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COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC!

By appointment or Walk-ins Welcome. Open to anyone 12 years of age or older. A parent/guardian must be present for anyone under 18. To make an appointment call 1-888-503-0766.

¡Clínica de vacunación contra el Covid-19! Con citas o visitas sin cita previa. ¡Abierto a cualquier persona mayor de 12 años! Um pai/responsável deve estar presente para qualquer pessoa com menos de 18 anos Para solicitar una cita llame al 1-888-503-0766.

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12-15 year olds now eligible for Pfizer vaccine with parental/guardian consent.

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May 21, 2021 Color-Coded Guide: New Updated Same as previous week(s)

Was this issue of eNews forwarded to you? You can sign up <u>here</u> to receive "Barnstable eNews – weekly" directly to your email box.

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 12* 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: https://bit.ly/3goTWQC . *A parent/guardian must be present for anyone under 18.





Town Council Meeting – Thursday, May 20th

The May 20, 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.

Town Council President Matthew Levesque opened last night's <u>Town Council Meeting</u> by inviting Councilor Jen Cullum to lead the <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>.

<u>Moment of Silence</u> - President Levesque asked that the Council keep the Eastman and Franey families in their prayers after the passing of Barnstable High School Student Nick Eastman.

Next up was Public Comment which was followed by Council response to Public Comment.

Mark Ells, Town Manager, presented <u>Town Manager Communications</u> for the period of May 7-21, 2021:

1. This week the Baker-Polito Administration announced that the Commonwealth is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and that all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29th. All industries will be permitted to open, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and gathering limits will be rescinded. Face coverings will still be required for individuals on public and private transportation, healthcare facilities, and congregate care settings; as well indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers (DESE will be coming out with new guidelines in regards to K-12 and face coverings; so this requirement may change in the near future). Following State guidance I am issuing Town Manager Directive #3P rescinding all Town Facility Closures effective May 29, 2021. While all facilities will be open to the public, the delivery method of some Town services has changed. For example, some services previously provided at 200 Main Street have been partially moved on-line and some services previously located at 200 Main Street are now being conducted at our Town Hall. 200 Main Street will continue to be used for our Health Division's pandemic response efforts. Another example is that our MEA offices are open; however, all shellfish licenses are now sold on-line. Anywhere those efficiencies have been recognized by going to contactless service we intend to continue.

2. Governor Baker will lift the State of Emergency on June 15, 2021. The termination of the State of Emergency means that the Governor's Executive Order that suspended certain provisions of the Open

Meeting Law (OML) will no longer be in effect as of that date. Assuming the Legislature does not amend the law before June 15, 2021 all meetings governed by the Open Meeting Law on or after June 15th will be in person. All board and committee members will be required to participate in person and all provisions of the OML will be in effect. The June 17, 2021 Town Council meeting and all subsequent Town Council meetings will be held in Town Hall. We are exploring the technological feasibility of allowing remote participation during these meetings for the public and for staff, but even if we do that, the public must be able to attend these meetings in person. One exception is that the Town's Commission on Disability can decide by majority vote whether to allow remote participation for its members in accordance with the provisions of the OML. The lifting of the State of Emergency on June 15, 2021 raises the question of outdoor business spaces permitted for use on Main Street Hyannis this summer. Many people are asking if the Town plans on keeping the concrete barriers in place. While the outdoor spaces are permitted by the Town through the summer, we are in the process of determining how the State of Emergency lift will impact those spaces. A thorough, thoughtful approach is necessary considering the impact to businesses; both those businesses that have invested in the outdoor spaces in hopes of maximizing its use during this recovery period and those businesses that prefer Main Street be used for traffic and parking only. The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) will be issuing an Advisory soon regarding the State of Emergency lift. It appears they will be providing a 60-day window for temporary extensions, moving the date to August 15th. We have requested clarification if the ABCC will be consider allowing either a municipality or establishment to request date extensions of the temporary expansions beyond August 15th. The ABCC is holding a Q&A via Zoom on May 26 which we will attend to request clarification on this issue. If extensions are not allowed, alcohol will not be allowed beyond the pre-COVID licensed area – food being served in those temporary spaces (without alcohol) would be subject to local Board of Health regulation. Once clarification from the State is received we will work with Hyannis Main Street businesses to gain consensus on the best plan forward; and I will keep you advised.

3. We are proceeding with the tasks in the budget action calendar for FY 2022 as scheduled. We distributed hardcopies of the FY 2022 proposed operating budget to the Town Council on Monday, May 11th. The electronic version of the document was also posted to the <u>website</u> on May 11th. The first reading of the budget appropriation orders will be later this evening at which time Mark Milne, Director of Finance will provide a <u>summary of the proposed FY 2022 Operating Budget</u>. Public hearings on the budget will commence June 3, 2021.

