

Teachers have three loves: love of learning, love of learners, and the love of bringing the first two loves together.

~Scott Hayden

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#### Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (<u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>) 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 <u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>.

#### **COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC!**

Harbor Community Health Center-Hyannis, the Town of Barnstable, and the Hyannis Fire Department have opened a new COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Barnstable Adult Community Center. Appointments are open to anyone 16\* years of age or older. The clinic is offering the Pfizer vaccine. You are welcome to make an appointment by calling 1-888-503-0766 and walk-ins are welcome. Appointment assistance is also available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. People may also schedule an appointment online here: <u>https://bit.ly/3goTWQC</u> . \*A parent/guardian must be present for anyone under 18.

#### Town Council Meeting – Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

The May 6, 2021 Barnstable Town Council Meeting was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The public was able to view through Live Streaming on the Town of Barnstable's website or Comcast Channel 18. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.

Town Council President Matthew Levesque opened last night's <u>Town Council Meeting</u> by inviting Councilor Kris Clark to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. President Levesque asked that we remember those who lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic and recognized the efforts of Denise Brandao Harris to honor those lost with a tribute on the Airport Rotary. President Levesque also remembered longtime Centerville resident Eileen Reardon, mother of 8 and the wife of the Honorable (Retired) Joseph Reardon who recently passed away. Councilor Debra Dagwan remembered Jeanne Lawson, a retired Barnstable High School teacher, who passed away recently. Councilor Paul Hebert remembered Dr. Roger Chabra, a well-respected surgeon and longtime community volunteer, who passed away in late April. These remembrances were followed by a Moment of Silence. Next up was Public Comment which was followed by Council response to Public Comment. Mark Ells, Town Manager, presented Town Manager Communications for the period of April 2-May 6, 2021:

- 1. Andy Clyburn, Assistant Town Manager, will provide an update relative to municipal operations and activities as we progress through Phase IV of the COVID recovery plan.
- 2. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development, will provide an update on plans for Main Street Hyannis Summer 2021.
- 3. Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development, will provide an update on progress on the Local Comprehensive Plan.
- 4. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2022 as scheduled. We plan to distribute hardcopies of the FY 2022 proposed operating budget to the Town Council on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The electronic version of the document will be posted to the website on May 10<sup>th</sup> as well. The first reading of the budget appropriation orders will be on the Town Council's May 20<sup>th</sup> agenda at which time Mark Milne, Director of Finance, will provide a summary of the proposed FY 2022 Operating Budget. Public hearings on the budget will commence June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee is in the process of preparing a report on their review of the budget which will be issued to the Town Council prior to the public hearings. The proposed General Fund operating budget of \$182.5 million is an increase 1.5% over the approved FY21 budget. The proposed operating budget including all Enterprise Funds is \$213 million; a 1.8% increase over the FY 21 budget. General Fund fixed costs total \$64.9 million, a net increase of \$46,000; the school operating budget totals \$75.7 million, an increase of \$1,048,000; and the proposed municipal operating budget of \$41.9 million is increasing \$1,660,000. As you remember, the FY 2021 municipal operating budget included \$1 million in reductions from the FY 2020 approved budget. Those reductions were made in anticipation of COVID related financial pressures. As the town's financial situation due to the pandemic has stabilized, mainly as a result of Federal stimulus funds, we are able to restore some of the reductions made to the FY 2020 budget as well as address the increase in operating costs to existing service levels. As a result, the proposed municipal operating budget for FY 2022 of \$41.9 million is only \$700,000 more than the approved FY 2020 operating budget of \$41.2 million, equaling an average percentage increase of less than 1% (0.8%) per year over this 2 year period.
- On Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 10:00 am the Town Manager held the fiscal year fee hearing for FY 2022. The proposed fee changes were for the Department of Public Works Water Supply, Water Pollution Control, and Solid Waste Division. The Town Manager fee hearing has been closed and the fee changes approved as proposed for Water Pollution Control and approved with

modification (reduced) for Water Supply and Solid Waste. The approved fees have been posted on the Town web site under Town Manager Fees. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <u>http://budget.townofbarnstable.us</u>.

- 6. On April 29, 2021 the Town Council held a Special Town Council Meeting on a proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance as part of the fiscal policy under consideration by Town Council to establish how to equitably distribute the remaining cost of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). The Town Manager's proposal to Town Council includes the following:
  - First, review and approve the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance which includes a sewer assessment to each individual property receiving the planned sewer; and
  - Second discuss the use of general funds to pay for the remaining portion of cost associated with proceeding with the CWMP.

The second reading and public hearing on the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance is planned to be held at the May 20, 2021 Town Council Meeting.

- 7. On April 22, 2021 we received a Notice of Subsidy from the Cape Cod and Islands Waster Protection Fund that Barnstable has qualified projects listed on the 2020 and 2021 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans (IUP). These commitments represent a 25% subsidy for projects with a cost of greater than \$1,000,000 and a 50% subsidy for projects less than or equal to \$1,000,000. The Fund Board also voted to award subsidies for pre-existing wastewater related debt not associated with Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The Town of Barnstable has been awarded a subsidy for pre-existing debt as well.
- 8. On April 14, 2021 we received notice from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust that Barnstable's Water Supply Division (Hyannis Water Supply) received a total of \$856,863 in principal forgiveness on State Revolving Fund loans and the Trust waived the origination fees saving us about \$73,000 on these loans. One loan was issued at 0% and the other for the Maher water filtration was issued a 2.2% as we extended the amortization to 25 years. The reduced cash flow allowed the Water Supply Division to reduce the FY 2022 rates by 2% for the water enterprise fund.
- 9. Funding from the new Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF), created by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), will be disbursed directly from the federal government to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement communities within the coming weeks (\$7.1M). Staff has taken the necessary steps as provided by the federal government in order for the town to receive its first payment under this program. We anticipate the first round of funding to be received by the end of next week. The guidance on use of these funds is expected to be released with the first payment. I plan to have further discussions regarding strategy on the use of the funds with Mark Milne and Andy Clyburn then Town Council leadership. A suggested approach would be Tier 1 additional costs incurred due to public health requirements. Tier 2 the replacement of lost revenue, and Tier 3 one-time expenses for capital outlay. We will keep you advised as we receive additional information.
- 10. Relative to the American Rescue Plan Act funds being distributed to Barnstable County on behalf of the communities in Barnstable County (\$41M). I have offered Beth Albert, Barnstable County Administrator, to work with the County to achieve equitable distribution upon receipt of eligibility guidance of said funds. We will keep you advised as we receive additional information.
- 11. We continue with regular conversations with Vineyard Wind regarding the status of the Phase I and Phase II projects. Vineyard Wind continues to work with Barnstable staff regarding both Phases of the project. They anticipate commencing construction on Phase I in 2021 and are proceeding with permitting on Phase II. Vineyard Wind has notified the Town that their

