

**Use all the tools available to **stop the spread****



**When you can, get the vaccine**  
Before, between and after being vaccinated you still need to:



**Wear a mask      Wash your hands      Keep your distance      Avoid groups**

For more information on how to stop the spread visit [Mass.gov/StopCOVID](https://www.mass.gov/StopCOVID)



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March 12, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:  
**New**  
**Updated**  
Same as previous week(s)

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

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

### Cape Cod COVID-19 Vaccine Update

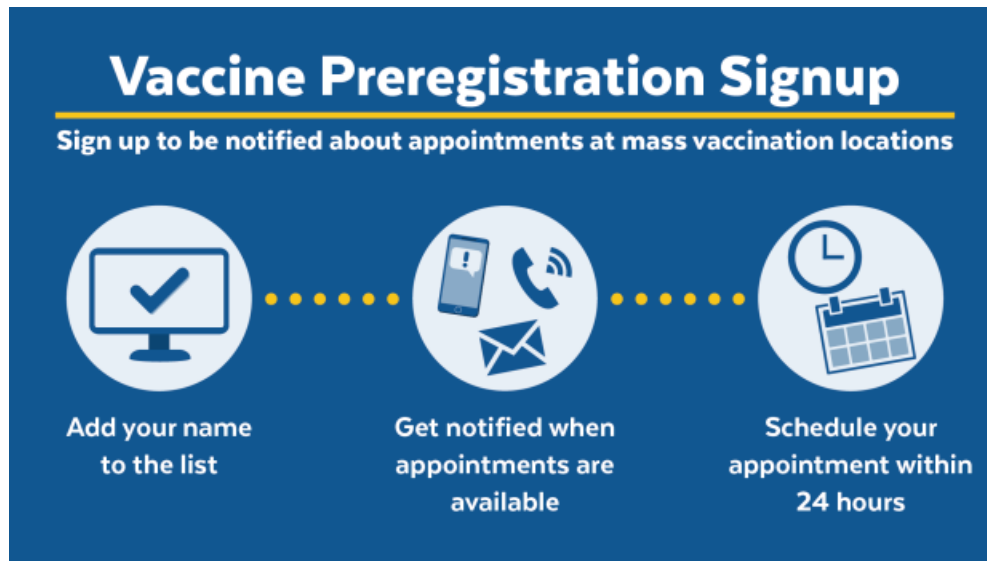
As part of the Town of Barnstable’s role in the Cape Cod COVID-19 Vaccine Consortium, our Council on Aging Division is identifying vulnerable adults over 65, left behind by the current vaccine offerings, specifically individuals who need assistance making vaccination appointments but are able to travel to Cape Cod Community College. In an effort to expand upon the robust information our Council on Aging currently has, we are asking anyone in this group to provide **name** and **phone number**, by emailing that information to [COACovid@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:COACovid@town.barnstable.ma.us). You may also call 508-862-4024 and leave your name and phone number. Thank You.

## Preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment

Sign up to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination location. (Dartmouth, Gillette, Fenway)

Eligible people who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can preregister beginning Friday, March 12, for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a mass vaccination location.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PREREGISTRATION [here](#).



## Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan

### 4 Dates set aside for educators at mass vaccination sites

The Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan was announced and conforms to the phases and prioritized populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control. [When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine? | Mass.gov](#) **As of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations.**

### Four dates set aside for educators at mass vaccination sites in Massachusetts

K-12 educators, child care workers and school staff in Massachusetts are eligible to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments beginning TODAY, Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Who is included in this group?

Anyone who is employed on a full or part-time basis by public or private pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and those who work as or for licensed childcare providers, including center-based and family care providers. This includes all PK-12 and childcare staff, including but not limited to direct employees and contractors in the following categories: *Educators, Paraprofessionals/education support professionals, Childcare educators, Family childcare assistants, Childcare program directors, Childcare center directors, District and school administrators, Clerical and administrative staff, Bus or van drivers, Custodial staff, Food service staff, After-school program staff, Student teachers, interns, teaching assistants, and aides, School Safety Officers.*

There are designated 4 days where the state's 7 mass vaccination sites will only offer 1st dose appointments for K-12 educators, child care workers and K-12 school staff. These dates are:

**Saturday, March 27, Saturday, April 3, Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11**

Workers in this group must use the pre-registration system to request an appointment at one of the seven mass vaccination sites and attest they are a K-12 educator, childcare worker or K-12 school staff.

