

### National Teacher Appreciation Week

"...let's have tributes of appreciation for school teachers. Because you're amazing, vital engines of optimism that our nation can and will become a better place. Thank you to all who answer the call to service. May the country that emerges appreciate you more."

~Dan Rather

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May 8, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:

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Same as previous week(s)

### 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Paid Tribute to All Our American Heroes



On Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, United together as a state and nation to support each other during the fight against COVID-19, the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing paid tribute to all our American heroes. The Massachusetts National Guard presented a four-ship F-15 flyover across the Commonwealth. F-15 Eagles from the 104<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in Westfield, Massachusetts, flew over several area hospitals, including Cape Cod Hospital, in a show of support for medical workers serving on the frontlines in our combat against COVID-19. Air Force Salutes flyovers are a way for the U.S. Air Force to show appreciation to the thousands of heroes on the frontlines and all our brave Massachusetts neighbors battling and supporting the COVID-19 response. This is a part of Operation American Resolve, a nationwide salute to those supporting COVID-19 response efforts. Our Video Specialist Chris Ledda was able to take this picture during the flyover.

## 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).

## Governor's Order - COVID-19 Face Coverings took effect May 6, 2020

Governor Baker has issued an Order requiring face coverings be worn in public places where social distancing is not possible. Effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020, any person who is in a place open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor, and is unable to maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face covering. This requirement applies to all workers and customers of businesses and other organizations open to the public that are permitted to operate as essential businesses. Non-essential businesses must remain closed as per the Governor's Order through May 18, 2020. You can keep up-to-date with the latest information at [BarnstableHealth.com](http://BarnstableHealth.com). <https://youtu.be/hLXPISuJ8Xg>

Learn about how to safely cover your face in public to prevent the spread of COVID-19: <https://www.mass.gov/coveryourface>

Read about Governor Baker's order requiring residents wear masks or face coverings in public places: <https://bit.ly/3bTsR2I>

Here are some frequently asked questions about children and face masks [ow.ly/7wKe50zkEJl](http://ow.ly/7wKe50zkEJl).

## Town Council Meeting – Thursday, May 7, 2020

***The May 7, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The Town provided Zoom and telephone calls for remote communication for those who wanted to participate. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.***

Last night's [Town Council Meeting](#) began with Town Council President Paul Hebert presiding over the meeting which began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence on World Day of Prayer. Public Comment was received through Zoom and phone. Town Manager Mark Ells presented the following items during Town Manager Communications for the period April 17-May 7, 2020:

1. Governor Baker has issued an Order requiring face coverings be worn in public places where social distancing is not possible. Effective Wednesday, May 6, 2020, any person who is in a place open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor, and is unable to maintain a distance of approximately six feet from every other person shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or face covering. This requirement applies to all workers and customers of businesses and other organizations open to the public that are permitted to operate as essential businesses. Non-essential businesses must remain closed as per the Governor's Order through May 18, 2020. Another recent change relative to non-essential business is for municipal golf courses are allowed to reopen on May 8 if they can meet identified standards, <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services-fags#other->. Barnstable plans to reopen our golf courses in compliance with state guidelines and with a phased approach. We will keep you advised of or progress.
2. Town staff continues to provide programs and service while managing this public health and economic situation. We have completed our proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget, we opened our marinas on May 1, we have successfully moved the sales of some licenses and permits that were previously done manually and in person to online and continue that transition to contactless service in other areas of service, we are planning to open Sandy Neck beach and to ORV and beaches in general this month, we are working with our business community to assist in their ability to reopen and have created an internal Barnstable Economic Recovery Plan, and

our staff is participating in and on numerous committees related to recovery. We will keep you advised as we progress from response to recovery relative to this situation.

