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## National Public Health Week

*Building Bridges to Better Health*



Making communities safe and healthy is public health's top priority. COVID-19 has made that even more important. In the midst of the most challenging public health crisis of our lifetimes, it's more important than ever to celebrate public health. Help us continue to thank public health for all the hard work everyone's doing to keep our communities safe. We are grateful for the hardworking leaders, staff and volunteers of the Town of Barnstable and the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment that help make our community safe.

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April 9, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

**New**

**Updated**

Same as previous week(s)

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Stay Informed with [www.BarnstableHealth.com](http://www.BarnstableHealth.com)

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource ([www.barnstablehealth.com](http://www.barnstablehealth.com)) on March 16, 2020 to keep you up-to-date with the latest information as it relates to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the working of Barnstable Town government. Visit and bookmark [www.barnstablehealth.com](http://www.barnstablehealth.com).

### Use all the tools available to **stop the spread**



#### When you can, get the vaccine

Before, between and after being vaccinated you still need to:

**Wear a mask**

**Wash your hands**

**Keep your distance**

**Avoid groups**

For more information on how to stop the spread visit [Mass.gov/StopCOVID](https://Mass.gov/StopCOVID)



## School Committee Meeting – April 7, 2021

The School Committee met in person in the Barnstable High School (BHS) Library on April 7 for their monthly meeting. They approved their FY'22 Budget that will now be forwarded to the Town Manager and ultimately the Town Council for their approval. The Committee also approved the Fee Schedule for FY'22, which includes a \$25 reduction in the cost of bus passes for the 2021-2022 school year. The Committee approved to adopt a resolution to be sent to our state representatives that calls for students of the class of 2022 not be required to make up their tenth grade MCAS testing in order to graduate. It also called for a moratorium on all high stakes testing for the 2020-2021 school year. Superintendent Meg Mayo-Brown spoke about the shift to in person learning five days a week for grades K-3 that began on April 5. Grades 4-7 will start five days of in person learning on April 26 and the high school will return to five days of in person learning on May 3. Assistant Superintendent and Administrator-in-Charge at the high school, Kristen Harmon, spoke about the plan for the June 12<sup>th</sup> BHS graduation and gave an overview of two options for the BHS schedule for next year. Graduation will take place on the BHS stadium field at 10:00am and each graduate will receive four non-transferable tickets to graduation. The students will be seated in the stands physically distanced at 6 feet apart and guests will be seated on the field in groups of four seats physically distanced at 6 feet apart from the next grouping of four seats. Attendees will need to register in advance and wear masks. For the overview of the two schedule options, she discussed a blended schedule and the same schedule used for the 2019-2020 school year. Teachers and staff have reviewed the schedules, asked questions, and given feedback. In the blended schedule, students would have all seven classes on Mondays and Fridays for 44 minutes each and during the week classes would 68 minutes with each class taking place two times over the three days. For the schedule used during the 2019-2020 school year, there would be a rotation of classes for the five days in the week and each class would meet four times during the week. The classes would each be 53 minutes long. The BHS principal finalist interview process is underway. Karen Polsonetti-Simic is in her eleventh year as Founding Principal of Manhattan Business Academy and Elizabeth Freedman is in her twelfth year as Principal of Greater Lawrence Technical School. The two finalists had daylong visits and community forums this week. Next week, the Barnstable team will participate in virtual site visits to the finalists' schools and the finalists will have their final interviews with central office. The Superintendent is hoping to make an announcement of the new principal of Barnstable High School on Friday, April 16. With students returning to in person learning this week and all students having the option of being in person for five days a week by May 3, we are starting to begin to get back to normal. Graduation and other senior activities are being planned, along with field days at the other schools, all with safety protocols. We need to stay diligent: wear a mask, maintain physical distance, and wash your hands.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic to be held at Cape Cod Community College for all Veterans, Saturday, April 10, 2021 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The VA Providence Healthcare System will be providing COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans and their spouses this Saturday, April 10, 2021. The clinic will be located on the Cape Cod Community College campus 2240 Iyannough Rd, West Barnstable, MA. The clinic will run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. "The VA has expanded the vaccination criteria and we are pleased to offer the vaccine to **all Veterans and their spouses.**" said Larry Connell, Medical Center Director, VA Providence Healthcare System. "There are many unenrolled Veterans on



Cape Cod and we want to ensure we get them vaccinated. We will be giving out the **J&J/Janssen vaccine** which will not require those who come to the clinic to come back for a second dose.” Veterans who are not enrolled in the VA Healthcare System will need to bring a copy of their DD214 and a picture ID and fill out a 1010EZ enrollment form. This form can be found at <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/10-10EZ-fillable.pdf>. Forms will be available on-site for those who cannot bring it with them.

