



### **Town of Barnstable Veterans Day Ceremonies**

Our celebration of Veterans Day 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 thanked all who served our country in military service in a respectful way. 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, and Duke Ellis from Veterans for Peace, for taking the time to help place the beautiful wreaths made by Jackie Dutra on our war memorials. The video of the program can be viewed [here](#). Channel 18 has produced programming to help educate and inform our residents with recent event coverage on:

Marstons Mills, Twelve Patriots of the American Revolution

Korean War Memorial - Korean Presidential Citation to the Town of Barnstable

Veterans Day walk through Osterville, Dedication

You can find these segments on Channel 18 on Comcast, [Video on Demand](#),

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**November 13, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:**

**New**

**Updated**

**Same as previous week(s)**

Was this issue of eNews forwarded to you? You can sign up [here](#) to receive “Barnstable eNews – weekly” directly to your email box.

**Beach Water Quality Updates can be found on the [Town of Barnstable's website](#).**

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

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

**Official Election Results for November 3, 2020 Election Can Be Found [Here](#)**

### **Board of Assessors Notice of FY2021 Revaluation**

In compliance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 56, the Town of Barnstable has completed a comprehensive Fiscal Year 2021 reassessment of all classes of property with the assistance of Vision Government Solutions. As required by Massachusetts General Law, the assessments are based on market value as of January 1, 2020 and were developed using sales that occurred during the calendar year 2019. The Fiscal Year 2021 proposed values are available for review while they are pending preliminary certification from the BLA of the DOR. They can be found on a link at the town of Barnstable website above and on the Vision Government Solutions website at <http://gis.vgsi.com/Barnstablema/>. For FY 2021 the assessed valuation for Barnstable increased 4% for the residential class, 20% for the commercial / industrial class, and 22% for the personal property class. Individual property values however may have increased or decreased at different rates, or perhaps stayed the same, based on property specific value considerations, such as location, property characteristics, new improvements, or other factors. A public disclosure period will run from November 2, 2020 to November 13, 2020. During this time, property owners are invited to view their proposed new values and if necessary, to make inquiries regarding the values with the Assessor's office @ 508.862.4022, or to schedule a hearing please contact Vision Government Solutions at [www.vgsi.com/schedules](http://www.vgsi.com/schedules) or **1-888-844-4300** between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday-Friday. Please keep in mind that the call center operators making the appointments are not qualified to discuss values or parcel data. After this review period owners will still have the opportunity to file for abatements if they feel the proposed value is incorrect after the third quarter tax bills are mailed in late December. That deadline to file will be February 1, 2021.

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

**Hyannis Main Street Barriers to be Removed November 17<sup>th</sup>**

***Last Day of Outdoor Business in the extended areas is November 15<sup>th</sup>***

In response to the cooler temperatures and other off-season transitions, the Town of Barnstable is removing the concrete barriers installed on Hyannis Main Street. The barriers were placed to create additional space for pedestrians and outdoor business use and to promote public health and safety in response to the COVID-19 health crisis. The last day of outdoor business use will be Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Businesses will have all day on the 16<sup>th</sup> and until 5pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> to remove any items or installations that have been placed between the barriers and the sidewalk. Barriers will be removed starting on the night of Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and work will continue at night until all barriers are removed. Restaurants that had outdoor dining areas prior to the COVID-19 State of Emergency may revert to using the previously permitted footprints; social distancing requirements established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts continue to apply. All temporary licenses issued in 2020 to businesses to use Town property will expire on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Town of Barnstable was proud to

support business on Hyannis Main Street this summer and received overwhelmingly positive feedback from merchants and visitors in response to the modifications made to the street. The Town will evaluate the reinstallation of the barriers in the spring, and welcomes feedback from residents and merchants. The decision to remove the barriers in November was driven by feedback from businesses that the use of outdoor dining areas is limited by the cold temperatures and the desire to have ample, convenient parking for shoppers during the holiday season. The Town also needs the ability to promptly and safely respond should we get a snow event that requires plowing. We would like to recognize the tremendous efforts from so many Town of Barnstable employees who worked to make this project a success including Departments and Divisions of Public Works, Licensing, Health, Asset Management, Legal, Planning & Development, and the Barnstable Police Department and Hyannis Fire Department. We also thank the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District for their contribution to the effort. The Town of Barnstable encourages everyone to stay the course and keep physical distance, wear a mask/face covering whenever in public, wash hands and frequently touched surfaces, avoid crowds, and choose outdoor activities over indoor ones when possible.

