



Sunrise over Sandy Neck on Thursday, August 6, 2020

photo courtesy of Donna Bragg, Sandy Neck Beach Park Operations Manager

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August 7, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

Beach Water Quality Updates can be found on the [Town of Barnstable's website](#).

Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (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.

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. [Mr. Ells' latest Community Update](#) talks about the guidance issued about gatherings (see letter below) and the latest update to the Governor's Travel Advisory for people visiting Massachusetts from other states (see more information below) and reminds residents who are traveling out of state to check with their destination for any travel advisories there. Mr. Ells also addresses behavior on our beaches that has resulted in loss of

beach privileges. This week's update includes a new Barnstable Public Schools Reopening Update from Dr. Meg Mayo-Brown, Barnstable Public Schools Superintendent. This information was one of the subjects of this week's School Committee Meeting (see summary of School Committee meeting below). You are encouraged to visit the state's website for more information regarding [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#). Our own personal responsibility will keep us all safe during this time. The Town of Barnstable continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).



August 1, 2020

Dear Local Leaders/Superintendents/Local Boards of Health -

The Commonwealth has issued guidance around holding large gatherings and graduation ceremonies to allow people to celebrate special occasions in a responsible way. We know that this time of year is usually filled with celebrations and we are grateful for the many residents of the Commonwealth who have followed the guidance to keep people safe; however, we are increasingly hearing disturbing reports of large gatherings, including high school graduation events, where individuals are not wearing a face covering or social distancing.

This behavior can dramatically accelerate the spread of COVID-19.

The Commonwealth's current guidance limits indoor gatherings to no more than 25 people and outdoor gatherings to 100 people. Graduation ceremonies can also be held under specific [guidelines](#) issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Please take this opportunity to remind your residents, families and students of these guidelines.

The residents of the Commonwealth have worked hard over the last few months to bring down the number of positive cases and slow the spread of the virus. That progress cannot be lost because of the actions of a few, and everyone needs to do their part to protect to protect their families, their friends, their neighbors and their communities.

We thank you all for your attention to this matter and ongoing collaboration in keeping our communities safe during this time.

Sincerely,

Marylou Sudders, Secretary of Health and Human Services and COVID-19 Command Center Director
James Peyser, Secretary of Education
Jeffrey C. Riley, Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Dr. Monica Bharel, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health

Quarantine Definition for Massachusetts Travel Advisory

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#how-to-quarantine->

Travel Order Update: Effective Friday, August 7, Rhode Island is no longer listed as a lower-risk state.

- Travelers, along with their travel party, must separate from all other people for 14 days.
- Travelers must not be in public or otherwise leave the identified quarters.
- The living quarters must have a separate bathroom facility for each individual or family group. Access to a sink with soap, water, and paper towels is necessary. Cleaning supplies (e.g. household cleaning wipes, bleach) must be available in the bathroom.
- Travelers must have a way to self-quarantine from other household members if a fever or other symptoms develop, in a separate room(s) with a door.
- During the quarantine period, no one else should be in the living quarters other than those in the Travel Party, including hotel staff or delivery persons, as applicable.
- Food must be delivered to the living quarters.
- Travelers must have a sufficient supply of face masks or face coverings to wear and must be compliant with the Massachusetts' masking order <https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>.
- Travelers are not to leave their living quarters except to receive urgent medical care.

- Travelers should engage in proper hygiene including washing hands frequently using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol may be used.
- Travelers should remain aware of potential COVID like symptoms including: fever (temperature over 100.0 degrees); cough; difficulty breathing; shortness of breath; chills; muscle or body aches; runny nose or nasal congestion; new loss of taste or smell; headache; nausea; vomiting or diarrhea. Travelers with any of these symptoms should immediately contact a healthcare provider.
- If no one in the Travel Party develops symptoms, then the travel party may continue with their normal activities after 14 days.