3. Mr. Ells serves on the Cape Cod Reopening Task Force and they have invited the public to submit comments. Comments will be reviewed and taken into consideration as the Task Force develops a reopening report. Comments can be submitted to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScs3foAUS2jmJ4LPi9vF1yj2whH0m07NAswuo6t4KD0dpEFCA/viewform>.
4. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2021 as scheduled. The Town Manager plans to submit the recommended FY 2021 Operating Budget to the Town Council on May 12, 2020. We are planning on a first reading of the proposed FY 2021 Operating Budget on May 21 and intend to provide the Town Council with the proposed operating budget summary and justification. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
5. The Town Council appointed the Town Manager as its representative on the Cape Cod & Islands Water Protection Fund Board. The Bylaws and Regulations Subcommittee met on May 1, 2020. We made significant progress on developing proposed regulations and continue discussions through the second quarter of 2020. The full Board has not scheduled its next meeting at this time. The website for the Board has been created by the Cape Cod Commission staff and the link to the current webpage is: <https://www.capecodcommission.org/our-work/cciw-pf-bylaws-regulations-committee/>. We will keep you advised on the progress of this Board.
6. We continue to work on the legal issues associated with siting a wastewater pump station in Mother's Park. Our legal department has been in discussions with the Attorney General's Office. The AG's Office requested that we could provide information relative to our Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. From a legal perspective, we envision this as a two-step process: we will need to ensure we are meeting the requirements of the public charitable trust that was created by virtue of the property being bequeathed to the Town, and we will need to comply with Article 97. We will keep you advised of our progress on this matter.
7. The Airport will be clearing trees impacting the approach surfaces of two runways to meet Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations as well as airport safety and certification requirements. The project will support the existing runway approaches and maintain the necessary safety conditions. Tree removal is expected to begin on May 27, 2020 and last for four weeks. The project will be funded by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). Most trees lie within airport-owned property or property in which the airport has existing easements that allow for tree cutting and maintenance of vegetative growth. The Airport plans for a post-clearing landscaping plan that includes replanting with native grassland species and/or low growing shrubs.
8. Mr. Ells has submitted a letter of support for The Steamship Authority's request for the Commonwealth's assistance in managing its current cash flow challenges. The Authority is critical for the islands, providing the only year-round passenger, automobile and truck ferry service delivering food, medicine, fuel and numerous other consumables and products from the mainland. Under its Enabling Act, the Authority funds its cost of service nearly one hundred percent (100%) through its direct operating revenues. The Authority has taken several steps to mitigate this loss including the elimination of scheduled sailings and furloughing approximately 114 employees, and suspending seasonal hiring. The Authority is estimating recurring revenue losses of some \$1,000,000 per week as the pandemic restrictions continue. The Authority is concerned that they will be unable to meet its statutory obligations to the islands by the end of May 2020.
9. Planning & Development Director Elizabeth Jenkins provided an update on Direct Assistance Programs available including: Small Business Assistance grants offered in partnership with

MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative program; work on developing a grant program with Coastal Community Capital for micro-businesses using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; efforts of the Affordable Housing Growth and Development Trust and Housing Assistance Corporation on developing a rental assistance program; and an upcoming Notice of Funding Availability for CDBG funds.

10. Nate Mayo, Development and Policy Manager for Vineyard Wind, and Chris Rodstrom, Technical Design and Permitting Manager for Vineyard Wind, provided an update on Phase I and Phase II.

The Orders of the Day began with **OLD BUSINESS**. Community Preservation Committee Chair Lindsey Counsell presented **Agenda Item 2020-141** Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$425,000.00** Community Preservation Funds for the creation and acquisition of a conservation restriction on three wooded lots addressed at 150 and 180 Great Marsh Road and 55 Hayes Road, Centerville 6.2 Acres ± which was approved. Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend presented **Agenda Item 2020-142** Supplemental Appropriation in the amount of **\$36,000** for the Barnstable Police Department Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget for the purpose of funding the costs associated with the hiring of Patrol Officers to fill current vacancies. The item was amended to **\$38,381** and the amended item was approved. **NEW BUSINESS** began with Barnstable Municipal Airport Manager Katie Servis presenting: **Agenda Item 2020-171** Acceptance of a grant in the amount of in the amount of **\$525,000.00** from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Aeronautics Division; **Agenda Item 2020-172** Acceptance of a grant in the amount of in the amount of **\$172,938.00** from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) – Aeronautics Division; and **Agenda Item 2020-173** Transfer Order in the amount of **\$101,000.00** for the Fiscal Year 2020 Airport Enterprise Fund Capital Budget. All items were approved. **Agenda Item 2020-174** Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$75,000.00** from the set aside Historic Resources in the Community Preservation Fund for the Phase II Preservation and Restoration, Olde Colonial Courthouse, 3046 Main Street (Route 6A), Barnstable, MA was referred to a Public Hearing on May 21, 2020. ***The next Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM. At this time, we do not know if the May 21, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. If needed, Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)).***

## Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

During these uncertain times, Town Manager Mark Ells will be providing updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. Mr. Ells [latest Community Update](#) is a conversation with Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO Wendy Northcross regarding the work of the Cape Cod & Islands Reopening Task Force 2020 on which they both serve and state's Re-Opening Advisory Board and the need for a safe, phased recovery plan.

## Barnstable Golf Re-opens to Pass Holders on May 8<sup>th</sup>

The Town of Barnstable knows how important recreation is to our residents and their quality of life. Just like the game of golf, the Town of Barnstable is using a strategic approach, with State Guidance, to creating an opportunity to resume play on our municipal golf courses, Hyannis Golf Course and Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds, starting Friday, May 8th. The sport of golf relies on good sportsmanship and following the rules, and so will our ability to provide a safe environment for our members and staff. The rules and guidelines below will be strictly enforced and it is our belief that the love of the game will motivate our members to follow them each time they visit the course. This will ensure an enjoyable round of golf we all have dearly missed these past few months. Information about the new rules can be found [here](#).

## Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system was used during the recent winter storms. 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.

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

It is important to return both your annual street listing and the United States Census in 2020. The 2020 Census count will be used to ensure that Barnstable and Massachusetts receive our fair share of federal money and political representation for the next 10 years. Representation in the United States Congress and the Electoral College is based on United State Census responses. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 57.7%. Massachusetts has a 59.9% self-response rate; Barnstable County 40.3%; and the Town of Barnstable 48.3%.**



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

***The Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service will help people who should stay home receive groceries and critical household goods.***

The Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), in service to the Barnstable County Incident Command COVID-19 response, is providing a free service delivering prepaid groceries to seniors and people at higher risk for infection. The new program is called Critical Delivery Service. The initiative consists of over 40 MRC volunteers who will pick up pre-ordered, prepaid groceries from food stores offering curbside pickup options, and deliver to residents in all 15 towns of Barnstable County. Director of the Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps Diana Gaumond emphasized that volunteers:

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

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

1. Call 508-556-7161 Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and speak with an MRC Volunteer. You will provide your name, address, and phone number, and discuss options of stores where you can order.
2. A Delivery Volunteer will be assigned to you.
3. You will order from the store as instructed, prepaying for the groceries.
4. You will confirm the curbside pickup time with your assigned Delivery Volunteer.
5. Your Delivery Volunteer will pick up and deliver groceries using safe practices of social distancing, wearing a mask, and not going inside the home.

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

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

at [https://bit.ly/CCMRC\\_FOOD](https://bit.ly/CCMRC_FOOD). Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is essential for “flattening the curve” of infections, which will curb the outbreak, prevent hospitals from getting overwhelmed with patients seeking treatment, and ultimately reduce the number of deaths. For current information on the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), please visit the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment’s website: [barnstablecountyhealth.org](http://barnstablecountyhealth.org). If you have questions or concerns, please email [COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org).