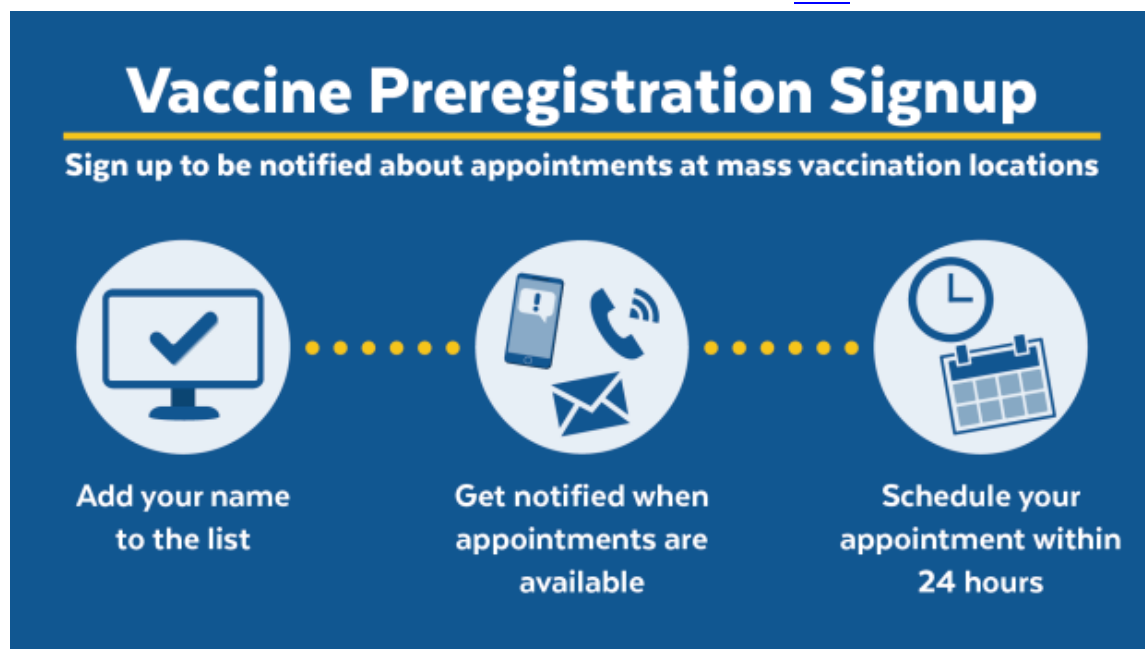
## Cape Cod COVID-19 Vaccine Update

The Town of Barnstable is helping eligible Phase 1 & 2 community members, specifically individuals who need assistance making vaccination appointments. We are asking anyone in this group to provide **name** and **phone number**, by emailing that information to [COACovid@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:COACovid@town.barnstable.ma.us). You may also call 508-862-4024 and leave your name and phone number. Thank You.

## Preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment

Sign up to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination location. (Dartmouth, Gillette, Fenway) Eligible people who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can preregister now, for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a mass vaccination location.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PREREGISTRATION [here](#).



## Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan

### *4 Dates set aside for educators at mass vaccination sites*

The Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan was announced and conforms to the phases and prioritized populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control. [When can I get the COVID-19 vaccine? | Mass.gov](#) As of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations.

# When can I get a **COVID-19** vaccine in MA?



For more information on vaccine distribution visit [Mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine)



## Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment

The first step to getting vaccinated is confirming you are in an eligible group. Once you confirm eligibility, you can book your appointment. To check who is eligible and to schedule appointments visit [mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://mass.gov/covidvaccine)



### What to know before you go

- The vaccine is free to all individuals.
- You must make an appointment to get a vaccine.
- The vaccine requires two doses. You should make sure you have a second appointment scheduled from the same site, or know how to schedule it, before leaving your first appointment.
- You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.
- You must confirm you are eligible for your phase. Learn how below.

### What you need for your appointment

#### Confirm your eligibility

To get vaccinated in Phase 1 or 2, you will need to confirm that you are part of a currently eligible group within those phases. This is called "attesting." You might attest online or over the phone when booking. If you are not asked when booking, you will use a form. Locations should have an attestation form, however, you can fill out the state's form and bring it with you to your appointment to be prepared. Get the form at [mass.gov/covidvaccineguide](https://mass.gov/covidvaccineguide)

#### Additional documents

Your vaccination location may list the below items as necessary, however, that only applies to people who have them. You can still receive the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID.

- An ID with your name, if you have one, to verify your name in the vaccination system.
- Health insurance card, if you have one. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you.

If you are going to a "local vaccination location" (yellow stars on map), those are for workers or residents of select cities and towns. They will include what you need to bring in their "special instructions" when scheduling your appointment.



### Keep others safe

It will take time to get the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out and get everyone vaccinated. Before, between doses, and when you are fully vaccinated, continue to use all tools available to stop the spread.





# NEED HELP GETTING A COVID-19 VACCINE?

If you work in a **restaurant,  
farm, food processing plant,  
grocery or convenience  
store** →

**PREREGISTER AT  
THE LINK BELOW.**

**[HTTP://BIT.LY/CCFOODWORKERSURVEY](http://bit.ly/ccfoodworkersurvey)**

Or, take a picture  
of this box



WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. IT MAY  
TAKE SOME TIME DEPENDING ON VACCINE SUPPLY.

**FOR MORE INFO, CALL (774) 330-3001**

Offered by the Cape Cod Regional Vaccine Consortium, a partnership of health care providers, county and town government, and state legislators to bring the vaccine to Cape Cod residents.

## **Testing at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis and the Fairgrounds in Falmouth**

Testing sites in Barnstable County for both symptomatic and asymptomatic persons remain open in Falmouth at the Fairgrounds and in Hyannis at Cape Cod Hospital. Daily testing capacity is 50 at the Falmouth site and 350 at the Hyannis site. Details can be found [here](#). For additional information on vaccine and testing, follow the [Town of Barnstable's Facebook page](#).

## **MEMA Offers Resource of Testing Site Map**

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is a great resource for COVID-19 testing locations with its [COVID-19 Test Site Locator](#). The map provides an easy way to locate a COVID-19 test site near you. All of those experiencing symptoms or those who have been in close contact recently with a COVID positive individual should seek testing. There are different filters you can choose, such as free testing for residents, test children, referral not required, drive thru services, etc.