School Committee – Wednesday, August 5, 2020

The School Committee met in person in the Barnstable High School Library on Wednesday, August 5th. Highlights from the meeting included:

- The Committee voted to retire the Red Raider mascot at Barnstable High School. One of the Community Engagement Subcommittee's new functions will be to gather student, parent, and community input on a new mascot.
- The Superintendent presented her Barnstable Public Schools Reopening Plan to the Committee. The plan included safety protocols, school calendar, three learning models, sample schedules, transportation, and technology.
- The Committee approved a new 2020-2021 school calendar. The first day of school will be September 16th and will begin with remote learning. In person learning will begin on September 28th.
- The School Committee approved their Goals.

For more information on the Reopening Plan and School Calendar, please visit www.barnstable.k12.ma.us.

Nomination Papers for Precinct 4 Town Council Seat are Available at the Town Clerk's Office

Nomination papers for Precinct 4 Town Council seat are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 508-862-4049 to make an appointment to pick up the papers. Nomination papers are due back in the Town Clerk's Office for certification by September 18, 2020.

Early Voting in Person

Early Voting in person will be available for the fall 2020 elections. An application is not required to vote early in person...just show up and vote!

State Primary Election Early Voting in Person

Period: Saturday, August 22- Friday, August 28, 2020

Location: Barnstable Adult Community Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Day	Date	Hours
Saturday	8/22	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday	8/23	8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday	8/24	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	8/25	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8/26	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday	8/27	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday	8/28	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

New Law Allows for Voting By Mail

If you're applying for a State Primary ballot, this application must arrive at the Barnstable Town Clerk's Office by Wednesday, August 26, however, the earlier the better!

Fall 2020 Elections – Voter Options Guide

On July 6th the Governor signed new legislation - An Act relative to voting options in response to COVID. This legislation outlines 3 options for voting in the fall 2020 elections -

[Vote by Mail](#), [Vote Early In Person](#) or [Vote on Election Day](#)

ELECTION TYPE	DATE OF ELECTION	ELECTION DAY HOURS	DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE	VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE
State Primary Election	September 1, 2020	7 AM - 8 PM	August 22, 2020	August 26th - 5PM
Presidential Election	November 3, 2020	7 AM - 8 PM	October 24, 2020	October 28th - 5PM

SELECTION OF BALLOT TYPES - PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY

In a primary election, a voter who is NOT registered in a political party (Unenrolled or commonly known as Independent) must specify the party ballot type of choice on the application to vote by mail or in person voting (early or on election day). We are unable to process applications for Unenrolled / Independent voters who do not select a party ballot type on their application. Unenrolled / Independent voters who select a party ballot type do not become registered in that party - they remain Unenrolled / Independent voters. Voters who are registered in one of the 4 political parties (Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow, and Libertarian) MUST take that party ballot and are not given a choice of ballot. *The polls will be open as usual on September 1st. We will be taking all possible precautionary safety measures to ensure that elections workers and the voters will be in a safe environment to cast your ballot. We will have fewer voting booths set up six feet apart, so you may have to wait a little longer in line. We will change the flow of the polling location, enter in one door exit out a different door, if at all possible.*

Track My Ballot through the [Secretary of State's Website](#)

To find your 2020 mail-in ballot:

- Enter your name and the address at which you are qualified to vote.
- This address must be in a city or town in Massachusetts, and NOT your mailing address.
- If you live in a village, view list of [village names \(opens in new window or tab\)](#) to find the city or town name for your village.
- Data entered must match the data on your mail-in ballot application.
- Required fields are marked with an asterisk (*).

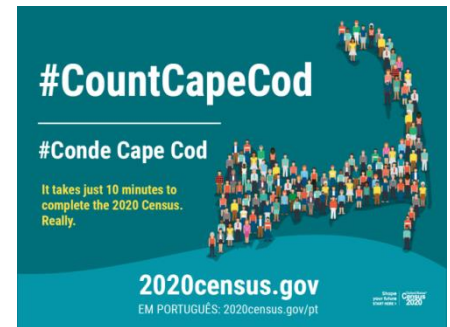
Make Your Voice Count in the 2020 Federal Census

It's Easy to Complete On-line, Just Click [Here](#)

Only 10 minutes of your time now has a great impact on the next 10 years!