## **Public Service Announcement to Flush Water Lines from COMM Water**

It is always a good practice to flush all water supply lines to ensure fresh water is in the facility’s system after a closure. While restaurants, gyms, schools and other buildings are closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, water left sitting in pipes could change in quality during a prolonged shutdown. When buildings are able to reopen be sure to flush cold water lines to waste until water temperature changes. It may also be necessary to have a plumber flush hot water systems. Check for updates on our website [www.commwater.com](http://www.commwater.com), Facebook, or call our office with any questions 508-428-6691, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

## **From Marine & Environmental Affairs: Municipal Marina Guidance**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Global Health Pandemic, the Town of Barnstable Marine and Environmental Affairs Department is implementing the following social distancing guidelines for Town of Barnstable municipal marinas until further notice. Please adhere to the following guidelines when visiting the Town of Barnstable municipal marinas.

### **Protecting yourself while at Town of Barnstable municipal marinas:**

- Members of the public are not allowed to access docks without permission from the Harbormaster at Town of Barnstable municipal marinas. Marina dockage access is only permitted to slip holders or transient slip holders.
- Slip holders should stay at least 6 feet away from others while transiting the docks. Slip holders should not raft or beach their vessel near others.
- Only persons from the same household should be together on a boat at one time.
- Please refer to The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Emergency and Environmental Affairs memorandum for guidance on “For Hire boating” or “Commercial Boating”. This is available on the Town of Barnstable Harbormaster website.
- Staffing will be limited and is by appointment only. Staff will take all necessary precautions to abide by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) social distancing measures.
- As of May 6, 2020, Governor Baker has issued an order to wear cloth face coverings in public settings (see item on Page 1).
- Gatherings or loitering of more than 10 people on town property will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by guidelines may result in the closure of municipal marinas.
- Bathrooms will be closed.
- Please be vigilant when accessing town docks. If slip holders are currently accessing a town dock, wait and access when social distancing, i.e., staying at least 6 feet away from others, can be achieved.
- Please go directly to your vessel and get safely underway. When returning to your dock please safely tie up your vessel and exit the docks.
- Washing down vessels is still allowed. However, slip holders need to be respectful of space and time.
- All Town of Barnstable rules, regulations and laws still apply.

# 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 three (3) documents for a 21-day public review and comment period. Members of the public are invited to review these documents and provide comments.

- Draft Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4
- Draft FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Draft FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

In accordance with the Public Participation Process developed by the Cape Cod MPO, Cape Cod Commission is making the DRAFT FFY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment #4, the DRAFT FFY 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the DRAFT FFY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) 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 2020 through September 2021. Copies of these documents are available for review online at: [www.capecodcommission.org/mpo](http://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo)

**Online public comment opportunities for these plans will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 PM and Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM.** These meetings will feature a short presentation on the documents followed by an opportunity for public comments. A Portuguese translator will be available.

A virtual public meeting of the Cape Cod MPO is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 1 PM to hear additional public comments and consider endorsement of these documents. Virtual meeting details will be available at [www.capecodcommission.org/mpo](http://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo)

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

**Comments on this TIP Amendment, TIP, or UPWP may be sent via mail, by facsimile, or via e-mail, by May 18, 2020, 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 Amendment," "TIP," or "UPWP" in the subject line and send to: [stupper@capecodcommission.org](mailto:stupper@capecodcommission.org)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

## Barnstable Public Schools Offering New Student Virtual Registration



*Barnstable Public School District is happy to announce*

## New Student Virtual Registration is **NOW LIVE!**

If you are looking to register a new student, or an incoming preschool or kindergarten student to Barnstable School District, please start (or continue) the registration process on our website at [barnstable.k12.ma.us/registration](http://barnstable.k12.ma.us/registration)

**NOTE: All in-person registration meetings have been canceled.**



**2020-2021  
School Year**

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

Town Manager Mark Ells, acting under newly granted authority by the Legislature and Governor, is announcing the extension of due dates for the following real estate and personal property bills, motor vehicle excise bills, water and sewer utility bills, and exemption and deferral applications:

### **Fourth Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills:**

- Original Due Date: May 1, 2020
- New Due Date: **June 1, 2020**



**Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:**

- Any bills issued with a due date of March 10, 2020, or later are now due on **June 1, 2020**, regardless of the due date printed on the bill

**Water\* and Sewer Utility Bills:**

- Any bills issued with a due date of March 10, 2020, or later are now due on **June 1, 2020**, regardless of the due date printed on the bill

**Property Tax Personal Exemption and Tax Deferral Applications:**

- Original Due Date: April 1, 2020
- Extended Due Date: **June 1, 2020**

In addition to extending the due date for payments, The Town Manager is also waiving the payment of interest and other penalties in the event of late payment of any real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise, boat excise, and water or sewer utility bills for an additional month, giving Barnstable taxpayers until June 30, 2020, to make payment without incurring interest or demand late fees.