contractor shall commence test boring along the route of cable installation for Phase I construction. We have continued our discussion with Vineyard Wind regarding an update to the Host Agreement for Phase II and a Host Agreement for a potential Phase III. We will keep you advised as this project progresses.

12. On April 30, 2021 Brian Florence, Director of Inspectional Services and Building Commissioner, submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards a request for Building Code Amendments. In addition to the work done by the Building Commissioner addressing the alternate compliance with the Building and Energy codes, staff continues to work with its grant funded consultant through the Cape Light Compact to complete the other aspects of seeking Green Community designation. A draft energy reduction plan resulting from over 45 building audits is being finalized for presentation and endorsement. The base year of 2019 for energy use is currently being used to develop a 20% energy reduction goal over the next five years. Likewise, a Green Vehicle policy that meets the requirements of the Green Communities Designation process is being finalized. In this plan, a calculated reduction in fuel use and resulting emissions will be set up for the next five years. Finally, we are currently verifying and mapping out the internal approval and acceptance process of these policies through the various departments and committees that have a connection with this process. We will provide future updates as the plans evolve.

Mr. Ells also mentioned that he and the Yarmouth Town Administrator wrote a letter to Mass Coastal requesting that they address the trash falling off the train and along the railway. The Orders of the Day began with OLD BUSINESS Planning and Development Director Elizabeth Jenkins along with the applicant's Attorney David Lawler presenting Agenda Item 2021-140 Authorization of a Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption Agreement between the Town of Barnstable and Standard Holdings, LLC for 43 new market rate residential units located at 850 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA which passed. Mr. Tim Telman, the applicant, thanked the Town Council for their support. NEW BUSINESS began with Town Councilor Jessica Rapp Grassetti presenting the rationale for Agenda Item 2021-170 Amending the Administrative Code, Chapter 241, Article III Multiple Member Appointive Organizations, Chapter § 241-39A Youth Commission. The Town Council voted to suspend the rules to vote on the item on the First Reading. The item passed. Town Attorney Karen Nober presented the background information for Agenda Item 2021-171 Council votes on the merits of a Citizens' Request that the Town Council establish a Resident Zoning Task Force comprised principally of residents to provide perspective on zoning proposals and plan revisions. A Public Hearing was held and followed by Town Council discussion. Upon voting, the item did not pass. Department of Public Works Director Dan Santos presented Agenda Items 2021-172 Transfer Order in the amount of \$302,803.66 from Town Council Order 2016-098 to Town Council Order 2020-175 for the purpose of funding the Water Pollution Control Division's Fiscal Year 2021 Pump Station Rehabilitation Project and 2021-173 Transfer Order in the amount of \$30,000 for the Public Works Department Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of Funding Watershed Modeling which were approved. Agenda Items 2021-174 Amending Article XIV, Chapter 240, Section 128 of the Zoning Ordinance to add a definition for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Dwelling Unit, and revise the definition of Dwelling, Single-Family and add Article V, Chapter 240, Section 47.2 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to the Zoning Ordinance and 2021-175 Amending Article XIV, Chapter 240, Section 128 of the zoning ordinance to revise the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and amending Article V, Chapter 240, Section 47.2(C)(4) to allow ADUs with greater than 900 square feet by special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals were referred to the Planning Board. Marine & Environmental Affairs Director Derek Lawson presented Agenda Item 2021-176 Nantucket Sound Fish Weirs Inc. application to install two (2) fish weir sites in the coastal waters of the Town of Barnstable in Nantucket Sound. The permit request is for five (5) years which was approved. The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website (<u>www.townofbarnstable.us</u>).

# Cape Cod Chamber Policy Pod Features Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne

The Town of Barnstable has embarked on an ambitious and critical plan to ensure clean water for the community's future. On the most recent episode of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce's Policy Pod, host Matt Pitta and Chamber President and CEO Wendy Kittredge Northcross interviewed Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne to take an in-depth look at one of the most pressing issues facing all Cape Cod communities -- our future wastewater needs and treatment options. You can listen to the podcast <u>here</u>.

#### Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Updates

#### An updated draft of the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance is available on the Town's Accessory Dwelling Unit webpage.

An initial review of the Cape Cod Commission's model ordinance and discussion of policy issues was conducted by the Town Council's <u>Zoning & Regulatory Subcommittee</u> in 2020. A draft ordinance for consideration was put forward by that Subcommittee. The draft was then referred to Town staff for technical and legal review, as well as review against the new <u>"Housing Choice" legislation</u> adopted by the Commonwealth on January 14, 2021. The new Housing Choice legislation reduces the vote required for adoption of a zoning amendment allowing 'as of right' ADUs from a two-thirds majority vote to a simple majority vote in an effort to encourage new housing production.

