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Same as previous week(s)

**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).

### **Town Council Meeting – Thursday, September 3, 2020**

***The September 3, 2020 Meeting of the Barnstable Town Council was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The Town provided Zoom and telephone calls for remote communication for those who wanted to participate. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.***

Town Council President Paul Hebert began last night's [Town Council Meeting](#) with leading the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence. Public Comment was received by Zoom and telephone. Town Manager Mark Ells presented his Town Manager Communications for the period August 21-September 3, 2020(only the first two items were discussed, the remaining items were provided as a document):

1. Town Attorney Karen Nober provided response to questions and comments regarding Conflict of Interest and voting on agenda items.
2. Town Manager statement regarding resource allocation to general ordinances, rule, regulations, etc. adopted by Town Council. As Town Manager I am responsible to administer either directly or through persons supervised by the Town Manager, in accordance with the charter, all provisions of general or special laws applicable to the Town, all ordinances, and all regulations established by the Town Council. Therefore, the general ordinance under consideration by Town Council shall receive the resource allocation necessary to adhere to said ordinance.
3. We continue to closely monitor FY 2021 revenues and expenses. We are maintaining the strict controls in our efforts to respond appropriately as we progress through FY 2021. Mark Milne, Finance Director and I are planning for the fiscal policy workshop on September 17 and look forward to participating in the Town Council Strategic Planning session scheduled for September 12, 2020. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
4. As a reminder, the Town of Barnstable continues to follow the Orders and Directives of our Governor. We are in Phase 3 Step 1 of the Governor's four phase recovery plan. We are required to adhere to proper social distancing and if we can not to wear face covering. The Governor has updated his Orders and Directives, therefore I encourage everyone to go to the

[Mass.gov COVID website](#) or the Town of Barnstable website and read these Orders and Directives. Thank you for your continued adherence to these requirements.

5. The School Superintendent and I communicate regularly regarding community issues and specifically the current plan for School Year 2020/2021. On August 31 staff commenced their school year as per the [Barnstable Public School Reopening Plan](#). The Plan, in its entirety, is available on the [BPS website](#). The 2020-21 school calendar represents a phased-in reopening with the following dates:

- Students begin September 16 with remote learning until September 25.
- Students begin in-person learning on September 28 (based on cohort assignments) on a reduced 4-hour school day.
- Students begin full implementation on in-person learning on October 13.

The Superintendent continues to provide weekly video updates to our BPS community. All updates are available on the BPS website. In addition we are meeting with our school department to ensure that our youth programming is well coordinated and effective in our continued efforts to offer safe programming for our youth in Barnstable. We are in the final stages of planning for said programming including additional cost of said programming. We will bring forward any necessary funding authorizations to allow Barnstable to provide support to our youth during this upcoming school year. We will keep you advised as these important efforts progress.

6. The Town Council appointed the Town Manager as its representative on the Cape Cod & Islands Water Protection Fund Board. As reported at the last Town Council meeting, the Bylaws and Regulations Subcommittee met on August 5, 2020. We approved draft regulations and forwarded to the full Board for consideration. The full Board has its next meeting scheduled for September 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The website for the Board has been created by the Cape Cod Commission staff and the link to the current webpage is:

<https://www.capecodcommission.org/our-work/cciwpf-bylaws-regulations-committee/>. I will keep you advised on the progress of this Board.

**OLD BUSINESS** began with a Public Hearing through Zoom and phone calls on **Agenda Item 2020-192** Order amending the General Ordinances by adding Chapter 190 Short Term Rental Properties and amending Chapter 170 Rental Properties. The Town Council closed the Public Hearing and began its deliberation on the item. A number of amendments were offered that will be incorporated into the ordinance. The item was continued to the October 1, 2020 Town Council meeting. Community Preservation Chair Lindsey Council, Finance Director Mark Milne, and Director of Golf Operations Bruce McIntyre presented **Agenda Item 2021-006** Appropriation and Transfer Order in the amount of \$289,600 of Community Preservation Funds for the payment of Fiscal Year 2021 Debt Service on the acquisition of the Hyannis Golf Course which was approved. The Public Hearing for **Agenda Item 2021-009** Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$8,500,000 for the purpose of funding the Solids Handling Upgrades Construction Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2021 Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan was opened and continued to the September 17, 2020 Town Council Meeting. Due to the late hour, the Town Council was unable to begin **NEW BUSINESS (Agenda Items: 2021-012** Resolve to accept the grant of an electric easement from Festival of Hyannis, LLC for electric service for new traffic signal at the intersection Attucks Lane, and Wilkens Lane; **2021-013** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2021 MassTrails Grant in the amount of \$180,950 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for design of the Cape Cod Rail Trail; **2021-014** Acceptance of a Coastal Zone Management Fiscal Year 2021 Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant in the amount of \$173,255.50 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; **2021-015** Acceptance of a 2020

