



Groundbreaking to Mark Major Milestone of the Town's CWMP

Joined by Congressman William Keating, Sen. Julian Cyr, Rep. Kip Diggs, Rep. Steven Xiarhos, MassDEP Deputy Commissioner Gary Moran, Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Kristy Senatori, Town Council President Matthew Levesque, Town Council Vice President Paula Schnepf, Town Councilors Nikolas Atsalis, Kris Clark, Paul Hebert, Paul Neary, Tracy Shaughnessy, Eric Steinhilber, Town Manager Mark Ells and DPW Director Dan Santos, the Town of Barnstable held a groundbreaking event to mark a major milestone in the Town's efforts to protect the health of coastal waters, ponds and drinking water. The Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project, set to begin construction next week, is the first major sewer expansion project in Phase 1 of the Town of Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). The Strawberry Hill Road project will provide sewer service to approximately 300 properties in the village of Centerville. Project construction is being coordinated with Vineyard Wind, to minimize cost and construction-related disruption to residents and businesses. The sewer expansion called for in the CWMP will fully address nitrogen pollution that currently threatens the health of coastal water resources. The CWMP calls for expanding sewer service to 11,800 properties in the Town in three phases over thirty years. Phase 1 accomplishes 40% of that goal in this decade.

Pictured from left to right: Construction Inspector Stephen Porter; Water Pollution Control Supervisor Andrew Boule; Senior Project Manager Paul Ruszala; Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin; Town Councilor Paul Neary; C.C. Construction Vice President Brian Connor; Town Councilor Nikolas Atsalis; Congressman William Keating; Town Council Vice President Paula Schnepf; John Flores; Town Councilor Eric Steinhilber; DPW Director Dan Santos; Sen. Julian Cyr; Rep. Kip Diggs; Rep. Steven Xiarhos; MassDEP's Brian Dudley; Town Councilor Kris Clark; MassDEP's Maria Pinaud; Town Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy; Town Council President Matthew Levesque; Town Councilor Paul Hebert; Town Manager Mark Ells; Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Kristy Senatori; and MassDEP Deputy Commissioner Gary Moran.

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September 17, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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Barnstable Harbor Shellfishing Closure Lifted

As of sunrise on Wednesday September 15, 2021, the closure from Ida in Barnstable Harbor is lifted.

Town Council Meeting – Thursday, September 16, 2021

The [September 16, 2021 Meeting of the Barnstable Town Council](#) was conducted remotely and physically closed to the public. Alternative public access was provided through Zoom. Town Council President Matthew Levesque opened the meeting by inviting Town Councilor David Bogan to lead the [Pledge of Allegiance](#). President Levesque offered the [Moment of Silence](#). Next up was [Public Comment](#) and [Council Response to Public Comment](#). Town Manager Mark Ells presented his [Town Manager Communications](#) for period September 3-16, 2021:

1. We are proceeding with the budget action calendar for FY 2023. As stated at prior Town Manager communications we have expanded the action items in the budget calendar to recognize the meetings of the School Committee as they develop the FY 2023 proposed operating budget. As noted in the Budget Action Calendar with a joint meeting of Town Council and School Committee scheduled for October 21, 2021. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town’s Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. We began removal of the barriers on Main Street Hyannis last night and plan to complete the removal this evening. The results of the survey and polls taken during our summer season regarding Main Street Hyannis are available on the [Planning & Development website under Current Projects Main Street 2021](#).
3. Cape Cod Gateway Airport will conduct an in depth exercise involving safety protocols via a full-scale emergency drill on Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 PM at the airport grounds in Hyannis. The exercise will simulate a completely mock scenario of an aircraft accident. While the drill takes place, please be advised that there will be active police, fire and helicopter activity in the vicinity of the Airport. The Airport will remain open to scheduled and charter operations during this exercise. For further drill information, please contact the airport manager’s office at 508-775-2020 or kservis@flyhya.com.
4. On September 15, 2021 the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Michael Kennealy visited Barnstable for a round table discussion regarding use of the state’s ARPA Funds. The administration is hopeful that the funds will be distributed to communities in the near future. We will continue to work closely with the Secretary and the Administration to secure funding when it does become available.
5. On Thursday, September 9, 2021, Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin attended the Seaport Economic Council meeting where the Town of Barnstable was awarded two grants totaling \$722,400 for engineering and permitting associated with proposed improvements of Hyannis Harbor. The first grant received was a Seaport Economic Council Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$465,600 for engineering and permitting of the Bismore Park Marina Improvements Project, which will include reconstruction of the Bismore Park Marina bulkhead and adjacent docks/slips. The second grant received was a Seaport Economic Council Dredging Grant in the amount of \$256,800 for the engineering and permitting of dredging of the Hyannis Inner Harbor. Engineering and permitting of these projects is anticipated to take approximately 18 to 24 months, with construction targeted in 2024. We will keep you advised of our progress on this project.

6. We continue to have regular conversations with Vineyard Wind (VW) regarding the status of the Phase I and Phase II VW Projects. VW continues to work with Barnstable staff regarding both Phase I & II of the project. They have commenced construction on Phase I and are proceeding with permitting on Phase II. We have continued our discussion with Vineyard Wind regarding an update to the existing Host Community Agreement (HCA) for Phase II and a potential Phase III. There is a resolve before Town Council this evening authorizing the Town Manager to modify the existing HCA to reflect the modification of the Phase II project. We will continue negotiation with VW as previously authorized in 2019 on a Phase III project including a discussion of the proposed landing and cable routing. We will keep you advised of our progress on this matter.
7. The Town of Barnstable's Department of Public Works announced that sewer construction for the Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project will commence on September 20th. A Groundbreaking ceremony has been scheduled for Friday September 17, 2021 at 11:00 AM. The new gravity sewer will be installed in portions of Craigville Beach Road, Strawberry Hill Road, Wequaquet Lane and Phinney's Lane. Additionally, a new submersible pump station will be installed on a Town easement at the intersection of Strawberry Hill Road and Craigville Beach Road. Construction will be coordinated with Vineyard Wind, which will be installing a duct bank and associated utility relocations in the same area as part of its offshore wind energy project. Upon the completion of both projects, Vineyard Wind will resurface disturbed roadways within the project area. If you have any questions or wish to receive project updates, please contact Paul Ruzsala, P.E., Senior Project Manager, at the Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400 or paul.ruzsala@town.barnstable.ma.us. More information about the Strawberry Hill Road Project and the Town of Barnstable's CWMP is available at: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/>. Sign up for Enews, our *Community Currents* newsletter: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/>.