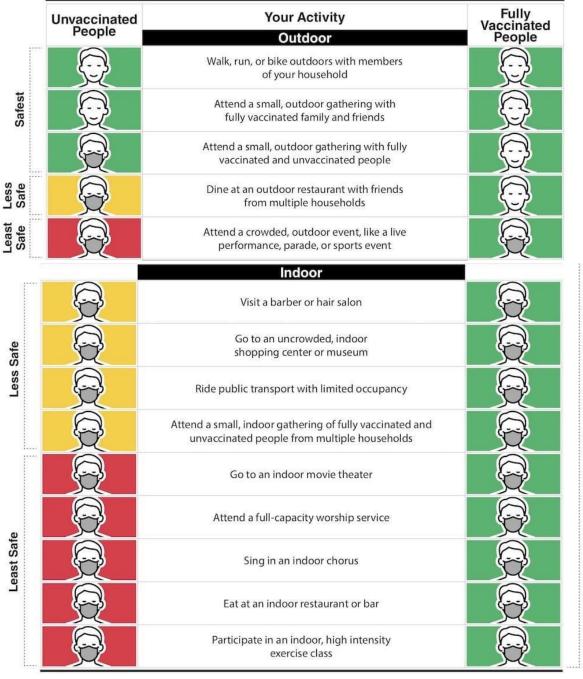
#### Revisions to the previous draft include:

- Revision to the definition of ADUs for consistency with the Housing Choice provisions;
- Revision to the maximum size of a "by right" ADU from 1,000 square feet to 900 square feet for consistency with the Housing Choice provisions; and
- Clarification of the proposed language requiring that any rental on a property with an ADU be no shorter than 12 consecutive months, consistent with the Subcommittee's voted intent.

The Town Council has indicated this proposed ADU amendment will be introduced at their meeting on May 6, 2021. This amendment will be introduced as two items. The proposed ordinance incorporates a provision, specifically the ability to seek relief by Special Permit for ADUs larger than 900 square feet, which diverges from the Commonwealth's Housing Choice provisions. Housing Choice establishes that zoning amendments allowing 'as of right' ADUs no larger than 900 square feet can be adopted by a majority vote. The proposed Special Permit provision would allow for ADUs larger than 900 square feet; therefore, the passage of that provision would require a two-thirds majority vote and it will be considered separately. Upon introduction of a zoning amendment, the Town Council must vote to refer it to the Planning Board. The Planning Board then holds a public hearing on the proposed amendment and votes a recommendation to the Town Council. The proposed amendment then proceeds to a public hearing at Town Council, who votes on its adoption. For continuing updates, check e-news and the Town website or <u>sign up here</u> for zoning updates direct to your inbox.

## You're Vaccinated! Here is How to Choose Safer Activities

## **Choosing Safer Activities**



## Testing at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis and the Fairgrounds in Falmouth

Testing sites in Barnstable County for both symptomatic and asymptomatic persons remain open in Falmouth at the Fairgrounds and in Hyannis at Cape Cod Hospital. Daily testing capacity is 50 at the Falmouth site and 350 at the Hyannis site. Details can be found <u>here</u>. For additional information on vaccine and testing, follow the <u>Town of Barnstable's Facebook page</u>. The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is a great resource for COVID-19 testing locations with its <u>COVID-19 Test Site</u> <u>Locator</u>. The map provides an easy way to locate a COVID-19 test site near you. There are different filters you can choose, such as free testing for residents, test children, referral not required, drive thru services, etc.

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#### Hyannis Main Street Summer 2021

The Town of Barnstable is seeking to promote a successful summer season in Barnstable, notably for the small and local businesses on Hyannis Main Street. In response to positive feedback from merchants regarding last year's efforts, as well as the COVID social distancing restrictions that currently remain in place, the Town will be reinstalling the modified street configuration that allows for expanded outdoor public areas and dining space for summer 2021. Consistent with last year's layout, one of the two traffic lanes on the street will be 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 and driveways will remain open. The lane closure will begin at Center Street and extend to Sea Street and will remain in place through the summer. New this year will be the availability

of on-street parking on the north side of the street in some locations where there is limited outdoor dining. Work to make this change will begin in the second week in May, between Monday the 10th and Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Work will take place at night, weather permitting. Also new this year will be aesthetic improvements to the barrier blocks used to implement



the changes. The Town applied for and received funding from Massachusetts Department of Transportation 'Shared Streets and Spaces' program to enhance the environment on the street through barrier "wraps", additional planters, strategic wayfinding, and other enhancements. The wraps will be installed after the barriers are in place and will be applied to both sides of the barriers. In preparation



for this season, the Planning & Development Department conducted various forms of outreach including a merchant meeting, as well as a comment period that allowed the public to communicate with staff directly on the draft street configuration. While a few businesses have shared concerns, the overwhelming majority of merchants on the street have expressed support for the modified configuration this season. This was confirmed by face-to-face or other direct communication with over 40 business owners or

managers on the street. Updated public information at: www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/planninganddevelopment/Projects/Hyannis-Main-Street-2021.asp

#### **Downtown Action Strategy Survey**

The Town of Barnstable, together with the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) Partnership, is creating a Downtown Action Strategy for Hyannis and we want you to be part of the process. The purpose of the digital survey linked below is to obtain the community's input on economic development opportunities, challenges, and potential projects for the future of Downtown Hyannis. Whether you live, work, or visit Downtown Hyannis every day or just once in a while, taking a few minutes of your

time to make your voice heard through the survey can have a big impact on the future of the downtown. Please feel free to share this link with your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, and social networks! Anyone who lives, works, visits, or spends time in Downtown Hyannis is welcome to provide input!

<u>https://camoin.surveysparrow.com/s/Downtown-Hyannis-Action-Strategy-Survey/tt-595f4a</u> This effort is part of MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) in Downtown Hyannis. TDI, a program that launched in 2015, was created to engage partners and community members to implement local economic development initiatives and spur public and private investment. Hyannis was designated as a Regional TDI District in 2019.