<https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine>

# COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: Phase 1 & 2 Eligibility Status

## Phase 1

All phase 1 priority groups

Now eligible

## Phase 2

1 Individuals age 75+

Now eligible

2 Individuals 65+ and individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions

Now eligible

3 K-12 educators, child care workers, and school staff

Eligible on 3/11

4 Transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation public works, and public health workers

Not yet eligible

5 Individuals with 1 certain medical condition

Not yet eligible

For more details on each group and phase visit [mass.gov/COVIDvaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDvaccine)



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## Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment

The first step to getting vaccinated is confirming you are in an eligible group. Once you confirm eligibility, you can book your appointment. To check who is eligible and to schedule appointments visit [mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine)



### What to know before you go

- The vaccine is free to all individuals.
- You must make an appointment to get a vaccine.
- The vaccine requires two doses. You should make sure you have a second appointment scheduled from the same site, or know how to schedule it, before leaving your first appointment.
- You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.
- You must confirm you are eligible for your phase. Learn how below.

### What you need for your appointment

#### Confirm your eligibility

To get vaccinated in Phase 1 or 2, you will need to confirm that you are part of a currently eligible group within those phases. This is called "attesting." You might attest online or over the phone when booking. If you are not asked when booking, you will use a form. Locations should have an attestation form, however, you can fill out the state's form and bring it with you to your appointment to be prepared. Get the form at [mass.gov/covidvaccineguide](https://mass.gov/covidvaccineguide)

#### Additional documents

Your vaccination location may list the below items as necessary, however, that only applies to people who have them. You can still receive the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID.

- An ID with your name, if you have one, to verify your name in the vaccination system.
- Health insurance card, if you have one. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you.

If you are going to a "local vaccination location" (yellow stars on map), those are for workers or residents of select cities and towns. They will include what you need to bring in their "special instructions" when scheduling your appointment.



### Keep others safe

It will take time to get the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out and get everyone vaccinated. Before, between doses, and when you are fully vaccinated, continue to use all tools available to stop the spread.



## **MEMA Offers Resource of Testing Site Map**

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is a great resource for COVID-19 testing locations with its [COVID-19 Test Site Locator](#). The map provides an easy way to locate a COVID-19 test site near you. All of those experiencing symptoms or those who have been in close contact recently with a COVID positive individual should seek testing. There are different filters you can choose, such as free testing for residents, test children, referral not required, drive thru services, etc.

## **Massachusetts Travel Order Update**

The Massachusetts travel order has been updated to include “Persons Who Have been Completely Vaccinated for COVID-19” under the One of the Commissioner’s Designated Exceptions for Quarantine. Under that section it states:

### **Persons Who Have Been Completely Vaccinated for COVID-19:**

Individuals who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Janssen vaccine, more than 14 days ago and who do not have symptoms, do not need to obtain a negative test prior to traveling to, or quarantine upon arrival to, Massachusetts. COVID-19 vaccinated individuals arriving in Massachusetts must have documentation of their vaccination(s), including the date(s) of administration, available if asked. This exception **does not** include COVID-19-recovered individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19, who must follow all testing and quarantine guidance outlined in the travel rules.

Additionally, under the potential other traveler scenarios section:

### **Do I have to comply with the Travel Order if I have received a COVID-19 vaccine?**

- If you have gotten two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines or one dose of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine more than 14 days ago **and** do not have symptoms, you do not need to have a negative test before traveling to Massachusetts or quarantine when you arrive. If asked, you must show documentation of your vaccination, including the date(s) given.
- If you are vaccinated and have symptoms of COVID-19, you must continue to follow the Governor’s Travel Order and related testing and quarantine requirements.

Learn more here: [www.mass.gov/matraveler](http://www.mass.gov/matraveler)

## **Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plans for Continued Reopening**

*Massachusetts advanced to Step 2 of Phase III on March 1; Phase IV planned to start March 22*

For more information, please visit the state’s [website](#).

## **Barnstable, MA \$12,695,000 General Obligation Bonds Net 1.33%; Refunding Saves \$1,071,079**

Debra Blanchette, Town Treasurer, announced that the Town received competitive bids from bond underwriters on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, for a \$12,695,000, 20-year general obligation bond issue. Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC was the winning bidder on the Bonds with an average interest rate of 1.33%. The Town received a total of 10 bids on the Bonds. Bond proceeds will be used to finance various municipal projects and, together with available funds of the Town, refinance bonds of the Town originally issued June 15, 2010 and June 14, 2011. The refinancing will generate gross budgetary savings of \$1,071,079 over the remaining life of the bonds refunded. Prior to the sale, S&P Global Ratings, a municipal bond credit rating agency, affirmed the Town’s ‘AAA’ bond rating, the highest rating attainable. The rating agency cited the Town’s very strong economy, very strong management with strong financial policies and practices, strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility,

very strong liquidity, strong debt and contingent liability profile, and strong institutional framework as positive credit factors. The bids for the Bonds were accepted at the offices of the Town's Financial Advisor, Hilltop Securities Inc., at 54 Canal Street in Boston, Massachusetts.