## MassDOT Shared Winter Streets & Spaces Grant Award

The Town of Barnstable, in partnership with the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, has received a \$245,000 “Hybrid: Main Streets and Reimagined Streets” grant from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Shared Winter Streets & Spaces Grant Program to enhance visitor experiences along Main Street Hyannis and Hyannis Harbor. Grant funds will support various identified public improvements to lighting, wayfinding, pedestrian connectivity, beautification of town-owned public spaces and reduced traffic speeds with a goal to enrich the welcoming environment for residents and visitors to shop, dine, stay and play throughout downtown Hyannis. Building on the success of the Shared Streets and Spaces initiative first launched during the summer of 2020, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation extended the program to help municipalities address the particular challenges of winter amid the ongoing public health crisis. Shared Winter Streets and Spaces provides cities and towns with grants to improve plazas, sidewalks, curbs, streets, parking areas, and other public spaces in support of public health, safe mobility, and renewed commerce. For more information, please contact: Liz Hartsgrove, Deputy Director of Asset Management at [Elizabeth.hartsgrove@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:Elizabeth.hartsgrove@town.barnstable.ma.us)

## Town of Barnstable Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program 2021 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan Document Availability

The draft One Year Annual Action Plan for 2021 program year and the Citizen Participation Plan will be available **April 14, 2021** on the Town website: [www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG](http://www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG) and in the Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Hyannis, MA 02601 by appointment by calling 508-862-4678. This location is accessible and reasonable accommodations may be made upon request. The plans serve as planning and strategic documents for the Town’s CDBG Program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2021 program year begins July 1, 2021 and ends on June 30, 2022. Estimated funding for this program year is \$311,641 plus any carryover.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Town is seeking public input on the draft Action Plan, which outlines funding priorities for the upcoming program year; and the Citizen Participation Plan that describes the public process. Funding levels are estimates and subject to change. Barnstable residents are encouraged to review the plans and to participate in the CDBG process.

Please submit comments in writing to the Planning and Development Department, ATTN: CDBG, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601 or by email to [elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us) with “CDBG Comments” in the subject line. Comments will be accepted through **May 14, 2021** and included in the final plans submitted to HUD.

**CONTACT:** Planning and Development Department, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601. Phone: 508-862-4678, TDD#508-790-9801, [elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us) with questions about the CDBG program.

## Cape Cod Commission introduces COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Toolkits for Cape Cod’s local businesses

*Industry-specific strategies for addressing current challenges and planning for business continuity*

The Cape Cod Commission is pleased to present the second round of its COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Workshop Series, an initiative designed to support business owners who are navigating the economic impacts of the pandemic and planning for future resiliency. This round of virtual

workshops will introduce COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Toolkits. The toolkits span a broad range of subject areas including online sales and marketing, risk assessment, and collaboration/networking practices. Participants will learn about industry-specific strategies tailored to address the challenges facing Cape Cod businesses. The webinar series schedule is as follows:

- April 26 at 3:00 PM: [Food Service & Restaurant Businesses](#)
- April 28 at 3:00 PM: [Retail & Product-Based Businesses](#)
- April 29 at 6:00 PM: [Accommodations Businesses](#)
- May 3 at 4:00 PM: [Arts, Culture & Recreation Businesses](#)
- May 4 at 3:00 PM: [Service-Based Businesses](#)

This round of virtual workshops builds on an initial presentation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and other funding resources, and the first round of workshops which introduced the Commission's broader business recovery and resiliency efforts and provided examples of business resiliency and continuity in action. The presentation slides and video recordings from these workshops are available [here](#). This workshop series is funded by a U.S. Economic Development Administration CARES Act grant and is designed to help support Cape Cod businesses as they recover from the impacts of the pandemic and increase their resiliency. The Cape Cod Commission has been working with Boston-based consultant [Revby](#) to facilitate the workshops, develop the economic resiliency toolkits, and identify relevant strategies for local and regional economic recovery. All interested Cape Cod business owners are invited to attend this free workshop series, but space is limited, and registration is required. Business owners unable to attend their own industry's workshop are encouraged to participate in a different workshop that fits their schedule.

**For more information and to register, please visit [capecodcommission.org/business](https://capecodcommission.org/business).**

## **No Joke, Oyster Season extended for Bay Street Only through April 28, 2021!**

Just a reminder the last day for oysters at Scudder was March 31st, but Bay Street will remain open for oysters until April 28th!

**What's the largest Oyster you have evah slurped?**

**Join in on the delicious fun and enter the BIGGEST OYSTER SLURP Contest!**

We are holding an oyster contest for the month of April!

The person who eats the largest oyster on the half shell from Bay Street will win a peck basket, a clamming life t-shirt, and a golden oyster "medal".

Check out all the details [HERE](#)

- To enter, the person must send in two pictures; one is the oyster with a ruler (to get the measurement) and the other is of the person slurping it down! Largest oyster wins! Tie goes to the best slurping picture.
- All entries can be submitted by 4/28/2021: [Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us). The winner will be chosen April 30th!