## Wendy Northcross Named Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year 20<sup>th</sup> annual award recognizes community leadership and ideals of patriotism in Barnstable County

On Wednesday, May 5, 2021, the Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners officially endorsed Wendy Northcross, residing in West Barnstable, as the 2021 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year recipient. The Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award Committee

recommended Ms. Northcross for this Award that recognizes a Cape Cod woman who has made a significant and positive impact in our region. The Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Award was established in 2002 to annually recognize a woman who exemplifies the traits of leadership in the community and who has made a significant contribution to the arts, education, business or community involvement, and volunteerism while embracing the ideals of patriotism. Ms. Northcross, Chief Executive Officer of the



Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, and community activist, received three nominations from Peter Scarafile, Dorothy Savarese, and Elaine Bono. In his nomination letter, Peter Scarafile stated, "With her strong work ethic and endless hours as a volunteer, she has left her mark on our community. Truly Wendy has made a difference in the lives of the people of Cape Cod, and she is an excellent candidate for the Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Award." Nominator Dorothy Savarese wrote that Wendy Northcross has been "a passionate leader on Cape Cod for over 30 years; Wendy embodies each attribute of this esteemed award, including a commitment to volunteerism and community involvement, education, business, and arts and culture." Elaine Bono said of Ms. Northcross, "She is a strong advocate for anything Cape Cod. She is not bound by the "politics" of the Chamber of Commerce but by her loyalty and devotion to what is in the best interests of Cape Cod. How refreshing it is for me to see a woman representing Cape Cod and what it stands for!"..." Wendy Northcross personifies Cape Cod, and I enthusiastically nominate her for the Mercy Otis Warren Women of the Year Award 2021." Award Committee Member Marcy Burman said, "Perhaps best known for her involvement with the business community as CEO of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Northcross's impacts on our region are far-reaching. Her achievements include spearheading wastewater planning, helping to establish a Cape-wide transportation plan, and increasing high-speed internet access to our area. She co-founded the John F. Kennedy Hyannis Museum, a popular tourist attraction in southeastern Massachusetts, and worked tirelessly as a member and President of the Hyannis Rotary Club. Ms. Northcross has also served on the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, the Town of Barnstable Affordable

Housing Growth and Development Trust Fund Board, and the Cape Cod Cooperative Bank, and she's been a liaison to the Barnstable County Regional Substance Abuse Coalition. Also notable is her participation on the Cape Cod COVID-19 Response Task Force (formerly the Cape Cod Reopening Task Force). The list goes on."

**ABOUT THE CELEBRATION:** The Award will be presented to Ms. Northcross by last year's recipient, Mimi McConnell, on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM (subject to COVID regulations) at Tales of Cape Cod, Olde Colonial Courthouse, 3046 Main Street, Barnstable Village. The Award is a bronze statuette sculpted by Marstons Mills artist David Lewis. It is a replica of the statue of Mercy Otis Warren located on the Superior Court House lawn in Barnstable Village.

**ABOUT MERCY OTIS WARREN:** Mercy Otis Warren, born in West Barnstable in 1728, was a playwright, a historian, a pioneer in women's causes, a champion of liberty, an advocate of the Bill of Rights, and a patriot. In an era when it was unusual for a woman to receive an education, or to emerge as a leader, her advocacy for the cause of patriotism during the Revolution was remarkable.

PAST RECIPIENTS: 2002 Marion R. Vuilleumier | 2003 Jean D. Gardner | 2004 Eugenia Fortes | 2005 Felicia R. Penn | 2006 Bonnie M. Snow | 2007 Lynne M. Poyant | 2008 Josephine P. Ives | 2009 Mary L. LeClair | 2010 Gloria W. Rudman | 2011 Susan A. French | 2012 Judy Walden Scarafile | 2013 Dorothy A. Savarese | 2014 Mary Lou Petitt | 2015 Michelle L. DeSilva | 2016 Ann M. Williams | 2017 Dolores Holden Daluz | 2018 Nancy Viall Shoemaker | 2019 Juliet Bernstein | 2020 Mimi McConnell. Visit <u>https://www.barnstablecounty.org/affiliated-organizations/mercy-otis-warrenwoman-year/past-recipients/</u> to learn more about the Mercy Otis Woman Cape Cod Woman of the Year awards and to view a full list of all the award winners.

## May 18th Community Event: New Health Study on PFAS in Drinking Water on Cape Cod

Hyannis community invited to learn about CDC/ATSDR health study on drinking water contaminants and how to get involved



Silent Spring Institute and their partners invite current and former residents in Hyannis to a virtual community event on May 18th to learn about the **Massachusetts PFAS and Your Health Study**, a new federally-funded study on Cape Cod aimed at understanding the health impacts from past exposure to PFAS in drinking water. The **study is part of a nationwide effort to learn more about the relationship between harmful PFAS contaminants in drinking water and their human health effects** by studying affected communities around the country, including Cape Cod. Findings from the effort will help local officials and state and federal government agencies make better decisions about how to protect public health and support communities in reducing exposures to PFAS.

get a chance to meet the study team and community partners, learn about the project's goals, and find out who is eligible to sign up. All are welcome. <u>Register today</u>!

**WHAT:** Massachusetts PFAS and Your Health Study Community Kickoff. Speaker presentations followed by Q&A with the public.

WHO: Program and Speakers

- Welcome remarks:
  - Cheryl Osimo, Executive Director, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition and Cape Cod Outreach Coordinator, Silent Spring Institute
  - o Mark Ells, Town Manager, Town of Barnstable, Cape Cod
- Presentations:
  - o Dr. Laurel Schaider (Project Lead), Senior Scientist, Silent Spring Institute
  - **Q&A**

WHEN: Tuesday, May 18th, 2021, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### WHERE: Virtual. Register here to receive a link to the event.

