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#### **Isaac Reyes Receives HERO Award**

On Wednesday, April 14, 2021 Town Council President Matthew Levesque fist bumps Isaac Reyes during a celebration of Isaac's heroic efforts. State Representative Kip Diggs, Ptl. Brian Morrison, along with members of the Barnstable Police Department and Hyannis Fire Department were also on hand.

Isaac's story: On the afternoon of March 30, 2021, 6-year old Isaac witnessed his mother Tatyana Reyes become unresponsive. At the time, only Isaac and his mother were home. Isaac was very brave and quickly called 911 and patiently waited for the police and EMT's to arrive. While waiting Isaac kept his mother breathing by calmly speaking to her and also pressing on her chest as if conducting CPR. Shortly after calling 911, Isaac's father arrived home along with EMT's and police officers. His mother Tatyana stated, "My son had kept me breathing by frequently laying on me and telling me to stay awake. He even got me water and tried his best to keep me awake. I truly believe that is why I'm still here." She added, "In my eyes, he's my Hero."

**NOTE:** The Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District will be hosting a Superpowers Stroll on Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 12 NOON to 3:00 PM on Main Street Hyannis.

You can find more information at www.hyannismainstreet.com

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## Stay Informed with <a href="https://www.BarnstableHealth.com">www.BarnstableHealth.com</a>

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (<u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>) 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 <u>www.barnstablehealth.com</u>.

#### **Town Council Meeting – April 15, 2021**

The April 15, 2021 Barnstable Town Council Meeting was physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. The public was able to view through Live Streaming on the Town of Barnstable's website or Comcast Channel 18. Agenda Chaptering is not currently available for this meeting.

Town Council President Matthew Levesque began last night's Town Council Meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Levesque offered a Moment of Silence for Town of Barnstable residents Marcia Morin and Ned Semprini who recently passed. Next up was a robust Public Comment. President Levesque invited Town Manager Mark Ells to respond to Public Comment which was followed by Council response to Public Comment. Department of Public Works Director Dan Santos presented an Update on Wastewater Efforts in the Town of Barnstable. NEW BUSINESS was taken out of order with Barnstable Police Chief Matthew Sonnabend presenting Agenda Items 2021-136 Transfer request in the amount of \$49,235 from the Police Department Fiscal Year 2021 Personnel Budget to the Police Department Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Expense Budget for the purpose of funding contracted Information Technology (IT) Services and 2021-137 Authorization to expend a Fiscal Year 2021 Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) Grant in the amount of \$5,000, which will be used to assist in funding expenses associated with the Barnstable Youth Commission's Substance Abuse Prevention Forum in October 2021 which were approved. Finance Director Mark Milne presented Agenda Item 2021-138 Extension of \$843,612.66 in unencumbered Capital Appropriations which was approved. Agenda Item 2021-139 Order Amending Chapter 184 Sewers and Water of the General Ordinances was referred to a Public Hearing on May 20, 2021. Agenda Item 2021-140 Authorization of a Housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption Agreement between the Town of Barnstable and Standard Holdings, LLC for 43 new market rate residential units located at 850 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA was referred to Second Reading on May 6, 2021. OLD BUSINESS had DPW Director Dan Santos presenting Agenda Items 2021-106 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$1,644,600 for the purpose of funding the Hyannis Youth & Community Center Facility Improvements Project as outlined in the in the Fiscal Year 2022 Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-107 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$155,000 for the purpose of funding the Town Recreation Field Improvements Bay Lane Ballfields Project as outlined in the in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-108 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$3,650,000 for the purpose of funding the Public Roads Maintenance Project as outlined in the in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-109 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$165,000 for the purpose of funding the Monitoring and Management Plan Report -Freshwater Ponds Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 – Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-110 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$325,000 for the purpose of funding the Stormwater Improvements at Ponds Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-111 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of funding the Public Bridge Maintenance and Repairs Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 – Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-112 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$615,250 for the purpose of funding the Emergency Generator Implementation Plan Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-113 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$995,096 for the purpose of funding the Marstons Mills Elementary School Demolition Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 – Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-114 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$1,908,596 for the purpose of funding the Town Hall Mechanical Improvements Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-115 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$245,000 for the purpose of funding the Culvert Improvements Project outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital

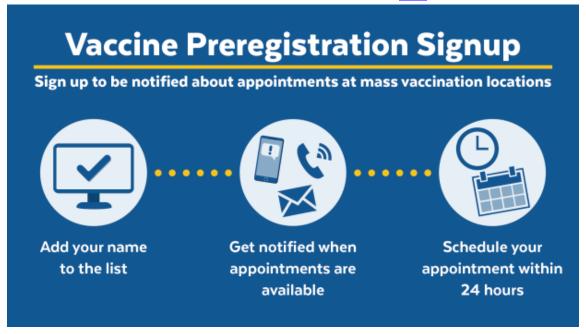
Improvement Plan; 2021-116 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of funding the Sidewalks on Ocean Street from Snow's Creek to Gosnold Street Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-117 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of funding the Kalmus Beach Parking Lot Entrance Design Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-118 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$210,000 for the purpose of funding the Roll off Truck Replacement Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-119 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$1,050,000 for the purpose of funding the Pipe Replacement and Upgrade Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; and 2021-121 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of funding the Wells, Pump Stations, Treatment Plant Repair & Upgrade Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan which were approved. Town Manager Mark Ells requested that Agenda Item Agenda Item 2021-122 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of funding the Maher Filtration Plant, Solar Panels, Design and Construction Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan be withdrawn and the Council voted to approve the withdrawal. DPW Director Santos continued with Agenda Items 2021-123 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of funding the Water Pollution Control Facility Study Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 021-124 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$2,100,000 for the purpose of funding the Pump Station Rehabilitation Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-125 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of \$365,000 for the purpose of funding the 720 Main Street Pump Station Replacement Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 -Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-126 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$600,000 for the purpose of funding the Vacuum Truck Replacement Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022- Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-127 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding the Water Pollution Control Facility Security System Upgrade Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; 2021-128 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$65,000 for the purpose of funding the Vehicle Replacement Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 – Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan; and 2021-129 Appropriation Order in the amount of \$85,000 for the purpose of funding the Water Pollution Control Facility Heating Ventilation and Cooling Improvements Project as outlined in the Fiscal Year 2022 - Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan which were approved. There will be a Special Town Council Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2021 which will begin at 6:00 PM. The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Remote Participation Instructions will be available on the meeting Agenda and on the Town of Barnstable's website (www.townofbarnstable.us).



#### Preregister for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment

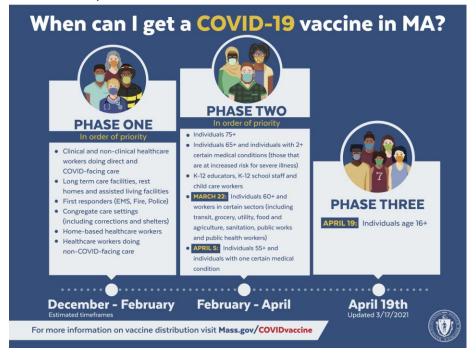
Sign up to be notified when it's your turn to schedule an appointment at a mass vaccination location. (Dartmouth, Gillette, Fenway) Eligible people who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can preregister now, for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at a mass vaccination location.