CONTEST OPEN TO: VALID 2021 BARNSTABLE RECREATIONAL SHELLFISH PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY | Bay Street Harvest

## **Bismore Welcome Center Brochure Program**

Registrations are now being accepted for profit and non-profit cultural organizations, businesses and attractions to participate in the 2021 Bismore Park Welcome Center Brochure Program. Located at Hyannis Harbor and open 7 days/week from Memorial Day to October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Town of Barnstable Welcome Center is staffed by skillfully trained, customer oriented Gateway Greeters readily available to assist connecting guests to local services and experiences – creating customized, exemplary and enduring impressions to over 50,000 visitors each year. For more information about this opportunity please visit online at

<http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/departments/parkingdivision/WelcomeCenter/brochureprogram.asp>

For more information, please contact Mona K. Solmonte, Parking Program Manager, at 508-862-4613.

## **Sagamore Bridge Repair Work Begins April 12, 2021**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District announced today that lane restrictions will begin mid-April on the Sagamore Bridge spanning the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne, Massachusetts, due to scheduled maintenance work. Beginning April 12, 2021, vehicle travel over the bridge will be reduced from the current two lanes in each direction to a single 12-foot lane in each direction as repairs to structural steel supports and the bridge lighting system are conducted. Lane restrictions will be in place 24 hours a day until the project is completed. Repair work and lane restrictions are scheduled to end prior to Memorial Day weekend. Motorists planning to use the Sagamore Bridge during this timeframe should be aware that travel delays are likely to occur during the morning and afternoon peak travel periods each day. Signs, traffic control devices and police details will be used at all times that work is being performed on the bridge. USACE's construction contractor for this project, R. Zoppo Corporation of Stoughton, Massachusetts, will perform the work in phases utilizing multiple shifts to keep the bridge open at all times and complete the work as quickly as possible. All traffic lanes on the Bourne Bridge will remain open while work is occurring on the Sagamore Bridge. This bridge work is critical to maintaining the structural integrity of the bridges, which are a vital component to the transportation system of Cape Cod, the Islands and southeastern Massachusetts. Work will include steel repairs to base structures of light posts, installation of repaired light posts, repairs to the bridge fence and light brackets, and replacement of conduits, cables and light fixtures.

For more information and updates, visit the USACE New England District website at

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil>, or follow us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland> and Twitter <http://twitter.com/CorpsNewEngland>.

## **Vital Records Now Available On-line**

Town Clerk Ann Quirk is announcing a new, fast and efficient way to obtain a vital record of a Birth, Death or Marriage that occurred in the Town of Barnstable. Vital Records are now on-line!

Follow this link: <https://barnstablema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1085> where you can find the steps for searching and obtaining the certified record and conveniently pay by credit card. The document will be mailed out the next business day. If you choose to apply for a vital record of a birth, death or marriage that occurred in the Town of Barnstable through the mail and pay by check please go to this link for the form and the instructions:

[https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/TownClerk/Office Information/Death-Certificate.pdf](https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/TownClerk/Office%20Information/Death-Certificate.pdf)



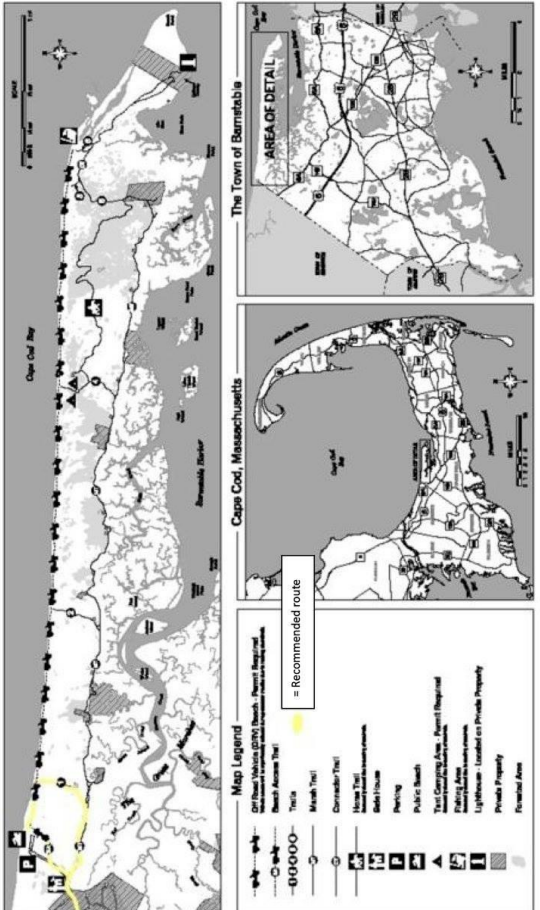
## Sandy Neck Walking Trails

Barnstable is home to many of the best walking and hiking trails in the region and Sandy Neck Beach Park is at the top of the list.

Take the self guided walk at Sandy Neck and look for turtles, ospreys and whales!

SNK Spring GUIDE below or scan the QR code at the trailhead!


<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/SandyNeckPark/>



The map shows the layout of Sandy Neck Beach Park, including Cape Cod Bay, Barnstable Harbor, and the town of Barnstable. It highlights various trails, landmarks, and a recommended route. A legend identifies symbols for off-road vehicles, beach, airport, regional, state, and town roads, as well as various facilities like picnic areas, parking, and public restrooms.


### Signs of Spring

#### Sandy Neck Beach Park self-guided hike




Many common tell-tale signs of spring can be found at Sandy Neck, be sure to keep an eye and an ear out for some of the unique animals that call Sandy Neck Beach Park their summer home.


**Piping Plover:** A small migratory shorebird that nests in the sand on Cape Cod beaches in the summer. These small birds are masters of camouflage, especially when it comes to their nests! Keep an ear out for their characteristic peeping sound as this threatened species can be hard to see.