The **Massachusetts PFAS and Your Health Study** is a five-year effort led by Silent Spring Institute in collaboration with Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Eastern Research Group. The study is focusing on two communities in Eastern Massachusetts—Hyannis and Ayer—where public drinking water supplies have been contaminated by PFAS from the use of firefighting foams at nearby fire training areas. It is one of seven projects funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) as part of the ATSDR Multi-Site Health Study on PFAS. Community partners include Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) and People of Ayer Concerned about the Environment (PACE). For more information, click <u>here</u>.

## Adopt a Barnstable High School Senior

## This creative event is an opportunity for the school and community to partner together to support our senior class!

Please see the information below from Barnstable High School senior class president and vice president for more information.

"Adopt a Senior" is a campaign run by the Barnstable High School senior class officers with help from teachers, students and parents that aims to uplift the senior class and connect them to their community by gift. Seniors will be sent a profile survey to fill out so that the adopters



have a better idea of who they are and a google form will be made available for members of the community to fill out to become an adopter. Once this process is completed, we will randomly pair adopters with seniors and send along the seniors profile to their adopter so they can get a gift together to be dropped off at Barnstable High School (date to be determined). In this tremendously challenging year, let's show the senior class that they are supported by the greater Barnstable community by providing small gifts, kind words and the knowledge that they are not alone. Gifts are expected to be no greater than \$50 and if you plan on getting your senior any form of food or candy it must be sealed and packaged (i.e. nothing homemade). For confidentiality, the adopter will be provided only with the student's first name and last initial along with the information provided by the student on their profile (ex. favorite color, hobbies and interests, etc.). Given this, for students who are under 18, parents/guardians will need to sign off on the student survey form to acknowledge that they understand that their student's first name and last initial will be shared with the community member they are paired with. In addition, students who are 18 or older will be asked for the same acknowledgement before submitting their survey. Forms are available here, spread the word! - Abby Olsen and Gracie Davis

#### Important Notice regarding purchase of 2021 Beach Stickers/Parking Permits



The weeks are flying by and the beaches will soon be open. Please be advised that beach stickers are only available for purchase through our on-line portal <u>www.barnstablema.viewpointcloud.com</u> or through the mail by downloading an application from our website

www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation/Beach-Stickers

Our staff is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM to assist you with any questions or concerns. Stay well and enjoy your upcoming summer months. See links below.

Resident and/or TaxpayerSeasonal and WeeklyLandlord

## Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2021 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Document Availability

#### Comments Accepted through May 14, 2021

The draft One Year Annual Action Plan for 2021 program year and the Citizen Participation Plan will be available <u>April 14, 2021</u> on the Town website: <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG</u> and in the Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Hyannis, MA 02601 by appointment by calling 508-862-4678. This location is accessible and reasonable accommodations may be made upon request. The plans serve as planning and strategic documents for the Town's CDBG Program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2021 program year begins July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022. Estimated funding for this program year is \$311,641 plus any carryover.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Town is seeking public input on the draft Action Plan, which outlines funding priorities for the upcoming program year; and the Citizen Participation Plan that describes the public process. Funding levels are estimates and subject to change. Barnstable residents are encouraged to review the plans and to participate in the CDBG process. Please submit comments in writing to the Planning and Development Department, ATTN: CDBG, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 or by email to elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line. Comments will be accepted through May 14, 2021 and included in the final plans submitted to HUD. CONTACT: Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Phone: 508-862-4678, TDD#508-790-9801, elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us with questions about the CDBG program.

## Cape Cod Commission Seeks Public Comment on Cape Cod Climate Action Plan

The Cape Cod Commission released the region's first-ever climate action plan for a 30-day public comment period. The draft Cape Cod Climate Action Plan was informed by input gathered from a wide range of stakeholders in an extensive and collaborative region-wide engagement and outreach effort, a regional greenhouse gas emissions inventory, an economic and fiscal impact analysis, and a legal and policy analysis. The result is a comprehensive plan that sets actionable goals for Cape Cod, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts framework. The Climate Action Plan is intended to foster collaborative, targeted action to address climate change in measurable ways. It details the need for planning and identifies strategies and actions the region can take to mitigate the Cape's contributions to climate change and adapt to its impacts. The plan targets the region's highest emitting sectors, transportation and energy, as identified in the greenhouse gas emissions inventory, and include strategies that apply more broadly to support successful implementation of the plan. Strategies outlined will require action across all sectors and actors, including all levels of government, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, and others. Priority strategies for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions include reducing energy consumption and striving towards net zero energy building; promoting efficient land-use policies and development patterns; generating and increasing the use of safe, reliable, and clean energy; reducing vehicle miles traveled and supporting low and no carbon transportation options; accelerating the electrification of the transportation system; and reducing emissions by increasing and enhancing natural carbon storage. Priority strategies for adapting to the impacts of climate change include addressing vulnerabilities in public infrastructure and the road network; identifying approaches for managing development in coastal resource areas; and addressing vulnerable buildings and structures through retrofits and relocation. Measuring progress towards meeting the goals of the Climate Action Plan will require both long-term tracking of regional performance measures and shorter-term tracking of the implementation of specific strategies and actions. Updates to the regional greenhouse gas emission inventory, tracking of regional performance measures, and communication of regional progress will be key in ensuring effective implementation. The Cape Cod Commission is seeking broad feedback from the public on the draft Climate Action Plan. Comments can be submitted via email to climate@capecodcommission.org, in writing to Cape Cod Commission, PO Box 226, 3225 Main Street, Barnstable MA 02630, or by phone to 508-744-1271. Comments are due by May 24, 2021. A summary of the plan in Portuguese can be found here. The draft version of the plan can be found here.

## Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on Transportation Planning

#### Documents

#### Planning for the Future Transportation Needs of Cape Cod

The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has released four (4) documents for a 21-day public review and comment period. Members of the public are invited to review these documents and provide comments.

- FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 2
- DRAFT FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2
- DRAFT FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

In accordance with the Public Participation Process developed by the Cape Cod MPO, the Cape Cod Commission is making the FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 2, Draft FFY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 2 and Draft FFY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program available for public review and comment. The TIP serves as a prioritized listing of roadway, bridge, and transit projects proposed for implementation during the next five (5) federal fiscal years. The UPWP describes all significant transportation planning activities planned on Cape Cod over the twelve (12) month period of October 2021 through September 2022. Copies of these documents are available for review online at: <a href="http://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo">www.capecodcommission.org/mpo</a> Online public comment opportunities for these plans will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 6:00 PM (transit focused), Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM (bicycle and pedestrian focused) and Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM (safety focused). These virtual meetings will feature a short presentation on the documents followed by an opportunity for public comments. Virtual office hours to discuss the plans will be available on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

All of these meetings can be accessed by clicking: <u>www.capecodcommission.org/outreach/join</u> or calling in to (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting ID 961 1903 7671.

A virtual public meeting of the Cape Cod MPO is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM to hear additional public comments and consider endorsement of these documents. Virtual meeting details will be available at <a href="https://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo">www.capecodcommission.org/mpo</a>

Please contact Steven Tupper at 508-362-3828 for further information.

Comments on these plans may be sent via mail, by facsimile, or via e-mail, by May 17, 2021, as follows: Mailed:

Cape Cod Commission Transportation Program

Steven Tupper, Transportation Program Manager

3225 Main Street (Route 6A) | PO Box 226

Barnstable MA 02630-0226

Sent by facsimile to the attention of Steven Tupper, Transportation Program Manager, FAX: 508-362-3136

Electronic mail "email"—please put "TIP," "TIP Amendment," "UPWP," or "UPWP Amendment" in the subject line and send to: <a href="mailto:stupper@capecodcommission.org">stupper@capecodcommission.org</a>

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print, as available). For accommodations or language assistance please contact the Cape Cod MPO by phone: (508) 362-3828, fax (508) 362-3136, Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), dial 711 or email frontdesk@capecodcommission.org. Title VI Notice of Nondiscrimination: The Cape Cod MPO complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related federal and state statutes and regulations. It is the policy of the Cape Cod MPO to ensure that no person or group of persons shall on the grounds of Title VI protected categories, including race, color, national origin, or under additional federal and state protected categories including sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, creed, ancestry, veteran's status (including Vietnam-era veterans), or background, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity administered by the Cape Cod MPO. To request additional information about this commitment, or to file a complaint under Title VI or a related nondiscrimination provision, please contact the MPO's Title VI Coordinator by phone at (508)362-3828, Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS), dial 711, fax (508) 362-3136 or by e-mail at mhevenor@capecodcommission.org.

If this information is needed in another language, please contact the MPO's Title VI Coordinator by phone at (508)362-3828.

Caso estas informações sejam necessárias em outro idioma, por favor, contate o Coordenador de Título VI da MPO pelo telefone 508-744-1299.

The public discussion of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) at CCJTC, MPO, and transportation meetings satisfies the Program of Projects (POP) public hearing requirements of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

#### **Oral Rabies Vaccine Distribution**

## NOTICE ORAL RABIES VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

Oral Rabies Vaccine baits to reduce rabies in wildlife will be distributed in Bourne, Sandwich, Falmouth, Barnstable,

Plymouth, Wareham, Carver, Kingston, Middleborough, Lakeville, Rochester, & Marion

For bait distribution dates for your town please visit the website below or call (508) 476-2956



There are two types of oral rabies vaccination baits, Sachet and Block that will be distributed via Bait Station, Pickup Truck, and Helicopter.

#### If you find a vaccine/bait packet:

- Use a glove or towel to pick it up. Throw it into the woods where children and pets will not find it. If no suitable place is available, dispose of the bait in the trash.
- Wash your hands thoroughly after handling the vaccine/bait package.
- If your pet has eaten or had contact with a bait, it is not harmful to them, but please report the contact to: Cape Cod Rabies Program Coordinator Brian Bjorklund at (508) 476-2956.
- If you or another person has had contact with the liquid vaccine, wash the area thoroughly and call the MA Department of Public Health at (617) 983-6800.

For more information on the Cape Cod & Southeast MA Vaccination Program.

- · Call (508) 476-2956
- Stop by your Town Board of Health
- Visit www.mass.gov/dph/rabies or
- www.barnstablecountyhealth.org/cape-codrabies-task-force, or find us on Facebook





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

## The <u>Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service</u> 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 <u>here</u>. 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: <u>barnstablecountyhealth.org</u>. If you have questions or concerns, please email <u>COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org</u>.

## Drive-Thru Food Distribution Moves to Barnstable High School Parking Lot

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape. USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution is moving to Barnstable High's Parking Lot, 744 West Main Street, Hyannis. PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

\*\*\*\*Click here for directions.\*\*\*\*\*.

- May 8 9:00 AM 11:00 AM <u>Click Here to Register</u>.
- May 15 9:00 AM 11:00 AM <u>Click Here to Register</u>.
- May 22 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Click Here to Register.

## Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students For most up-to-date information, please go <u>here</u>.

#### 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

#### **May is Older Americans Month**

Each May, our nation observes Older Americans Month. The theme for 2021 is "Communities of Strength." As older adults, we have built resilience and strength over our lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. Our stories and contributions help to support and inspire others. This month, we celebrate the strength of older adults and the Aging Network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities. There are many things we all can do to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength and thrive. Connecting with others is one of the most important—it plays a vital role in our health and well-being, and in that of our community. From finding joy in small things and sharing our stories, to looking at the big picture and giving to others, join us in promoting the ways we are connected and strong. If you are looking for new ways to stay active and engaged, please call **508-862-4750** for your free copy of our bi-monthly **THRIVE** magazine. Each issue is full of information about classes and seminars designed to promote health, wellness, creativity and more enjoyment in your life.