### **FRIENDLY REMINDER: Small Vessels Stored on Town Land Must Be Removed by November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Friendly reminder to all small vessel decal owners who store vessels on town land. Small vessels stored on Town land must be removed by November 15, 2020. Failure to remove vessels from town land may result in the Harbormasters office removing the vessels at the owner's expense. If you have questions or need additional information please contact the Harbormaster's office at 508-790-6273. Please do your part and help keep our Town beaches and landings clean by removing any trash or debris when removing your vessels. Thank you!



### **Town Manager Fee Hearing – November 17<sup>th</sup>**

A public hearing on changes to various permits and program fees that will take effect July 1, 2021 for FY2022 within the Town of Barnstable will be held on November 17, 2020 at 10:00 AM. The hearing is physically closed to the public but public access is available in real-time through Barnstable's Channel 18 and Zoom. Those wishing to provide public comment may do so by accessing the meeting via the Zoom link or telephone number and access code below.

<https://zoom.us/j/94531541189> Meeting ID: 945 3154 1189

888 475 4499 US Toll-free Meeting ID: 945 3154 1189

The proposed changes for Marina Enterprise Fund Rate Increase Proposal can be found [here](#). The proposed changes with justification for Sandy Neck Beach Park can be found [here](#). You can also visit the [Town Manager's page](#) of the Town of Barnstable's website at [www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us).



## **Notice of Public Meeting: Cape Rail Study – Advisory Group Meeting #1**

**Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

Virtual Public Meeting: <https://capecodcommission.org/transportation/join>

The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization will host the first Advisory Group meeting for the Cape Rail Study on Thursday, November 19, 2020 to discuss the context for the study, to describe existing conditions, and to develop the purpose, need, and potential alternatives for the analysis.

The meeting will be held virtually and will be open to the public. Use this link to join the meeting:

<https://capecodcommission.org/transportation/join>. The Cape Rail Study, led by the Massachusetts

Department of Transportation and assisted by a consultant team, will evaluate the potential for extending year-round passenger rail to Cape Cod with connections to the communities of

Middleborough and Wareham. The Advisory Group, including representation from the Town of Bourne and other key regional and local stakeholders, will provide input throughout the study process.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and participate during the public comment portion of the agenda. Input from the first Advisory Group meeting will be important in establishing the framework for the study. Following the meeting, MassDOT and the consultant team will estimate potential ridership as well as capital and operating costs associated with alternatives developed through the process. Outcomes will be reviewed and discussed at a second Advisory Group meeting. For more information: Visit the project website at:

<https://capecodcommission.org/caperailstudy> Or, contact Steven Tupper, Transportation Program Manager, Cape Cod Commission: 508-744-1232.

## **Town of Barnstable Cape Cod Rail Trail Public Meeting - Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Town of Barnstable invites public participation in an online public meeting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, to discuss a future extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail. The Cape Cod Rail Trail is an off-road paved bicycle and pedestrian path that will one day provide a continuous trail from the Cape Cod Canal to Provincetown. The purpose of this meeting is to present information and receive public comments regarding potential routes for an extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail from the intersection of Mary Dunn Road & Independence Drive to the Barnstable/Sandwich town line. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom, an online meeting tool. The login information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91948050092>

Meeting ID: 919 4805 0092

888 475 4499 US Toll-free

The public meeting is scheduled to be simulcast on Town of Barnstable Channel 18. There will be opportunities for public comments during the public meeting. Public comments will also be accepted following the public meeting via email to [paul.graves@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:paul.graves@town.barnstable.ma.us) or via mail to Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works, ATTN Paul Graves, 382 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA 02601.