The Census Bureau has abruptly decided to cut their national counting operations a month short. **The last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Federal Census is now September 30, formerly October 31.** This announcement further jeopardizes Congressional representation, redistricting, and critical federal funding for things like education, housing, food programs, and more in the Town of Barnstable during

the next 10 years. It could lead to a significant undercount. Only 54.4 percent of Barnstable's households have responded to date. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to my2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 63.1%. Massachusetts has a 65.2% self-response rate; Barnstable County 47.2%; and the Town of Barnstable 54.4%.**



Cape Cod Commission and Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Launch Second Survey of COVID-19 Business Impacts

Survey seeks to better understand the impacts of COVID-19 amid reopening

Building on an effort launched earlier this summer, the Cape Cod Commission and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce have issued a second online survey to Cape Cod business owners to understand the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The [initial survey responses](#) provide data to inform the region's economic recovery that can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports. This second survey aims to capture new data from businesses in an effort to dive deeper into the impacts of COVID-19 during Cape Cod's peak summer season. "For many of our small businesses, now is the time to bring in the revenue that will sustain them all year," said Wendy Northcross, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO. "Survey responses will show how the pandemic is impacting our businesses during this peak time and will help us refine a strategy for recovery." The survey again addresses businesses' operational and workforce impacts. Business owners are also asked to share information about resources they have leveraged or are still needed to aid in recovery efforts. "Data collected from our first survey laid the groundwork for strategic recovery," said Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Kristy Senatori. "This new data will provide critical information from businesses and organizations during our region's busy summer season." Responses are held confidentially and results reported out in aggregate. Business owners, including past survey participants, are encouraged to respond.

The Cape Cod Businesses: Economic Impacts of Covid-19 survey is available here: <https://cccom.link/ImpactSurveyAug2020>

The results of the first survey are posted here: <https://datacapecod.com/business-impact-survey>

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.

Massachusetts Residents Asked to Report Receipt of Any Unsolicited Packages of Seeds

Residents that receive or have received an unsolicited package of seeds should not plant the seeds and contact state plant regulatory officials.



**INVASIVE PLANT
ADVISORY
UNSOLICITED
SEED MAILINGS**

Massachusetts residents that receive or have received an unsolicited package of seeds should:

- ✓ Make sure seeds are not planted
- ✓ Report receipt of package to MDAR using online form
- ✓ Hold on to the seeds and all packaging, including mailing label

MDAR
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES



The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) has been notified that several Massachusetts residents have received unsolicited packages that appear to have originated in a foreign country and contain seeds. While the exact types of seeds in the packages are unknown, the seeds are thought to be invasive plant species, and not believed to be harmful to humans or pets but could pose a significant risk to agriculture or the environment. MDAR encourages Massachusetts residents that receive or have received an unsolicited package of seeds to not plant the seeds and immediately complete a [form](#) on MDAR's website to provide important information to state plant regulatory officials. Residents that receive a package should hold on to the seeds and all packaging, including the mailing label. A representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or MDAR will be in contact with instructions regarding the collection or disposal of the seeds. Invasive plant species can threaten the integrity of local ecosystems and displace native plants, including rare and endangered species. The most effective approach to mitigating the risk of invasive plant infestation is to take steps to ensure they are not planted. Unsolicited packages of seeds have been received by people in several other states across the United States over the last several days. On Tuesday, July 28, 2020, the U.S. Department of Agriculture issued a [press release](#) announcing that it is working with state plant regulatory officials to investigate the situation. The USDA urges anyone who receives an unsolicited package of seeds to immediately contact their state plant regulatory official or plant health director.



Barnstable Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust Announces New Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

The Barnstable Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust (the "Trust") is pleased to announce the issuance of a new Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), which is being funded by Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. The available funds are being offered for the creation, preservation, rehabilitation and support of affordable rental and homeownership housing. The Trust will entertain

qualified proposals on a rolling application basis beginning August 1, 2020. The Trust will evaluate the success of the program quarterly. The NOFA offers three categories of funding opportunities.