## **Cape Cod Businesses Report Continued Impacts Due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

### *Results from third business impact survey round out a comprehensive data collection effort*

Results from a third survey issued to local business owners by the Cape Cod Commission and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce complete a comprehensive effort to collect data that will help to understand the impacts felt by our business community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Four hundred and fifty respondents representing businesses and non-profits from every town and the major industries on Cape Cod completed the third survey, issued in early January 2021. [The survey results](#) indicate continued impacts to revenue, operations, and the region's workforce. Over 85% of respondents reported year-over-year losses in the second quarter of 2020. Businesses rebounded a bit during the summer, although nearly 30% of respondents reported third and fourth quarter losses of 50% or more. By December 2020 most respondents had reopened, although less than half were open fully. Nearly 10% are fully closed due to the pandemic, but the majority of those anticipate reopening. More than half of respondents took advantage of the Paycheck Protection Program. In the first survey, issued in the spring of 2020, more than half reported that they were leveraging personal savings to keep their businesses afloat. By the time the third survey was issued, that number dropped to 40%. Cape Cod faced unprecedented [levels of unemployment](#) due to COVID-19. Businesses and organizations closed, reduced hours, and shifted operations online where possible, but some employees remained furloughed or laid off through the end of the year. Many more remained working on reduced schedules. Some businesses struggled with employees being unable or unwilling to return, citing concerns about health and safety, income, and childcare. "This series of business surveys is also unprecedented in getting firsthand information on how the Cape's economic condition is changing. This work informs our advocacy and business support services," says Wendy Northcross, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO. "Cape Cod's local businesses have shown their ability to adapt over the course of these last twelve challenging months." Looking ahead, the most requested resource among respondents is support for communications, marketing, social media, and online sales as businesses need to reach their customers online more effectively. Many respondents intend to increase online operations to expand customer reach and accommodate social distancing, but many business owners are not yet sure how the pandemic may change their 2021 business plans. "Data collected at several key points throughout the year allowed us to thoroughly examine the impacts felt by our local businesses and target assistance," said Kristy Senatori, Cape Cod Commission Executive Director. "Using this information, the Commission will continue to collaborate with regional partners and the local business community to support a resilient Cape Cod economy." Despite the high levels of uncertainty, many Cape Cod businesses continue to adapt to the challenges of the pandemic and efforts to recover will carry on well into 2021. The Cape Cod Commission and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce will continue to work together to support economic recovery and develop and promote strategies to enhance resiliency of the local business community and regional economy. Results from the three business impact surveys can be found at: [www.datacapecod.com](http://www.datacapecod.com)

### [Summary of Responses](#)

#### **Overview**

- 450 respondents, representing all fifteen towns
  - Survey 1: 370; survey 2: 405



- Top industries by response: Retail (19.6%); Restaurants and Food Service (18%); Accommodations (9.4%)
- Thirty one percent of businesses are fully open; 38% are open in a limited way; 21% are closed seasonally, and **just over 10% are closed due to the pandemic**
  - For those closed to the pandemic, 59% anticipate being able to reopen, 33% aren't sure, and nearly 9% do not plan to reopen
- The impact felt by most respondents (72%) was enforcing social distancing and mask regulations, followed by 70% who faced increased cleaning and sanitation, which increased costs for nearly half of the respondents. Half reported a decline in customers, clients, and sales.

#### **Revenue losses**

- Respondents to the survey reported year-over-year revenue change by quarter. Compared to 2019, **over 80% of businesses reported losses in the second quarter**; more than a third reported Q2 losses of more than 75%. During the summer, businesses rebounded somewhat, though nearly 30% of respondents still reported Q3 and Q4 losses of 50% or more.

#### **Workforce Impacts**

- Twenty percent of respondents had to lay off employees during the pandemic; just under 11% had to furlough staff. Thirty-six percent of respondents had difficulty getting employees to return to work; just over 100 respondents said employees cited health and safety concerns as their deciding factor

#### **Managing Impacts**

- In the spring, 62% of respondents leveraged personal savings to mitigate the financial impacts of the pandemic; by the third survey, that percent of respondents fell to 40%
- In the summer, half of all respondents participated in a program like PPP to reduce impacts. For those who applied for PPP, 64% of respondents in the most recent survey were approved for the full amount, and only 3% were denied; just under 80% also expected to be fully refunded and therefore were able to maintain their workforce
- In terms of non-financial assistance, by the summer, 52% of respondents needed or had already leveraged support with digital strategies like social media and communications, and that number rose to 67% by the third survey.
  - The CCC engaged with Boston-based consultant Revby in response to this need with industry-specific webinars. The webinars were open to all Cape Cod business owners, but are especially relevant for our most vulnerable industries – retail, restaurants and food services, accommodations, arts/culture/recreation, and service-based industries (service-based businesses include spas, beauty salons, landscaping, housekeeping). Workshop materials are available at [capecodcommission.org/business](http://capecodcommission.org/business).