## **Snow and Ice Contractors Wanted**

Barnstable DPW wants **YOU** to plow this winter. Experienced snowplow contractors with equipment from ¾ ton four-wheel-drive trucks to ten wheelers are needed to assist during winter snow and ice operations. Call Joe Marshall at 508-790-6330 for information. More information for Contractors can be found [here](#). **2021 Snow and Ice Brochure can be found [here](#).**



## Barnstable High School Mascot Survey

### *Pride, Respect, Honor.*

These are the values that Barnstable stands for and what our mascot should represent.

We need your help to choose a new Barnstable Public Schools (BHS) mascot. Our mission is to be inclusive for all, making sure that every member of the community has an opportunity to share input. Your feedback in this survey is incredibly important; we would greatly appreciate your thoughts. SURVEY LINK > [bit.ly/BHSMascotSurvey](https://bit.ly/BHSMascotSurvey)

## Time to Renew Your Burglar Alarm Registration with the Barnstable Police Department



All burglar alarm registrations within the Town of Barnstable will expire on **December 31, 2020**. If you own a house or business in the Town of Barnstable that is equipped with an active burglar alarm, monitored or non-monitored, you need to renew your Alarm Registration and get your 2021/2022 decal. Please complete a 2021/2022 Alarm Registration form and submit with a \$25.00 registration fee. **Electronic registration and payment is now available at [www.barnstablepolice.com](http://www.barnstablepolice.com)!** Renewal forms are still available to be downloaded on our website (above) and are available at any time in the front lobby of the Barnstable Police Department and can be mailed or delivered to:

Barnstable Police Department  
1200 Phinney's Lane  
Hyannis, MA 02601

**Due to Covid-19, we are trying to limit the amount of people that come up to the Records Department. If you are picking up or dropping off a registration form, please obtain a form from the front lobby and drop completed forms off in the alarm bin which is also located in the front lobby.**

Please renew by the expiration date (December 31, 2020) to avoid costly late fees and unregistered alarm fines. Please familiarize yourself with the regulations by visiting our website (see above). If you have any questions regarding the renewal please call 508-778-3824 or email [alarmadmin@barnstablepolice.com](mailto:alarmadmin@barnstablepolice.com). Thank you for your continued assistance and diligence in reducing false alarms in our Town!

## Town of Barnstable Upgrade to the Current E-Permitting System

### **NOTICE - To All Online Applicants of the Current ViewPermit Permitting System**

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Town of Barnstable is expanding our current permitting software to a new program called, *Permitting, Licensing, and Code Enforcement by OpenGov*. This is an upgrade of our current software and the new system is more integrated, easier to use, and allows for greater electronic communication between you and staff. **The current system will retire at the end of the business day on Thursday, December 3, 2020.** At that time you will no longer have access to the current system. During this time all permits and applications will be migrated to the new system, with a live date projected for Monday, December 7, 2020. **On December 7<sup>th</sup> you will be able to access the new system, however you will need to create a new account using your existing email address.** Programming is in place to link your current applications/permits to this newly created account. We will send out the new link and instructions for creating an account once the new system is available. At this time, please continue to use the system that you are using now. Questions? Contact Building: [building@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:building@town.barnstable.ma.us) or Health: [health@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:health@town.barnstable.ma.us).

Thank you for your cooperation and patience while we transition to serve you better in the near future.  
*Inspectional Services Department*

## **Marine RADAR Measurements use of the Kalmus Beach parking lot for NUWC Newport and MIT**

At various times from Friday, October 30, 2020 – Monday, November 30, 2020, government sponsored engineering teams will be operating commercial marine RADARs from an ocean-facing research vehicle in the Kalmus Beach parking lot. The vehicle will be parked along the south side of the lot from approximately 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM each day, with two antennas raised approximately 30 ft. in the air. The USA FCC approved antennas will be used to make low power RADAR measurements on local marine traffic, and conform to ICNIRP international guidelines and IEEE standards for safe levels of radio frequency exposure. Visit <https://www.raymarine.com/marine-radar/radomes.html> for more information.