Predevelopment Activities:

Funds will be available for pre-development work to determine the viability of residential development on a particular site, whether the site is vacant or developed. Funds allocated for pre-development activities will be secured by a mortgage and promissory note. The project sponsor must have a demonstrated ability to develop a project of the type, size, and complexity proposed. The maximum funding per project for Predevelopment Activities shall be \$25,000 with total funds to be allocated \$150,000.

Development Activities:

Funds will be available to support gap funding, where there is a shortfall of private and public funding to support the development of affordable/community housing rental or homeownership units.

Development activities include land acquisition, new construction, redevelopment of existing structures or buildings, the conversion of market units to affordable housing units and may include mixed-use development opportunities. The potential funding per affordable unit for Development Activities may be up to \$100,000 based on the Trust's evaluation of the demonstrated need and the potential funding per community housing unit may be up to \$65,000 based upon the Trust's evaluation of the demonstrated need. Total potential maximum funding per project will be \$500,000 for a project which is affordable and \$260,000 for a community housing project. The specific amount to be awarded will depend on the Trust's evaluation of the particular aspects of each project as they relate to the established priorities and criteria referenced in the NOFA. The total funding for this program is \$1,000,000.

Affordable Homeownership Preservation Program:

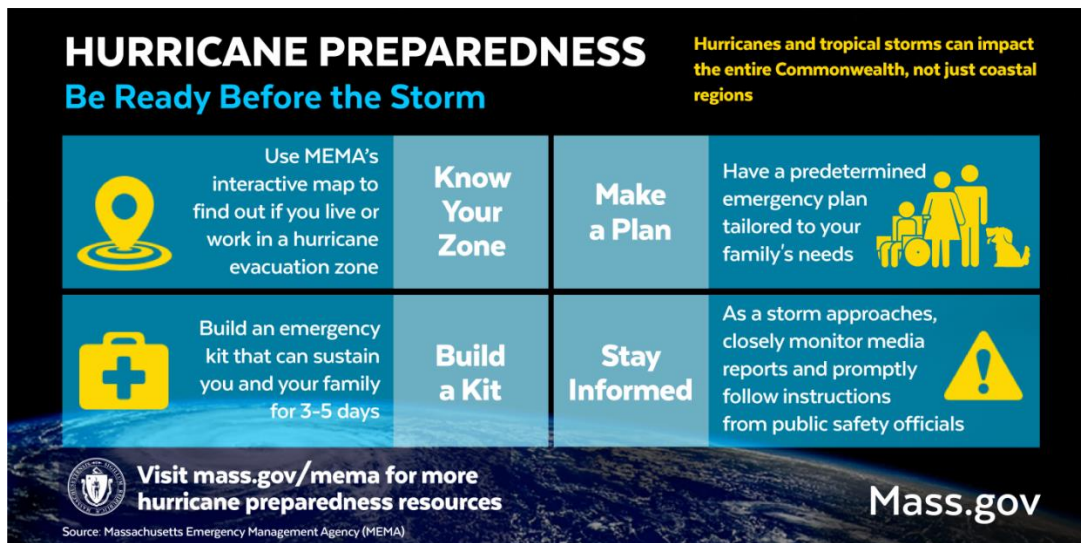
Funds would be available to assist a for profit or non-profit entity to purchase and rehabilitate distressed bank owned deed-restricted affordable homeownership units in order to make them habitable for resale to eligible homebuyers at a purchase price that is affordable to an individual or family with an income at 80% of the Area Median Income subject to an Affordable Housing Restriction (AHR) in perpetuity. The total funding for this program is \$350,000.

The NOFA and Applications can be accessed at:

<https://townofbarnstable.us/boardscommittees/AffordableHousingGrowth/>




Questions regarding the NOFA or any of its programs shall be directed to Ruth Weil,
ruth.weil@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Hurricane Preparedness



HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
Be Ready Before the Storm

Hurricanes and tropical storms can impact the entire Commonwealth, not just coastal regions

 <p>Use MEMA's interactive map to find out if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone</p>	Know Your Zone	Make a Plan <p>Have a predetermined emergency plan tailored to your family's needs</p> 
 <p>Build an emergency kit that can sustain you and your family for 3-5 days</p>	Build a Kit	Stay Informed <p>As a storm approaches, closely monitor media reports and promptly follow instructions from public safety officials</p> 