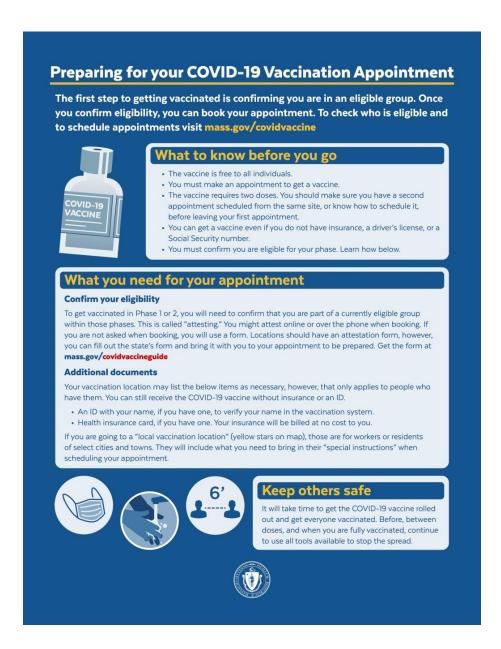
LEARN MORE ABOUT PREREGISTRATION here.



#### **Massachusetts COVID Vaccination Plan**

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 Effective April 19<sup>th</sup> all individuals age 16+ are eligible. As of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations.





#### 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 <a href="here">here</a>. For additional information on vaccine and testing, follow the <a href="here">Town of Barnstable's Facebook page</a>.

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

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency is a great resource for COVID-19 testing locations with its <u>COVID-19 Test Site Locator</u>. 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.

## **Cape Cod Chamber Policy Pod Features Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne**

The Town of Barnstable has embarked on an ambitious and critical plan to ensure clean water for the community's future. On the most recent episode of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce's Policy Pod, host Matt Pitta and Chamber President and CEO Wendy Kittredge Northcross interviewed Town Manager Mark Ells and Finance Director Mark Milne to take an in-depth look at one of the most pressing issues facing all Cape Cod communities -- our future wastewater needs and treatment options. You can listen to the podcast <a href="https://example.com/here/back-needs/

#### **Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Awards First Round of Grants**

Funding will support water quality projects in many Cape Cod towns

The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board voted April 14, 2021 to award the first set of subsidies, totaling \$71,307,259, to qualified and eligible water quality projects in several Cape Cod towns. Projects eligible for funding include innovative strategies and alternative septic system technologies, water quality and wastewater management planning, the construction of sewer collection systems and wastewater treatment plants, and the implementation of drainage improvements and water treatment programs to improve water quality in freshwater ponds and marine resources. Member communities must go through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, or SRF, program and be consistent with the Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) to receive funds. The Management Board voted to make final commitments to fund qualified projects listed on the 2018 and 2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans, in the amount of \$23,945,981. Projects in Chatham, Harwich, Bourne, and Orleans will receive funding. The Management Board voted to make contingent commitments for 25% subsidies totaling an estimated \$30,888,710 to fund qualified project listed on the 2020 and 2021 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan which do not yet have executed Project Regulatory Agreements (PRAs). Final subsidy amounts and commitments to the towns of Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, and Chatham will be determined upon execution of the PRA. The Management Board also voted to award grants to qualified and eligible town projects for pre-existing debt in the towns of Barnstable, Chatham, Falmouth, and Provincetown, totaling \$16,472,568. A full list of awards can be found at: www.capecodcommission.org/our-work/cape-cod-and-islands-waterprotection-fund. "The Water Protection Fund is an extremely impressive public policy response to a very real problem," Sandwich Town Manager and Board Chair George "Bud" Dunham said. "Many people other than all of us on the Board worked for a really long time to get us to this point, so it's a nice reward to actually start appropriating some money." "Through collaboration and a commitment to the environmental stewardship of this special peninsula, we're finally seeing real dollars arrive on Cape Cod to solve the region's \$4 billion wastewater problem," said State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro). "I was proud to help author the law establishing the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund, and I'm now heartened to see these first grants awarded. When I'm asked how I maintain a sense of optimism about the political process and community involvement, I will point to the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund." "It is so terrific to see this initial distribution from the Water Protection Fund!" said State **Representative Sarah Peake** (D-4<sup>th</sup> Barnstable). "It's not often as a legislator that one sees positive results as quickly as was done here. All Cape Codders and the Cape Cod environment will be the true beneficiaries of this." "The concept of a Cape-wide funding source to help drive implementation of critical water quality projects was embedded in the 208 Plan," said Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Kristy Senatori. "We are pleased to see off-Cape resources shared among the region and these important projects moving ahead with the funding they need to succeed." The Cape Cod Commission

will now work with the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust on administration of subsidy awards and disbursement of funds to towns.