## **Town of Barnstable Economic Development Update**

### **MGCC EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS**

#### **APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **APPLY TODAY!**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made \$50.8 million in grants available to support small businesses of 50 or fewer employees adversely affected by the pandemic. [Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation \(MGCC\)](#) will be administering these funds to businesses experiencing economic hardship and a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Preference will be given to small businesses whose owners are women, minorities, veterans, members of other underrepresented groups, who are focused on serving Gateway Cities (which includes the Town of Barnstable) and those most negatively impacted by COVID-19. Preference will also be given to applicants that have not been able to receive aid from other federal programs related to COVID-19. Applications are currently being accepted. Due to the increased application volume, the new deadline to apply is November 17, 2020 at 11:59 PM. To learn more and apply, please click [here](#).

#### **UPDATED MANDATES FOR BUSINESSES AND GATHERINGS AS OF NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Governor Baker announced that **beginning Friday, November 6**, new restrictions and mandates will take effect to help curb the recent spike of COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth. Baker's updated orders include the following:

Per the revised Stay at Home Advisory, residents are instructed to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., with the exception of going to work, running critical errands, or taking a walk.

[Face coverings are required be worn in all public places](#), even when people able to maintain six feet of distance from others.

[Gatherings at private residences must now be reduced in size to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors](#), and must end by 9:30pm. Violations may result in fines of \$500 per person above the limit. The limit on gatherings in public spaces and event venues remains the same at this time.

Certain businesses and activities are required to be closed from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. to coincide with the Stay At Home Advisory:

- Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m., though takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages)
- Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products)
- Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)
- Indoor and outdoor events

- Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-ins) and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)
- Youth and adult sports
- Golf facilities
- Recreational boating and boating businesses
- Outdoor recreational experiences
- Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities
- Driving and flight schools
- Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers
- Close-contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)
- Gyms, fitness centers and health clubs
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Museums/cultural and historical facilities/guided tours

We recognize how hard small businesses and restaurants throughout the Town of Barnstable have been hit by COVID-19 and encourage you to continue considering buying and dining locally in order to help support our community, culture, and economy.

To view the full press release, please [click here](#).

For more information on the status of reopening in Barnstable and other important news, visit the Town of [Barnstable's COVID-19 UPDATE](#) page.

## Thanksgiving During COVID-19 Guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

As Massachusetts residents plan for the Thanksgiving holiday, we offer the following considerations to help keep our friends, families, and communities safe during COVID-19. If you host a holiday celebration, keep it small. If you are considering travel, be aware of Massachusetts [travel orders](#). If you participate in a celebration, follow public health guidance.

Any time you're near people you don't live with:

- [Wear a mask](#) when not eating or drinking
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Stay at least six feet apart from others
- Consider if those around you may be at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults or those with certain medical conditions, and take extra precautions
- If gathering indoors, improve ventilation by opening windows and doors

### Lower Risk Celebrations

- Limit in-person holiday gatherings to only people you live with or limit to a small group of individuals with whom you are regularly in contact.
- Gatherings with more people pose more risks. As a reminder, gatherings in Massachusetts are subject to [gathering size limits](#).
- Keep visits short – gatherings that last longer pose more risk than short gatherings.
  - Host a **virtual** holiday dinner with extended family or friends, especially if they are at higher risk for illness from COVID-19. Prepare traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and deliver them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others.