**Osprey:** Another summer resident of Cape Cod, the osprey rebuilds nests made of sticks on top of poles. Osprey, a large hawk species mainly feed on fish and are known for diving into the water to catch their prey. Osprey were once at the brink of extinction, but have made a comeback since DDT (a pesticide) was banned in the US.



**Spadefoot Toad:** A small amphibian that can grow to about 3 inches, the spadefoot toad spends most of its life hidden underground! Spadefoot toads breed in vernal pools and will emerge in the spring after a warm heavy rain. Most commonly found at night when they come out to breed you will want to listen out for their call, which sounds like a sheep's "baaa".



**Right Whale:** One of the world's most endangered species of whale with only about 400 animals left. Right whales migrate seasonally and can often be spotted in New England waters in the spring, summer and even into the fall where they spend their time feeding and mating. While hiking the front beach, keep an eye towards Cape Cod Bay where you may spot a breach!



## Barnstable Youth Commission Hosts the 5th Annual Youth Job Fair – Virtually!

### **Applications Now Open for the Virtual Session on April 28th – FOR 14-17 YEAR OLDS ONLY!**

Anyone between the ages of 14 and 17 can now sign up for the Barnstable Youth Commission's Youth Job Fair taking place all Spring virtually! Participants will have access to a Job Board dedicated to local businesses that have positions available to their age group. Additionally, a limited number of spots are available for the live virtual age group sessions at <https://bit.ly/3cQ6a2t>. Two virtual sessions on April 28th will take place, one for 14-15 year olds and one for 16-18 year olds. Participating businesses will be on hand to introduce themselves and offer their input and advice for first time jobseekers; and for those who take advantage of the Job Board's opportunity to fill out an application in advance, businesses will be able to use the virtual sessions as a mini-interview. Professionals at Mass-Hire will give input on labor laws and how to obtain your work permit; and they will be available for businesses on questions about their compliance and information about other workforce training services they might not know about. The Barnstable Youth Commission, in coordination with the Barnstable Recreation Division of the Community Services Department and the Economic Development Program of the Planning & Development Department, as well as Barnstable High School and Mass-Hire is hosting the 5th Annual

Youth Job Fair virtually for an extended run through June this year. Due to the ongoing gathering restrictions, it was not possible to use the gymnasium at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center this year, so the Youth Commission came up with an idea to allow businesses to interact with eager first time job seekers in a different sort of way, and over an extended time so more businesses and students can participate. ***Businesses that hire applicants at ages 14-17 and are interested in participating should sign up at <https://bit.ly/3vbUnTq>***

**The Barnstable Youth Commission (BYC)** is a group of students representing Barnstable High School, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Sturgis Charter Public High School (East and West campuses), St. John Paul II High School, and Sandwich High School. The BYC's members are appointed by the Town Council and advised by members of the community. The BYC works with the staff of the Community Services Department's Recreation Division. Their goal is to work with town officials, appointed and elected, towards furthering the goals of the Youth and making the Town a better place for the Youth of today and tomorrow. Accomplishments include producing the annual 7th Grade Youth Summit and Community Substance Abuse Prevention Forum; presenting and facilitating the One Love Foundation program which ensures everyone understands the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship to the Barnstable High School community; working with state agencies to conduct the annual youth survey on homelessness; and more. More information is available at <https://townofbarnstable.us/departments/youthservices/> or Patti Machado, Recreation Director, can be reached at [patti.machado@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:patti.machado@town.barnstable.ma.us) or 508-790-6345.



## **Free Grocery Delivery Service for Barnstable County Seniors and Residents at Higher Risk**

***The [Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service](#) will help people who should stay home receive groceries and critical household goods.***

**See a list of participating grocery stores with pre-ordering and curbside pickup options [here](#).** Slowing the spread of COVID-19 is essential for "flattening the curve" of infections, which will curb the outbreak, prevent hospitals from getting overwhelmed with patients seeking treatment, and ultimately reduce the number of deaths. For current information on the novel coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), please visit the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment's website: [barnstablecountyhealth.org](http://barnstablecountyhealth.org). If you have questions or concerns, please email [COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org](mailto:COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org).

## **Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Hyannis Transportation Center in February**

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape. The new location is at the Hyannis Transportation Center, [1 Transportation Ave, Hyannis \(Barnstable\), MA 02601](#). PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

Hyannis Patriot Farms Food Boxes - Hyannis Transportation Center – [1 Transportation Ave, Hyannis \(Barnstable\), MA 02601.](#)

\*\*\*\*[Click here for directions.](#)\*\*\*\*

- April 10 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register.](#)
- April 17 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register.](#)
- April 24 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register.](#)

## **Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students**

For most up-to-date information, please go [here](#).

## **Keep Active and Thrive with the BACC on Channel 18**

The Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC) and Channel 18 have teamed up to provide dedicated BACC programming hours on Comcast CH18. Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:00 AM and Tuesdays and Thursday at 5:00 PM you can tune to Comcast CH18 and view an hour of programming specifically geared to residents in our community who appreciate the wide range of activities provided at the BACC. The dedicated staff at the Council on Aging and Channel 18 have created programs including chair exercise classes, yoga, music programming, and updates on programs and activities. *Keep Active and Thrive with the Barnstable Adult Community Center!*

## **News from the Barnstable Council on Aging**

### **Are You In Need of Assistance Scheduling a Vaccine Appointment?**

As part of the Town of Barnstable's role in the Cape Cod COVID-19 Vaccine Consortium, the Council on Aging Division (Barnstable Adult Community Center) is identifying vulnerable adults left behind by the current vaccine offerings, specifically individuals who need assistance making vaccination appointments but are able to travel to Cape Cod Community College. In an effort to expand upon the robust information our Council on Aging currently has, we are asking anyone in this group to provide your name and phone number, by emailing that information to: [COACovid@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:COACovid@town.barnstable.ma.us). You may also call **508-862-4024** and leave your name and phone number.