#### **About the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund**

The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (CCIWPF) was established by the Massachusetts Legislature in 2018 to help the Cape Cod and the Islands pay for necessary wastewater infrastructure and water quality remediation projects. Creation of the CCIWPF was the result of efforts by a diverse set of stakeholders, including the Cape and Islands Legislative Delegation, local officials, environmental groups, business leaders, and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, who recognized the need for new financial tools to address the region's degrading water quality and lack of wastewater infrastructure. The CCIWPF is a dedicated fund within the state's Clean Water Trust, set up solely to benefit communities in Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Counties. Its source of revenue is a 2.75% excise tax on traditional lodging and short-term rentals. The fund is administered by the existing Clean Water Trust and overseen by a management board comprised of representation from every member town from the region.

#### Free Recycling Program for Boat Shrink Wrap to Begin April 16th

Boats on trailers wrapped in plastic is a common sight on Cape Cod in the off-season. But what happens to all that shrink wrapped plastic when it comes off the boats in the spring? Too often it ends up in the landfill. To reduce the amount of plastic waste entering our environment, the Woods Hole Sea Grant program, in collaboration with the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension, is conducting a free shrink wrap recycling program across Cape Cod from April 16 through June 30, 2021. "The best way to help keep plastic out of the marine environment is to choose reusable boat covers or reuse your shrink wrap for two to three years," said Sea Grant Director Matt Charette, a senior scientist at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. "After that, recycling shrink wrap is the responsible thing to do. By recycling, it can be re-used in a variety of products, like decking material and outdoor furniture -- a real win-win proposition." This year's program features six drop off locations across the Cape. The towns of Bourne, Chatham, Dennis, Eastham and Wellfleet are hosting recycling containers at their transfer stations, where boaters can bring their clean, bundled shrink wrap. Residents of Falmouth may also recycle their shrink wrap at MacDougall's boatyard on specified dates and hours. The program requires recyclers to ensure the boat shrink wrap is clean and free of ropes, vents, strapping and any other non-shrink wrap material. Instructions on how to prepare shrink wrap for recycling can be found on the Woods Hole Sea Grant web site (http://seagrant.whoi.edu).

#### **Collection Locations:**

#### **Bourne ISWM**

Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM-3:00 PM; Saturday 7:00 AM-12:00 PM 201 MacArthur Blvd., Bourne, MA 02532

#### **Chatham Transfer Station**

Thursday-Tuesday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM 97 Sam Ryder Road, Chatham, MA 02633

#### **Dennis Transfer Station**

Wednesday-Sunday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM 100 Theophilus F. Smith Road, Dennis, MA 02660

#### **Eastham Transfer Station**

Saturday- Wednesday, 7:30 AM-3:30 PM 555 Old Orchard Road, Eastham, MA 02642

Wellfleet Transfer Station/Recycling Center

Friday-Tuesday, 8:00 AM–3:30 PM 370 Coles Neck Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667

"Dump stickers" are not required to access the shrink wrap recycling containers.

Visit the Woods Hole Sea Grant web site for more information <a href="https://seagrant.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/">https://seagrant.whoi.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/</a>.

This program is funded by a grant from the NOAA Marine Debris Program and the National Sea Grant Program.