4. 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. 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 later in this evening's agenda.

5. Relative to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds being distributed in Massachusetts, I have been asked by the Lieutenant Governor to participate in a working group to determine how ARPA funds will be distributed in Commonwealth to best leverage local and state efforts. I have accepted and expect work to commence shortly. I will keep you advised as we progress on this matter.

6. On May 20, 2021 I met with the Concerned Citizens of Centerville (CCoC) and Councilor Atsalis to discuss issues regarding electromagnetic radiation and the expanding use of technology that emits such

radiation. After a healthy discussion I asked the CCoC to work with us in the following manner; (1) assist in public education and communication on electromagnetic radiation, (2) review and comment on a proposed modification to our general Ordinances Article X Personal Wireless Communication as we modernize that ordinance, and (3) actively participate in public discussion on the development of a section in the update (Fall 2021) of our Local Comprehensive Plan that addresses how Barnstable envisions the use of wireless technology in the future. I thank them for their continued efforts to address this important issue in our community in a cooperative and constructive manner. I will keep you advised of our progress.

7. On April 30, 2021 Brian Florence, Director of Inspectional Services and Building Commissioner submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS) a request for Building Code Amendments. At the hearing on last week the BBRS denied Barnstable's requests. They did not provide comment as to the merits of the proposals but instead denied it on the basis that, "the request did not rise to the level of a life safety request". We disagree with the board's findings as a plain reading of the M.G.L. shows that there is no test for a "life safety" requirement written into the law in order for a community to submit a code amendment proposal. While we do not agree with the outcome we respect their authority and the broad discretion afforded to them in the M.G.L. We will take this decision under consideration as staff continues to work with its grant funded consultant through the Cape light Compact to complete the other aspects of seeking Green Community designation. We will provide future updates as the plans evolve.

The Orders of the Day began with **<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>** Agenda Items:

All Items were continued to the June 3rd Town Council Meeting

2021-141 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$6,612,196** for Cape Cod Gateway Airport Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-142 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$73,520,899** for Barnstable Public School's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-143 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$15,373,934** for Barnstable Police Department Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-144 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$2,135,301** for the Planning and Development Department Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-145 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$2,395,834** for the Community Services Department General Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-146 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$3,368,382** for the Golf Course Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-147 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$2,891,546** for the Hyannis Youth and Community Center Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-148 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$1,261,370** for the Marine & Environmental Affairs Department General Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-149 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$714,586** for the Marina Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-150 Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$27,465** for the Marina Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-151 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$876,812** for the Sandy Neck Park Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-152 Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **\$108,000** for the Sandy Neck Park Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-153 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$2,353,579** for the Inspectional Services Department Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-154 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$10,470,034** for the Public Works Department General Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-155 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$3,407,469** for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-156 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$4,299,130** for the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-157 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$7,385,062** for the Water Supply Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-158 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$1,202,939** for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-159 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$282,975** for the Town Council Department Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-161 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$1,192,789 for the Town Manager

Department General Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-162 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$799,097** for the Public, Education & Government (PEG) Access Channels Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-163 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$6,456,364 for the

Administrative Services Department Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget;

2021-164 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$250,000** for the Fiscal Year 2022 Town Council Reserve Fund;

2021-165 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$51,369,023** for the Other Requirements Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget; and

2021-166 Appropriation Order in the amount of **3,641,181** for the Community Preservation Committee Fiscal Year 2022 Administrative Expense Budget and Minimum Program Set-Asides; and

2021-167 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$1,664,958** for the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2022 Debt Service Budget were referred to Public Hearings on June 3, 2021

Agenda Item 2021-177 Appropriation Order in the amount of **\$400,000** to fund disposal costs at the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Public Works was referred to a Public Hearing on June 3, 2021.

The following **Agenda Items** received First Readings and were referred to Second Readings on June 3rd:

2021-160 Amendments to the Administrative Code, Chapter 241, Article III, Multiple-Member

Appointive Organization and Chapter 241, Article IV, Municipal Organization;

2021-168 Fiscal Year 2022 Revolving Fund Spending Limitations:

Senior Services Classroom Education Fund - \$100,000;

Recreation Program Fund - \$525,000;

Shellfish Propagation Fund - \$200,000;

Consumer Protection Fund - \$600,000;

Geographical Information Technology Fund - **\$10,000**;

Arts and Culture Program Fund - **\$50,000;** and

Asset Management Fund - \$500,000;

2021-169 Acceptance of Provision of General Laws Ch. 40, § 3 Relating To Town Revenue.

The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3, 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>).