### Higher Risk Celebrations

Including people who are not in your household or limited social network increases the risk of contracting or spreading illness. If you plan on celebrating the holidays in person with people you don't live with:

- Wear your mask and watch your distance at all times.
- Do not share food, drink, or any utensils.
- Encourage guests to bring food and drinks for themselves and for members of their own household only.
- Wear a mask while preparing or serving food to others who don't live in your household.
- Consider having one person serve all the food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils.
- Use single-use options or identify one person to serve sharable items, like salad dressings, food containers, plates and utensils, and condiments.
- Avoid any self-serve food or drink options, such as buffets or buffet-style potlucks, salad bars, and condiment or drink stations.
- For 14 days before and after holiday gatherings, minimize contact with other people, and leave home for essential services like going to work, buying groceries, and appointments with doctors; OR,
- Obtain a negative result from a molecular (PCR) SARS-CoV2 test, on a sample obtained within 72 hours of the celebration. Information about where to obtain a test can be found at [www.mass.gov/GetTested](http://www.mass.gov/GetTested).
- Seat people with plenty of space from one another while dining.
- Consider small seating table arrangements in multiple rooms with plenty of spacing, instead of a large family table.
- If gathering indoors, improve ventilation by opening windows and doors.

#### **Avoid these activities**

- Avoid sharing food and drinks.
- Avoid shaking hands and hugging. Wave and verbally greet others instead.
- Avoid singing, dancing, and shouting. These activities increase your chances of catching COVID-19 through the air.
- Avoid in-person gatherings with people at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults and people with certain medical conditions.

#### **Other Important Considerations**

- **Community levels of COVID-19** – Higher levels of COVID-19 cases and community spread in the gathering location, as well as where attendees are coming from, increase the risk of infection and spread among attendees. Consider the number and rate of COVID-19 cases in your community and in the community where you plan to celebrate when deciding whether to host or attend a holiday celebration. Find information on [cases in Massachusetts cities and towns](#) and information on [cases across the United States](#).
- **People with or exposed to COVID-19 should avoid attending in-person celebrations.** Do not host or participate in any in-person festivities if you or anyone in your household:
  - Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others
  - Has [symptoms of COVID-19](#)
  - Is awaiting COVID-19 viral test results
  - May have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
  - Is at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as older adults or those with certain medical conditions

All residents are also encouraged to get the flu vaccine. For additional information, please refer to the holiday guidance provided by the CDC at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#thanksgiving](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html#thanksgiving).



## MassDOT Advisory: Barnstable

### Virtual Design Public Hearing Now Available for Bearse's Way Shared-Use Path Project

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that a virtual design public hearing consisting of a pre-recorded video presentation has been published on the MassDOT [website](#) to present the design for the proposed Bearse's Way Shared-Use Path project in Barnstable. The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed project and allow for public comments. This project proposes to construct a shared-use path along the west side of Bearse's Way from the intersection of Bearse's Way at Route 28 to the intersection of Bearse's Way at Pitcher's Way. The length of the corridor to be worked on is 0.75 miles.

The proposed shared-use path will provide a connection between existing shared-use paths on the north and south and accommodate for pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized transportation and recreation. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a 10-foot shared-use path will be provided in accordance with applicable design guides. The project will include associated utility improvements along the path and roadway and tree planting. The design, permitting, and right of way acquisition must be completed by March 2022. The construction is

anticipated to begin in the Fall of 2022. The preliminary cost of construction for this project at this design stage is approximately \$1,100,000. The full video presentation can be viewed [here](#).

**Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to** Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 609067. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing/meeting transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us).



## MEMA Offers Resource of Testing Site Map

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

## Meals for Barnstable Public School Students

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.

All schools will have grab and go breakfast and lunch set-up outside from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. This will be available until the end of the year. This is free to all students in Barnstable. **We must stress the importance of social distancing during meal pick up.** You can just drive up and we will bring the meals to you. Please do not congregate at meal sites, and please remain 6 feet from those around you at meal pick up. Our BPS educators and staff are also leading efforts to collect non-perishable food items, and we will begin distributing those items at meal sites as well.

## **Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Cape Cod Community College in November**

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program is now available on the Mid-Cape at Cape Cod Community College, [2040 Iyannough Road, West Barnstable, MA 02668](#).