Joint Meeting with the Board of Health and Workshop on Managing Sewer Expansion in the Town.

OLD BUSINESS began with Continuing [Agenda Item 2022-007](#), as written, Amending the Code of the Town of Barnstable, Part I General Ordinances, Chapter 240 Zoning by adding a Mixed-Use Sub Zone of the Medical Services Overlay District to a public hearing to be held at the Town Council meeting on October 21, 2021, subject to an affirmative majority vote of the Council. **NEW BUSINESS** began with Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonabend presenting three **Agenda Items 2022-017** Acceptance of the Mutual Agreement Document (MAD) for the donation of the Graykey Software and Hardware valued at \$25,270.50 from Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.); **2022-018** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2022 State 911 Department Training Grant in the amount of \$22,742.60 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; and **2022-019** Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2022 911 Support and Incentive Grant in the amount of \$270,026 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security which were approved. Finance Director Mark Milne presented **Agenda Item 2022-020** Resolve approving the appointment of R. Lane Partridge as the Director of Assessing for the Town of Barnstable which was approved. The Town Council welcomed Mr. Partridge to the Town. Town Attorney Karen Nober presented **Agenda Item 2022-021** Determination Under Section 19 of G.L. c. 268A, the Conflict of Interest Law which was approved. Town Councilor Bogan recused himself from participating in **Agenda Item 2022-022** Resolve ratifying Town Council vote of October 19, 2019 and authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate further amendments to the Town's agreement with Vineyard Wind, LLC or a new agreement which was presented by Town Manager Ells and approved by the Town Council. That concluded the Orders of the Day. The Town Council and Board of Health voted to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (The Town Council will enter Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation since a discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town and Town Council. Specifically, the Council will discuss two lawsuits filed against the Town by the Conservation Law Foundation, one regarding claims under the Federal Clean Water Act and the other regarding claims relating to the Massachusetts Title 5 septic regulations.) (The Board of Health will enter Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to

litigation since a discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Town and Board of Health. Specifically, the Board of Health will discuss two lawsuits filed against the Town by the Conservation Law Foundation, one regarding claims under the Federal Clean Water Act and the other regarding claims relating to the Massachusetts Title 5 septic regulations.) and to not return to public session. The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 2021. The public is able to view through Comcast Channel 18 or Live Streaming on the Town of Barnstable's website. Real-time public comment may be addressed to the Barnstable Town Council utilizing the Zoom video link or telephone number and access meeting code which will be included on the Agenda. Written Comments may be submitted to: https://tobweb.town.barnstable.ma.us/boardscommittees/towncouncil/Town_Council/Agenda-Comment.asp. The meeting Agenda will be available on the Town of Barnstable's website (www.townofbarnstable.us).

State Legislative Delegates Meet with Economic Development Team in Hyannis

On September 15, 2021 the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Michael Kennealy visited Barnstable for a round table discussion regarding use of the state's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. The administration is hopeful that the funds will be distributed to communities in the near future. We will continue to work closely with the Secretary and the Administration to secure funding when it does become available.



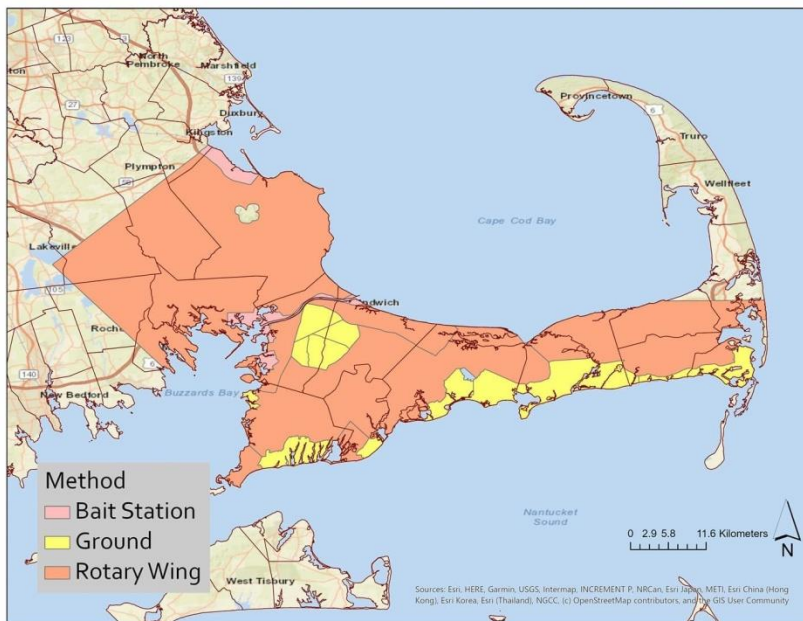
Pictured from left to right: Matthew Levesque, Town Council President; Ryan Bennett, TOB Housing Coordinator; Larry Andrews, President/CEO MassGrowth Capital; Dan Rivera, President/CEO Mass Development; Ashley Stolba, Undersecretary of Community Development; Mark Fuller, Undersecretary of Business Growth; State Representative Kip Diggs; State Senator Julian Cyr; Mark Ells, Town Manager; Mike Kennealy, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development; Rob Brennan, CapeBuilt Associates; Will Crocker, Massachusetts Office of Business Development Regional Director; Gloria McPherson, TOB Economic Development Coordinator; George Durante, MassDevelopment Senior Regional TDI Fellow; Elizabeth Jenkins, AICP, Director Planning & Development; State Representative Tim Whelan; Kaitlyn Maldonado, Assistant Director Planning & Development; Melissa Chartrand, TOB Arts & Culture Coordinator; and State Representative Steve Xiarhos.

