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Town of Barnstable Memorial Day Ceremonies

Our remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice looked a little different this year. Thank you to Assistant Director of Veterans Services Scott Dutra and CH18 Assistant Station Manager Paula Hersey for their efforts to ensure that the Town of Barnstable honored our fallen heroes in a solemn and respectful way. Special thanks go out to Town Council President Paul Hebert for his inspiring words and welcome from the Town. Very special thanks go out to Vietnam Veteran Rick Diani and Adam Doerfler, a Marine Corps Veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm in 1991, for taking the time to help place the beautiful wreaths made by Jackie Dutra on our memorials. The program can viewed on Video on Demand or YouTube.

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>.

Congratulations to MMA/Suffolk Certificate Program Graduates



On Friday, May 22, 2020, a virtual Graduation ceremony was held for the 2019-2020 Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA)/Suffolk University Certificate Program in Local Government Leadership and Management. During the ceremony, the late Professor Michael Lavin was remembered for his dedication to the program over the years. The Town of Barnstable's nine graduates include: Channel 18 Station Manager Sarah Beal; Barnstable Police Department Administrative Assistant Police Investigative Services Lena Bevilacqua; Payroll Staff Auditor Jessica Brady; Assistant Recreation Director John Gleason; Marine & Environmental Affairs Director Derek Lawson; Purchasing Agent Amber Patterson; Staff Auditor Cash Receipts Maxie Pomeroy; DPW Safety Officer Megan Savage; and Head Golf Professional Jesse Schechtman. DPW Director Dan Santos, a past graduate of the program and recent Suffolk University Master of Public Administration graduate, was the graduation speaker. In addition to working full-time, these graduates continued the program through the extenuating circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank You to Suffolk University's Moakley Center Director Sandy Mahtava, MMA Executive Director Geoff Beckwith and MMA Director of Administration and Finance Katie McCue. The Town of Barnstable has been participating with this program for over 10 years. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to our graduates!

FY 2021 Operating Budget Now Available on Town Website

The Town of Barnstable's FY 2021 Operating Budget is now available on the Town's website here: FY 2021 Operating Budget. This webpage provides both a consolidated as well as individual breakouts of the entire book by department. A condensed version of the entire book is available within the attached FY 2021 Operating Budget Summary file.

Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning

Town of Barnstable staff are working to help our businesses reopen successfully, recover from this crisis, and move towards a strong and prosperous future. We are listening to and working with our businesses, residents, the Economic Development Task Force (a Town Council presidential subcommittee), the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and other community partners on developing an Economic Recovery Plan, with an initial focus on promoting the safe and successful reopening of businesses when allowed by the Governor. We are looking at ways the Town can support our local businesses, while promoting public health and safety. If there are ways we can help you succeed in the coming days, months, and in the long-term, please reach out and share your suggestions with us. Submit your suggestions on the Economic Recovery Plan website. Additionally, we encourage our businesses to take the Cape Cod Commission's online survey for Cape Cod business owners. The survey is being conducted to better understand the current and anticipated economic impacts of COVID-19. Data collected through this survey will be used to support economic recovery now and in the coming weeks and months, and can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports.

HEARING NOTICE - CAPE COD COMMISSION - Chapter H – Town of Barnstable June 11, 2020

The Cape Cod Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 3:00 PM to consider the Town of Barnstable's request to modify the Commission's "Chapter H" decision, dated April 4, 2019, for the designated Economic Center and Industrial Service and Trade Area in Greater Hyannis, which decision was issued pursuant to Chapter H: Code of Cape Cod Commission Regulations of General Application, as amended. The modification request is to add "Wholesale" uses to those uses eligible for the revised Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review threshold in the designated Industrial Service and Trade Area established under the Chapter H decision. At this hearing, the Commission may vote and decide on the modification request, including by adoption of a draft written modification decision presented at the hearing. Pursuant to Governor Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting law dated March 12, 2020, the Cape Cod Commission will hold this continued public hearing by VIRTUAL means, including all members of the Cape Cod Commission participating remotely. Members of the public can access the hearing either by going online to www.capecodcommission.org/ccc and clicking on "Join Virtual Hearing" or by telephoning (929) 205-6099 and entering meeting ID: 426 522 224. More detailed instructions on accessing the hearing is available at http://www.capecodcommission.org/meetingnotices. Anyone wishing to testify orally will be welcome to do so. Written comments can be emailed prior to the hearing to

<u>regulatory@capecodcommission.org</u>. Documents relevant to the modification request are available for review at http://www.capecodcommission.org/meetingnotices.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please contact the Cape Cod Commission at (508)362-3828 at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting; for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) dial 711.