Please note that this newly granted authority only allows municipal chief executives to extend statutory payment deadlines and waive statutory interest and penalties through the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2020. Under the new state legislation, payments made after June 30, 2020 will be subject to interest and penalties back to June 1, 2020.

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

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

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

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

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

**\* Finance Director Provides Further Clarification Regarding Payment of Water Utility Bills and Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills** Finance Director Mark Milne would like to provide further clarification on the extension due dates for water utility bills. The new due dates and the waiver of interest and penalties only apply to the Hyannis Water System utility bills and do not apply to water utility bills issued by the Barnstable Fire District, Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills (COMM) Fire District and Cotuit Fire District. Any questions regarding water utility bills within the Fire Districts should be directed to their respective Water Department. In addition, the Town of Barnstable will be mailing Motor Vehicle Excise bills dated April 9, 2020. These bills have already been printed. The due dates on the tax bills will indicate May 8<sup>th</sup>; however, taxpayers will have until June 30, 2020 to pay the bill without interest and penalties. If you have any questions regarding the motor vehicle excise bill payments, please call the Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054 or email to [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us).

## Notice of Additional Changes at Transfer Station & Recycling Center

- Effective Monday, April 13, 2020, the Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be temporarily closing the facility on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through **May 18, 2020**.
- Also effective Monday, April 13, 2020, the Recycling Area at the Town of Barnstable's Transfer Station will be temporarily closed through **May 18, 2020**. On the busier days, despite our best attempts, this area does not provide for appropriate social distancing. These measures are being done to provide a safe environment for our employees and our residents.
- These measures create redundancy in staffing and assist in continuing the ability to provide essential services throughout this difficult time. Social, or physical, distancing is one of the key elements being used to combat COVID-19.
- Recycling is not considered an essential service during a State of Emergency.
- Recycling Sticker holders will be limited to disposal of scrap metals, disposal of yard waste, and access to free compost.

### A Reminder:

- The Transfer Station is an essential operation to residents of the Town of Barnstable.
- Current sticker holders may continue to utilize the facility to dispose of trash.
- The Office and Gate House at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center will be closed to the public and all person-to-person transactions suspended. Staff will be available to answer phone calls at 508-420-2258.
- The acceptance of chargeable recyclable items has been temporarily suspended. These items include but are not limited to mattresses, TVs, white goods, and toilets.
- The Construction & Demolition (C&D) Area will be accepting material with restrictions. All vehicles disposing of C&D material will be required to weigh the material on the scale. The Gate Attendant will direct the vehicle on how to proceed via the intercom system. Payments for C&D material will be accepted **BY CHECK ONLY**. Cash and electronic payments will **NOT** be accepted. Check payments will be placed inside a designated box/container at the intercom system. Receipts and weigh slips will not be issued during this time.
- These measures follow the recommended guidance of social and physical distancing. The Town and Transfer Station employees are working to limit the amount of disruption these changes may cause. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

Stay safe and healthy,

*P. J. Kelliher*

P.J. Kelliher | Supervisor | Solid Waste Division | Barnstable DPW

## Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. It is our hope that we will re-open to the public on **Monday, May 18th**. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)) and [www.BarnstableHealth.com](http://www.BarnstableHealth.com). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed [here](#).