To reserve your box of food, you must register online below:

November 14, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.

November 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.

November 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.

## **News from the Barnstable Council on Aging**

### ***November is National Caregivers Month***

Every day across our nation, family members, friends and neighbors willingly and selflessly provide countless hours of support and care for those who need help. This work is extraordinarily stressful, yet all too often, caregivers neglect their own health. To honor the many Americans who embody the virtues of compassion and dedication as they provide care for their loved ones, President Bill Clinton first proclaimed November as National Caregivers Month. We join every president since then in this tribute, and echo their sentiment of thanks and admiration for those who so generously provide care for the health and well-being of their loved ones.



*Caregivers are cordially invited to*

**Caring for the Caregiver Appreciation Day Drive-thru Event**

**Monday, November 30, from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

*In recognition of all that you do for others, you will be presented with a gift bag, small presents and treats just for you.*

This event is FREE,  
but you must RSVP at 508-862-4765.

### ***Medicare Open Enrollment through December 7th***

Now is the time to review your current Medicare plan options. A quick review could save you money in 2021. Medicare's Part C (Medicare Advantage Plan) and Part D (Prescription Drug Plan) Annual Open Enrollment begins October 15th and ends December 7th. Please make sure you review your 2021 Medicare options during this time period so that you have the most cost-effective plan for 2021. SHINE Counselors can help you understand your plan's changes, screen you for assistance programs and discuss other options you may have. If you do not change your plan during this period you may have to stay with your existing plan for another whole year. This year all SHINE appointments will be conducted

online or via phone. The BACC is now scheduling appointments for Open Enrollment on. Please call (508)862-4762 to schedule an appointment.

**Weekly Drive thru Grab and Go**

**Tuesday and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Lunch is on us! Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab and Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll be happy to see you, and will bring the food items right to your car. Masks and proper social distancing practices are always in place. This program is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging.



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

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

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

**Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Payments Available**

If you have been unable to pay your rent or mortgage due to a loss of income related to the coronavirus, you may be eligible for Emergency Rental or Mortgage Assistance Payments through the Workforce Housing Relief Fund administered by the Housing Assistance Corporation. The application and additional information about the Fund are available on the Housing Assistance Corporation's website. <https://haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention/>. The Town of Barnstable's Affordable Housing Growth and Development Trust Fund contributed \$300,000 to Housing Assistance Corporation's Workforce Housing Relief Fund.

**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\* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Friday, November 6, 2020 Neuco crews began work on gas services on North Street Hyannis. Work will be ongoing for six weeks. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about five days to complete. Visit [ngrid.com](https://ngrid.com)/service line to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

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

Pavement improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville will continue through November 20, 2020. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, milling of the existing pavement, and adjustment of drainage structure castings, overlay with new pavement and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

**\*CONTINUES\* National Grid Service Road** National Grid will be installing a new gas main on Service Road in 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. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Gas Line installation is anticipated to be complete in October, with testing being completed through November 2020. Final re-paving of Service Road is anticipated to be completed in spring 2021.

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

Work on the bridge supports is scheduled to continue through the end of December 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday; however, the work may be performed during nighttime and weekends based on tidal cycles and weather conditions. 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. It is expected that divers will be in the water 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 may be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

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

Construction is expected to end in November 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes applying centerline and edge lines on Kidd's Hill Road where recently resurfaced, from Wilkens Lane to a point about 400 feet north of Merchants Way. During active construction there may be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

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

Construction is scheduled to end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will include a new sidewalk and additional drainage systems the full length of Independence Drive, on Mary Dunn Road a short distance south of Independence Drive, on Kidd's Hill Road from Independence Drive to Merchants Way, and on Attucks Lane from Independence Drive to Wilkens Lane. The work will also include a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane; a watermain extension on portions of Attucks Lane and Independence Drive; and additional street lights on portions of Independence Drive and Kidd's Hill Road. During active



construction there will be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

**\*CONTINUES\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A)**

**and Mill Way in Barnstable Village** Construction is scheduled to continue through the fall. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals in a few locations (by utility companies); constructing a sidewalk from Main Street to the County Complex parking lot east end; installing street lights; refurbishing traffic signals; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