## **Town of Barnstable Seeks Input on Proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance**

**Forums Scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM**

<http://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/9371?channel=1> here.

Clean water and healthy coastal resources are critical to keeping Cape Cod viable as a place to live, work and visit. Water resources are central to quality of life on Cape Cod and in the Town of Barnstable.

Town of Barnstable is continuing its broad wave of outreach to the town's residents and businesses on a proposed Sewer Assessment ordinance. It is anticipated that outreach efforts will continue through the introduction of the ordinance to Town Council in April 2021. Like other Cape towns, Barnstable is required to reduce nitrogen pollution in estuaries that is coming primarily from septic systems. To meet this regulatory requirement, the Town has put forward a plan to expand sewer service to 11,800

properties over the next thirty years, and implement a number of other alternative approaches to wastewater treatment. Construction on the first phase of the plan is scheduled to begin this year. Town officials seek public engagement and input so that residents are fully informed in advance about the Town's plans to cover the cost for the new system. Town Manager Mark Ells said: "Perhaps no other feature is more important to the quality of life and unique character of our community than the health of our coastal waters, freshwater ponds, and drinking water. Building sewers to reduce the amount of nitrogen pollutants entering our waters is necessary to protect our environment, property values, local economy, and our quality of life." To date, Town officials have identified roughly half of the financial resources needed to implement the 30-year sewer expansion plan. Town officials are now focused on the remaining funding needed. The proposed ordinance, which has been reviewed by the Town's Comprehensive Finance Advisory Committee, is a key part of the funding plan. Finance Director Mark Milne says the ordinance would create a sewer assessment that would apply only to properties that will be receiving sewer service. A cap on the sewer assessment of \$17,000 per sewer property is recommended at the start of the program. This amount reflects only a quarter of the average estimated cost of sewerage per property. It is also less than the potential increase in property value an owner may benefit from by being connected to public sewer service, according to studies in other communities. The assessment, as well as connection costs with the property owners' permission, can be added to quarterly tax bills over 30 years, allowing for no upfront costs incurred by the property owner. A \$17,000 sewer assessment amortized over 30 years amounts to roughly \$2.67 a day for the impacted property owner. Ells is vetting the proposal with the public prior to presenting it to the Town Council this spring. "Every citizen has a stake in the health of our waters, and we want to be sure that this ordinance is understood and supported by our community," Ells said. The next public engagement sessions will be held on March 25th. The town has also launched a new website, [BarnstableWaterResources.com](http://BarnstableWaterResources.com), and is reaching out to stakeholders in the community to discuss the proposed ordinance. Comments and questions can be sent to [waterresources@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:waterresources@town.barnstable.ma.us). Information about upcoming public forums is provided below.

**An overview of the sewer assessment ordinance is available at**

<https://barnstablewaterresources.com/comprehensive-waste-water-management-plan/finance-funding/>

**The full draft sewer assessment ordinance is available at**

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/InTheNews/2020-12-17%20INITIAL%20DRAFT%20Sewer%20Assessment%20Ordinance.pdf>

**Citizen engagement forums on the Proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance will be held on  
Thursday, March 25 at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM**

To participate via computer use the following link for all three meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/92047771927> Webinar ID 920 4777 1927

or join by phone 888-475-4499 using the Webinar ID: 920 4777 1927.

All meetings will also be live-streamed on Channel 18 and the Town of Barnstable Facebook page. All sessions will be recorded and posted to the Town of Barnstable website or [www.barnstablewaterresources.com](http://www.barnstablewaterresources.com) for later viewing.



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**Town of Barnstable Offering Zoning Notices by E-mail to Enhance Communication with Public**

The Town of Barnstable is seeking to enhance communication with the public on matters related to zoning. The Town is offering the opportunity to opt-in to e-mails about proposed zoning changes. Massachusetts law requires municipalities to notify the public about proposed zoning amendments through a published notice in a local newspaper. The Town recognizes the benefits of having diverse communication strategies, so staff established this effort. After signing up to receive notices, the Town will e-mail messages about proposed zoning amendments prior to the required public hearings at the Planning Board and Town Council. The Town will also send messages about public meetings, workshops or other efforts that relate to amending zoning. Members of the public can sign up for e-mail Zoning Updates here:

[townofbarnstable.us/departments/planninganddevelopment/Projects/Zoning-Outreach.asp](http://townofbarnstable.us/departments/planninganddevelopment/Projects/Zoning-Outreach.asp)

**Accessory Dwelling Units**

The Town has put together an information guide to help answer many of the questions about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) that were asked at the community meeting on January 25th and submitted online. This summary includes information about the ADU regulations as currently proposed. The ADU regulations are not final and may change as the ordinance continues to be reviewed. We hope that you find answers to your questions about ADU's in the responses provided, but if you don't, or have other questions, you can contact Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development at [elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us).