Massachusetts Dredging Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the Dead Neck / Sampson's Island Dredging Project; **2021-016** Resolve to accept the grant of a roadway improvements easement from Cape Cod Hospital for new traffic signal at the intersection Attucks Lane, and Wilkens Lane, Hyannis; and **2021-017** Approval of a contract for Mark S. Ells as the Barnstable Town Manager, and its execution). ***The next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM. At this time, we do not know if the September 17, 2020 meeting of the Barnstable Town Council shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. If needed, Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)).***

### **Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown's Barnstable Public Schools Community Update**

This week's [Barnstable Public Schools Reopening Update](#) from Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Barnstable Public Schools Superintendent, includes: Confirmation of cohorts; Educator Assignments; Remote Learning Care for BUE Students; Transportation; BHS Athletics; and COVID Case Update from Barnstable County and the Town of Barnstable. 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](#).

### **Election Results From the September 1<sup>st</sup> Primary Election Can Be Found [Here](#)**

### **Bumper Treatment at Mystic Lake, Middle Pond Martsons Mills and Long Pond, Centerville**

Mystic Lake, Middle Pond Marstons Mills, and Long Pond, Centerville will receive a bumper treatment of Sonar to combat the invasive aquatic weed hydrilla on Thursday, September 10, 2020. Please take note of irrigation restriction below. There are no restrictions, boating, fishing and swimming. Questions? Please call Conservation at 508-862-4093.

### **9/11 Ceremony in Barnstable Village - A Day of Remembrance Barnstable Village**

The traditional ceremony will take place on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Barnstable Fire Station, 3249 Main Street, Barnstable Village at 9:55 AM. This will include music by Marc Howard, reflections by Barnstable Fire Chief Frank Pulsifer and The Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson Catania. The featured speaker will be Massachusetts State Police Colonel Christopher Mason. This marks the twelfth year that St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Barnstable Fire Department have teamed up to provide a moving ceremony to honor those lost and injured on 9/11/2001. The 9:55 AM ceremony will be **live streamed on the Town of Barnstable's Channel 18 Facebook page**. Due to COVID restrictions, attendance will be limited. The service will be live streamed on <https://www.facebook.com/BarnstableChannel18/>. At 4:30 PM the Annual Day of Remembrance Service will begin; however, it will be a little different this year. The solemn procession to St. Mary's Church will not occur, but there will still be a virtual service program that will be provided by St. Mary's and many community members. It will be live streamed on St. Mary's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Marys-Episcopal-Church-145029095524536>. The virtual service will be led by Rev. Dr. Libby Gibson Catania and feature music directed by Dr. Mark Lawlor, Dave Knauer on bagpipes, and special prayers and readings will be read. Cape Cod Cub Scouts Pack 54 will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. Stephen Harding is the featured keynote speaker.

He was the Protestant chaplain for the New York City Fire Department and served as Disaster Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of New York. This Day of Remembrance service will be honoring the First Responders of 9/11 and now, those fighting the pandemic.