Visit mass.gov/mema for more hurricane preparedness resources

Source: Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)

Mass.gov

Cape Cod Healthcare Transitions Mid-Cape COVID-19 Testing Location to Cape Cod Hospital

Effective July 24, 2020, Cape Cod Healthcare will transition its mid Cape drive-through testing site from the campus of Cape Cod Community College to the campus of Cape Cod Hospital. A second testing facility on the campus of Falmouth Hospital, which opened on June 24, 2020, continues to supplement testing access by serving the upper Cape community. The location transition is in anticipation of resumed activity at Cape Cod Community College with the goal of establishing a more permanent location at Cape Cod Hospital. Cape Cod Healthcare would like to extend its sincere gratitude to Cape Cod Community College for being an exceptional community partner during these exceptionally challenging times. As a reminder, testing is available to any person on the Cape and Islands with a doctor's order, including those with a physician not affiliated with Cape Cod Healthcare and/or not located on Cape Cod. Individuals without a primary care physician can call the dedicated call center (508-862-5595) to be screened for testing by a clinical provider by phone. For more information about COVID-19 testing at Cape Cod Healthcare, see capecodhealth.org/coronavirus.

Learn about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)

Mosquito bites can cause serious illness. Take steps to protect yourself & your family. When outdoors, always use EPA-approved repellent & wear mosquito-resistant clothing, like pants or long sleeves. Repair broken doors & window screens. More info: <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks>

Learn about EEE

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of a mosquito infected with the virus. EEE can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death in any age group; however, people under age 15 are at particular risk. EEE does not occur every year, but based on mosquito sampling, a high risk of occurrence of human cases currently exists. Learn more about EEE and how to protect yourself and your family in this [fact sheet about EEE](#).

2020 Season

[Routine mosquito testing](#) began on June 15, 2020 and will continue through October. The Department of Public Health in partnership with Local Mosquito Control Projects will conduct comprehensive surveillance activities state-wide to assess the risk of WNV and EEE in 2020. [Risk maps and EEE and WNV detections](#) will be routinely updated. You can watch a brief video from the State [here](#).

Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

SUMMER SCHEDULE - Starting Monday, June 22, 2020

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a "Grab and Go" option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one lunch. NOTE: Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday - Friday from 10 am - 12 pm

- Hyannis West Elementary School



549 West Main Street, Hyannis

- Barnstable Community Innovation School
165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

We must stress the importance of social distancing during meal pick up. You can just drive up and we will bring the meals to you. Please do not congregate at meal sites, and please remain 6 feet from those around you at meal pick up. Our BPS educators and staff are also leading efforts to collect non-perishable food items, and we will begin distributing those items at meal sites as well.

Safety First, Barnstable!



A refrain you will hear our Town staff repeat over the Summer of 2020 as our Departments implement new guidelines and protocols to keep you and your family safe during COVID-19. Our beaches, golf courses, marinas and recreational areas all have additional rules mandated by the State to mitigate the spread of this highly contagious disease. Channel 18 has been out on location this past month, from a safe distance, to help you learn more - Tune in to Channel 18 on your TV, watch on [Video on Demand](#) or watch on our [YouTube playlist](#). You can also follow us on our [Facebook Page](#) for more videos and updates! **Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Social Distance - Safety First, Barnstable!**

ArtsBarnstable.com | Seven Villages, One Town, All Things Arts & Culture

Our seven villages are art-FULL with plenty of arts and culture complete with seaside charm! In Hyannis, the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District features the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor. The Barnstable Village Cultural District is history revisited with 21st century flair. A quaint downtown and walkable to Barnstable's Harbor and panoramic views of Sandy Neck Beach and lighthouse. Be sure to visit artsbarnstable.com and @artsbarnstable on facebook/Instagram.



SPECIAL EVENT THIS WEEK

VIRTUAL 35th Annual Pops by the Sea

www.artsfoundation.org

Through Saturday, August 1 LoveLiveLocal.com

Home grown artists, artisans, farmers, food trucks, musicians, independent makers and kid zone activities! This year is an online community shopping event on LoveLiveLocal.com and on social media where you can find your Love Local Fest favorites along with some new faces, and all of the locally made

products and Cape Cod brands that bring a unique flavor to our community and celebrate the special place we all love.