### **Outreach Appointments**

The Council on Aging's Outreach Department continues to assist older adults with fuel assistance and 41C Real Estate Abatement applications. This is a drive-by system, and you are asked to call for a list of guidelines and the paperwork you'll need. Once you've gathered the proper documents, an appointment will be scheduled. Please call the Jacqi Easter at **508-862-4757** to schedule an appointment.

### **Fuel Assistance Program Application Deadline Extended**

Massachusetts has extended the Fuel Assistance Program application period to May 28, 2021. Please note that although the intake period has been extended, the program only pays bills for the heating season of November 1, 2020, through April 30, 2021. Applications may be updated for changes to household size or income through May 28, 2021. Here are the new deadlines:

- Last day to complete incomplete applications: June 28, 2021
- Local appeal deadline: July 27, 2021
- Deadline to issue local appeal decisions: August 24, 2021

- State appeal deadline: September 22, 2021

### **New Schedule for Weekly Drive thru Grab & Go: Thursdays ONLY, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Come see us in the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab & Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll bring the food items right to your car. Masks and proper social distancing practices are always in place. This program is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging. Questions? Call Stacey at [508-862-4765](tel:508-862-4765).

### **Barnstable Connects Dementia-Friendly Programs**

The Barnstable Council on Aging invites caregivers and members of our community to join Barnstable Connects. Barnstable Connects is a dementia-friendly program that provides engaging programs for members of our community with memory impairments. The program focuses on keeping our bodies in motion, cognitive exercises and of course a little fun. Well-trained dementia friendly leaders lead the programs. The next session begins March 19. For more information, please contact Stacey Cullen at 508-862-4765 or email: [stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us)

### **Last weeks of Older Adult Hours at the Registry of Motor Vehicles**

If you need to conduct an RMV transaction, the South Yarmouth and Plymouth RMV centers have designated Wednesdays through **April 17** to serve customers aged 65 and older. A reservation is required. To view availability and make an appointment online, go to [www.Mass.Gov/RMV](http://www.Mass.Gov/RMV), and select "Make/Cancel a Reservation," and then "Senior Hours-All Transactions. You may also call the RMV at [857-368-8005](tel:857-368-8005).

### **Online Support Groups**

These groups are meeting online. To register or obtain more information please contact the numbers listed in the descriptions:

- Nathan's Circle, for adults who have experienced the loss of loved one to addiction.  
Sponsored by the Cape Cod *Neighborhood Support Coalition*  
*Contact: Kerry Bickford at [508-771-4336](tel:508-771-4336)/Online first and third Wednesdays.*
- Seasons of the Heart/Coping with Grief and Loss, Discussion on the nature of grief and bereavement. Presented by the VNA of CC  
*Contact: Rebecca Chesbro at [774-487-0786](tel:774-487-0786)/Online first & third Wednesdays, 2-3:30 pm*
- Cancer Caregivers Support Group/Cape Cod Healthcare  
*Contact: Judi Pregot at [508-862-5302](tel:508-862-5302)/Online third Thursdays, 2-3:30pm*
- Oral Head and Neck Cancer Support Group/Cape Cod Healthcare  
*Contact: Judi Pregot at [508-862-5302](tel:508-862-5302)/Online first Mondays, 2:00-3:30 PM*
- Transgender Social Support Group  
Open to trans, non-binary, questioning and other gender diverse-identified people ages 18 plus.  
*Contact: Ann at [aburke@fenwayhealth.org](mailto:aburke@fenwayhealth.org)/Online first and third Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00 PM.*

The **Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter** is sent weekly, and contains news, resources and information for the older adult community and their families. If you'd like to receive it, please email: [judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us). You may also want to "like" and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook page, where you'll find helpful updates and links as well as entertainment and resources to stay engaged and informed.

### **Our Village Libraries are more than just books.**

#### **Tomorrow - Choices & the Power of Possibilities**

April 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom

Authors Nicole Donovan (A Life Suspended) and J. M. Crawford (Choices) share their unique perspectives on building resilience in the face of adversity while raising their children with autism. This is



a free, Barnstable Libraries' collaborative program. For a Zoom link, please email [cyndycotton@clamsnet.org](mailto:cyndycotton@clamsnet.org).

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)

## Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions

Barnstable residents can find more information here: <https://www.vineyardwind.com/barnstable>.

A promotional poster for a Vineyard Wind Virtual Information Session. The background is a photograph of a beach with a lifeguard stand and the ocean under a cloudy sky. The left side of the poster has a dark blue diagonal overlay containing white and green text. The top left features the Vineyard Wind logo (a stylized green and white 'V') followed by 'VINEYARD WIND' in white. Below this is 'Virtual Information Session' in white and 'Paving the Way in Barnstable' in green. A green horizontal bar in the center contains the text 'RSVP Today: vineyardwind.com/barnstable' in white. In the bottom left, white text invites residents to join for a presentation and Q&A about offshore wind projects. In the bottom right, a white box contains the session dates and times in black text.