## **Governor Baker Proclaims September Emergency Preparedness Month**

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed September 2020 to be Emergency Preparedness Month in Massachusetts to encourage residents, families, and organizations to prepare for emergencies and disasters. September is also National Preparedness Month. The Commonwealth will kick-off the annual observance by launching a public Thank You campaign on social media to recognize the tireless efforts of essential workers and organizations that are doing so much to keep the Commonwealth prepared and safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. “The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of emergency preparedness, and the role we all must play in better preparing our homes, workplaces and communities for the unexpected,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “It has also highlighted the incredible contributions of so many individuals who have stepped up every day to ensure that essential services and goods continued to be delivered throughout this public health emergency.” “Emergency Preparedness Month provides us with an opportunity each year to focus on what we can do to make ourselves and our families better prepared,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “Especially now, we are thankful for all the tireless efforts of the Commonwealth’s essential workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.” Visitors to [Mass.Gov/EPmonth](https://www.mass.gov/EPmonth) can download a certificate of appreciation to thank an essential worker or organization in their community. After personalizing the certificate, residents are asked to post a picture of the certificate to the social media platform of their choice with the hashtag **#EpiEssential**. “Everyone plays an important role in staying prepared, especially in the face of new challenges posed by the pandemic,” **said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco**. “I hope these initiatives raise awareness of present-day risks, outline measures we all should be taking, and facilitate collaboration between the public and private sectors. When we embrace preparedness, we all have an opportunity to serve our communities.” “Preparedness takes a whole community effort and during the COVID-19 pandemic so many essential workers and organizations across the Commonwealth have worked tirelessly to keep medical services operating, public safety operations functioning, food, medicine and commodities stocked, and other vital needs met during the COVID-19 pandemic,” **said MEMA Director Samantha Phillips**. During September, [MEMA](https://www.mass.gov/MEMA) and the [Massachusetts Department of Public Health](https://www.mass.gov/Department-of-Public-Health) will share information on their respective social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics including emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, ways to get involved in community preparedness, and more. This emergency preparedness information includes guidance about how to prepare for emergencies during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation will feature signage along highways to raise awareness of Emergency Preparedness Month. To say thank you to an essential worker or organization in your community, and to find resources on how to prepare for emergencies large and small, visit <http://www.mass.gov/EPmonth>.

### **About MEMA**

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures. MEMA's staff of professional planners, communications specialists and operations and support personnel is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - individuals, families, non-profits and businesses - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth's ability to rapidly recover from large and small

disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, ensuring effective response, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover. For additional information about MEMA and Emergency Preparedness, go to [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema).

Continue to follow MEMA updates on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MassEMA](https://www.twitter.com/MassEMA); Facebook at [www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA](https://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA); YouTube at [www.youtube.com/MassachusettsEMA](https://www.youtube.com/MassachusettsEMA).


## Level 2 Drought Status Declared for All Seven Regions of State

***We remain in a Level 2 Drought Status even with this week's rainfall.***

Due to above normal temperatures throughout July and early August and more than three months of below normal rainfall, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Kathleen Theoharides declared a Level 2 – Significant Drought in all seven regions of the Commonwealth – the Western, Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast, Southeast, Cape Cod, and Islands regions. *The significance of the drought levels, and the drought regions as classified by EEA, can be found in the attached Massachusetts Drought Management Plan.* At a Level 2 – Significant Drought, as outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, conditions are becoming significantly dry and warrant detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, emphasis on water conservation, more stringent watering restrictions, and technical outreach and assistance for the affected municipalities. **Temperatures remain well above normal**, as the Commonwealth recorded the second hottest July on record last month. Rainfall was scattered across the state with only a few areas receiving above normal precipitation; most areas were in a deficit by 1 to 3 inches. Meanwhile, temperatures throughout the first two weeks of August were 2 to 4 degrees above normal throughout Massachusetts, with warmer than normal temperatures predicted in the coming weeks and months. While most regions of the Commonwealth are experiencing a classic long-term drought, the Southeast, Cape Cod, and Islands regions are experiencing conditions akin to a ‘flash drought’ which is a rapid onset drought with decreased precipitation, above normal temperatures, and incoming radiation resulting in abnormally high evapotranspiration all combining to increase fire danger and decrease crop moisture levels. **Wildland fire risk continues across the state.** Extended drought conditions have rendered grasses, shrubs and forest fuels very dry across most of the state, and extremely dry in areas of the Southeast, resulting in increased wildfire risk and added challenges for firefighting agencies. Long term precipitation deficits have also led to extremely dry soil conditions, which results in fires burning deep into the ground, and taking multiple days to extinguish. These conditions exhaust local resources and increase risk to firefighter safety.

### TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

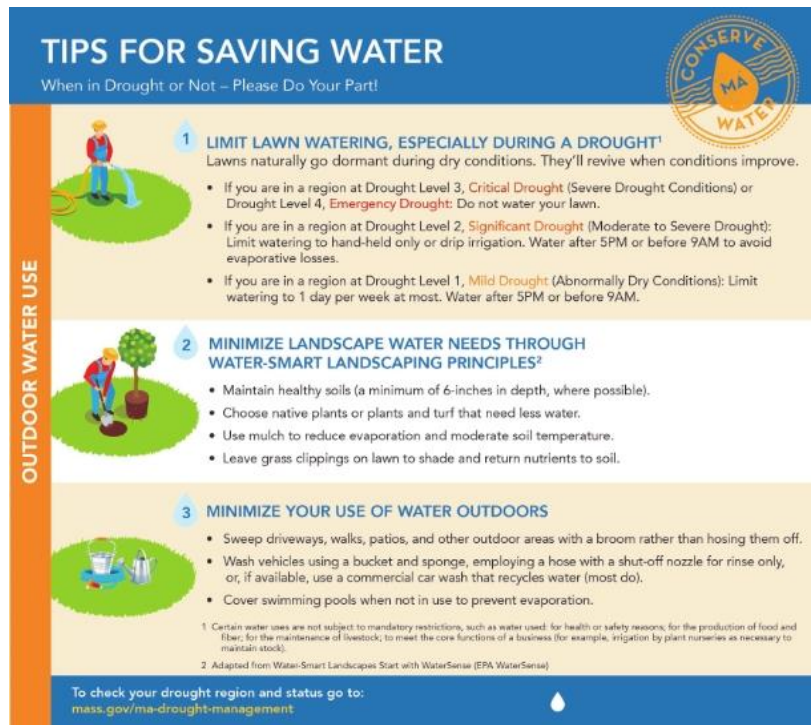
When in Drought or Not – Please Do Your Part!



**INDOOR WATER USE**

1. Choose high-efficiency plumbing products and appliances (look for the WaterSense or Energy Star labels).
2. Turn off water while brushing teeth or shaving: “Never Let the Water Run.”
3. Take shorter showers (5 minutes or less) and use water-saving showerheads.
4. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.
5. Fix leaks! Dripping faucets and leaking toilets, pipes, and appliances can add up to hundreds of gallons of water lost per week.
6. Create a kitchen compost bin instead of using the garbage disposal.
7. Collect and reuse clean household water (water running while you wait for hot water to reach your faucet or shower; leftover water from cooking, etc.) and use this to water plants.

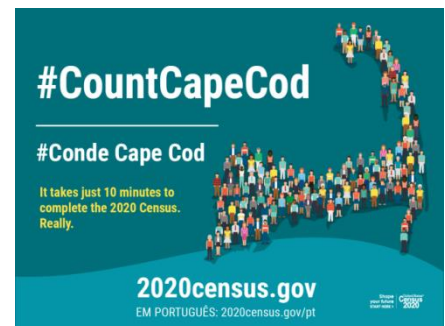
To check your drought region and status go to: [mass.gov/ma-drought-management](http://mass.gov/ma-drought-management)



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

***Only 10 minutes of your time now has a great impact on our community for the next 10 years!***

The Census Bureau has abruptly decided to cut their national counting operations a month short. **The last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Federal Census is now September 30, formerly October 31.** This announcement further jeopardizes Congressional representation, redistricting, and critical federal funding for things like education, housing, food programs, and more in the Town of Barnstable during the next 10 years. It could lead to a significant undercount. Only 55 percent of Barnstable's households have responded to date. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov), by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 65.2%. Massachusetts has a 67.6% self-response rate; Barnstable County 49.1%; and the Town of Barnstable 56.2%.**



## Channel 18 Introduces "Municipal Matters"

### ***First Episode a Deep Dive on Census 2020***

With dozens of departments and divisions, the largest school system and police department on Cape Cod and a regional airport and transportation center, the Town of Barnstable is a hub of activity every day. Municipal Matters is a show dedicated to helping residents and visitors stay informed, educated and safe. This first episode is a deep dive on Census 2020 and how [#CapeCodCounts](#) **[WATCH NOW](#)**. ***Have an idea for a show?*** Send Assistant Station Manager, Paula Hersey an email [paula.hersey.@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:paula.hersey.@town.barnstable.ma.us).

## News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

### Savvy Caregiver Program

The Barnstable Council on Aging, in partnership with the Healthy Living Center of Excellence, is pleased to announce a fall session of **The Savvy Caregiver Program**. **This six session online training is FREE for family and friends who are active caregivers, and caring for those living with Alzheimer's or related dementias.** The fall session will be held **Thursdays, October 1st – November 5<sup>h</sup> from 10 a.m. – Noon.**

The facilitator, Stacey Cullen, has been trained and certified to offer this program. For more information, or to register, please call Stacey at (508)862 – 4765 or email [stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us) Stacey will also be hosting a Meet and Greet/Zoom “Tech Talk” on September 24 2020 from 10:00am - 11:00am for participants.

### Feeling Lonely? Join our Friendly Phone Line

The most common concern that we are hearing from older adults in the community is **how much most people miss the opportunity to socialize with others. Are you feeling a bit lonely?** While it is still important to be safe and maintain that 6 foot physical distance, there are other ways that we can maintain those important social connections. **Stay Connected!!** Let us know, and a friendly staff member or volunteer will call you once a week for a social phone chat. **Please call Debbie @ (508) 888-4755 or email [debbie.mckenna@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:debbie.mckenna@town.barnstable.ma.us)** for more information, or to sign up. There is no need to be bored or lonely – call today!

## Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division

### Notice of a Public Hearing - Project File No. 607398

***A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Barnstable – Yarmouth Cape Cod Rail Trail (Phase III) project in Barnstable and Yarmouth, MA.***

**WHEN:** September 24, 2020

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Barnstable – Yarmouth Cape Cod Rail Trail (Phase III) 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 extend the CCRT through Yarmouth and into a portion of Barnstable, to a new trail head on Mary Dunn Road in the Town of Barnstable. The route of the CCRT Phase III will follow a combination of an existing shared-use path and a newly constructed shared-use path. Bicycle accommodations consisting of a 10' bicycle lane have been provided in accordance with applicable design guides. A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The Towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth are 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. 607398. 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). This hearing 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 and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), TTD/TTY at (857) 266-0603, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email ([MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us](mailto: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 hearing. This Virtual Design Public Hearing or a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at [www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings](http://www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings).

JONATHAN GULLIVER, HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR  
PATRICIA A. LEAVENWORTH, P.E., CHIEF ENGINEER

## **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.

## **Barnstable Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust Announces New Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**

The Barnstable Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust (the "Trust") is pleased to announce the issuance of a new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which is being funded by Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. The available funds are being offered for the creation, preservation, rehabilitation and support of affordable rental and homeownership housing. The Trust will entertain qualified proposals on a rolling application basis beginning August 1, 2020. The Trust will evaluate the success of the program quarterly. The NOFA offers three categories of funding opportunities:

**Predevelopment Activities, Development Activities, and Affordable Homeownership Preservation Program.** The NOFA and Applications can be accessed at:

<https://townofbarnstable.us/boardscommittees/AffordableHousingGrowth/>

Questions regarding the NOFA or any of its programs shall be directed to Ruth Weil, [ruth.weil@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:ruth.weil@town.barnstable.ma.us).

## **Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE - Starting Monday, June 22, 2020**

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.



## PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday - Friday from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- Hyannis West Elementary School  
549 West Main Street, Hyannis
- Barnstable Community Innovation School  
165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

**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.

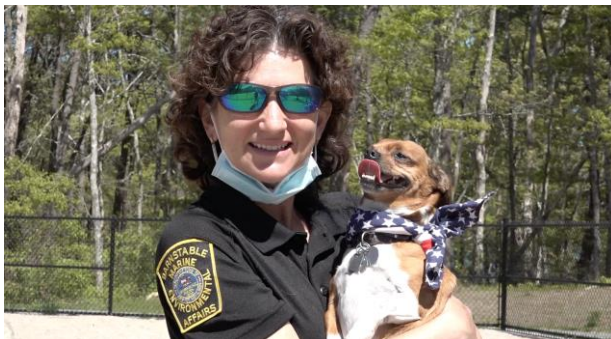


## Free Grocery Delivery Service for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk

*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](http://barnstablecountyhealth.org). If you have questions or concerns, please email [COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org).