You can find more information on the proposal to allow Accessory Dwelling Units on the Town website: [TOWN ADU WEBSITE](#). The website includes a draft of the proposed ordinance, a link to the video of the community meeting held on ADUs on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and other information.



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

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

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

## Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Hyannis Transportation Center in February

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape. The new location is at the Hyannis Transportation Center, [1 Transportation Ave, Hyannis \(Barnstable\), MA 02601](#). PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

Hyannis Patriot Farms Food Boxes - Hyannis Transportation Center – [1 Transportation Ave, Hyannis \(Barnstable\), MA 02601](#).

**\*\*\*\*Due to construction, there is no entry from Route 28. Follow detour signs.\*\*\*\***

- March 13 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 20 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 27 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).

## Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students



To continue to support our Barnstable students and their families, Barnstable Public Schools Food Service is adding a new more convenient day for families to retrieve free meals.

**SATURDAYS**  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Hyannis West Elementary  
549 West Main Street, Hyannis

Beginning Saturday, January 9, 2021

Meals will increase from 5 days of meals to 7 days of meals. Both Breakfast and Lunch will be frozen bulk meals, cooked at home and will be items like; liquid eggs, home fries, a fruit and Chicken Dinners (with all the fixings) and 1/2 gallons of milk.

No ID required and parents can pick up meals, students do not need to be present.

**NOTE:** Limited supply of meals available. First come first serve



## WEDNESDAY MEALS

STUDENT MEALS

Meals include 7 days worth of food!

This program runs each Wednesday.

### WEDNESDAY BUS STOP SCHEDULE

Centerville Plaza – 1660 Rt. 28, Centerville  
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cromwell Court – 168 Barnstable Road, Hyannis  
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Village Green Apts. – 767 Independence Drive, Hyannis  
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**NOTE:** Limited supply of meals available. First come first serve

## 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!*

## News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

Join us for the wearing o' the green with these special programs!

**History of St. Patrick:** Discover the background and events that led to St. Patrick's influence on ancient Ireland, and see why he is celebrated to this day. Wear your green for this Zoom presentation on

Wednesday, March 17, from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. Please register for this free program at **508-862-4750**.

**St. Patrick's Day Drive-Through Celebration:** We'll be shamrockin' and shamrollin' with special musical guest Julie Charland. Join us in the BACC parking lot for a socially distanced free concert and tasty treats. Wednesday, March 17, from 1:00-2:30 PM. Please RSVP for this free program at **508-862-4765**.

### Outreach Appointments

The Council on Aging's Outreach Department continues to assist older adults with fuel assistance and 41C Real Estate Abatement applications. This is a drive-by system, and you are asked to call for a list of guidelines and the paperwork you'll need. Once you've gathered the proper documents, an appointment will be scheduled. Please call the Outreach Department at **508-862-4757** to schedule an appointment with Jacqui Easter.

### New Social Security website for those helping others.

Are you or someone you know helping an older adult navigate online information? The Social Security Administration has created a new website which provides helpful resources in one place for anyone in a position to help another person access our programs and services. You'll find the website at:

[www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-help-ussi.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-help-ussi.htm)

### Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment

Period Are you unhappy with your Medicare Advantage Plan? If you'd like to make changes to your Medicare Advantage Plan (HMO or PPO), you can still able to do so until March 31. During this Open Enrollment Period, you can drop your current Medicare Advantage Plan and choose another, or you can switch back to Original Medicare. You will be able to join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) at this time and you may also add a Medicare Supplement (Medigap Plan). If you need assistance navigating the options, please call us at **508 862-4757**.

### Are you about to turn 65 or retiring in the next three to four months?

Did you know that you need to look into Medicare plans now, even if you're not planning to collect Social Security benefits or intend to keep working at a job where you have insurance? If you're working or getting ready to retire, it's important to know your insurance options and how to proceed. SHINE volunteers are trained counselors who review your choices and help you connect with an insurance that meets your needs. To set up an appointment to meet with a SHINE Counselor over the telephone, call us at **508-862-4757**.



