



The Town of Barnstable

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To: Barnstable Town Councilors

From: Mark S. Ells, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager update for June 10, 2026, through June 23, 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> Additionally, it can be accessed from the town's Home, Finance and Town Manager's pages. Hard copies of the budget document have been provided to the Town Council prior to the public hearings on the operating budget which commenced on June 11, 2026 and are scheduled to continue on June 25, 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. As stated in my last communication, 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 a reminder, 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. Beginning on Saturday June 27th, Town of Barnstable beaches, ponds, and lakes will be open seven days a week through Labor Day. All beaches will be open daily from 9AM through 9PM. The Town of Barnstable will require resident parking permit stickers to be affixed to the appropriate vehicle starting this Saturday at all locations. Again, this season, receipts will not be accepted for access to Barnstable beaches. The Recreation Division has issued over 20,000 resident permits to date and staff are working diligently to finish the remaining applications. A reminder that on Friday, June 26th, all beaches will be without lifeguard coverage as our Aquatics Staff will be participating in joint training exercises with our local Fire Departments. This training will take place at Craigville Beach and parking in the East Lot will be restricted until 12:00pm. Additionally, coordination will continue throughout the summer with our lifeguards and local fire departments for scheduled drills to reinforce skills, build relationships and strengthen coordinated care across the town. This season we have faced significant challenges recruiting aquatic staff, specifically lifeguards. The Recreation Division is still finalizing staff schedules but anticipate having lifeguards starting on June 27th, at Craigville Beach, Dowses Beach, Covell’s Beach, and Kalmus Beach. To assist the public with their summer plans, we will continue to communicate our staffing operations and provide updates. We advise

the public that due to limited staffing other sites will not have lifeguard coverage and swimmers will do so at their own risk.

5. We want to let the Town Council and public know that in partnership with Advocates for Human Potential (AHP), our Notice for Funding Availability (NOFA) was released on Monday, June 15th through a media release and Constant Contact email list of all previous workshop and focus group attendees, grant recipients, and potential recipients. The NOFA has been posted to the Town Manager's webpage. An Informational webinar hosted by AHP will be held on Thursday, June 25th for potential applicants. The grant round opens on July 1st and closes on July 30th. Awards are expected to be announced the week of August 31st. Applicants may submit questions regarding this funding opportunity following the informational webinar and through July 8 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. All questions must be submitted to: barnstableosf@ahpnet.com. Responses to all submitted questions will be compiled and published on the Town of Barnstable website to ensure consistent access to information.
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 barnstablenews.com/BarnstableMA250
7. Kelly Collopy, DPW Communications Manager, will provide a Water Resources Update including the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.