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Beach Water Quality Updates can be found on the Town of Barnstable’s website.

Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com
The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (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.

In Memoriam Gary Brown and Ed Tynan

Gary R. Brown
A native son, Gary Brown was born in 1946. He received his Associate’s degree from Cape Cod Community College and his BA in Political Science from Boston State Teachers College. A member of the 82nd Airborne, Gary was awarded the Bronze Star during his tour in Vietnam. A member of the VFW, American Legion and Cape Cod Salties, Gary worked tirelessly for our veterans and the protection of his beloved Cape Cod. He was proud of the work accomplished during his tenure on the Barnstable Town Council.
Gary served on the Town Council from November 1997 to November 2007. During that time, Gary served as Town Council President from 2003 to 2005. In June of 2008, the Lewis Bay Boat Ramp was renamed the Gary R. Brown Boat Ramp. An avid fisherman, Capt. Brown provided fishing reports on Barnstable Channel 18’s “Barnstable This Morning.” He was always quick with a joke and more thrilled with a buddy’s prize catch than his own. Our sympathies go out to Gary’s wife Irene and family. Fair Winds and Tight Lines, Capt. Brown.

Dr. Edward Tynan
Barnstable Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown shared the following:
I am saddened to share that last weekend retired superintendent, Dr. Ed Tynan, passed away. Ed served the students, staff and families of Barnstable Public Schools for 26 years, and was Superintendent for 21 of those years. Ed is fondly remembered by all those who had the pleasure of working with him. He also served as past President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and was described as "... a very special person in the way he
worked with people, especially the teachers and administrators of Barnstable along with his superintendent-colleagues. Ed was maybe retired but maintained a careful eye on the issues and problems of today’s superintendents and all educators. If you talked to Ed on a call or meeting with him, the great stories about his daughters and sons highlighted the conversation."

I have shared Ed's published obituary, and for those that did not have the opportunity to know or work with Ed, his sense of humor, and love of family, education and community, is evident by reading the words below. We offer Ed's family our collective condolences, and gratitude for his service and love of Barnstable schools.

Sincerely,
Meg

Important Voting Information from Town Clerk Ann Quirk

**Last Day for Early Voting is TODAY Friday, October 30, 2020**

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

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**In-Person Early Voting**
Barnstable Adult Community Center ~ 825 Falmouth Rd, Hyannis

**In Person Early Voting prior to General Election:**
TODAY – Friday, October 30, 2020
Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

**Vote at your Polling Location on Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, 2020**
Hours from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Precinct 1 Zion Union Church, 805 Attucks Lane, Hyannis
Precinct 2 St George’s Greek Orthodox Church, 1130 Falmouth Road, Centerville
Precinct 3 Barnstable Adult Community Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis
Precinct 4 Our Lady of Victory Hall, 230 South Main Street, Centerville
Precinct 5 Osterville Fire Station, 999 Main Street, Osterville
Precinct 6 Gym of Christ Chapel, 2-C Oak Street, Centerville
Precinct 7 Freedom Hall, 976 Main Street, Cotuit
Precinct 8 Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis
Precinct 9 Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis
Precinct 10 7th Day Adventist Community Building, 2736 Falmouth Road, Marstons Mills
Precinct 11 West Barnstable Community Building, 2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable
Precinct 12 7th Day Adventist Community Building, 2736 Falmouth Rd, Marstons Mills,
Precinct 13 Hyannis Youth & Community Center, 141 Bassett Ln, Hyannis

**Track your Application and Ballot**

Once you have voted your ballot, put it into the inside envelope, write your name, address and sign the inside envelope, put the signed envelope into the mailing envelope, you may mail it back for free or drop it into the black Lock Box on the top step of Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis (doors facing the Village Green).

**Precinct 4 Special Town Election Sample Ballot Can Be Seen** [Here](#)
**Special Town Council Meeting – Thursday, October 29, 2020**

*The October 29, 2020 Special Meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The public was able to view through Live Streaming on the Town of Barnstable’s website or Comcast Channel 18. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.*