### **SAVVY Caregivers Program: *New session begins March 19***

The Savvy Caregiver Program is a free six-session training for family and friends who are active caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. This session will be held on Fridays March 19-April 16, from 10-11:30 AM, and are held online via Zoom. For more information or to register, please call: **508-862-4765** or email [stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us)

### **Special Registry of Motor Vehicle Hours for Older Adults.**

The RMV has designated Wednesdays through March to serve customers aged 75 and older. The South Yarmouth and Plymouth RMV centers are included in this group. Please note that a reservation is required. The options for making an appointment are listed below:

- \* If you are a AAA member, you may make a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ID or registration at a AAA location. Visit [www.aaa.com/appointments](http://www.aaa.com/appointments) to schedule your visit.
- \* If you are not a AAA member, visit Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation to visit an RMV Service Center. Select the "Senior Transaction" option on the "Make/Cancel a Reservation" transaction.
- \* Email the RMV for assistance at [Mass.DOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma](mailto:Mass.DOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma).
- \* Call the RMV at **857-368-8005**.

### **Barnstable Connects Dementia-Friendly Programs**

The Barnstable Council on Aging invites caregivers and members of our community to join Barnstable Connects. Barnstable Connects is a dementia-friendly program that provides engaging programs for members of our community with memory impairments. The program focuses on keeping our bodies in motion, cognitive exercises and of course a little fun. Well-trained dementia friendly leaders lead the programs. The next session begins March 19. For more information, please contact Stacey Cullen at 508-862-4765 or email: [stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us)

### **Grab & Go Grocery Bags**

If you're running low on food or are unable to get to the grocery store, the BCOA can help. A large array of shelf-stable foods and other grocery items are available, and we can load a bag to your car. If you don't have a means of transportation, we can also deliver a bag to you. In need of a bag? Please call Jacqi Easter at **508-862-4757**.

### **Weekly Drive thru Grab & Go**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30am-12:30pm Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab & Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll be happy to see you, and will bring the food items right to your car. Masks and proper social distancing practices are always in place. This program is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging. Questions? Call Stacey at **508-862-4765**.

**The Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter** is sent at least once a week, and contains lots of information and resources for the older adult community. If you'd like to have it sent to you, please email: [judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us) You may also want to "like" and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page, where you'll find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed.

### **Our Village Libraries are more than just books. Check them out at:**

[Sturgis Library](#) (Barnstable Village)

[Centerville Public Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Hyannis Public Library](#)


[Marstons Mills Public Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Whelden Memorial Library](#) (West Barnstable)

## Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions

Barnstable residents can find more information here: <https://www.vineyardwind.com/barnstable>.

A promotional poster for a virtual information session. The top left features the Vineyard Wind logo and the text 'VINEYARD WIND Virtual Information Session Paving the Way in Barnstable'. A green banner in the center contains the RSVP link 'RSVP Today: vineyardwind.com/barnstable'. Below this, text invites attendees to a presentation and Q&A about offshore wind projects. The right side of the poster shows a beach scene with a lifeguard stand. A white box in the bottom right corner lists the session dates and times: April 13 • 4:00pm, May 19 • 5:00pm, and June 18 • 12:00pm.

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

Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are tentatively planned to begin during the week of March 15, 2021. Work will include installation of new drainage system equipment, pulverizing and grading of the roadway sub-base, installation of new asphalt pavement and restoration of all disturbed areas. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

### **\*UPDATED\* National Grid Service Road**

National Grid will be remobilizing on Service Road in Barnstable starting Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Work will include regrading of the area along Service Road used for tank storage. Following completion of that work, the roadway will be milled and re-paved up to the Sandwich/Barnstable Town Line. 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. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Final re-paving of Service Road is anticipated to be completed in May 2021.

### **\*UPDATED\* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville/Barnstable Village**

Milling of the existing pavement on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville and Barnstable Village are tentatively planned to begin in early April, 2021. Final adjustment of drainage structure castings and overlay of the roadway with new pavement will follow. Any areas disturbed during construction will then be restored. The roadway will be unobstructed until then.

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

The Town's contractor, Tasco Construction, will remobilize to continue drainage improvements at five (5) locations along Head of the Pond Rd and Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills, on March 29th. 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.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Three Bays BMP Construction - South County Road**

The Town of Barnstable, through the Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program, will be installing a new biofiltration swale along South County Rd to treat existing stormwater runoff before it enters in the nearby river. The project will be starting construction on March 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue until June 30, 2021. Traffic will remain open, however there will be periods where the road will be closed to one-lane of traffic in proximity to the project site. Work will be performed from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Police details and signage will direct motorists around the construction crews. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the construction area, and follow posted safety signs.

