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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for August 14 through September 3, 2024

1. A budget calendar for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Plan has been prepared and is attached. We have begun our Capital and Operating Budget preparation with budget instructions scheduled to be issued to staff on September 16, 2024. Town Council conducts a joint meeting with the School Committee the second meeting in October in accordance with the Town Charter to review financial conditions and financial policies of the Town.
2. As summer comes to a close I want to thank our residents, visitors, businesses, and Town staff after a very busy season. Our recreational facilities functioned at records levels - for example approximately 23,500 beach stickers were sold. The Second Summer Fireworks on Saturday evening were a wonderful close to a productive summer season.
3. We continue to closely monitor our beaches and waterways for any signs of debris resulting from the Vineyard Wind turbine incident. Marine Environmental Affairs and Community Services personnel are prepared to respond accordingly. We urge any member of the public that spots any debris in the water or onshore to report it to the Debris Reporting Hotline 781-831-1134.
4. We encourage residents and visitors to download the MyBarnstable app from the Apple or Google Play store. The app provides updates on a wide range of information in Town including traffic advisories, beach updates, Sandy Neck off-road availability, and more.
5. Kate Maldonado, Senior Planner of Planning and Development Department, will provide an update on the Local Comprehensive Plan and Greening Hyannis, the Greening the Gateway Program.