Model School Resource Officer MOU Commission Public Input Sought

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in partnership with Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) are co-chairing the [School Resource Officer \(SRO\) Memorandum Of Understanding \(MOU\) Commission](#). The Commission is tasked with updating its [2018 model MOU](#) to be used as a template for local communities to adapt to meet their needs. This Commission is seeking public input on the types of information that should be included in the MOU. Please take approximately ten (10) minutes to [complete the survey](#) to help the Commission hear public feedback. Survey participants are encouraged to respond to all questions; however all are optional if there is a preference not to respond to a specific question. [Public comments](#) can be submitted in addition to survey responses, and will also help inform the Commission in the development of the MOU. All feedback is voluntary and anonymous.

Oral Rabies Vaccine Baits Distribution Continues

Beginning next week, oral rabies vaccine (ORV) baits for wildlife will be distributed throughout southern Plymouth County and Mainland Barnstable County. Once that has been completed, operations will be shifted to the Upper-, Mid-, and Lower-Cape in efforts to prevent the spread of terrestrial rabies across the Cape once again. On the map to the left, the orange area was treated with two black and red USDA helicopters. The exact



finish date is weather dependent. Due to areas of high human density, the portion noted in yellow will be treated by vehicles and foot beginning Friday, September 17th. Bait stations in selected areas will be filled this coming Monday as well. The ground-based distribution is expected to last between 1 and 2 weeks. During this time frame, you will see two low-flying helicopters, as well as several town, county, and federal vehicles, distributing baits. We ask that you keep your dogs on leash, obeying your town's leash laws. While the baits are generally safe for your pets, the fishmeal coating may cause your pet to experience an upset stomach. Additionally, every bait

that a dog consumes is one that is considered a lost dose that could have gone to an unvaccinated raccoon. This expanded campaign is in response to the first case of terrestrial rabies on the Cape in over 8 years. In May, a raccoon from Hyannis tested positive for the virus. Follow Cape Cod & Southeast Massachusetts Rabies Task Force on social media for updates!

Town of Barnstable: Hazardous Waste Collection Rescheduled

HHW Collection Rescheduled for Sept. 25th

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection for residents of the town of Barnstable scheduled for Saturday September 19th **has been rescheduled for Saturday September 25th**. The September 25th HHW Collection will take place from 9am to noon at the Barnstable Transfer Station, 45 Flint Street in Marstons Mills. Transfer Station sticker needed to participate. Without a current sticker, participants must show proof of year round residency or residential property ownership in the Town of Barnstable to participate in the collection and pay a \$10.00 per visit fee. The hours of the Hazardous Waste Collection are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Stickers are

available at the office by appointment, by mail or online. Don't know what's acceptable? Check your 2021 HHW brochure! You can pick up a brochure at your town hall or download from our website www.loveyourlocalwater.org. Small business waste accepted! Check out website for more details. For questions, call P.J. Kelliher at 508-420-2258.

Sandy Neck Beach CoastSweep 2021 – Sunday, September 19th

Sandy Neck Beach Park CoastSweep 2021



Where: Sandy Neck Beach Park – 425 Sandy Neck Rd.
West Barnstable, MA 02668

When: Sunday, September 19th from 9 am to Noon

Help us keep our beach beautiful!

For more information contact: Donna Bragg 508-362-8300

Hyannis Open Streets Returns on Sunday, September 19th

Sundays, September 19th &
October 17th, 12pm–4pm
(Rain Dates Sept. 26th & Oct. 24th)

HYANNIS OPEN STREETS

Come **PLAY** in the street!



COME WALK, RUN, BIKE, DANCE,
AND PLAY IN THE STREET!

Free, Fun Activities for Everyone!

Free All Day Parking @ North & South Street Parking Lots & the Transportation Center



It's time once again for a day of fun on Main Street, Hyannis. On Sunday, Sept. 19, from noon to 4 p.m., the village's central strand will be vehicle-free so all ages can stroll, cycle, or otherwise move through a multi-block outdoor festival. Hyannis Open Streets is back! The free event offers a wide selection of music – big band, the blues, and more – plus the ever-popular JT & Angel dance party. You can watch a demonstration of jujitsu or marvel at the skills of talented stilt walkers. Over on the Village Green, the ever-popular kids zone will feature a giant open-air slide, fun games, and – new this year – a kids karaoke on the bandstand stage. Many restaurants and stores along Main Street will be open Sunday, and some will have special offers reflecting the spirit of the day. Hyannis Open Streets is all about getting out and about. Everyone is welcome to this barrier-free celebration of movement. Although parking will be banned on Main Street, there will be plenty of free spaces nearby in the North and South Street parking lots and at the Hyannis Transportation Center. Hyannis Open Streets is presented by the Greater Hyannis Civic Association, the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and the Greater Hyannis Chamber of Commerce, and is fueled by the kind support of its sponsoring businesses and organizations. The rain date for Sunday's event is September 26. The next scheduled Hyannis Open Streets is set for October 17, with a rain date of October 24.