Town Council President Paul Hebert began last night’s **Town Council Meeting** with leading the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Town Councilor Paul Neary offered A Moment of Silence in honor of Centerville residents Barbara Murphy and former Barnstable Public Schools Superintendent Edward Tynan. Town Councilor Kris Clark offered A Moment of Silence for former Town Council President Gary Brown. There was no Old Business. New Business began with **Agenda Item 2021-028** Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of **$68,760** for the Inspectional Services Department Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Expense Budget to fund a contract for the comprehensive monitoring of Short Term Rental Properties referred to a Public Hearing on November 5, 2020. **Agenda Items 2021-029** Allocation of Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2021 – Tax Factor and **2021-030** Allocation of Tax Levy Fiscal Year 2021– Residential Exemption were referred to Public Hearings on November 19, 2020. Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend presented **Agenda Item 2021-031** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 grant in the amount of **$50,000** from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health for the purpose of funding a Component Jail/Arrest Diversion Project which was accepted. Town Manager Mark Ells presented **Agenda Item 2021-032** Acceptance of a grant in the amount of **$20,853** from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the purpose of planning and operationalizing safe and secure election administration in the Town of Barnstable in 2020 which was accepted. Town Councilor Matthew Levesque gave First Readings for **Agenda Items 2021-033** Appointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: **Youth Commission** and **2021-034** Reappointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: **Mid Cape Cultural Council** which were referred to second readings on November 5, 2020. Director of Finance Mark Milne gave a presentation on **FY21 Tax Bill Classifications and Exemptions**. Town Manager Mark Ells and Director of Finance Mark Milne presented **Fiscal Policy Review on Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan**. The Town Council had also received a copy of the Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee’s Questions About Sewering and the CWMP which can be viewed here. **The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM. At this time, we do not know if the November 5, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. If needed, Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable’s website (www.townofbarnstable.us).**

**Town Manager Mark Ells’ Community Update**

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. **Mr. Ells’ latest Community Update** continues to encourage you to follow established safety protocols and shares important information about the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Ells asks our public to engage – either by watching this week’s **Board of Health Meeting** or **Special Town Council Meeting** or by getting involved – as you will be hearing more about our progress on this important project in the near future. This week’s Community Update also includes the latest from Barnstable Public Schools with Kristen Harmon, Assistant Superintendent and Administrator in Charge at Barnstable High School, with updates on: schedules, instruction, health and safety, and general school routines. Barnstable Public School Directors of Health Services Pam Ciborowski and Alicia Bryant also provide information on COVID Notifications and the importance of the RFID cards. Thank you for remaining diligent with the protocols that will keep you, your family, and community safe. You are encouraged to visit the state’s website for more information regarding **Governor Baker’s 4-Phase Reopening Plan**. The Town of Barnstable
continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells’ Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

**Tips for a Safe and Healthy Halloween During COVID-19**

Residents and communities should follow safe and healthy tips to participate in Halloween activities that may limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19. As a reminder, any Halloween activities are subject to the current state [gathering size limits](#) as well as applicable [sector-specific workplace safety standards](#). Consistent with the [Halloween activity guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), some things to keep in mind in celebrating Halloween this year include:

- Enjoy Halloween **outside** rather than attending indoor events.
- Place candy on a platter instead of a bowl.
- Instead of traditional trick or treating, opt for one-way trick-or-treating, with treats placed outside of the home for trick-or-treaters as a “grab and go” while keeping distance from others.
- Consider leaving hand sanitizer by any treats left out for trick-or-treaters to use.
- Wear a face mask or face covering. For more information on face masks and face coverings, please see the state’s [Mask Up MA](#) webpage.
  - A costume mask is not a substitute for a face mask or face covering. To protect yourself and others, ensure you are wearing a protective face mask or covering instead of or in addition to a costume mask.
- Observe good hand hygiene, including hand washing and use of alcohol-based sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol. Carry hand sanitizer and use it often, especially after coming into contact with frequently touched surfaces and before eating candy.
- Refrain from touching your face.
- Decorate your yard for others to enjoy from their car or while on a socially-distanced walk.
- Hold virtual costume contests or pumpkin carving events.
- Celebrate with members of your household with a Halloween-themed meal, Halloween movie night, or by preparing a Halloween scavenger hunt.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet of physical distance from all other participants who are not members of the same household.
- **Avoid:**
  - Attending crowded costume parties held indoors, or any gatherings that exceed indoor or outdoor gathering limits;
  - Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming; and
  - Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
  - Indoor haunted houses; and
  - Hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Stay home and refrain from Halloween activities, including handing out Halloween treats, if:
  - you feel unwell;
  - you have tested positive for COVID-19;
  - you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19; or
  - you have traveled to or from a state that is not classified as lower risk within the last 14 days. For more information on lower risk states, please see the state’s [COVID-19 Travel Order](#) webpage.
Farm to Families Food Distribution by the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation Hosted by Cape Cod Community College – Saturday, October 31st from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Cape Cod Community College will be the site of weekly Farm to Families food distribution events throughout the month of October. The Farm to Families program is one of the US Department of
Agriculture’s community grant offerings throughout the country. Volunteers with the Nicholas G Xiahros Foundation and The Family Table Collaborative (an initiative with the Cape Cod Culinary Incubator and the Cape Cod chapter of the American Culinary Federation.) The food is being distributed by Massachusetts Military Support Foundation to feed families across the Cape. Each family will receive a 35 pound box of groceries including cheese, produce, milk and meats. The food is provided at no cost to families in the area. **Saturday, October 31st**, we’ll be distributing 1050 cases from the USDA Farmers to Families program grant, in partnership with Don Cox and the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation. The distribution will take place at Cape Cod Community College from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please note:

- No one will be allowed to line up before 8:00 AM
- One box of food per vehicle
- Follow the Food line if you’re picking up a box of the food
- Please be patient. The lines will be long, but we will do our best to move it quickly
- Once in the queue in Lot 12, please pop your trunk so we can put the food in easier. Please do not exit your vehicle.
- Follow the Campus line if you’re volunteering (you will have your temperature taken upon arrival, will have to be masked the entire time on campus, will park in Lot 11 and walk to Lot 12), you must sign in upon arrival.