#### **Barnstable Youth Commission Shines Light on Important Subjects This Week**

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, was an active and successful day for the Barnstable Youth Commission, with Commission members facilitating a "One Love" workshop at St. John Paul II High School to teach the Junior class about healthy relationship behaviors and how to recognize healthy and unhealthy relationships. They also discussed how to help a friend if they see the friend is in an unhealthy relationship, how to break up with someone, and provided outreach resources that are available for students. Afterwards, Commission members joined Town Manager Mark Ells to participate in a "Let's Talk about PFAS: Don't Need It, Don't Use It" presentation through the University of Rhode Island's STEEP Superfund Research Program Center. We are extremely proud of the Youth Commission for their community activism and engagement on these important topics.

## 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/3cQ6a2t">https://bit.ly/3cQ6a2t</a>. 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..

Businesses that hire applicants at ages 14-17 and are interested in

participating should sign up at https://bit.ly/3vbUnTq



Pictured: 2020 Barnstable Youth Commissioners- Lily Beal, Morgan Contrino, Alexandra Stampfl, Lucas McCauley, Connor Levesque, Jenna Schmidt, Luc-Andre Sader, Nina Barrette, and Piper Hunt) at last year's Job Fair.

#### Looking for a Job? The Town of Barnstable is a Great Place to Work.

To see what positions are currently available, click <a href="here">here</a>. Apply online by clicking on the job title you are interested in and click the "Apply" link. If this is the first time you are applying using the online job application, you need to create an account and select a username and password. After your account has been established, you can build an application by clicking on the "Build Job Application" link. This application can be saved and used to apply for more than one job opening.

#### **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

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

#### Comments Accepted through May 14, 2021

The draft One Year Annual Action Plan for 2021 program year and the Citizen Participation Plan will be available <u>April 14, 2021</u> on the Town website: <u>www.townofbarnstable.us/CDBG</u> 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 <a href="mailto:elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us">elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</a> with "CDBG Comments" in the subject line. Comments will be accepted through <a href="May 14, 2021">May 14, 2021</a> 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, <a href="mailto:elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us">elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us</a> 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.

#### **New Osprey Pole in Craigville**

There is a new osprey pole in the marsh off Craigville Beach Lane just in time for the nesting season. A pair of osprey have been looking for a place to build their nest in Centerville River marshes for the last two years so Dick Delaney of the Red Lily Pond Association approached the town and offered his assistance. Dick and a crew from Barnstable Natural Resources and Mass Audubon erected a new osprey pole which included a nesting platform with sticks and bedding debris tied on with string in order to give the birds a head start for the season on Thursday, April 15th. Osprey is a hawk, also referred to as a harbor hawk and/or sea hawk. They first breed between 3 and 4 years and live about 8 years in the wild. A typical clutch is 3 eggs which require 38 days of incubation. Once hatched chicks take 51-54 days to fledge. Nests are built upon year after year and can reach ten feet in height in some areas. Interesting facts: osprey can dive about 3 feet into the water and have a second toe that can reach behind their foot allowing 360 degrees of grab on a prey item. They use these talons to orient their prey so it is facing forward in flight. *Pictured below: Barnstable Natural Resource Officer Chris Nappi, Barnstable Senior Natural Resource Officer Amy Croteau; Barnstable Animal Control Officer Charlie Lewis; Mass Audubon's Chris Walz; and Dick Delaney of the Red Lily Pond Association.* 



## 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: <u>Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>. The winner will be chosen April 30th!

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



#### First Responder Exercise in Osterville





Marine & Environmental Affairs Department Staff along with the Centerville-Osterville-Marstons Mills Fire Department, MASS Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Moran Environmental Recovery, and Nuka Research and Planning, participated in a First Responder Exercise on how to deal with a discharge of oil that threatens vital areas of West Bay in Osterville.

**Objective 1:** Demonstrate the ability to deploy oil spill equipment from one or more MassDEP pre-positioned oil spill response trailers utilizing common Geographic Response Strategy (GRS) tactics.

**Objective 2:** Demonstrate the ability to assemble a spill response organization utilizing Incident Command System (ICS) principles through development and execution of an Incident Briefing (ICS 201) and implementation of on-site incident management and tactical operations.