### **\*CONTINUES\* MassDOT Advisory Update: Barnstable**

#### **Temporary Road Closure on Route 28 between the Airport Rotary and Yarmouth Road**

*Closure will be in place from Monday, March 1, through Sunday, March 21*

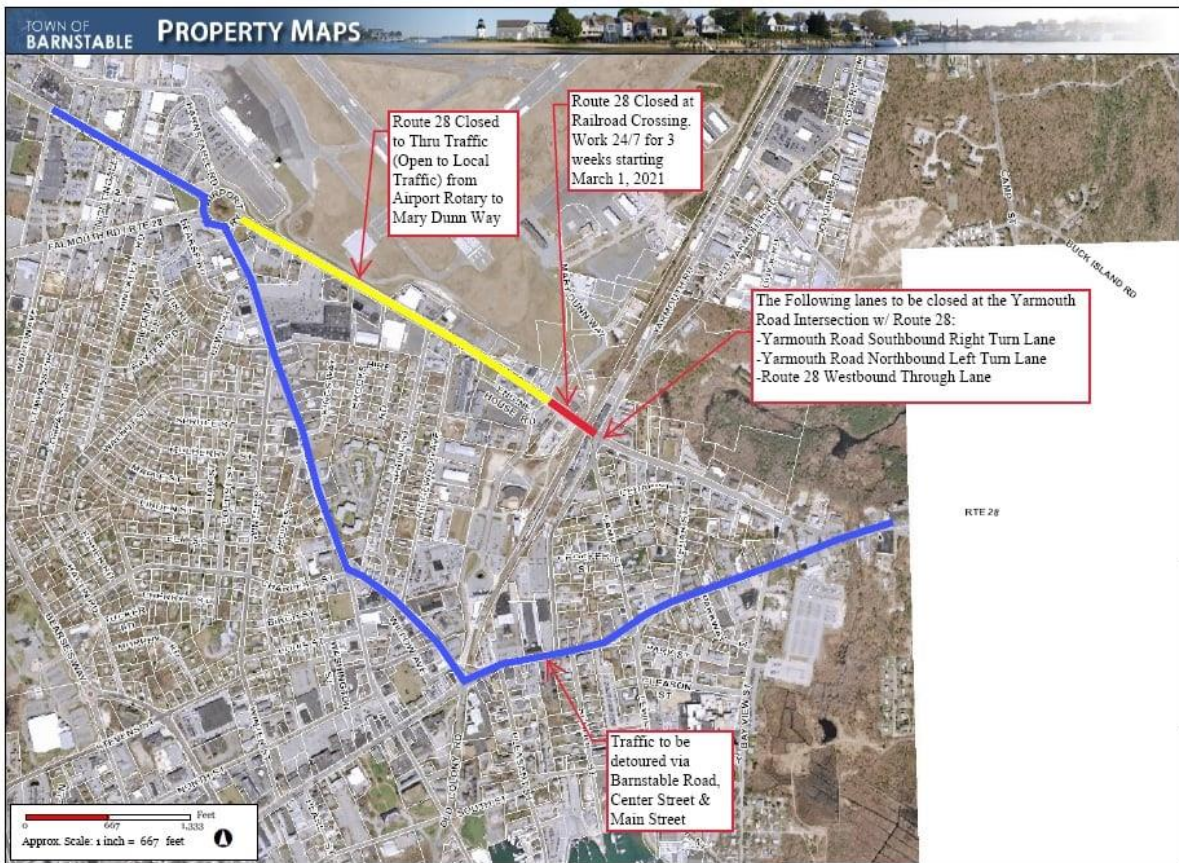
The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be temporarily closing a section of Route 28 (Iyannough Road), between the Airport Rotary and Yarmouth Road, in Yarmouth. The closure will begin at 7:00 AM on Monday, March 1, and will continue for three weeks through Sunday, March 21. The roadway is anticipated to be reopened to traffic by 7:00 AM on Monday, March 22. The roadway closure is necessary to allow crews to replace existing railroad tracks west of Yarmouth Road, install new railroad tracks, and perform associate utility work at the tracks. Traffic will be detoured during the closure as follows:

- Traffic on Route 28 south from the Airport Rotary will be detoured onto Barnstable Road, then turn left to Center Street, then left to Main Street and then merge with Route 28.
- Traffic on Route 28 north from Yarmouth will be detoured to Main Street and then turn right onto Barnstable Road to the Airport Rotary.

Route 28 will remain open to local traffic between the Airport Rotary and the railroad tracks and between Main Street and Yarmouth Road to access local businesses and properties. Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation. For more information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://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.