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer's Office will be accepting payments either through mail or payments may be placed in the drop box located outside Town Hall next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. **No cash is to be mailed or left in the drop box.**

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for liened parcels that are in Tax Title may be mailed to:

Town of Barnstable, Treasurer's Office, 230 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

## TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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

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2. Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Treasurer/>
3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

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

## ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

**Abatement Applications** Abatement forms are available on the town's website at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/> Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

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

**Forms** All other forms are available at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/> Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main

Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

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

## 200 MAIN STREET

### **Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications**

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


### **Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff**

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

### **Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19**

## Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a "Grab and Go" option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one lunch. **NOTE: Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.**



## GRAB & GO

### Breakfast and Lunches Bus Stop Locations/Times

**Pick-up Locations:** BIS, BUES, HyWest, and BCIS 10am-1pm | 4-6pm  
**NOTE:** Each Friday students will receive 3 breakfast and 3 lunches for the weekend.

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

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

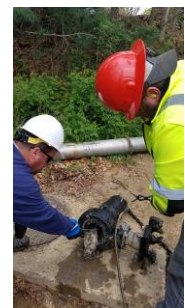
## A Message from the Council on Aging Division

At the BACC we have been busy going over our survey responses, and **we are hearing from many people who are feeling lonely after so many weeks at home.** One of the unforeseen and invisible consequences of the pandemic is loneliness. The lifestyle changes that are keeping us healthy have become a barrier to maintaining those social interactions, which are essential to our overall health. Some older adults who have access to technology have found this some help in maintaining social connections, but many older adults do not have this available. **Luckily, this is a problem that we can all help solve.** Every older adult has a phone. Most people are just looking for the chance to have a friendly conversation with someone a couple of times a week. **If you have an older relative or neighbor, give them a call.** Phones were invented to keep us closer, so here is a great opportunity to use some old school technology to combat loneliness. **If you or someone you know would like to receive a friendly phone call from the BCOA staff, please give us a call – we love to talk! The BACC doors may be closed at the moment, but the BCOA staff is working, and we are here for you! If you need help with finding services or nutritional support, solving a problem, or need an answer to a question, we encourage you to call us at (508) 862-4750. SURVEY SAYS that we would love it if you would take a few moments and fill out our survey.** As always, but especially during these difficult and challenging times, the staff of the Barnstable Council on Aging is thinking of you. We want to know how you are doing. Really, how are you doing? Many people are struggling during these times, and we want you to know: You are not alone! But we need to know how you are, and how we can help. Help us, help you, by filling out a very short survey so that we may learn about what services and supports you really need right now. The survey will only take a few minutes, and will help us serve you better. Here is the [link](#). **Brown Bag for Families:** Are you finding it difficult to feed your family? The Greater Boston Food Bank, through our “Brown Bag for Seniors” Program, has increased the income eligibility for this free nutrition program. **If you have a child younger than 17 and were eligible for Fuel Assistance, you would be eligible for a free monthly bag of groceries. Call the BCOA Outreach Department for more information: 508-862-4757.**

We hope you'll take advantage of the ongoing **Grab & Go food distribution program which is providing a free Lunch for Barnstable residents over age 60. Meals are distributed Monday-Friday, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, curbside at the BACC.** This program is made possible through the generous collaboration of the Barnstable Public Schools. The Cape Cod Family Cooperative is providing packed meals for Cape residents. They will be at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center (HYCC) from 4:00-6:00 PM every Friday, until this crisis is over. If you need a meal, and are in the Hyannis area, please come by Faith Family Kitchen any Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 5:30-6:30pm at 154 Bearse's Way for a hot meal. Love is always this wonderful group's secret ingredient! Our **E-news 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) to be added to the distribution list. **Please like and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook Page, where you'll find updates, helpful links, even video entertainment and resources from our instructors and others to keep older adults engaged and informed.**

## Water Pollution Control Request

The Town of Barnstable's Water Pollution Control Division requests that you please do not flush any disinfecting wipes down the toilet. These wipes clog sewage pumps inside of the Town's sewage pumping stations. This requires staff to manually remove the wipes from the pump in order to put the pump station back into operation. Flushing wipes down the toilet endangers the health and safety of Town employees and increases the risk of a sewage overflow, putting public health at risk. Please discard all used wipes into a trash can. Thank You.