**Objective 3:** Demonstrate the ability to effectively communicate between multiple local, state, and federal agencies including fire departments, police departments, harbormasters, and other state and federal first responders using UHF and/or VHF communications.

#### A Sure Sign of Spring – Docks Installed at Barnstable Harbor

Crews from the Department of Public Works Structures & Grounds and Highway Divisions and the Marine & Environmental Affairs Department worked to install the docks at Barnstable Harbor on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Here are a few pictures of their handywork.





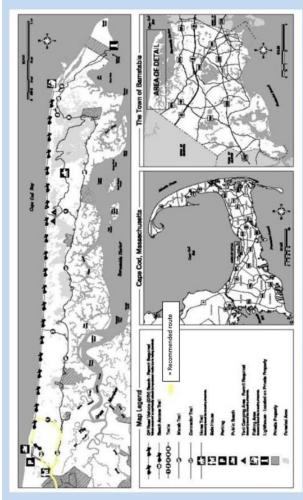


#### Sandy Neck Walking Trails – the perfect School Vacation Week Activity

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/



## 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!



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

The <u>Cape Cod Medical Reserve Corps' Delivery Service</u> 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 <a href="here">here</a>. 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: <a href="mailto:barnstablecountyhealth.org">barnstablecountyhealth.org</a>. If you have questions or concerns, please email <a href="mailto:COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org">COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org</a>.

#### **Drive-Thru Food Distribution Moves to Barnstable High School Parking Lot**

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape. USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Distribution is moving to Barnstable High's Parking Lot, 744 West Main Street, Hyannis beginning, Saturday April 17. **NEW TIME - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**.PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

\*\*\*\*Click here for directions. \*\*\*\*\*

- April 17 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Click Here to Register.
- April 24 9:00 AM 11:00 AM <u>Click Here to Register</u>.
- May 1 9:00 AM 11:00 AM Click Here to Register.

## Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students For most up-to-date information, please go <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **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 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*. You may also call 508-862-4024 and leave your name and phone number.

#### Need help with prescription drug costs? Prescription Advantage may be your answer!

By now, many individuals have reached or are getting close to the gap or "donut hole" with your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). In 2021, you will reach the Medicare Part D gap when the negotiated retail cost of your medications add up to the \$4,130 threshold. Once in the gap, you become responsible for 25% of the negotiated retail cost for both brand name and generic medications. This may be a more costly out-of-pocket change. Prescription Advantage, which is a state-run program, can assist you in this gap and/or put a cap on your out-of-pocket cost for medications. Eligibility is based on *income only* and there is *no asset limit*. If you are a Massachusetts resident and eligible for Medicare, the income limits are:

Age 65 or over- \$64,400 or less for a single person or \$87,100 or less for a married couple.

• Under age 65 and disabled- \$24,214 or less for a single person or \$32,750 or less for a married couple.

There is no charge for joining Prescription Advantage if you have an annual income at or less than \$38,640 for a single person or \$52,260 for a married couple. However, there is a \$200 per person annual enrollment fee for those with higher incomes. If you are a member of Prescription Advantage, you are also allowed to change your prescription plan one time outside of the Medicare Open Enrollment. You may also join if you are 65 years or older and not eligible for Medicare. If you are not eligible for Medicare, Prescription Advantage will be your primary prescription drug plan. There is no income limit. Medicare also has a program, called "Extra Help," which can assist with the cost of your Medicare Part D plan's premium, deductible and co-pays. Please call 508-862-4757 to make an appointment with a SHINE counselor for more information on these programs or assistance with any Medicare issue. Trained SHINE volunteers offer free, confidential counseling on all aspects of Medicare and related health insurance programs.

#### **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, though 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

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. 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.