Caso estas informações sejam necessárias em outro idioma, por favor, contate o Coordenador de Título VI pelo telefone (508)744-1299 or Para serviços de retransmissão de telecomunicações, disque 711

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 is based on United State Census responses. Recently the U.S. Census Bureau has resumed field operations in our area. Of note, census workers are

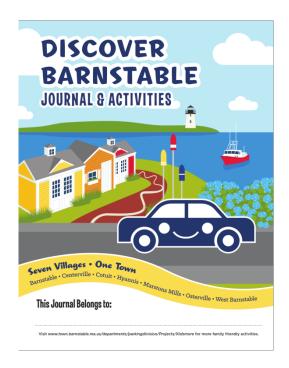


dropping off paper forms included in their invitation package on the doorsteps of residents who receive mail through a P.O. Box. We have been assured that census workers are taking all precautions to make this non-contact delivery as smooth and safe as possible. The U.S. Census counts every person in the country every 10 years. The information gathered through the census is used to decide how much our communities get in state and federal money for public health, transportation, and education. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to my2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. Currently the self-response rate nationally is 60.3%. Massachusetts has a 62.4% self-response rate; Barnstable County 42.5%; and the Town of Barnstable 50.8%. Below is a recent mailing from Secretary of State Galvin's Office.

Town of Barnstable Unveils Discover Barnstable Journal

Get Ready to Discover Barnstable in a Whole New Way! Filled with fun activities about our community's traditions and unique experiences, our Discover Barnstable Journal is a free and entertaining way to capture the many ways you and your family can explore, learn and discover Barnstable this summer!

<u>Download the journal now</u> and start **DISCOVERING!** The journal was created by Assistant Planning & Development Director Liz Hartsgrove, Arts & Culture Coordinator Melissa Chartrand and Gateway Greeter Priscilla Merritt.



Online Sales: Transfer Station Sticker and Beach Parking Permits

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

For more information about the Transfer Station Stickers, please visit

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

For more information about Beach Parking Permits, please visit

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

We are happy to help!







COVID-19 BEACH SAFETY RULES

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











BEACH DISTANCING

Do not sit closer than 12' from your nearest neighbor in any direction.



WEAR A MASK

Masks are required when 6' of distance cannot be maintained for ages 2 and up. Masks are not required to be worn while swimming.



PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS
Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.



GROUP SIZE
Groups larger than 10 are not allowed to gather.



BEACH GAMES
Group games are not allowed.



BE RESPECTFUL

Avoid confrontation. Be kind, follow the rules and enjoy the beach!



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



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

Update to Notice of Additional Change from Transfer Station & Recycling Center Effective Tuesday, May 26, 2020, the Transfer Station & Recycling Center will be opening seven (7) days a week from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The Transfer Station & Recycling Center will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2020.

Also effective Tuesday May 26, 2020, the Recycling Area at the Town of Barnstable's Transfer Station will be reopening. Basic recyclables will continue to be accepted by the source separated method. All users of the Recycle Area <u>MUST</u> wear a mask and maintain social and physical distancing.

The Swap Shop, Bottle Redemption Shed, and Food Waste Shed will be closed.

The acceptance of chargeable recyclable items will be reopened. These items include but are not limited to mattresses, TVs, white goods, and toilets. Payments for these items will be accepted BY CHECK, CREDIT, or DEBIT ONLY. Cash payments will NOT be accepted. All payments will be completed through the window at the Gate House.

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, CREDIT, or DEBIT ONLY. Cash payments will NOT be accepted. All payments will be completed through the window at the Gate House.

A Reminder:

The Transfer Station is an essential operation to residents of the Town of Barnstable.

The Office at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be by appointment only beginning May 26, 2020. All customers allowed into the Office <u>MUST</u> wear a mask. Staff will be available to answer phone calls at 508-420-2258.

Gate House at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center will be closed to the public. All transactions will be performed through the window at the Gate House beginning May 26, 2020. All customers at the window **MUST** wear a mask.

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 | Supervisor

Solid Waste Division | Barnstable DPW

Water Quality Monitoring Volunteers Needed

Join us in monitoring the water quality of our estuaries!

The Town of Barnstable is recruiting volunteers and citizen scientists (and their boats) to join us on the water! Every summer the Town of Barnstable collects water samples in Barnstable Harbor, Lewis Bay, Centerville River, Halls Creek, and 3-Bays. These water samples provide important information about the health of our estuaries. In 2020, samplers will sample each estuary four times (twice in July and August). If you are interested in being part of our water quality monitoring program, then please contact Amber Unruh at Amber.Unruh@town.barnstable.ma.us.

We look forward to working with you! THANK YOU! ©



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 Ongoing Drainage Improvements Drainage improvements are currently ongoing on Bridge Street in Osterville. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings,



adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

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

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

CONTINUES Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, Water Distribution, and Associated Improvements on Independence Drive in Hyannis and Barnstable Village, and on Portions of Mary Dunn Road, Kidd's Hill Road, and Attucks Lane in Barnstable

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

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

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

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

CONTINUES MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021 MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite

curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will 1 and select a route to hear real-time conditions. Visit www.mass511.com, a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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. Night work in Route 132 will restart on Tuesday, May 19th and continue through Friday, May 29th. This work will take place from 6:00 PM to 7:00 AM. There will no work on May 22nd or May 25yh. Work will continue through June 30, 2020.

CONTINUES 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.