**VINEYARD WIND**

**Virtual Information Session**

*Paving the Way in Barnstable*

**RSVP Today: [vineyardwind.com/barnstable](https://www.vineyardwind.com/barnstable)**

Join us for a presentation and Q&A about Vineyard Wind's offshore wind projects and plans in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

**April 13 • 4:00pm**  
**May 19 • 5:00pm**  
**June 18 • 12:00pm**

## Tis the Season - for Hydrant Flushing!

Water main flushing is part of a preventive maintenance program being undertaken by the various Water Departments to ensure that water quality is not being compromised. Discoloration of the water may occur. This is an unavoidable effect of flushing, with an aesthetic value only, and is not considered a health hazard. The water should clear after a short period of time. Signs will be visible in flushing areas. Residents in these areas are advised to refrain from laundering between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM and to set water aside for drinking and cooking purposes. All village residents are advised to check water clarity before use, while this program is in operation, as water lines outside the flushing area could be affected.

**Check your District's website for notices.**

**Hyannis Water Supply** <https://town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/watersupply/>

**Barnstable Fire/Water District** <https://www.barnstablefiredistrict.com/>

**Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills (C.O.M.M.) Water Department** <http://www.commwater.com>

**Cotuit Water District** <https://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/>

## 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\* Pavement Milling & Overlay on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville & Barnstable, MA**

Pavement milling is scheduled to begin on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville and Barnstable on Monday, April 12, 2021. The work limits include the entire length of the roadway. Utility structure castings within the roadway will be raised above the milled pavement surface as a result of the milling operations so caution should be used when traveling on Huckins Neck Road during the week of April 12, 2021. Final pavement overlay will follow completion of the milling operations and any necessary adjustments to the utility structure castings. Paving is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 19, 2021, weather permitting. Disturbed areas along the road sides will then be restored. The Town's contractor for this project is MCE Dirtworks out of Eastham, MA. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Through traffic will be maintained as best possible throughout the milling operations. Any lane closures will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid delays due to the construction work.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills**

Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are tentatively planned to begin in early April 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.

### **\*UPDATED\* National Grid Service Road**

National Grid will be working on Service Road regrading of the area along Service Road used for tank storage. Following completion of that work, the roadway will be milled and re-paved up to the Sandwich/Barnstable Town Line. This work is anticipated to start on April 19<sup>th</sup>. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Service Road will remain open with one-lane of traffic. Police details/flaggers will be used as needed. Final re-paving of Service Road is anticipated to be completed in May 2021.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Drainage Improvements on Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills**

The Town's contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements at five (5) locations along Head of the Pond Rd and Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills, on April 5, 2021. 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. It is anticipated that work will take 3-weeks to complete. 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.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Three Bays BMP Construction - South County Road**

The Town of Barnstable, through the Coastal Pollutant Remediation Grant Program, is installing a new biofiltration swale along South County Rd to treat existing stormwater runoff before it enters in the nearby river. The project will continue through June 30, 2021. Traffic will remain open, however there will be periods where the road will be closed to one-lane of traffic in proximity to the project site. Work

will be performed from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Police details and signage will direct motorists around the construction crews. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the construction area, and follow posted safety signs.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Renovations to Oyster Harbor Bridge**

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 structural and safety repairs to the bridge, including replacement of steel stringers, replacement of abutment joints, repairs to columns supporting the bridge tender's house, and replacement of safety railings on the machine platform. 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. The project is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 2021. Once the lane closure begins, the draw-bridge will not be able to be opened for marine vessels passing under the bridge, until the completion of construction. Vessels that would require the draw bridge to be opened to pass under will need to seek an alternate route. Vessels that do not require the draw bridge to be opened will be able to continue to pass under the bridge. Marine vessels operating in the area should monitor the Notice to Mariners for updates and further detail relative to this project. 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.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Sewer Construction on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue**

Robert B. Our Co., Inc. will continue construction on a privately funded sewer extension on Hyannis Avenue and Marstons Avenue from 10 Hyannis Avenue to Nob Hill Road. The work will consist of the installation of approximately 1,250 feet of new sewers which, upon completion of the work, will become part of the municipal sewer system, and allow for adjacent properties to connect to the municipal sewer system. The disturbed roadways will be trench patched (temporary pavement) for the remainder of the winter. In the spring, the disturbed roadways will be milled and paved for the full road width. Weather pending, work began on December 21st and the work is anticipated to take six (6) weeks to complete. Work will be performed from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Temporary detours will be necessary during the work. Police details and signage will direct motorists around the construction crews. Drivers are advised to seek alternate routes. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the construction area, and follow posted safety signs.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Water Works Construction on Longview Drive in Centerville**

The water works construction project is ongoing on Longview Drive in Hyannis. This project will install approximately 500 feet of 8 inch water main and move the temporary interconnection with the COMM water system to a vacant lot on Longview Drive. The metal container will be enclosed in a building appropriate for the neighborhood. Normal works hours will be between 8:00 AM and 4:40 PM.