Full Scale Disaster Drill Thoroughly Tests Public Safety Procedures at Cape Cod Gateway Airport

Mock disaster event planned for September 28 calls for heavy public safety presence

Cape Cod Gateway Airport will conduct an in-depth exercise involving safety protocols via a full-scale emergency drill on Tuesday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. at the airport grounds in Hyannis. The exercise will simulate a completely mock scenario of an aircraft accident. Actual aircraft will not be used in the drill, yet fire departments will be setting training fires and using other simulations to test the airport's emergency response plan. Police, Fire, Cape Cod and Falmouth hospitals, US Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration, Massachusetts Department of Transportation-Aeronautics Division, Airlines, American Red Cross, Emergency Management, and other Cape Cod towns will all play a role in the exercise. Training stations will be part of the drill allowing airport staff, fire departments, airlines, American Red Cross and others to respond to various simulations as part of the drill. This includes testing multiagency coordination and the workings of an incident command system; responding to live fires; answering the need of family and friends of victims involved in the mock aircraft accident; and simulating transport and medical care both onsite and at Cape Cod Hospital. Depending on COVID-19 restrictions, volunteers will also be on hand to play the roles of accident victims. "The Federal Aviation Administration requires us to stage a full scale drill every three years," said Airport Manager Katie Servis. "The ultimate goal of the exercise is to identify improvements to be made to our emergency response should a real disaster ever happen at the airport. Both strengths and weaknesses of the response will be noted and an evaluation team on hand to monitor and critique the exercise. The exercise tests multiagency coordination and response implementing use of the resources from its surrounding communities." "Full-scale exercises are important component in ensuring the safety of the traveling public. Exercises also provide an opportunity to test response plans that may be used during various types of emergencies, ensuring that the exercise has cross cutting value. We appreciate the efforts and assistance of all agencies involved," said Chief Peter Burke, Hyannis Fire. While the drill takes place, please be advised that there will be active police, fire and helicopter activity in the vicinity of the Airport. The Airport will remain open to scheduled and charter operations during this exercise. For further drill information, please contact the airport manager's office at 508 775-2020 or kservis@flyhya.com. The Town of Barnstable's Channel 18 has created this PSA from the last exercise: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5LCGuQrLlLk>

Old King's Highway Historic District Committee: Membership Vacancy

The Old King's Highway Historic District Committee (OKH) is looking for a new member to fill a vacancy that will occur at the end of this year. The Town would like to thank Carrie Bearse, the current Clerk for OKH, for her time and dedication to the Committee over the last nineteen years!

Background:

The Old King's Highway Regional Historic District was established in 1973 and is the largest historic district in the nation. The district is designated as the area north of Route 6 (the Mid Cape Highway) from Sandwich to Orleans. The Town of Barnstable's Old King's Highway Historic District Committee reviews applications for any change in the exterior of buildings and structures, fences and signs, as well as new construction and demolition. The Committee considers the historical value and significance of existing buildings, and all applications are reviewed for general design, proportion of building elements, texture, materials, color and overall aesthetic appropriateness to the historic integrity of the district, neighborhood and setting. Meetings occur twice monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and commence at 6:30 PM. The membership will be for the duration of a 4-year term. All members must be registered to vote in the Town of Barnstable. For more information about the Committee, please visit the Old King's Highway [webpage](#). Under the resources tab, the [Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission Bulletin](#) establishes the rules and regulations as well as guidelines for the Committee.

Contact:

We ask that anyone who is interested in running for this election correspond with the Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Kate Maldonado, via email: kaitlyn.maldonado@town.barnstable.ma.us or by phone: 508-862-4791. A nomination paper is required to be completed in order to run for this election. The deadline for obtaining a nomination paper is Monday, October 18, 2021. All completed nomination papers are due by Friday October 29, 2021.

Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA)

The Town of Barnstable Planning and Development Department is accepting proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. CDBG is a federally funded program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides affordable housing, economic opportunities, and a suitable living environment to low and moderate-income residents.

The Town is anticipating funds for the 2021 CDBG program year (7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022) in the amount of \$279,381.20 and \$181,767.44 in unexpended funds from the 2020 CDBG program year.

Projects must address at least one of the 2020-2025 5-Year Consolidated Plan goals and either:

- Create or preserve decent, affordable housing units for rent or homeownership;
- Create or retain jobs or economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons;
- Create public improvements to facilities or infrastructure and other public improvements; or
- Provide services to low and moderate-income persons and special needs populations.

Preferences may be given to the following:

- Activities to assist in the recovery efforts following COVID-19
- Public services assisting in COVID-19 recovery and serving a limited clientele population, including children, the elderly, the homeless, and other vulnerable populations.
- Micro-enterprise or small business assistance to retain or create jobs, or economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons.
- Services to support the downtown Hyannis Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA).

- Activities, projects, or organizations addressing critical needs reported by Barnstable County Health and Human Services, the Barnstable Human Services Committee, the Council on Aging, local hospitals, and others entities serving low-income, vulnerable, and underserved populations.
- Applicants that agree to and demonstrate an ability to collect/maintain income documentation when applicable
- Applicants that demonstrate the ability to meet timely expenditure requirements and regular reporting requirements per HUD regulations.

****Please note that the Town of Barnstable is not covering administrative costs for awarded applicants, only program-related costs.***

Submission Instructions: The CDBG Pre-Application and Guidebook are available on the Town website:

www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG. **Please complete and submit the pre-application by 5pm on September 30, 2021.** Please complete the pre-application **before** the CDBG application. If you are having trouble accessing the pre-application, please email our office.

Contact Information: Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development:

elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us, 508-862-4678.

Mid-Cape Cultural Council Seeks Funding Proposals

Proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs due October 15.

The Mid-Cape Cultural Council is pleased to announce the opening of the 2022 Grant Cycle. The Council has set an October 15 deadline for organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community. With this grant cycle, the Council has elected to award direct grants to recipients. For more information, visit <https://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/>. The Mid-Cape Cultural Council promotes and supports the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences to benefit people in the towns of Barnstable and Yarmouth. These grants can support a variety of artistic projects and activities - including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, or performances in schools, workshops, and lectures. The Mid-Cape Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCC) serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The LCC Program is the largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, supporting thousands of community-based projects in the arts, sciences and humanities every year. The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. This year, the Mid-Cape Cultural Council will distribute about \$18,000 in grants. Previously funded projects include the HyArts Discovery Walk, Marguerite E. Small Elementary School After School Program, and Cape Cod Maritime Museum. For local guidelines and complete information on the Mid-Cape Cultural Council, contact Sarah Thornington or Margeaux Weber, Co-chairs, at midcapecouncil2@gmail.com. Application forms and more information about the Local Cultural Council Program are available online at www.mass-culture.org.

Cape Cod Healthcare Expands Access to COVID-19 Community Testing

Safe, effective and accessible COVID-19 testing is available at Cape Cod Healthcare.

Drive-through community testing

COVID-19 testing is available by appointment at two convenient drive-through testing sites on our hospital campuses:

Cape Cod Hospital campus, Hyannis

Hours: Daily from 7:30 - 11:00 AM and 3:30 - 6:00 PM

Falmouth Hospital campus, Falmouth

Hours: Sunday-Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 AM

Schedule a COVID-19 Test

To schedule a COVID-19 test, please call the Cape Cod Healthcare Community Testing Line at:

508-534-7103

Please note:

Drive through community testing is available to everyone, whether experiencing symptoms or not. The testing method utilized is an RT-PCR test, considered the gold standard for accurately detecting active COVID-19 virus in a collected specimen and is accepted by all governments and agencies. Test results are currently available within 24 hrs.

Barnstable County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics



A blue poster for Barnstable County COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics. On the left, a circular logo features a woman's face and the text "VACCINES MAKE OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER" and "HARBORVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM". Next to it is a map of Barnstable County. In the center is the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment logo, which includes a fish icon. To the right, the text "WEEKLY COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the schedule "EVERY THURSDAY FROM 10AM - 2PM" is listed. The location "HARBORVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM | BARNSTABLE COUNTY COMPLEX (OLD JAIL BUILDING)" and "3195 MAIN STREET, RTE 6A BARNSTABLE VILLAGE" are also provided. At the bottom, it says "Sign up for an appointment at www.barnstablecountyhealth.com or just walk in!" and "Pfizer will be offered to anyone 12+, and Johnson & Johnson to anyone 18+".

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Barnstable County COVID-19 Testing



A yellow and blue poster for Barnstable County COVID-19 Testing. The top section is yellow and contains the text "FREE COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing to Resume at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds!". Below this, the poster is divided into sections for "Who:", "What:", "When:", "Where:", "Why:", and "How:". To the right of these sections is an illustration of a test tube labeled "COVID-19" and a syringe. At the bottom, the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment logo is shown, along with the website "https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org".

**FREE COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing to Resume
at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds!**

Who:
Anyone who suspects they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly urged to pursue testing.

What:
FREE COVID-19 PCR testing is now available at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds! Results available within 24-48hrs.

When:
Drive-through testing will take place every Thursday and Sunday from 4pm to 6pm beginning Thursday, August 26th.

Where:
East gate of the Barnstable County Fairgrounds (off Route 151 near Ashumet Road).

Why:
Testing saves lives! A positive test for COVID-19 alerts an individual that they have the infection. Not only can they get treated faster, they can take steps to minimize the virus and stop it from spreading to others.

How:
Schedule an appointment at www.barnstablecountyhealth.org. Walk-ins are welcome!

BARNSTABLE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

<https://www.barnstablecountyhealth.org>

MassNotify

By enabling MassNotify in your phone's settings, you can be quickly notified if you've been exposed to COVID-19 by another MassNotify user. For more information, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/enable-massnotify-on-your-smartphone>.

MassNotify



Know if and when you were exposed to COVID-19!

Cape Cod welcomes visitors from all over the world, which is why it's more important than ever to track COVID-19 exposures and spread. MassNotify is an important tool to help you do just that. It's not an application that you buy through the app store - it's a simple adjustment to the settings on your phone. And it's completely private and anonymous! The service is strictly to make you aware of a potential exposure so that you can take the appropriate precautions.

On an iPhone:

- Go to Settings
- Scroll down to Exposure Notifications
- Click "Turn on Exposure Notifications"
- Click "Continue"
- Select United States, then select Massachusetts
- Follow the instructions on the following screens to enable MassNotify
- Note that Bluetooth must be turned on for MassNotify to detect other users nearby.

On an Android phone:

- Go to Settings
- Click "Google"
- Click "COVID-19 Exposure Notifications"
- Tap "Select your region"
- Select United States, then select Massachusetts
- Click "Continue" and follow the instructions on the following screens to enable MassNotify
- Note that Bluetooth must be turned on for MassNotify to detect other users nearby.

Cyanobacteria Notice

WHEN IN DOUBT STAY OUT



Q: WHAT DOES CYANOBACTERIA LOOK LIKE?

A: IT CAN LOOK LIKE PEA SOUP OR A
BLUE-GREEN PAINT SPILL ON THE
WATER'S SURFACE. THE WATER COULD
ALSO LOOK MURKY A BROWNISH GREEN
MILKY GREEN OR BLUE.

LEARN MORE AT
WWW.BARNSTABLEWATERRESOURCES.COM

The Town continues cyanobacteria monitoring and reporting. Here are some tips to identify cyanobacteria blooms, what to do if you suspect a bloom, and who to contact.

Identifying Cyanobacteria Blooms

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has provided examples of cyanobacteria blooms with scums and without scums. <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/identifying-cyanobacterial-blooms-and-scums-photographs-of-blooms-and-scums>

How do I know if there is a harmful algal bloom in the water?

Cyanobacteria can cause the water to appear slightly discolored, cloudy, or resemble pea soup or paint. They are usually blue or green but can also be brown or red. They can also give the water a bad odor. The cyanobacteria in some blooms are dispersed throughout the water, while in other blooms they are concentrated in a scum or mat, either on the surface of the water or in sediment along the shoreline.

What if you Suspect a Cyanobacteria Bloom?

WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY OUT!

If you see a possible cyanobacteria bloom, avoid contact with the water.

Contact the Health Department at 508-862-4644 or email health@town.barnstable.ma.us, if the bloom is at a recreational waterbody.

Want to Learn More About Cyanobacteria?

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/harmful-algae-blooms-in-freshwater-bodies>

<https://www.epa.gov/cyanohabs>

<https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/toxic-cyanobacteria-in-water---second-edition>

Sign Up for Cyanobacteria Alerts

The Town of Barnstable contracted with the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC) to conduct routine monitoring and reporting of Cyanobacteria in Barnstable's Lakes and Ponds. If you are interested in receiving an email notification, when a potentially toxic bloom is identified by APCC, you **must opt-in** to the APCC toxic alerts. In order to receive email notification for toxic alerts, click this link: <https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/cyanobacteria/cyanobacteria-alert/> This link will bring you to a webpage where you **must enter your email** in order to receive toxic alerts. You can also check out the cyanoMAP at <https://apcc.org/our-work/science/community-science/cyanobacteria/> to see the recent cyanobacteria monitoring results from APCC.

Be Proactive Against Mosquitos in Your Backyard

Avoid mosquito bites by using EPA approved repellents, appropriate clothing and avoiding peak mosquito activity between dusk and dawn. Remove standing water by emptying containers and tarps. Check your risk levels throughout the season by visiting the State interactive website at:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-arbovirus-update>

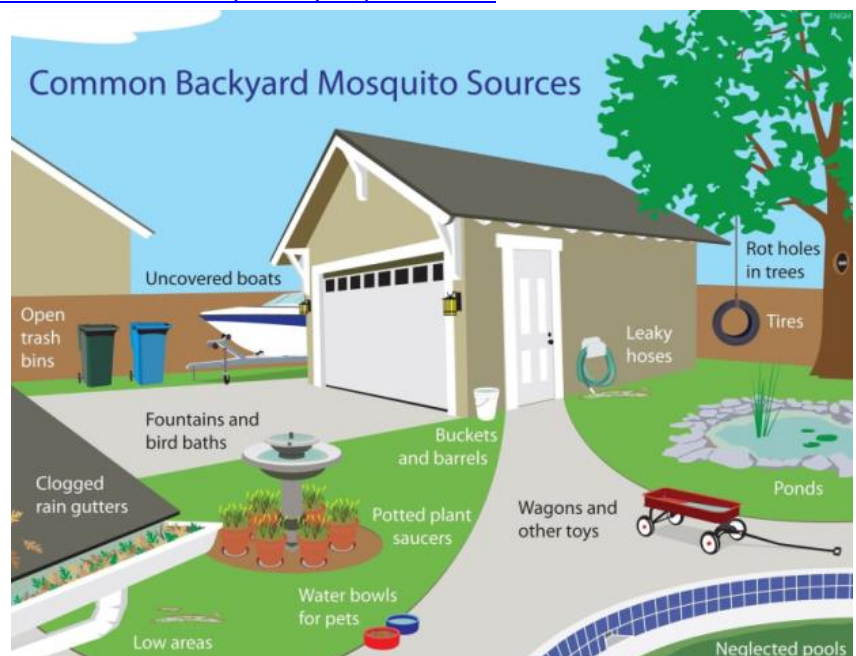
Please review the 2021 MDPH Surveillance and Response Plan for updates to risk levels and risk messaging.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/2021-arbovirus-surveillance-and-response-plan/download>

Establish good mosquito avoidance habits now:

- Teach children to be aware of mosquito activity around them and avoid it
- Pick a repellent with an EPA-approved active ingredient
- Use long sleeves to cover up when possible
- Remove standing water to help reduce mosquito populations
- Repair screens

If you should have any questions, please call us at the Health Division Office at 508 862-4644.



Offseason Transient Dockage Information from Harbormaster's Office

The rates for residents and non-residents are reduced at two of our busiest town marinas. Barnstable Harbor and Prince Cove. These offseason reduced rates run from September 15th to October 27th and are a great way for the public to enjoy transient dockage at a reduced rate. Slip availability is subject to change. Individuals looking to book offseason transient dockage can contact the dockmasters on the numbers provided below or to find out the rate/cost.

Barnstable Harbor – 508-326-1836

Prince Cove Marina – 508-420-3267



Our Village Libraries are more than just books.

You can check out all of the activities are our Libraries here:

[Sturgis Library](#) (Barnstable Village)

[Centerville Public Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Hyannis Public Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Public Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Whelden Memorial Library](#) (West Barnstable)

News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

The Barnstable Adult Community Center is extremely pleased to announce that our doors are open again. We are excited to welcome you back, and ask that you please bear with us as we work to get our in-person programs and activities up and running. The BACC building is open Monday-Friday, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Below you'll find some of the activities and offerings that are coming up.

NEW PROGRAMS AND CLASS SESSIONS ARE ENROLLING NOW

You'll find a complete listing of offerings in the September/October issue of Thrive magazine. It's available at the BACC or online at

www.townofbarnstable.us/coa/thrive/Thrive.pdf

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Department answers questions and provides access to community resources. For information on caregiver support, please contact Stacey Cullen at 508-862-4765. For information on other Support Services resources or to schedule an appointment, please call Jacqi Easter at 508-862-4757.

CAREGIVER AND SUPPORT SERVICES COMING TO A LIBRARY NEAR YOU!

Caregiver/Support Services Coordinator Stacey Cullen is now available at your local library to assist with information for caregivers and Barnstable residents age 60+. This new service provides resources and educational programs that benefit our community. Stacey is available from 10am-12pm on the days listed below. Appointments are not necessary and walk-ins are welcome. Please contact Stacey at 508-862-4765 for more information.

Caregiver/Support Services Library Schedule

Centerville Public Library, 585 Main Street, Centerville, 4th Wednesday

Cotuit Library, 871 Main Street, Cotuit, 2nd Tuesday



Hyannis Public Library, 401 Main Street, Hyannis, 3rd Thursday

Marstons Mills Library, 260 Main Street, Marstons Mills, 4th Tuesday

Osterville Village Library, 43 Wianno Avenue, Osterville. 4th Thursday

Sturgis Library, 3090 Main Street, Barnstable, 3rd Tuesday

Whelden Memorial Library, 2401 Meetinghouse Lane, West Barnstable 2nd Thursday

CLUBS AND GROUPS STARTING UP

The following groups have begun meeting again:

Artists Fridays, 9 AM-12 PM

Bridge Fridays, 12:15-3:45 PM

Circle of Sistas Thursday-Call for dates. Discussions on diverse literature open to all but focusing on women of color.

Council on Aging Board Meetings Third Wednesday of each month

Cribbage Wednesdays, 1 PM

Friday Flix Frida, 1 PM

Haiku First or Second Wednesday of each month, 10 AM

Mah Jong Mondays, 9 AM-12 PM

Pinochle Thursday, 1-3 PM

Sunshine Crafters Fridays, 1 PM and Tuesdays, 10 AM

Stay Informed

To find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed, please “like” and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page at

www.facebook.com/barnstableadultcommunitycenter

The Barnstable Council on Aging’s bi-monthly magazine, Thrive, is available in our lobby area, and can also be found under the “Newsletter” tab on our website:

www.townofbarnstable.us/coa<<http://www.townofbarnstable.us/coa>> Our E-newsletter is sent weekly, and contains news, resources and information for the older adult community and others. If you’d like to receive it, please email: judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us.

HyArts Cultural District

Áine Cole, solo art exhibition, “A Year on a Cranberry Bog”

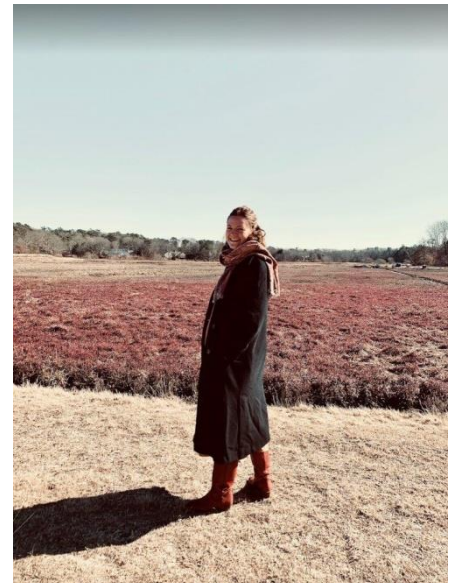
Sept 24 - 26, 2021 | Guyer Barn, Hyannis

HYANNIS, MA, September 14, 2021—Artist Áine Cole is hosting a solo art exhibition, “A Year on a Cranberry Bog”, Sept 24, 25 & 26, 2021, at Guyer Barn, 250 South Street, Hyannis. Free parking in Barnstable Town Hall parking lot, 367 Main Street, Hyannis.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. Opening reception Friday, Sept 24th, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Saturday, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Áine Cole is a visual artist living on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Áine has been creative her whole life and grew up around artists and craftsmen in her family. An art career was something she was always curious about but did not pursue until after hiking the Camino de Santiago in 2019. She returned home and decided to put all of her energy into her passion and started painting full time. Her inspiration is always rooted



in the natural world. She is fascinated by nature's ability to heal and renew and finds herself trying to create that feeling in her painting process. She paints landscapes for grounding, women for compassion, and abstracts for emotion.

ABOUT THE EXHIBIT:

Growing up on Cape Cod, Áine has walked, run, skated, and on occasion frolicked around countless cranberry bogs. She believes they are a part of her foundation as a Cape Coder. During the pandemic, she used a local bog in Marstons Mills for daily meditative walks. It became a place for healing and thought. This bog felt wide open and gave her a sanctuary to escape in what was a very isolating time. It continues to be the thing she is most grateful for during the covid pandemic times.

Acrylics, watercolors and mixed media paintings featured in this exhibit were created over the course of a year and a half. Áine likes to jump across mediums because she feels they are each suited for a different purpose and emotion. Each painting is unique to a particular time of the year and captures the changing seasons.

Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Updates

Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project Construction Schedule – Weekly Update

The Strawberry Hill Road Sewer Expansion Project is ongoing with construction schedule update as outlined below.

Week of 09-20-2021 to 09-24-2021

- Sewer installation on Strawberry Hill Road from Craigville Beach Road north towards Pine Street.
- Road closure and detour will be in place, with local traffic access only.

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



If you have any questions or wish to receive project updates, please contact Paul Ruzala, P.E., Senior Project Manager, at the Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400 or paul.ruzala@town.barnstable.ma.us.

More information about the Strawberry Hill Road Project and the Town of Barnstable's CWMP is available at: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/>

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* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 Neuco crews will install new gas service on Cedar Street, Centerville and Cammett Road, Marstons Mills. Friday, September 24, 2021 Neuco crews will install new gas service on Lincoln Road, Hyannis. 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 two 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.

***NEW* Renovations to Oyster Harbor Bridge in Osterville**

The Town of Barnstable's contractor, MAS Building and Bridge, Inc. (MAS), is under contract to complete a rehabilitation project to the Oyster Harbors Bridge. The project will involve repairs to an abutment joint, resurfacing of the entire asphalt deck surface, and replacement of the ship ladder. To complete the improvements, one-lane of traffic will need to be closed for the duration of the project. Temporary traffic signals will be installed to manage traffic during this time. MAS will begin mobilizing to the project site on September 20th at which time the lane closure will begin. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 3, 2021. The draw bridge will remain operational throughout construction, so there will be no impacts to marine navigation. Typical work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 4:00 pm, though work during weekends may be necessary. Traffic will be impacted as a result of the lane closure and residents are encouraged to plan accordingly when traveling in this area. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through or near construction areas, and follow posted safety signs.