## Safety First, Barnstable!



A refrain you will hear our Town staff repeat over the Summer of 2020 as our Departments implement new guidelines and protocols to keep you and your family safe during COVID-19. Our beaches, golf courses, marinas and recreational areas all have additional rules mandated by the State to mitigate the spread of this highly contagious disease. Channel 18 has been out on location this past month, from a safe distance, to help you learn more - Tune in to Channel 18 on your TV, watch on [Video on Demand](#) or watch on our [YouTube playlist](#). You can also follow us on our [Facebook Page](#) for more videos and updates! **Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Social Distance - Safety First, Barnstable!**

## ArtsBarnstable.com | Seven Villages, One Town, All Things Arts & Culture

Our seven villages are art-FULL with plenty of arts and culture complete with seaside charm! In Hyannis, the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District features the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Main Street through the

Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor. The Barnstable Village Cultural District is history revisited with 21st century flair. A quaint downtown and walkable to Barnstable's Harbor and panoramic views of Sandy Neck Beach and lighthouse. Be sure to visit [artsbarnstable.com](http://artsbarnstable.com) and @artsbarnstable on facebook/Instagram.

### [Hyannis HyArts Cultural District Happenings](#)

#### **PARK AND WALK | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, steps away from parking lots**

It is easy to spend art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor.

Visit the artist shanties, Main Street Hyannis museums, shops, restaurants and more.

Mobile pay to park available for Bismore Park and Ocean Street lots with the app:

<https://www.mpay2park.com>

#### **WALK DOWN MAIN STREET!**

Spread out along the **Pedestrian Walkway**, created this summer to accommodate physical distancing while strolling along the street!

#### **CCRTA Hyannis Loop: Hyannis Main Street Trolley: Through Labor Day weekend, EVERY Friday through Sunday, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Looping from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, daily.

Look for the trolley stop signs

OR wherever you see it, it will stop-just give a wave and hop on board, it's free!

#### **HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTIES - BISMORE PARK LOCATION:**

#### **OUTDOOR SHOPPING! Spend Art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis.**

**Open daily: Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis**

**SEVEN DAYS A WEEK:** Now through **September 27, 2020, + fall weekends**

11:00 AM - at least 8:00 PM, July & August and until 6:00 PM in September

Artists frequently open early and stay late. October weekends & holiday events

Artists are set up for proper physical distancing and sanitizing wares often.

[artsbarnstable.com](http://artsbarnstable.com) @artsbarnstable on facebook/instagram

Cape Cod artists work and sell their wares in the heart of Hyannis' working waterfront. **Artists change weekly, discover new faces and work each visit!** Hand-made, designed or crafted in a variety of mediums: painting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, glasswork, and much more!

#### **[HyannisMainStreet.com](http://HyannisMainStreet.com)**

#### **OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:**

**Discover Barnstable Journal - Fun activities for all ages - Collect summer memories!**

A colorful journal filled with activities and ways to collect all your summer experiences and memories.

**Available online and free to KIDS OF ALL AGES.** From eye spies, scavenger hunts, to fun facts and word searches, Learn and Discover Barnstable in a new way!

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/parkingdivision/Projects/discover.asp>

**Discover Barnstable Fun Pack:** for ages 14 and under, **FREE, while supplies last.**

An exciting, educational and an entertaining collection of items including a copy of the Discover Barnstable Journal, shellfish activities, Frisbees, water bottles, crayons and other fun items packaged in a drawstring bag. Perfect for exploring and discovering Barnstable!

Get yours today, while supplies last at the Bismore Park Welcome Center!



### **Bismore Park Welcome Center | Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis**

Information Take-Out Service Window at Bismore Welcome Center:

The Gateway Greeters at Bismore Welcome Center now are safely serving all visitors through a take-out window style operation. Stop by 7 days a week between the hours of 8:00 AM-8:00 PM\* to get maps, menus, transportation schedules and other information about all the fantastic ways you can enjoy Barnstable and our neighboring communities here on beautiful Cape Cod.