It takes a village, so if you’d like to volunteer, please contact Jeni at jenimwheeler@gmail.com.

**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 6, 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.
Public Health Division - Influenza Vaccination Clinics

Next flu clinic Wednesday, November 4th 3:00-5:00 PM

Drive-thru ONLY at St. George Greek Orthodox Church Route 28, Centerville.

These clinics are open to Town of Barnstable residents only (open to Centerville, Osterville, Hyannis, West Barnstable, Cotuit, Marstons Mills, and Barnstable Village residents).

Please print-out and complete the consent form before arriving to reduce waiting times.

The Town of Barnstable does NOT have the high dosage vaccine for Seniors. This year, we offer the quadrivalent flu vaccine. The quadrivalent influenza (flu) vaccine is designed to protect against four different flu viruses, including two influenza A viruses and two influenza B viruses. For many years, flu vaccines were designed to protect against three different flu viruses (trivalent vaccines). Trivalent vaccines protect against an influenza A(H1N1) virus, an influenza A(H3N2) virus and one influenza B virus, even though there are two different lineages of B viruses that both circulate during most seasons. Adding another B virus to the vaccine aims to give broader protection against circulating flu viruses. To learn about the vaccine composition for the 2020-2021 flu season vaccines: Click here to learn more. For more information, here is a link to the CDC website which describes the quadrivalent flu vaccine: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/quadrivalent.htm#not-receiveCONSENT FORM

For More Information: Call the Town of Barnstable Public Health Division at (508) 862-4644.

Oyster Season Opens Wednesday, November 4th

We are pleased to announce the opening of oyster season is Wednesday November 4, 2020.

Low tide at Scudder is around 7:39 AM and low tide at Bay St is around 8:09 AM. The tide is a +1.4 so waders and/or hip boots are advised. If you still need to get your 2020 recreational shellfish permit, instructions can be found online here. Oyster season is a busy time with lots of people and we want to do our very best to ensure everyone’s safety, please review our Oyster Season COVID Safety Protocol here.

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.
State Announces COVID-19 Small Business Grants – 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 (including 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. The deadline to apply is November 12, 2020 at 12:00 PM. To learn more and apply, please click here.

Hyannis Transformative Development Initiative Small Business Relief and Recovery Grants Available - Apply Today!
The Town of Barnstable, together with MassDevelopment and the Downtown Hyannis Community Development Corporation, is offering a second round of grants of up to $8,000 each for storefront businesses and cultural non-profits in Hyannis’ East End. This grant round will provide a limited number of grants of up to $8,000 each to assist storefront businesses and cultural non-profits located in Hyannis’ East End TDI District and within 300 feet thereof (see online application for district boundaries). These grants will provide flexible funding in an effort to support small businesses and cultural institutions in the downtown that continue to be impacted by COVID-19 public health requirements and restrictions. The total program budget is $30,000. Applications are currently being accepted. The deadline to apply is November 5, 2020. Program guidelines and the online application for funding are available at: www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/economicdevelopment www.BusinessBarnstable.com

SBA and Treasury Announce Simpler PPP Forgiveness for Loans of $50,000 or Less
The U.S. Small Business Administration, in coordination with the US Treasury Department, today released a simpler loan forgiveness application for Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans of $50,000 or less. SBA began approving PPP forgiveness applications and remitting forgiveness payments to PPP lenders for PPP borrowers on October 2, 2020. SBA will continue to process all PPP forgiveness applications in an expeditious manner.
Click here to view the simpler loan forgiveness application.
Click here to view the instructions for completing the simpler loan forgiveness application.
Click here to view the Interim Final Rule on the simpler forgiveness process for loans of $50,000 or less.
Click here to read the full press release.