#### The Savvy Caregiver Program

This program is a FREE six-session training for family and friends who are active caregivers caring for those living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. The online Zoom sessions are held on Tuesdays, May 11-June 15, from 10:00-11:30am. *Funding for this online program was provided by a grant from the Administration for Community Living in collaboration with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs and Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Program presented by BCOA staff.* For

more information or to register, call: **508-862-4765 or email** <u>stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> Stay healthy! It's time to sign up for May/June health and fitness sessions.

Most of the Barnstable Adult Community Center classes continue to be virtual, so you can exercise from the safety and comfort of home. Here are a sample of classes you might like:

#### • Lighten up for Bathing Suit Season!

Do you think losing weight and getting healthy is hard? It doesn't have to be. This course gives you the understanding and support you need to get the results you want. We focus on the basics of getting healthy through nutrition, mindset, emotional eating and nighttime eating. Let our popular Drums Alive instructor help you create a mentally, emotionally and physically healthy life from the inside out.

Presenter: Maria Zombas, Certified weight loss coach

10-11am

\$25

#### Other virtual enrichment classes coming up include:

5/13-6/3

• Genealogy 102

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Break down the brick walls of genealogy research with this series which picks up where our previous course left off. Topics include land and probate concerns and using the Census for research.

#### Presenter: David Martin, Cape Cod Genealogy Society

M 5/10, 17, & 24 1:30-3:30pm

#### • Fish Tales with a Cape Cod Fisherman

Learn the fishing ways with a rousing storyteller who was born in Worcester, lived on the beach in Provincetown and sold fish as a youngster. Known for his booming voice and rich stories, he has spent his life as a fisherman on Cape Cod and makes a living chasing "horse mackerel." **Presenter: Mike Abdow** 

\$25

M 5/10 6-7pm Free

#### • Attracting Birds to the Garden with Native Plants

Planting native plants in your yard attracts birds and other pollinators. While bird feeders can attract mice, squirrels, and other pests, native plants provide needed habitat and sustenance specifically for birds. This program provides information on planting choices, bird habitats, and specific native plants that do well on Cape Cod.

#### Presenter: Leslie Altman, Master Gardener

Th 5/13 10-11am Free

#### Fuel Assistance Program Application Deadline Extended

Massachusetts has extended the Fuel Assistance Program application period to May 28, 2021. Please note that although the intake period has been extended, the program only pays bills for the heating season of November 1, 2020, though April 30, 2021. Applications may be updated for changes to household size or income through May 28, 2021. Here are the new deadlines:

- Last day to complete incomplete applications: June 28, 2021
- Local appeal deadline: July 27, 2021
- Deadline to issue local appeal decisions: August 24, 2021
- State appeal deadline: September 22, 2021

#### **Support Services Appointments**

The Support Services Department continues to assist older adults with Fuel Assistance and 41C Real Estate Tax Abatement applications. For information on income guidelines and the paperwork you need for both Fuel Assistance and Real Estate Abatement programs, please call **508-862-4757**. Once you have the proper documents gathered, we'll be able to schedule an appointment for you to process the paperwork. In June, we will be scheduling one on one appointments. Masks must be worn, and all safety

#### protocols must be followed. Schedule an appointment at **508-862-4757**.

The **Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter** is sent weekly, and contains news, resources and information for the older adult community and their families. If you'd like to receive it, please email: *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.

## Multilingual Outdoor StoryWalk<sup>®</sup> and Storytelling Series at the Hyannis Public Library, Hyannis Village Green and Harbor Overlook May 3 through June 30, 2021

The Hyannis Public Library is hosting a free, Multilingual Stories Series this spring that includes StoryWalks<sup>®</sup>, storytellers and Grab-and-Go craft activities. The StoryWalks<sup>®</sup> will be featured at the Harbor Overlook, the storytellers on the Hyannis Village Green and the crafts can be picked up at the

Hyannis Public Library. Four StoryWalks<sup>®</sup> will be featured for two weeks each, from May 3 - June 30, 2021. Bilingual storytelling will take place on Saturday afternoons at 2:00 pm: May 15 and 29 and two dates in June. Free Grab-and-Go craft activity kits related to each story will be available to pick up during Hyannis Public Library during open hours, while supplies last. There is no cost to participate. The StoryWalks<sup>®</sup> are in a wheelchair accessible location and all parts of the series will be recorded and made available on the Hyannis Public Library's website and YouTube channel.



#### WHAT IS A STORY WALK?

During May and June, four bilingual children's picture books in four community-spoken languages (Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Spanish and French), paired with English, will be featured on large signs, placed along the Walkway-to-the-Sea brick path starting near the base of the Hyannis Village Green and looping through to the Harbor Overlook. This area is steps away from the Hyannis Public Library. The placement of the signs allows visitors to walk and engage with the story as they visit this picturesque area. Each book in the series will be up for two weeks, and related Grab-and-Go craft kits will be available at the Hyannis Public Library for families to pick up.

StoryWalk<sup>®</sup> was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

#### STORY TELLING IN MULTI LANGUAGES:

The Hyannis Public Library will host four special storytelling programs on the Hyannis Village Green bandstand. Bring your chairs or blankets and enjoy hearing a bilingual storyteller share stories in English and in the featured language. Included among the storytellers are Antonio Rocha (May 15) and Charlot Lucien (May 29). These events are scheduled on Saturday afternoons, weather permitting. There is free parking in the Town Hall parking lot. Attendees are asked to wear masks and maintain social distancing between family groups.