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)

#### **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 <a href="https://town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/watersupply/">https://town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/watersupply/</a>

Barnstable Fire/Water District https://www.barnstablefiredistrict.com/

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

Cotuit Water District <a href="https://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/">https://www.cotuitfiredistrict.org/waterdepartment/</a>

#### **Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions**

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



#### Sagamore Bridge Repair Work Underway

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 <a href="http://www.nae.usace.army.mil">http://www.nae.usace.army.mil</a>, or follow us on Facebook <a href="http://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland">http://www.facebook.com/CorpsNewEngland</a> and Twitter <a href="http://twitter.com/CorpsNewEngland">http://twitter.com/CorpsNewEngland</a>.

#### **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\* National Grid Gas Pipe Installation, Anchor Lane

National Grid, through their contractor Fraser Engineering, is planning on replacing the Anchor Lane Regulator Station, which will include removal of the existing regulator station and installation of a prefabricated 3 layer regulator station, and new gas lines that will tie into the existing 10" gas main located along the Route 28 roadway shoulder. Work will take place on the corner of Anchor Lane and Falmouth Rd (Route 28) in Cotuit. Construction is expected to begin on **April 19, 2021** and anticipated to last to **September 1, 2021**. Weather pending, construction will be on-going, Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM until completion of this phase of the project. It is anticipated that there will be at least one night work operation in early May, with a date to be determined. Portion of Anchor Lane travel lanes will be restricted, and work on Falmouth Road will include temporary lane closures, which will be controlled by police details.

#### \*CONTINUES\* Rendezvous Lane Wastewater Pump Station Replacement Project

The Town of Barnstable's contractor, Robert B. Our Co., Inc. is under contract to complete a wastewater pump station replacement project at the intersection of Rendezvous Lane, Kent Road and Salten Point Road. The project involves a new below grade precast concrete wet well and valve vault, pumping system, control panel, standby generator and gravity sewer main to replace the existing wastewater pump station at the Town Right of Way to Barnstable Harbor at the end of Rendezvous Lane. The improvements are necessary to replace the existing pump station approaching the end of its intended service life and to relocate the new pump station above the FEMA base flood elevation. Typical work hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with groundwater dewatering pumps and sewer bypass pumps occasionally requiring 24/7 operation. Rendezvous Lane at the southern intersection of Salten Point Road to the northern intersection of Salten Point Road will remain closed due to construction activities until May 28, 2021. The Town Way to Water will remain accessible via Kent Road to Salten Point Road for the duration of the project, unless otherwise noted.

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

Drainage and pavement improvements on Wheeler Road in Marstons Mills are currently scheduled to begin the week of April 19, 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 continuing work on Service Road starting April 20<sup>th</sup>. The work includes milling and re-paving up to the Sandwich/Barnstable Town Line. 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.

## \*UPDATED\* Drainage & Pavement Improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville/Barnstable Village

Milling of the existing pavement on Huckins Neck Road is now complete. Final adjustment of utility structure castings will be ongoing from April 15-20, 2021. The roadway will be overlaid with new pavement following the structure adjustments, tentatively planned for April 21-23, 2021. Driveway apron installations and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction will be performed

following the roadway paving. Please use alternate routes when possible to avoid delays during the remainder of the project.

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

The Towns contractor, Tasco Construction, will continue drainage improvements at five (5) locations along Head of the Pond Rd and Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills. 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.

# \*UPDATED\* 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. 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 <a href="https://www.mass511.com">www.mass511.com</a>, 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 <a href="here">here</a> 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 (<a href="www.townofbarnstable.us">www.townofbarnstable.us</a>) and <a href="www.barnstableHealth.com">www.BarnstableHealth.com</a>. 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 liened 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 <a href="mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us">taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us</a> 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 <a href="mailto:assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us">assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us</a> or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

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

#### **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.

<u>Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff</u> 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**

If you would like to make an appointment with a staff member, please call or e-mail the contact listed. 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.

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

#### The Last Word:

An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.

- Henry David Thoreau

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















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