[Hyannis HyArts Cultural District Happenings](#)

PARK AND WALK | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, steps away from parking lots

It is easy to spend art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor.

Visit the artist shanties, Main Street Hyannis museums, shops, restaurants and more.

Mobile pay to park available for Bismore Park and Ocean Street lots with the app:

<https://www.mpay2park.com>

WALK DOWN MAIN STREET!

Spread out along the **Pedestrian Walkway**, created this summer to accommodate physical distancing while strolling along the street!

CCRTA Hyannis Loop: Hyannis Main Street Trolley:

Through Labor Day weekend, EVERY Friday through Sunday, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Looping from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, daily. Look for the trolley stop signs

OR wherever you see it, it will stop-just give a wave and hop on board, it's free!

HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTIES - BISMORE PARK LOCATION:

OUTDOOR SHOPPING! Spend Art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis.

Open daily: Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK: Now through **September 27, 2020, + fall weekends**

11:00 AM - at least 8:00 PM, July & August and until 6:00 PM in September

Artists frequently open early and stay late. October weekends & holiday events

Artists are set up for proper physical distancing and sanitizing wares often.

artsbarnstable.com @artsbarnstable on facebook/instagram

Cape Cod artists work and sell their wares in the heart of Hyannis' working waterfront. **Artists change weekly, discover new faces and work each visit!** Hand-made, designed or crafted in a variety of mediums: painting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, glasswork, and much more!

THURSDAYS:

Tai Chi, Hyannis Village Green: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

Through August 27: Find your Zen with this slow paced, relaxing instructional class.

Drop in friendly, no experience necessary. **FREE**

Participants will physical distance in grassy area. No shade! Come prepared: sunblock, hats and water.

FRIDAYS:

Movies on Main: Hyannis Main Street, 8:00 PM, lot opens at 7:00 PM

Through August 7: Family Friendly movies each week. Music and more pre-show!

Tickets required. HyannisMainStreet.com

OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Discover Barnstable Journal - Fun activities for all ages - Collect summer memories!

A colorful journal filled with activities and ways to collect all your summer experiences and memories.

Available online and free to KIDS OF ALL AGES. From eye spies, scavenger hunts, to fun facts and word searches, Learn and Discover Barnstable in a new way!

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/parkingdivision/Projects/discover.asp>

Discover Barnstable Fun Pack: for ages 14 and under, **FREE, while supplies last.**

An exciting, educational and an entertaining collection of items including a copy of the Discover Barnstable Journal, shellfish activities, Frisbees, water bottles, crayons and other fun items packaged in

a drawstring bag. Perfect for exploring and discovering Barnstable!

Get yours today, while supplies last at the Bismore Park Welcome Center!

Bismore Park Welcome Center | Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis

Information Take-Out Service Window at Bismore Welcome Center:

The Gateway Greeters at Bismore Welcome Center now are safely serving all visitors through a take-out window style operation. Stop by 7 days a week between the hours of 8:00 AM –

8:00 PM* to get maps, menus, transportation schedules and other information about all the fantastic ways you can enjoy Barnstable and our neighboring communities here on beautiful Cape Cod.

*Hours vary by month, currently till 8:00 PM through end of August.

OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Kennedy Legacy Trail | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor

A self-guided walking trail featuring 10 sites, Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Informational signs uncover stories and history about the Kennedys on Cape Cod.

Trail on line at [ArtsBarnstable.com](https://www.ArtsBarnstable.com)

Birdie Riddle Boxes | Cape Cod Trivia

Look for the 11 brightly colored, birdie ‘riddle’ boxes as you stroll from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor and learn fun facts about Cape Cod along the way. Designed/painted by local artist Donna Rockwell.

Heritage Trail info kiosks | Information along Main Street

Seven blue info kiosks with custom weathervanes dot the street from east to west end of Main Street.

Each kiosk features three panels: navigation (map) ; events and a heritage panel filled interesting facts and images with historical significance of Hyannis Main Street and the surrounding community.