Baker-Polito Administration to Lift COVID Restrictions May 29, State to Meet Vaccination Goal by Beginning of June

Commonwealth Will Adopt CDC Face Covering Guidance

On May 18, 2021, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that the Commonwealth is on track to meet the goal of vaccinating 4.1 million residents by the first week of June and all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29. The Commonwealth's face covering order will also be rescinded on May 29. The Department of Public Health will issue a new face covering advisory consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's updated guidance. Face coverings will still be mandatory for all individuals on public and private transportation systems (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), in healthcare facilities and in other settings hosting vulnerable populations, such as congregate care settings. Governor Charlie Baker will end the State of Emergency June 15. The Administration also announced updates that will be effective May 18 to revise face covering requirements for youth and amateur sports and other guidance relating to childcare programs and K-12 schools. The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps effective May 29. The Administration is able to take these steps to reopen the Commonwealth's economy because Massachusetts is on track to meet the goal set in December to fully vaccinate over 4 million individuals by the first week of June. The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating residents, with 75% of adults receiving at least one dose. To date, over 4 million residents have received a first dose, with 3.2 million fully vaccinated. New cases have dropped by 89% since January 8. COVID hospitalizations are down 88% since January 1 and the positive test rate is down by 88% from peaking at 8.7% on January 1 to 1% today.

Effective May 29

Effective May 29, all industries will be permitted to open. With the exception of remaining face-covering requirements for public and private transportation systems and facilities housing vulnerable populations, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. The gathering limit will be rescinded. All industries will be encouraged to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols. On May 18, 2020, the Administration <u>published the reopening phases</u>, which called for ending restrictions when vaccines became widely available. Today, there are over 975 locations for Massachusetts residents to access vaccines without delay.

Face Covering Guidance

In line with updated CDC face covering guidance, the Administration will rescind the current face covering order and issue a new face covering advisory effective May 29. Non-vaccinated individuals are advised to continue wearing face masks and to continue distancing in most settings. The advisory will also recommend fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear a face covering or social distance indoors or outdoors except for in certain situations. Face coverings will still be required for all individuals on public and private transportation (including rideshares, livery, taxi, ferries, MBTA, Commuter Rail and transportation stations), healthcare facilities and providers, congregate care settings and health and rehabilitative day services. Face coverings will also remain required indoors for staff and students of K-12 schools and early education providers. Link to mask guidance

Youth and Amateur Sports Face Covering Guidance

Effective May 18, the youth and amateur sports guidance will be updated to no longer require face coverings for youth athletes 18 and under while playing outdoor sports. Effective May 29, all youth and amateur sports restrictions will be lifted. Link to youth sports guidance

K-12, Early Education and Summer Camp Guidance

Effective May 18, guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Early Education and Care will be updated to no longer require masks for outdoor activities like recess and to allow for the sharing of objects in classrooms, in both K-12 and childcare settings. This guidance will remain in effect beyond May 29. The Administration will release updated guidance for summer camps, effective May 29, which will include no longer requiring masks for outdoor activities. Link to DESE guidance Link to EEC guidance

State of Emergency Order

Governor Baker will end the <u>State of Emergency</u> June 15, and the Administration will work with legislative and municipal partners during this period in order to manage an orderly transition from emergency measures adopted by executive order and special legislation during the period of the State of Emergency.





National Public Works Week - Stronger Together!

Thank you to the men and women of the Barnstable Department of Public Works! We sometimes forget the importance to public works to our daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating at the heart of our local community to improve everyday quality of life.

These workers do essential jobs involving infrastructure, roads, bridges, water, and sewer systems and are often referred to as "unsung heroes." Their extraordinary work through the pandemic and beyond is appreciated!



Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Updates

The proposed zoning amendments, Town Council Items 2021-174 and 2021-175, as well as additional information on ADUs can be found on the Town's <u>Accessory Dwelling Unit webpage</u>. The Planning Board Agenda can be found on the <u>Planning Board's webpage</u>.

On May 24, 2021 at 7:00 PM the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) zoning amendments. Please find details for joining the Public Hearing below:

Town of Barnstable Planning Board Public Hearing on Items 2021-174 and 2021-175 – Accessory Dwelling Units Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom Meeting ID 922 6816 9339 <u>https://zoom.us/j/92268169339</u>

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

You can submit comment on these items to the Planning Board in the following ways:

- Attend the Planning Board meeting on May 24th at 7 p.m. via Zoom (Meeting ID 922 6816 9339) and speaking at the public hearing (via telephone or Zoom);
- Submit comments via email to Planning & Development staff, Karen Herrand, at Karen.herrand@town.barnstable.ma.us
- Submit comments in writing to: Town of Barnstable Planning Board, ATTN: Karen Herrand, 367 Main Street, Hyannis MA 02601

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Jenkins, AICP, Director of Planning & Development:

Phone: 508-862-4678 Email: <u>elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>

DOG LICENSES



2021 Town of Barnstable Dog Licenses now available on-line. Renewing a license? Check your email. Renewal links were sent on May 4th.