### **\*CONTINUES\* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road**

MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road are ongoing and will continue through to July 2021. Night work was scheduled for one night on Thursday, April 8 from 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM to complete a new drainage connection. The road has been redesigned to include exclusive left turn lanes and improve bicycle and pedestrian accommodation as part of the proposed safety improvement work. The work to be done consists of

furnishing and installing of new traffic signal equipment at the intersection including emergency vehicle pre-emption system, bicycle and vehicles loop detectors, construction of ADA compliant wheelchair ramps, sidewalks, and driveways, box widening, pavement milling and resurfacing, new pavement markings and signs, drainage improvements, water distribution modifications, existing utility pole relocations, installation of granite curbing, loam and seeding. Work will be performed during the day, Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devices for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/ flaggers will be used as needed. Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Bumps River Bridge Repairs on South Main Street in Centerville/Main Street in Osterville**

Work on the bridge is scheduled to continue through mid-May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work will include improving riprap at bridge abutments, bridge deck repairs, improving endblocks and guardrail connections, and concrete repairs. The contractor is expected to deploy their construction craft from McCarthy's Landing (aka Hayward Landing) at 40 Hayward Road in Centerville. This may create brief delays for other users when the contractor is using the landing. The ramp will still be available for public access. The contractor is responsible for maintaining small vessel navigational access under the bridge at all times during construction. Mariners are urged to use caution and go slow when approaching and moving through the work area. Divers may be in the water at times during construction operations. Mariners are required to maintain proper distance from Dive and Alpha flags based on Maritime law. The bridge will remain open to traffic throughout construction. During this work there will be temporary single-lane closures with signs and police officers to direct traffic past the work zone.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Sidewalk, Traffic Signal, Water Distribution, and Associated Improvements on Independence Drive in Hyannis and Barnstable Village, and on Portions of Mary Dunn Road, Kidd's Hill Road, and Attucks Lane in Barnstable Village**

Construction is scheduled to end in May 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will include a new sidewalk and additional drainage systems the full length of Independence Drive, on Mary Dunn Road a short distance south of Independence Drive, on Kidd's Hill Road from Independence Drive to Merchants Way, and on Attucks Lane from Independence Drive to Wilkens Lane. The work will also include a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Attucks Lane & Wilkens Lane; a watermain extension on portions of Attucks Lane and Independence Drive; and additional street lights on portions of Independence Drive and Kidd's Hill Road. During active construction there will be lane closures with signs, cones/construction barrels, and police details or flaggers if necessary to direct traffic past the work zones.

### **\*CONTINUES\* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village**

Construction is scheduled to continue into spring 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals in a few locations (by utility companies); constructing a sidewalk from Main Street to the County Complex parking lot east end; installing street lights; refurbishing traffic signals; and other associated



work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

## Are You on the Town's Emergency Notification System?

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system has been used to provide information during the ongoing COVID-19 event and for the recent COMM Water District issue. Did you know that only landlines are part of the federal and state Reverse 911 system and you must register cell phones which are not public records? Make sure you are on our list. Sign up [here](#) today. **What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?** CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Barnstable residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town. Only authorized officials are allowed access to use the system. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed [here](#). Be sure to take a moment to learn more about this important notification system.

## Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Public access to Town Hall Offices and 200 Main Street is now by appointment only. Information on how you can work remotely with Town Offices is available on the Town of Barnstable's website ([www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)) and [www.BarnstableHealth.com](http://www.BarnstableHealth.com). Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

### TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

The Treasurer/Collector's Office will be accepting payments either through mail or payments may be placed in the drop box located outside Town Hall next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. **No cash is to be mailed or left in the drop box.**

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for lien parcels that are in Tax Title may be mailed to:

Town of Barnstable, Treasurer's Office, 230 South Street, Hyannis, MA 02601

Tax Collector's Office is open to the public by appointment only. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) to make an appointment or for any questions regarding real estate and personal property taxes, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer utility bill payments. Payment options for Treasurer/Collector's office:

- Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601
- Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online
- Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall, or by appointment.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box.

The third and fourth quarter real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The third quarter was due on February 1, 2021 and the fourth quarter is due on May 3, 2021.

### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

A drop off location has been established to the right of the front door at 367 Main Street.

Abatement Applications

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

#### Property Information

Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to [assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us) or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

All other forms are available at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

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#### TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A drop off location for paper applications has been established to the left of the front door at 367 Main Street. If your request does not need immediate attention, please use the drop off location for nomination papers, birth, death, and marriage certificates established in the front vestibule at 367 Main Street. Please submit your request in the lock box and call us on 508-862-4044.

**Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff** If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call 508-862-4044. Appointments will not be made with any person experiencing cough, fever, or shortness of breath; anyone tested positive for COVID-19; anyone who has been exposed to a tested positive COVID-19 case; or anyone directed to self-quarantine. Staff will ask you to confirm you do not meet any of these criteria upon making the appointment and upon arrival at the appointment.

#### 200 MAIN STREET

##### **Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications**

- Include a contact name, and telephone number and/or e-mail address.
- DO NOT submit payment with the application. It will be collected at a later time.
- There will be a minimum 48 hour delay between the time an application is dropped off and when it is officially received.
- A staff member will contact you to confirm receipt of the application and with comments and/or instructions and to arrange payment of fees.

##### **Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff**

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##### **Doing Business with Planning & Development During COVID-19**

#### **The Last Word:**

**Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.**

**– Laura Ingalls Wilder**

**Thank you for receiving and reading e-news each week!**





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**BARNSTABLE, MANTENHA-SE SEGURO**  
**PROTEJA-SE BARNSTABLE**



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**USE MASCARILLA**  
**USE UMA MÁSCARA**



**WASH YOUR HANDS**  
**LÁVESE LAS MANOS**  
**LAVE AS MÃOS**



**WATCH YOUR DISTANCE**  
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