Hyannis Open Streets | Main Street, Hyannis | [HyannisOpenStreets.com](https://www.HyannisOpenStreets.com)

Sunday, September 20, Noon -5:00 PM

Free, fun filled activities all day; dance, sing and play in the streets.

Barnstable Village Cultural District Happenings:

Cape Cod Art Center | gift wares and artwork!

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sturgis Library: Outdoor Reading Trail every Wednesday

Kid Story walks Wednesdays through Aug 26:

Enjoy a story outdoors, grab a to-go bag to make a craft at home

Tales of Cape Cod - 2020 Live Stream & recorded programs

ALL PROGRAMS \$10.00 Sign up at www.talesofcapecod.org

Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning

Town of Barnstable staff are working to help our businesses reopen successfully, recover from this crisis, and move towards a strong and prosperous future. We are listening to and working with our businesses, residents, the Economic Development Task Force (a Town Council presidential subcommittee), the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and other community partners on developing an [Economic Recovery Plan](#), with an initial focus on promoting the safe and successful reopening of businesses when allowed by the Governor. We are looking at ways the Town can support our local businesses, while promoting public health and safety. If there are ways we can help you succeed in the coming days, months, and in the long-term, please reach out and share your suggestions with us. Submit your suggestions on the [Economic Recovery Plan website](#). Additionally, we encourage our businesses to take the [Cape Cod Commission's online survey](#) for Cape Cod business owners. The survey is being conducted to better understand the current and anticipated economic impacts of COVID-

19. Data collected through this survey will be used to support economic recovery now and in the coming weeks and months, and can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports.

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.



***UPDATED* Ongoing Drainage Improvements**

Drainage improvements will be completed on Holly Point Road in Centerville and work will move to the corner of Cedar Street and Maple Street in West Barnstable. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings, adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

***CONTINUES* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village**

Construction is expected to end in September 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During portions of the work there will be road closures for construction on Business Lane, the south half of Merchants Way, and Kidd's Hill Road (about 500 feet each side of its intersection with Merchants Way).

***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. During the summer of 2020 construction will be limited to areas north of Attucks Lane. 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* Survey and Map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects**

As the first step in a multi-year planning and design effort, the Barnstable Department of Public Works has contracted with multiple land surveying firms to survey and map five of the Phase 1 Sewer Expansion Projects identified in the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The projects include the mapping of dozens of roadways, including many residential areas for the following Phase 1 projects:

- Phinney's Lane Sewer Expansion Project which includes Phinney's Lane from Route 132 to Route 28 including residential roads to the east and west of Phinney's Lane
- Long Pond Area Sewer Expansion Project which includes all roadways between Old Stage Road / Park Avenue (western limits) and Strawberry Hill Road (eastern limits) and including the residential areas on the north and south side of Pine Street
- Route 28 East Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from the Water Pollution Control Facility property to Phinney's Lane
- Route 28 Centerville Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from Phinney's Lane to East Osterville Road and includes East Osterville Road and Old East Osterville Road
- Route 28 Marstons Mills Sewer Expansion Project which includes Route 28 from East Osterville Road to Old Post Road

Citizens can expect survey field crews to be working within the project areas at various times throughout the summer and fall. In the coming weeks, property owners within the project areas will be receiving notifications from the survey consultants which provide further detail on the survey project. Citizens are encouraged to review the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan which is available on the Town's website at: https://townofbarnstable.us/WaterResources/CWMP_Final.asp Any questions regarding this survey effort, or the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, should be directed to the Barnstable Department of Public Works at 508-790-6400.

Free Grocery Delivery Service Launches 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. If you have questions or concerns, please email COVID-19@barnstablecounty.org.

Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions



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

August 11 • 12:00pm
September 18 • 4:00pm

Working with Barnstable Town Hall

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices 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) and www.BarnstableHealth.com. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding throughout this serious situation.

A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed [here](#).

TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer'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

Tax Collector's Office is currently closed to the public. Please call the office at 508-862-4054 or email taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us for any questions regarding real estate, personal property, 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 only.
- