers.
-  **3 BEACH DISTANCING**
Do not sit closer than 12' from your nearest neighbor in any direction.
-  **4 WEAR A MASK**
Masks are required when 6' of distance cannot be maintained for ages 2 and up. Masks are not required to be worn while swimming.
-  **5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS**
Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
-  **6 GROUP SIZE**
Groups larger than 10 are not allowed to gather.
-  **7 BEACH GAMES**
Group games are not allowed.
-  **8 BE RESPECTFUL**
Avoid confrontation. Be kind, follow the rules and enjoy the beach!



<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation/>
Barnstable Recreation 508-790-6345

See ALL State guidelines [here](#). Thanks to the tremendous effort of our Department of Public Works, our bathhouses will be open this weekend. Lifeguards and gate attendants will not be available this weekend, so please, Safety First, Barnstable - in and out of the water! Parking Permits are available via MAIL - please be patient, it takes up to two weeks to process! FORM [here](#).

ROAD WORK UPDATES

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

***NEW* Lane Closure Main Street, Hyannis – Barnstable**

Road to Sea Street The Department of Public Works Highway Division will be installing concrete barriers along the center line of Main Street, Hyannis to prohibit vehicle



access to the north lane. The installation will start at Barnstable Road and end at Sea Street. Work is to begin on Monday June 15, 2020 expected to be completed by Friday June 19, 2020 . The installation process will require sections of Main Street to be blocked off to through traffic. Vehicular traffic will be directed by Barnstable Police Officers. Operations will start promptly at 10 p.m. and run until 6 a.m., after which time traffic will be opened back to through traffic.

Traffic during the installation process will be delayed and motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the road work. As always, please slow down, use extreme caution and follow posted safety signs.

***CONTINUES* National Grid Service Road** Construction Work began on November 12, 2019; National Grid will be installing a new gas main on Service Road in Sandwich and Barnstable. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Service Road will remain open with one-lane of traffic. Work will continue through June 30, 2020. The project is scheduled to be completed in November, 2020.

***CONTINUES* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road** Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021 MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will 1 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

***UPDATED* Pipe Installation, Hinckley Road from Falmouth Road to Route 132**

National Grid Work has started installation of a new gas main in Hinckley Road in Hyannis. The project includes installation of new 10" gas main from Falmouth Road to a regulator pit within Hinckley Road and a 12" gas main from the regulator pit to a tie-in in Route 132. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Work will continue in Hinckley Road through June 30, 2020, and the Contactor will then demobilize until the fall.

***UPDATED* Ongoing Drainage Improvements** Drainage improvements are complete on Bridge and work will shift to Eel River Road in Osterville. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings, adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday

through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

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

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

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

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

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

The chipseal process includes street sweeping, installation of a thin asphalt leveling course on an as-needed basis, cracksealing, spraying of a rubberized membrane onto the road surface followed by installation of crushed pea-stone aggregate that is rolled into the rubber membrane material.

Work began on June 2, 2020 and is expected to be complete by June 26, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained throughout the process with support from police details.

***CONTINUES* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A)**

and Mill Way in Barnstable Village Construction is scheduled to continue through mid-June 2020, then finish up in the fall. Normal work hours are 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals in a few locations (by utility companies); paving and marking the roads; finishing sidewalks in several locations; installing site furnishings; installing street lights; refurbishing traffic signals; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

***CONTINUES* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Sea Street, South Street,**

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

***CONTINUES* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants**

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

***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 continue through the end of June, then start up again in September and end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will include a new sidewalk and additional drainage systems the full length of Independence Drive, on Mary Dunn Road a short distance south of Independence Drive, on Kidd's Hill Road from Independence Drive to Merchants Way, and on Attucks Lane from Independence Drive to Wilkens Lane. The work will also include a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane; a watermain extension on portions of Attucks Lane and Independence Drive; and additional street lights on portions of Independence Drive and Kidd's Hill Road. During active construction there will be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

A Message from the Council on Aging Division

It has been determined that due to the need for the Town of Barnstable to continue to implement precautionary measures to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Barnstable Adult Community Center will remain closed to the public. In person classes, programs, services and club activities will not be held at our site. Since we serve a vulnerable population that has been most adversely affected by the COVID-19 virus, we shall remain closed until it is deemed safe to reopen. The health, wellbeing and safety of our residents are our primary concern. These precautionary measures are unprecedented and reflect the seriousness of this issue. If you are over 65 years of age, we remind you that you heed the "Safer at Home" Advisory put forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by continuing to stay at home, except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store to attend to healthcare needs. The doors of the Barnstable Adult Community Center may be closed, but we are always here for you if you need us, and we encourage you to reach out to us at 508-862-4750. Although working remotely, staff is checking messages, and all calls will be returned; we are in this together, and the BCOA staff is ready to help you.

Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

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.**

GRAB & GO

Breakfast and Lunches

Bus Stop Locations/Times



Pick-up Locations: BIS, BUES, HyWest, and BCIS 10am-1pm | 4-6pm

NOTE: Each Friday students will receive 3 breakfast and 3 lunches for the weekend.

BUS STOPS MONDAY - FRIDAY

ROUTE A (Five Star bus)	
465 Sea Street (Sea Street Beach)	10:45 am to 11:15 am
200 Main St (Health Offices)	11:30 am to 12:15 pm
Time Change EFFECTIVE Monday 4/27/2020	
ROUTE B (Five Star bus)	
767 Independence Dr (Village Green Apts. entrance)	10:45 am to 11:30 am
367 Main Street (Town Hall)	11:50 am to 12:30 pm
ROUTE C (Five Star bus)	
117 Turtleback Rd (Turtleback Triangle)	11:00 am to 11:30 am
April 27-May 1, Use Entrance off Rt. 28 2095 Main Street (old Marstons Mills Elementary)	11:50 am to 12:30 pm
ROUTE D (BPS bus)	
852 Bearse's Way (Hyannis Elks)	10:45 am to 11:30 am
168 Barnstable Road (Cromwell Court)	11:45 am to 12:30 pm
ROUTE E (BPS bus)	
2377 Meetinghouse Way (Lombard Field)	11:00 am to 11:30 am
2239 Iyannough Rd., Rt. 132 (Kimber Woods)	11:40 am to 12:00 pm
3195 Rt. 6A (County Complex lot, behind Fire dept.)	12:10 pm to 12:30 pm
ROUTE F (Five Star bus)	
1638-72 Falmouth Rd, Rt. 28 (Centerville Plaza lot across from the post office)	10:55 am to 11:25 am
140 Old Oyster Rd (old Cotuit Elementary)	11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Sites could change based on use and attendance, we could be adding more delivery sites.

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.

The Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), in service to the Barnstable County Incident Command COVID-19 response, is providing a free service delivering prepaid groceries to seniors and people at higher risk for infection. The new program is called Critical Delivery Service. The initiative consists of over 40 MRC volunteers who will pick up pre-ordered, prepaid groceries from food stores offering

curbside pickup options, and deliver to residents in all 15 towns of Barnstable County. Director of the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps Diana Gaumond emphasized that volunteers:

- will not be doing personal shopping. (There should be little to no time spent in grocery stores.)
- will not be handling money or credit cards
- will wear a mask at points of pickup and delivery
- will practice good hand hygiene and social distancing.

Instructions for Ordering Food Using the MRC's Critical Delivery Service

1. Call 508-556-7161 Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and speak with an MRC Volunteer. You will provide your name, address, and phone number, and discuss options of stores where you can order.

2. A Delivery Volunteer will be assigned to you.

3. You will order from the store as instructed, prepaying for the groceries.

4. You will confirm the curbside pickup time with your assigned Delivery Volunteer.

5. Your Delivery Volunteer will pick up and deliver groceries using safe practices of social distancing, wearing a mask, and not going inside the home.

**The Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer can usually provide same day pickup and delivery if the order is phoned in by noon.*

See a list of participating grocery stores with pre-ordering and curbside pickup options

at https://bit.ly/CCMRC_FOOD. 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.

Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions



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.

June 9 • 7:00pm
July 15 • 4:30pm
August 11 • 12:00pm
September 18 • 4:00pm

2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins

Start of Hurricane Season is a Reminder to Prepare

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
Be Ready Before the Storm

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

 Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone	Know Your Zone	Make a Plan	Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs
 Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days	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

Town Manager Extends Payment Due Dates for Town Bills and Exemptions and Tax Deferral Applications

The Town Manager is waiving the payment of interest and other penalties in the event of late payment of any real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, boat excise, and water or sewer utility bills for an additional month, giving Barnstable taxpayers until **June 29, 2020**, to make payment without incurring interest or demand late fees.

Under the new state legislation, payments made after June 29, 2020 will be subject to interest and penalties back to June 1, 2020.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the office of the Treasurer/Collector is closed to the public. However, there are several optional payment methods available:

1. Mail checks using the envelop provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
2. Online thru the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

If you have any questions regarding property, excise and sewer bill payments, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054 or email to taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Questions regarding water bills can be directed to the Town's Water Supply Division at 508-775-0063.

Questions regarding Residential, Veterans, Seniors, and Blind Exemption applications can be directed to the Town Assessor's office by calling 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020 or email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us.

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. It is our hope that we will re-open to the public on **Monday, June 8th**. 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 lien 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

The Collector's Office is closed to the public at this time and the administrative staff will be working remotely until further notice. While a "Shelter in Place" directive has not been issued at this time, the administrative staff will be staggering times in the office to address items that cannot be accomplished remotely to reduce the number of people working in close proximity to each other and to implement social distancing. If you have any questions regarding real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer bill payments, please call the **Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-5054** or email to taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the office of the Treasurer/Collector is closed to the public.

However, there are several payment options available:

1. Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601.
2. Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Treasurer/>
3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

If you have any questions regarding property, excise and sewer bill payments, please call the **Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054**.

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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a community discovering what it cares about.
~ Margaret J. Wheatley

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