# Sexual Harassment is Illegal. Fair Housing is Your Right.

**You should never have to choose between  
your home and being sexually harassed.**

If your landlord, rental manager, or anyone else with control over your housing:



**Even if you said "yes."  
Even if you have a criminal history.  
Even if you have been evicted.  
Even if you were behind on your rent.**

**This may be sexual harassment.**

**Contact us:**

**U.S. Department of Justice  
Civil Rights Division**  
fairhousing@usdoj.gov  
1-844-380-6178. TTY: 202-305-1882

**U.S. Attorney's Office  
District of Massachusetts**  
USAMA.VictimAssistance@usdoj.gov  
1-888-221-6023



## Hyannis Water System Water Flushing Program

Throughout the months of April, May and June (Weather permitting)

Flushing signs will be posted in the areas of work

After flushing let the cold water run for a few minutes.

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL (508)775-0063

See specific area maps and dates on [www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us).



## 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\* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village**

Construction is scheduled to begin the week of May 18, 2020 and end in July 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During portions of May and June 2020, Kidd's Hill Road will be closed for construction about 500 feet each side of its intersection with Merchants Way. During portions of June and July, Business Lane and the south half of Merchants Way will be closed for construction.

### **\*NEW\* National Grid New Customer Hookups Neuco**

Crews will install gas service as follows: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Old Post Road in Cotuit. 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 a week to complete. Visit [Ngrid.Com/ServiceLine](https://www.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.

### **\*NEW\* Sewer Construction at Intersection of Center Street and Spring Street, Hyannis**

Construction is scheduled to begin the week of May 11, 2020 and is anticipated to take one week. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

### **\*UPDATED\* 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 has started and 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 and 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, construction barrels, and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past the work zones.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Pavement Improvements on Lake Street in Cotuit**

Remaining work includes final roadway overlay with new hot mix asphalt and restoration of any disturbed areas. Work is expected to be complete by May 15, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 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\* Pavement Improvements on Hi Ona Hill Road in Centerville & Seabury Lane in Hyannis**

Remaining work includes final roadway overlay with new hot mix asphalt and restoration of any disturbed areas. Work is expected to be complete by May 15, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 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\* Pavement Improvements on Straightway in Hyannis**

Remaining work includes overlay of miscellaneous sidewalk and driveway areas with new hot mix asphalt and restoration of any disturbed areas. Work is expected to be complete by May 15, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 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\* Pavement Improvements on Richardson Road in Centerville**

Pavement improvements on Richardson Road in Centerville are complete with the exception of driveway aprons and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. The remaining work is expected to be complete by May 15, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 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\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village**

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

### **\*CONTINUES\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Sea Street, South Street, and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis**

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

### **\*CONTINUES\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Route 149, Main Street, and River Road in Marstons Mills**

Construction is scheduled to continue through May 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes applying textured surfaces in crosswalks, loaming and seeding bare areas, 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\* Pavement Improvements on Parkway Place in Hyannis**

Remaining work includes overlay of the sidewalks and driveways with new hot mix asphalt and restoration of any disturbed areas. Work is expected to be complete by May 15, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 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\* National Grid Service Road National Grid Service Road**

#### **Construction**

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

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

Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021. MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. 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\* Water Works Construction Main Street, Hyannis Area**

Water Supply Division will be finalizing a water works construction project starting on Monday, April 13, 2020 in the Main Street area. This project will install finish paving and loam & seed construction affected areas on Main Street from the School Street intersection to Bay View Street. For questions relative to this project call Michael Gorenstein, Project Manager, at (508) 775-0063.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Pipe Installation, Hinckley Road from Falmouth Road to Route 132 National Grid**

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

## **\*CONTINUE\* Ongoing Drainage Improvements**

Drainage improvements are currently ongoing on Santuit-Newtown Road in Cotuit. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings, adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

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