#### STORY WALKS AND STORY TELLING DATES INCLUDE:

May 3-16: "Um Dia Chuvoso | One Rainy Day" by Valeri Gorbachev
Saturday, May 15: 2:00pm-3:00pm Brazilian Storyteller, Antonio Rocha
May 17-30: "Mwen reve | I Dream Too" by Maude Hertelou

**Saturday, May 29:** 2:00pm-3:00pm Haitian Storyteller, Charlot Lucien Stories and storytelling dates for May 31-June 13 and June 14-17 coming soon! Hyannis Public Library will post all information on-line at: <u>http://www.hyannislibrary.org/</u>

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

Antonia Stephens, Executive Director of Hyannis Public Library, created this program to celebrate the cultural diversity of Hyannis through the medium of stories. "Hyannis is at the center of the Town of Barnstable's designation as a Gateway city. There are immigrant families living here from all over, particularly South America, Mexico, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe. We believe the languages and stories of our immigrant families are a vibrant, integral part of the "story" of Hyannis." This project is supported by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Town of Barnstable. Hyannis Public Library's mission is to welcome diversity, inspire creativity, stimulate intellectual curiosity and facilitate lifelong learning by providing high quality resources, programming and services to all.

#### Our Village Libraries are more than just books.

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

Sturgis Library (Barnstable Village) <u>Centerville Public Library</u> <u>Cotuit Library</u> <u>Hyannis Public Library</u> <u>Marstons Mills Public Library</u> <u>Osterville Village Library</u> <u>Whelden Memorial Library</u> (West Barnstable)

#### **Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions**

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

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## **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.

May 19 • 5:00pm June 18 • 12:00pm Bismore Park Welcome Center Opens May 20<sup>th</sup>



#### **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\* Temporary Lane Closures for Re-Paving Sections of

## Independence Drive, Attucks Lane, and Home Depot Driveway in Hyannis

Lawrence-Lynch Corp. is scheduled to mill (grind off) the pavement surface and pave a new top course of asphalt at the following locations during the week of May 10, 2021, weather permitting:

- The southbound lanes of Independence Drive between Route 132 and Attucks Lane
- The intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane
- The eastbound lane of Attucks Lane from the east edge of Independence Drive eastward to the first driveway
- The full width of the Southwind Plaza driveway at Home Depot, from the west edge of Independence Drive to the east edge of the parking lot aisle along the front of Home Depot

During the work police will direct traffic past the lane closures. The work zones may extend beyond the paving limits for equipment staging. Work is scheduled between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM. After the pavement milling, some catch basin grates, manhole covers, and valve covers may extend 1 to 2 inches above the milled pavement surface, until the new pavement surface is applied. During the interim, drivers are cautioned to slow down and avoid striking the raised structures. Drivers are advised to seek alternate routes. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through or near construction areas, and follow posted safety signs.

## \*NEW\* Sidewalk Improvements on Wianno Avenue in Osterville Center

Curb and sidewalk improvements are planned for the north side of Wianno Avenue between the intersections with Main Street and West Bay Road. This is the section of sidewalk between the US Post Office on the east end and the Kinlin Grover real estate office on the west end. Work is anticipated to

begin within the next two weeks. The existing curb and sidewalk will be removed and replaced with new granite curb and concrete sidewalk panels. Driveway entrances within this work zone will be adjusted and repaired as necessary during the process. Work is expected to be complete by the Memorial Day holiday. Police details will be used to direct traffic during construction. Please use alternate routes when possible to avoid delays during the project.

#### \*NEW\* Roadway Improvements on Winter Street in Hyannis

Curb, sidewalk and pavement improvements are planned for the section of Winter Street between North Street and Barnstable Road during this calendar year. Work will include new granite curb, new paved sidewalks, repair and adjustment of utility castings within the roadway, and milling & overlay of the roadway pavement. Driveway entrances within this work zone will be adjusted and repaired as necessary during the process. Initial activities, including trimming of vegetation and removal of a limited number of trees, are expected to begin in the next two weeks. Work will break after the Memorial Day holiday for the summer months and resume after Labor Day weekend. Police details will be used to direct traffic during construction. Please use alternate routes when possible to avoid delays during the project.

#### \*NEW\* National Grid Gas Pipe Installation, Hinckley Road

National Grid will be completing paving operations associated with their new gas line installation on Hinckley Rd in Hyannis. The work will include repaving the entire length of Hinckley Rd and a section along Rte. 132 (Iyannough Rd). Work will be performed at night on Tuesday, **May 18, 2021** and. Weather pending, construction should be completed in one evening, and crews will be working 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. This section of Rte. 132 will be closed to through traffic and vehicles will be detoured, which will be controlled by signage and police details. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

#### \*UPDATED\* National Grid Gas Pipe Installation, Anchor Lane

National Grid, through their contractor Fraser Engineering, is planning on replacing the Anchor Lane Regulator Station, which will include removal of the existing regulator station and installation of a prefabricated 3 layer regulator station, and new gas lines that will tie into the existing 10" gas main located along the Route 28 roadway shoulder. Work will take place on the corner of Anchor Lane and Falmouth Rd (Route 28) in Cotuit. Construction began on April 19, 2021 and anticipated to last to **September 1, 2021**. Weather pending, construction will be on-going, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM until completion of this phase of the project. **Nightwork will be performed, weather dependent) on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM.** Portions of Anchor Lane travel lanes will be restricted, and work on Falmouth Road will include temporary lane closures, which will be controlled by police details. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

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

The Towns contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements at five (5) locations along Head of the Pond Rd and Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, adjustment of drainage structure castings, and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. It is anticipated that work will take 3-weeks to complete. 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, is installing a new biofiltration swale along South County Rd to treat existing stormwater runoff before it enters in the nearby river. The project will continue through 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 AM to 4 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\* Water Works Construction on Longview Drive in Centerville

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.

## \*UPDATED\* 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 are ongoing and will continue through to July 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. Night work will be performed the week of May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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\* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in Centerville/Main Street in Osterville

Work on the bridge is scheduled to continue into June 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\* 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.

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

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

## 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 (<u>www.townofbarnstable.us</u>) and <u>www.BarnstableHealth.com</u>. 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 <u>taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> 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 <u>assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us</u> or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

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

#### **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call 508-862-4044. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

#### 200 MAIN STREET

#### Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.
- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

#### Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

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