



The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for May 27, 2026, through June 9, 2026

1. We remain on schedule with the budget action calendar. The Fiscal Year 2027 proposed operating budget is posted on the Town website. FY 2027 Operating Budget is available at the following link: <https://city-barnstable-ma-cleardoc.cleargov.com/22636/1031780/d>. Additionally, it can be accessed from the Town's home, Finance, and Town Manager's webpages. Hard copies of the budget document were provided to the Town Council prior to the public hearings on the operating budget which are scheduled to begin on June 11, 2026. The [Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Plan](#) is available on the Town's website at the link provided. For information on our fiscal year budgets, please view the Town's Open Budget website at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>.
2. FY2027 Preliminary Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills. The Town of Barnstable has processed the FY 2027 Preliminary Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills, which will be mailed to property owners shortly. Preliminary tax bills are calculated at 50% of the total taxes assessed for the previous fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).

Payment Due Dates:

First Installment: August 3, 2026

Second Installment: November 2, 2026

Payment Options:

By Mail:

Please mail payments to:

Town of Barnstable, PO Box 848213, Boston, MA 02284

Online:

Payments may be made online through Invoice Cloud Online Payment Portal using the "Pay Taxes" quick link on the town's home page.

In Person:

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office:
Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

For questions regarding your tax bill or payment options, please contact the Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054

3. As previously reported, the Town's Open Budget website will be replaced with a new version of transparency software provided by ClearGov in Fiscal Year 2027. The ClearGov solution will offer more robust financial visualizations of the Town's operating and capital budgets transforming data into dynamic, interactive visuals for residents to explore the budget at their own pace. The site will include an AI powered chatbot which can deliver instant responses which should help residents better understand budgets, spending, and financial priorities. We will keep you advised as this effort advances.
4. I have been receiving an increasing number of inquiries regarding the use of innovative/alternative septic systems from residents and therefore am sharing the following information received from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection on June 4, 2026. In accordance with the 2023 Title 5 revisions at 310 CMR 15.215(2)(g), the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP or the Department) maintains a list of Best Available Nitrogen Reducing Technology (BANRT) on its website. The Department has completed its annual review of Innovative/Alternative Septic System (I/A) Technologies approved for nitrogen reduction in Massachusetts for the purpose of updating the BANRT list for 2026. Please note, declining to include a technology on the BANRT list, or removal of a technology from the BANRT list does not require any facility owner using that technology to upgrade with a new BANRT technology. See 310 CMR 15.215(2)(f). You may access the BANRT list by using the following link: [Approved Title 5 innovative/alternative technologies | Mass.gov](#) Please feel free to reach out to MassDEP at DEP.Title5@mass.gov with any questions.
5. The Town of Barnstable will be temporarily closing the Eugenia Fortes Beach Way to Water to vehicular traffic as of Wednesday, June 10, 2026. No vehicles are to be driven on the beach to launch vessels. This closure will be temporary in nature and is due to endangered nesting shore birds in the area. Vehicle access will be restored as soon as possible. Please contact Marine and Environmental Affairs with any questions. 508-790-6272.
6. The Town of Barnstable is celebrating America's 250th birthday on July 4th with a packed lineup featuring village parades, all-day entertainment on Main Street Hyannis, a harbor boat parade, Aselton Park concerts, and a state-of-the-art drone

light show at sundown following the Hyannis Harbor Hawks Cape Cod Baseball League game will mark the historic milestone. Look for details and future announcements at <https://barnstablenews.com/BarnstableMA250>.