\*Hours vary by month, currently Sunday-Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Fridays & Saturdays 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

### **OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:**

#### **Kennedy Legacy Trail | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor**

A self-guided walking trail featuring 10 sites, Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Informational signs uncover stories and history about the Kennedys on Cape Cod.

Trail on line at [ArtsBarnstable.com](http://ArtsBarnstable.com)

#### **Birdie Riddle Boxes | Cape Cod Trivia**

Look for the 11 brightly colored, birdie 'riddle' boxes as you stroll from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor and learn fun facts about Cape Cod along the way. Designed/painted by local artist Donna Rockwell.

#### **Heritage Trail info kiosks | Information along Main Street**

Seven blue info kiosks with custom weathervanes dot the street from east to west end of Main Street. Each kiosk features three panels: navigation (map) ; events and a heritage panel filled interesting facts and images with historical significance of Hyannis Main Street and the surrounding community.

### **Barnstable Village Cultural District Happenings:**

#### **Cape Cod Art Center | gift wares and artwork!**

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### **Tales of Cape Cod - 2020 Live Stream & recorded programs**

ALL PROGRAMS \$10.00 Sign up at [www.talesofcapecod.org](http://www.talesofcapecod.org)

## **Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning**

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

## ROAD WORK UPDATES

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



### **\*NEW\* Test Pits, Anchor Lane, Cotuit - National Grid**

National Grid will be digging test pits on Anchor Lane in Cotuit on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The work will be performed off the roadway, within the Town right-of-way but traffic may be slowed due to activity. Work will be performed during the day, 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage as required. Police details and flaggers will be used as needed.

### **\*CONTINUES\* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth**

**Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road** MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road will re-start September 8, 2020, and will continue through to April 2021. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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

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

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

Construction is scheduled to end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, 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 water main 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\* 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**



**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.

**September 18**  
**4:00pm**



## 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.

## Cape Cod Healthcare Transitions Mid-Cape COVID-19 Testing Location to Cape Cod Hospital

Effective July 24, 2020, Cape Cod Healthcare transitioned its mid-Cape drive-through testing site from the campus of Cape Cod Community College to the campus of Cape Cod Hospital. A second testing facility on the campus of Falmouth Hospital, which opened on June 24, 2020, continues to supplement testing access by serving the upper Cape community. As a reminder, testing is available to any person on the Cape and Islands with a doctor's order, including those with a physician not affiliated with Cape Cod Healthcare and/or not located on Cape Cod. Individuals without a primary care physician can call the dedicated call center (508-862-5595) to be screened for testing by a clinical provider by phone. For more information about COVID-19 testing at Cape Cod Healthcare, see [capecodhealth.org/coronavirus](http://capecodhealth.org/coronavirus).

## Learn about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Mosquito bites can cause serious illness. Take steps to protect yourself & your family. When outdoors, always use EPA-approved repellent & wear mosquito-resistant clothing, like pants or long sleeves.

Repair broken doors & window screens. More info: <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks>

### Learn about EEE

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. EEE can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death in any age group; however, people under age 15 are at particular risk. EEE does not occur every year, but based on mosquito sampling, a high risk of occurrence of human cases currently exists. Learn more about EEE and how to protect yourself and your family in this [fact sheet about EEE](#).

### 2020 Season

[Routine mosquito testing](#) began on June 15, 2020 and will continue through October. The Department of Public Health in partnership with Local Mosquito Control Projects will conduct comprehensive surveillance activities state-wide to assess the risk of WNV and EEE in 2020. [Risk maps and EEE and WNV detections](#) will be routinely updated. You can watch a brief video from the State [here](#).

## 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	<b>Know Your Zone</b>	<b>Make a Plan</b> 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	<b>Build a Kit</b>	<b>Stay Informed</b> As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials

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

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

Mass.gov

## Working with Barnstable Town Hall

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

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

### TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

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

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

### TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Tax Collector's Office is currently closed to the public. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) for any questions regarding real estate, personal property, 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 only.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box. **Checks Only.**

**The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> and the first quarter will be due on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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

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

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

### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

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

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

## 200 MAIN STREET

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

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

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

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

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

**The Last Word:**  
**Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world.**  
*~Roald Dahl*

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