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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for period August 20, 2021 thru September 2, 2021

1. Brian Florence, Director of Inspectional Services, will provide an update on the Rental Registration Program and Short Term Rental Complaint System.
2. Brian Florence, Director of Inspectional Services, will review allowed use of a private pools on a residential property.
3. We have prepared the budget action calendar for FY 2023 which I have shared with Town Council under a separate email. We have expanded the action items in the budget calendar to recognize the efforts of our School Department and the School Committee meeting held 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 7, 2021. We are also preparing the budget instruction for FY 2023 with a planned distribution on September 13, 2021. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
4. We have experienced significant beach erosion last night and this morning at the following locations: Fortes Beach, Hyannis Port; Ropes Beach, Cotuit; the Cotuit Town Dock; and Sandy Neck. We are assessing the impacts and will report back upon completion of that assessment. We have also received notice from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries that the state has closed the state of Massachusetts to the harvest of shellfish until further notice due to excessive rainfall amounts across the state. As soon as shellfishing is re-opened, you will be notified. If you have any questions, please call Natural Resources: 508-790-6272.
5. Beach Operations Update through Labor Day (as of 9/2):
 - Craigville Beach is the only site with lifeguards on duty through Labor Day with coverage from 9am-5pm
 - Craigville Beach - gate staff on duty 7:30am-4pm, with bath house open 9am-4:30pm

- Covell’s Beach - Gate Staff on duty 9am-4pm, with bath house open 9am-4:30pm
- Veteran’s Park Beach, Kalmus Park Beach, Sea St (Keyes Memorial Beach), and Dowses Beach - Gate Staff on duty 9am-3:45pm with the bath houses open 9am-4:30pm
- Portable toilets are available at all public beaches

I want to thank our entire aquatic staff for their efforts to keep our residents and visitors safe this summer and ensure that all patrons had a positive experience at our beaches.

6. This summer’s Leisure Program wrapped up on August 20th after seven fun-filled weeks together at Centerville Elementary, Barnstable United and Barnstable Intermediate Schools. Thank you to our Leisure Program staff for providing a safe, stimulating, and engaging environment for over 200 children who participated in this year’s program and for supporting many of our working families with a trusted place to send their children. As we transition out of summer, registration for fall recreation programs will begin next Wednesday, September 8th. The program brochure is available at www.townofbarnstable.us/recreation
7. We plan to remove the barriers on Main Street Hyannis the week of September 13, 2021.
8. 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.

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.

9. 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. The new gravity sewer will be installed in portions of Craigville Beach Road, Strawberry Hill Road, Wequaquet Lane and Phinney's Lane (locus map enclosed). 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 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/>. Sign up for eNews, our *Community Currents* newsletter: <https://barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/>

10. David Anthony, Director of Property and Risk Management, will provide an overview on 200 Main Street, the Armory, and the Old Town Hall (JFK Museum).