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*Chipseal Pavement Improvements on Various Town Roads

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

Barnstable Village: Dromoland Lane, Iris Lane, Oakmont Drive, Pine Avenue **Centerville:** Clifton Lane, Harvard Street, Pinecrest Road, Sachem Avenue

Hyannis: Bacon Avenue, Chase Street, Dartmouth Street, Murphy Road, Tucker Road The chipseal process includes street sweeping, installation of a thin asphalt leveling course on an asneeded basis, spraying of a rubberized petroleum-based membrane onto the road surface followed by installation of crushed pea-stone aggregate that is rolled into the rubber membrane material. Work is expected to begin during the week of May 25, 2020 and be complete by June 26, 2020. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained throughout.

Governor Charlie Baker announced the following industry sectors may open, with guidance, in Phase I on the following dates:

May 18 – Travel: all travelers to MA urged to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Lodging restricted to essential workers only

*Restaurant & Hospitality workgroup convened May 15 to develop procedures for reopening

May 18 - Houses of Worship

May 18 – Essential Business:

- Manufacturing
- Construction
- May 18 Hospitals & Community Health Centers
- May 25 Additional healthcare providers

May 25 – Lab space

Office space

May 25 – Limited Personal Services:

- Hair
- Pet grooming
- Car washes

May 25 - Retail:

- Remote fulfillment
- Curbside Pick up

May 25 – Recreation & Outdoor activities can open with guidelines:

- Beaches
- Parks
- Drive-in Theaters
- Some athletic fields & courts
- Many outdoor adventure activities
- Most fishing, hunting & boating
- Outdoor gardens, zoos, reserves and public installations

June 1 - Office Space: Boston

The Massachusetts Reopening Report can be found here.

Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions

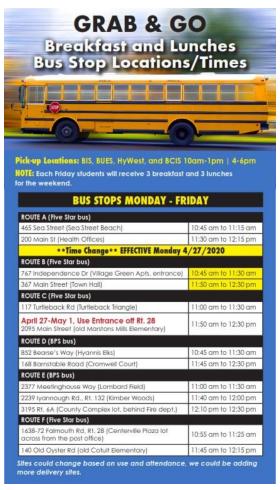


Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

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.

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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Message from the Council on Aging Division

FREE Presentation: How Can We Help Bees? Honeybees have been suffering catastrophic losses in recent years. Join entomologist Larry Dapsis of the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension for a review of honeybee biology and the factors responsible for the problem. Larry will also talk about what we can do to help wild pollinators like bumblebees. And let's not forget -- Murder Hornets! Larry will discuss the current situation on this scary new visitor to the U.S.! To register, email BCOA Program Coordinator Susan Griffin at: susan.griffin@town.barnstable.ma.us. The Aging Together Study at UMass Boston is looking for senior children (aged 65+) of parents (aged 90+) with dementia. We want to learn what

your relationship with your parent is like, what challenges you may face, and what types of support you may need. We are also interested in how COVID-19 may be impacting your family, and how you are navigating the current challenges. This is a one-time, approximately 90 minute interview that will be conducted remotely via method of your choice (phone or video calls). You will receive \$40 as a thank you. If you are interested in participating, please call our study team at 617-901-1082 or email us at agingtogether@umb.edu. We look forward to talking to you! 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 BACC doors may be closed at the moment, but the BCOA staff is working Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM. 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. We are here for you!

Barnstable Golf Now Open

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. Starting Friday, 5/29, single rider carts will be available on a first come-first serve basis. Disabled or handicapped players who must have a cart will receive preference. Two riders in same cart allowed if from the same household. 18-Hole carts available until 1:00 PM daily. 9-Hole carts available until 3:00 pm daily. Golfers must carry and load/unload their own bags and leave cart in return area after play. To reserve a cart, call the golf shop on the day of play and pay with a credit card. You will be asked if you would like to leave that card on file for future cart rentals. This will help us to manage the extremely high volume of phone calls we are receiving. To ensure security - once the card number is input into the POS system, the numbers are not visible to anyone. Thank you all for your cooperation. 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. Channel 18 has created a public service announcement you can view <u>here</u>.

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.

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

Reminder that new due date is Monday, June 1, 2020

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 29, 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:

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

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

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

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

*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 8th; 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.

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

(<u>www.townofbarnstable.us</u>) and <u>www.BarnstableHealth.com</u>. 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.

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, 2020New 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.

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

- 1. Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601.
- 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

<u>Abatement Applications</u> 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.

<u>Property Information</u> Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

<u>Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff</u> 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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Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19

Friendly Reminder from Animal Control

Pursuant to the Town Manager's Dog Control Regulations, "no person owning or having the care, custody or control of any dog shall allow said dog on any Town Beach or Recreation area from May 15 to September 15 without the written authorization of the Town Manager or official in control of said Beach or Recreation area." Please note: Dogs are not allowed in your car in the parking lot. Any questions, please call 508-790-6274.

Water Pollution Control Requests Do Not Flush Disinfecting Wipes

The Town of Barnstable's Water Pollution Control Division requests that you please <u>do not</u> 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.



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, Facebook, or call our office with any questions 508-428-6691, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

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.



The Last Word:

It takes the best in each one of us
to make the best world for all of us.

~Author Unknown

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