Introducing Live Chat & Messaging Online Assistance!
Continuing to enhance service to our community in innovative ways, the Town of Barnstable’s Parking Management and Special Events programs have recently launched a user-friendly online Live Chat & Messaging Assistance service on the program webpages. Integrating and offering this real-time online communications platform allows online audiences a convenient, responsive and interactive connection with knowledgeable and trained staff, and the ability to be promptly connected and navigated to various desired town services and experiences. Customers may have the opportunity to be served through Live Chat during regular office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm), and after hours can leave a message...
Massachusetts Pauses All Indoor Ice Rink and Ice Skating Facilities Operations for Two Weeks through November 7th

Massachusetts to temporarily pause all indoor ice rink and ice skating facilities operations for two weeks Effective October 23 through November 7, 2020, this pause will allow for the development of enhanced COVID-19 protocols to further protect players, families, and coaches. There have been at least 30 clusters of COVID-19 associated with organized ice hockey activities involving residents from more than 60 municipalities in Massachusetts. Each of these includes two or more confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases, totaling 108 confirmed cases. This pause will allow for the development of stronger COVID-19 protocols to further protect players, families, coaches, arena staff and other participants, as well as communities surrounding hockey rinks. More information can be found here.

Hyannis Main Street Barriers to be Removed November 17th

Last Day of Outdoor Business in the extended areas is November 15th

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 15th. Businesses will have all day on the 16th and until 5pm on the 17th 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 17th 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 15th. 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 15th**

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!

**MassDOT Notice of Barnstable - Design Public Hearing**

**Webinar publication date: October 26, 2020**

**Comment period: October 26 - November 9**

**Overview of Barnstable - Design Public Hearing webinar and comment period**

A Virtual Design Public Hearing consisting of a pre-recorded video presentation will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Bearse’s Way Shared Use Path project in Barnstable, MA.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully
acquainted with the proposed Barnstable – Bearse’s Way Shared Use Path project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

Proposal: 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 in the Town of Barnstable. The proposed shared use path will provide a connection between existing shared use paths on the north and south. The shared use path will accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, and other non-motorized transportation/recreation. The project will include associated utility improvements along the path and roadway. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Town of Barnstable is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT’s policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

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.

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity & Civil Rights Officer by phone at (857) 368-8580, TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting. Hearing webinar or cancellation announcements will be posted on this website.

Barnstable/Hyannis Transformative Development Initiative
Small Business Relief and Recovery Grant Program, Round 2
Opened Monday, October 26th; Deadline to Apply is Thursday, November 5th
The Town of Barnstable, together with MassDevelopment and the Downtown Hyannis Community Development Corporation, is happy to announce the availability of a second round of grants of up to $8,000 each for storefront businesses and cultural non-profits in Hyannis’ East End. This grant round will provide a limited number of grants of up to $8,000 each to assist storefront businesses and cultural non-profits located in Hyannis’ East End TDI District and within 300 feet thereof, as shown in the map below. These grants will provide flexible funding in an effort to support small businesses and cultural institutions in the downtown that continue to be impacted by COVID-19 public health requirements and restrictions. The total program budget is $30,000. Program guidelines and the online application for funding are available at:
Completed applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on November 5, 2020. The Town of Barnstable and MassDevelopment established a partnership through the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) program in 2019 to promote economic growth in Hyannis’ East End. The TDI program for Gateway Cities is designed to accelerate economic growth within focused districts. The program works with cross-sector partnerships to engage community members, implement local economic development initiatives, and spur further public and private investment. For more information, please contact Gloria McPherson, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator at gloria.mcpherson@town.barnstable.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.

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. If you have questions or concerns, please email COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org.

News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

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

Summer days may be a fading memory, but fall is a great time to get out of the house for a ride! Swing on by the BACC parking lot each week to pick up our daily Grab and Go. Our staff member will be happy to see you, and will bring the food items right to your car. Don’t drive? Give us a call, and we will deliver to your door! This program is FREE, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging.

Coffee and Donuts: Get out of the house and stop by the BACC for a fresh cup of coffee and a delicious donut. What a great way to start the day! Mondays, 9:00-10:00 AM

Grab a Bag Lunch to Go: Lunch is on us! Every week will be a different, but always something fresh and tasty. Tuesdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Sweet Treat Thursday: Everyone loved this, so by popular demand we will continue providing a different sweet treat each week. A different and delicious sweet treat each week! Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 PM

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

Monday, November 2, 2020 through Friday, November 6, 2020 Neuco crews will install gas service on Cammett Way, Marstons Mills. 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/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 begin the week of November 2, 2020 and 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.

*UPDATED* 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)
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**

![Virtual Information Session](image)

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

**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](image)

- **Use NOAA’s interactive map** to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone.
- **Build an emergency kit** that can protect you and your family for 72 hours.
- **Know Your Zone** to better understand your hurricane risk.
- **Make a Plan** to prepare for the hurricane season.
- **Stay Informed** by monitoring weather updates and following instructions from public safety officials.

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.
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) and 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 liened parcels that are in Tax Title may be mailed to:

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

Tax Collector’s Office is open to the public by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email 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 1st. 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 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
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Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19

The Last Word:
We do not have government by the majority.
We have government by the majority who participate.
~Thomas Jefferson

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