***NEW* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Goodview Way in Barnstable**

Drainage and pavement improvements on Goodview Way in Barnstable are scheduled to begin during the week of September 20th, 2021. Work will include installation of new drainage system equipment, pulverizing and grading of the roadway sub-base, installation of new asphalt pavement and restoration of all disturbed areas. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

***CONTINUES* Bridge Barrier Replacement Project, Rt. 149 over Rt. 6 EB, WB**

SPS New England Inc., acting through MassDOT, will be replacing the barriers at the existing Rt. 149 bridge that crosses over Rt. 6. The project includes the Installation of temporary construction signage, selective clearing and thinning, staged removal and replacement of bridge barrier and end posts, bridge pavement micromilling and Superpave Waterproofing Surface Course placement, pavement markings and incidental items necessary to complete the work. Weather pending, construction will be on-going, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM until completion of the work. Work within Route 149 began September 13, 2021 and construction duration is anticipated to be 22-months. The construction will be staged with lane shifts, and two-way traffic will be maintained throughout construction. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs. For questions, please contact the District 5 Construction Office at 508-884-4281.

***UPDATED* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills**

Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are currently on-going and will

continue during the week of September 20th, 2021. The remaining work will include punch list items. Please use caution and safe speeds when traveling on Wheeler Road during construction operations.

***UPDATED* Town Wide Drainage Improvements**

The Town's contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements along Hinckley Circle in Osterville the week of 9/20/21. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, adjustment of drainage structure castings, and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained throughout construction. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

***UPDATED* Roadway Improvements on Winter Street in Hyannis**

Curb, sidewalk, drainage and roadway pavement improvements on Winter Street are ongoing and will continue through mid-November, 2021. New granite curb and paved sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the street between North Street and Barnstable Road. Drainage improvements will also be made along with milling and paving of the roadway surface. Police details will be on site to direct traffic as needed. Please seek alternate routes to avoid delays during construction and use caution when traveling through work zones.

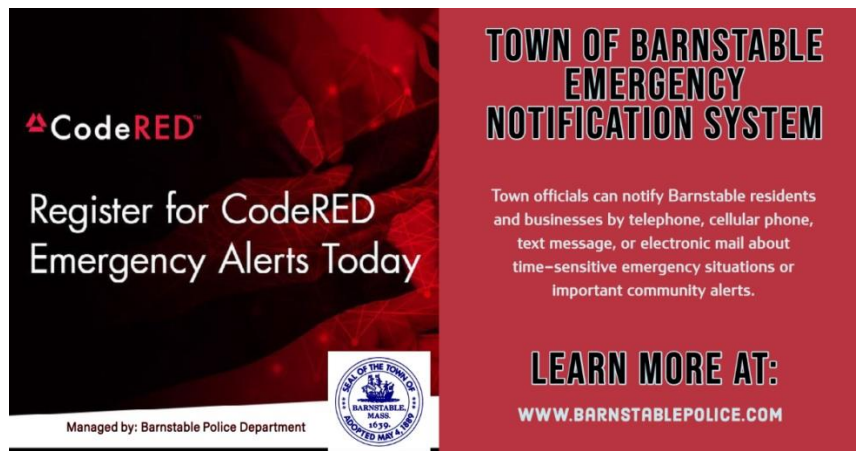
***UPDATED* Roadway Improvements on Dunn's Pond Road in Hyannis and Oceanview Avenue & Poponessett Road in Cotuit**

Roadway improvements will begin this week on the publicly-owned portions of Dunn's Pond Road in Hyannis and Oceanview Avenue and Poponessett Road in Cotuit. Dunn's Pond Road will receive full-depth reconstruction and a new pavement surface. Oceanview Avenue will be milled & overlaid with sidewalk modifications at the northern intersection with Main Street. Poponessett Road will be milled and overlaid east of Rushy Marsh Road with full-depth reconstruction and a new pavement surface on the section of the road west of Santuit Road. The work is expected to be complete in mid-November, 2021. Police details will be on site to direct traffic as needed. Please seek alternate routes to avoid delays during construction and use caution when traveling through the work zones.

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

Work is scheduled during the week of September 13th, 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes loaming and seeding shoulders, placing milling mulch under guardrails, and addressing other punch list items. The bridge will remain open to traffic during this work. There will be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

Sign Up for the Town of Barnstable's Emergency Notification System - CodeRED



The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section has a dark background with a red CodeRED logo at the top. Below the logo, the text 'Register for CodeRED Emergency Alerts Today' is written in white. At the bottom left, it says 'Managed by: Barnstable Police Department' next to the official seal of the Town of Barnstable, Massachusetts. The right section has a red background. At the top, it reads 'TOWN OF BARNSTABLE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM' in bold, white, all-caps letters. Below this, a paragraph explains that town officials can notify residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. At the bottom, it says 'LEARN MORE AT:' followed by the website 'WWW.BARNSTABLEPOLICE.COM' in white, all-caps letters.

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Hurricane Preparedness

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Be Ready Before the Storm

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

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

Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.Gov

You can watch a special informational video [here](#).

Looking for a Job? The Town of Barnstable is a Great Place to Work.

To see what positions are currently available, click [here](#). Apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and click the "Apply" link. If this is the first time you are applying using the online job application, you need to create an account and select a username and password. After your account has been established, you can build an application by clicking on the "Build Job Application" link. This application can be saved and used to apply for more than one job opening.

The Last Word:

Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky.

~ Kahlil Gibran

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