**\*CONTINUES\* Survey and Map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects** As the first step in a multi-year planning and design effort, the Barnstable Department of Public Works has contracted with multiple land surveying firms to survey and map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects identified in the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The projects include the mapping of dozens of roadways, including many residential areas for the following Phase 1 projects:

- Phinney's Lane Sewer Expansion Project which includes Phinney's Lane from Route 132 to Route 28 including residential roads to the east and west of Phinney's Lane
- Long Pond Area Sewer Expansion Project which includes all roadways between Old Stage Road /Park Avenue (western limits) and Strawberry Hill Road (eastern limits) and including the residential areas on the north and south side of Pine Street
- Route 28 East Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from the Water Pollution Control Facility property to Phinney's Lane
- Route 28 Centerville Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from Phinney's Lane to East Osterville Road and includes East Osterville Road and Old East Osterville Road
- Route 28 Marstons Mills Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from East Osterville Road to Old Post Road

Citizens can expect survey field crews to be working within the project areas at various times throughout the summer and fall. In the coming weeks, property owners within the project areas will be receiving notifications from the survey consultants which provide further detail on the survey project. Citizens are encouraged to review the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan which is available on the Town's website at: [https://townofbarnstable.us/WaterResources/CWMP\\_Final.asp](https://townofbarnstable.us/WaterResources/CWMP_Final.asp) any questions regarding this survey effort, or the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, should be directed to the Barnstable Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400.

## Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions

A promotional poster for a virtual information session. The background is a dark blue diagonal split over a beach scene with a lifeguard stand. The text is white and green.

 **VINEYARD WIND**

**Virtual Information Session**

*Paving the Way in Barnstable*

*RSVP Today:* [vineyardwind.com/barnstable](https://vineyardwind.com/barnstable)

Join us for a presentation and Q&A about Vineyard Wind's offshore wind projects and plans in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

**December 15 • 12:00pm**

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

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system has been used to provide information during the ongoing COVID-19 event and for the recent COMM Water District issue. Did you know that only landlines are part of the federal and state Reverse 911 system and you must register cell phones which are not public records? Make sure you are on our list. Sign up [here](#) today. **What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?** CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Barnstable residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town. Only authorized officials are allowed access to use the system. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed [here](#). Be sure to take a moment to learn more about this important notification system.

## Hurricane Preparedness

**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS**  
Be Ready Before the Storm

Hurricanes and tropical storms can impact the entire Commonwealth, not just coastal regions

Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone	Know Your Zone	Make a Plan	Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs
Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days	Build a Kit	Stay Informed	As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials

Visit [mass.gov/mema](https://mass.gov/mema) for more hurricane preparedness resources

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.gov

**Extra steps to prepare for hurricane season during COVID-19**

Include face coverings, disinfectants & hand sanitizer in emergency kits
Sheltering at a hotel or relative's house may be safer than a large shelter, especially if you are in a high risk population

Visit [mass.gov/mema](https://mass.gov/mema) for more hurricane preparedness resources about hurricane evacuation zones, emergency plans, emergency kits, and staying informed

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.gov

## Working with Barnstable Town Hall

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

### TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

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

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

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

Tax Collector's Office is open to the public by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) to make an appointment or for any questions regarding real estate and personal property taxes, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer utility bill payments. Payment options for Treasurer/Collector's office:

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

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The first quarter was due on August 3, 2020 and the second quarter is due on November 2, 2020.

## **ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

### **Abatement Applications**

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

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

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

### **Property Information**

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

### **Forms**

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

## **TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

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

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

## **200 MAIN STREET**

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

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

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

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

[Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19](#)

## **The Last Word:**

**When you are kind to others, it not only changes you, it changes the world.**

***~Harold Kushner***

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