Questions or Renewing by Mail? Call or visit our website.



It is time to renew or obtain a new 2021 Town of Barnstable Dog License. The Town of Barnstable requires that anyone who owns, keeps, possesses or has control of a dog six months of age or older must have their pet licensed and vaccinated against rabies every year. In the interest of continued social distancing, and limiting face-to-face contact with others we have converted to a touch-free payment process for your 2021 Dog License. Renewals were sent by email, so check your spam folder! For more information please 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

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.

Bismore Park Welcome Center Opened May 20th



Bismore Parking Welcome Center

HyArts Shanty Season Begins May 21st-23rd Weekend



We are excited to announce that our HyArts Shanty season is beginning this upcoming weekend May 21st-23rd. There are two locations that host our artists: Harbor Overlook on Ocean Street beside Town Hall and Bismore Park located next to the Harbormaster's Building and the Bismore Welcome Center on Ocean Street. <u>HyArts Shanties</u>

Friendly Reminder: No Pets on Beaches May 15th-September 15th



WOOF, RUFF, YIP! Reminder, no pets on Barnstable beaches from May 15th to September 15th



Transfer Station Stickers Now Available On-line or by Mail



Transfer Station Stickers On-line

Transfer Station Mail-in Form

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 <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation/Beach-Stickers</u> 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. <u>Resident and/or Taxpayer</u> <u>Seasonal and Weekly</u> Landlord

Great Barnstable Cleanup – Saturday, May 22nd



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 <u>draft Cape Cod Climate Action Plan</u> 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.

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 This is the last week that this program will be available.

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 22 - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM <u>Click Here to Register</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!* To view all Thrive programming on YouTube please click here!

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.

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.

Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee Spring Walking Weekend 2021



TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

Land Acquisition & Preservation Committee

2021 Spring

Walking Weekend

Friday, June 4th - Sunday, June 6th

Grab your walking shoes and explore the beautiful conservation areas around town!

FRIDAY— 8:00AM Long Pasture; 9:45AM Falcon Road, W. Barnstable; 5:00PM Old Neck Lane/Red Bansfield Memorial Walk

SATURDAY— 8:00AM Santuit Preserve-Jim Gould Memorial Walk; 2PM Old Jail Lane "Rock Walk"

SUNDAY—9AM Cape Cod Pathways Through Barnstable Village



https://townofbarnstable.us/boardscommittees/LandAcquisitionandPreservation/

Click here for more information!

Multilingual Outdoor StoryWalk® 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[®], storytellers and Grab-and-Go craft activities. The StoryWalks[®] 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[®] 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[®] 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[®] 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: http://www.hyannislibrary.org/

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>.



ROAD WORK UPDATES

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

CONTINUES 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.

***CONTINUES* 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.

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 is expected to begin 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. 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.

CONTINUES Rendezvous Lane Wastewater Pump Station Replacement Project. The Town of Barnstable's contractor, Robert B. Our Co., Inc. is under contract to complete a wastewater pump station replacement project at the intersection of Rendezvous Lane, Kent Road and Salten Point Road. The project involves a new below grade precast concrete wet well and valve vault, pumping system, control panel, standby generator and gravity sewer main to replace the existing wastewater pump station at the Town Right of Way to Barnstable Harbor at the end of Rendezvous Lane. The improvements are necessary to replace the existing pump station approaching the end of its intended service life and to relocate the new pump station above the FEMA base flood elevation. Typical work hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with groundwater dewatering pumps and sewer bypass pumps occasionally requiring 24/7 operation. Rendezvous Lane at the southern intersection of Salten Point Road will remain closed due to construction activities until May 28, 2021. The Town Way to Water will remain accessible via Kent Road to Salten Point Road for the duration of the project, unless otherwise noted.

CONTINUES Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills. Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are currently on-going and will continue during the week of May 24, 2021. Work will include installation of new drainage system equipment, pulverizing and grading of the roadway sub-base, installation of new asphalt pavement and restoration of all disturbed areas. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

CONTINUES Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville/Barnstable Village All work is now complete with the exception of hydroseeding and line striping. These activities are expected to be completed as soon as weather allows.

***CONTINUES* 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. 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.

CONTINUES MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road: MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road 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 17th. 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.

CONTINUES 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.

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 is scheduled to end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM (5:30 PM during paving operations), 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

Town Hall will reopen on June 1st and some services will remain online after that date.

Until then public access to Town Hall Offices and 200 Main Street is 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 31st. The third quarter was due on February 1, 2021 and the fourth quarter was 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 <u>https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/</u> 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.

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The Last Word: "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." – Helen Keller

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