### **\*CONTINUES\* Renovations to Oyster Harbor Bridge**

The Town of Barnstable’s contractor, MAS Building and Bridge, Inc. (MAS), is under contract to complete a rehabilitation project to the Oyster Harbors Bridge. The project will involve structural and safety repairs to the bridge, including replacement of steel stringers, replacement of abutment joints, repairs to columns supporting the bridge tender’s house, and replacement of safety railings on the machine platform. To complete the improvements, one-lane of traffic will need to be closed for the duration of the project. Temporary traffic signals will be installed to manage traffic during this time. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2021. Once the lane closure begins, the draw-bridge will not be able to be opened for marine vessels passing under the bridge, until the completion of construction. Vessels that would require the draw bridge to be opened to pass under will need to seek an alternate route. Vessels that do not require the draw bridge to be opened will be able to continue to pass under the bridge. Marine vessels operating in the area should monitor the Notice to Mariners for updates and further detail relative to this project. Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, though work during weekends may be necessary. Traffic will be impacted as a result of the lane closure and residents are encouraged to plan accordingly when traveling in this area. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through or near construction areas, and follow posted safety signs.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Sewer Construction on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue**

Robert B Our Co., Inc. will continue construction on a privately funded sewer extension on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue from 10 Hyannis Avenue to Nob Hill Road. The work will consist of the installation of approximately 1,250 feet of new sewers which, upon completion of the work, will become part of the municipal sewer system, and allow for adjacent properties to connect to the municipal sewer system. The disturbed roadways will be trench patched (temporary pavement) for the remainder of the winter. In the spring, the disturbed roadways will be milled and paved for the full road width. Weather

pending, work is scheduled to begin on December 21st and the work is anticipated to take six (6) weeks to complete. Work will be performed from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Temporary detours will be necessary during the work. Police details and signage will direct motorists around the construction crews. Drivers are advised to seek alternate routes. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the construction area, and follow posted safety signs.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Water Works Construction on Longview Drive in Hyannis**

The water works construction project is ongoing on Longview Drive in Hyannis. This project will install approximately 500 feet of 8 inch water main and move the temporary interconnection with the COMM water system to a vacant lot on Longview Drive. The metal container will be enclosed in a building appropriate for the neighborhood. Normal works hours will be between 8:00 AM and 4:40 PM.

### **\*CONTINUES\* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road**

MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road will continue through to April 2021. 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 be used as needed. Visit [www.mass511.com](http://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.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in Centerville/Main Street in Osterville**

Work on the bridge is scheduled to continue through mid-May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work will include improving riprap at bridge abutments, bridge deck repairs, improving endblocks and guardrail connections, and concrete repairs. The contractor is expected to deploy their construction craft from McCarthy's Landing (aka Hayward Landing) at 40 Hayward Road in Centerville. This may create brief delays for other users when the contractor is using the landing. The ramp will still be available for public access. The contractor is responsible for maintaining small vessel navigational access under the bridge at all times during construction. Mariners are urged to use caution and go slow when approaching and moving through the work area. Divers may be in the water at times during construction operations. Mariners are required to maintain proper distance from Dive and Alpha flags based on Maritime law. The bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction. During this work there will be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

**\*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. 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\* Activating New Traffic Signals at Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane in Barnstable Village**

Contractors for the Town of Barnstable are scheduled to turn on new traffic signals at the intersection of Attucks Lane and Wilkens Lane on March 3, 2021. The traffic signals will initially be set to flashing mode for two weeks. The signals facing east and west on Attucks Lane will display flashing yellow lights, while the signals facing north toward Wilkens Lane and south toward the shopping plaza driveway will display flashing red lights. The Massachusetts Driver’s Manual (a.k.a. “Rules of the Road”) notes the following instructions for flashing signals:

- A flashing yellow circle is a warning. Proceed with caution, and stay alert. Look both ways when crossing an intersection.
- A flashing red circle means the same as a STOP sign. Come to a complete stop. Obey the right-of-way laws and proceed when it is safe. If there is a white stop line or crosswalk line, you must stop before the line. If there are no lines, you must stop as close to the intersection as needed to see traffic in both directions. Do not enter the intersection until after coming to a complete stop.

Following two weeks in flashing mode, the contractor will set the traffic signals to normal mode, in which the signals will display solid green, yellow, and red lights in sequence for the main road and side street/driveway. At that time the pedestrian signals will be activated as well.





## **\*CONTINUES\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village**

Construction is scheduled to continue into spring 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals in a few locations (by utility companies); constructing a sidewalk from Main Street to the County Complex parking lot east end; 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\* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Next week Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Phinney's Lane, Centerville, Scudder Avenue, Hyannis and Main Street, Osterville. Work will be ongoing for six weeks. 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](https://ngrid.com/service-line) to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

## **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**

Public access to Town Hall Offices and 200 Main Street is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)) and [www.BarnstableHealth.com](http://www.BarnstableHealth.com). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

## **TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

The Treasurer/Collector'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 is open to the public by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) to make an appointment or for any questions regarding

real estate and personal property taxes, 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.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box.

The third and fourth quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The third quarter was due on February 1, 2021 and the fourth quarter is due on May 3, 2021.

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

A drop off location has been established to the right of the front door at 367 Main Street.

Abatement Applications

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

Property Information

Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to [assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us) or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

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### 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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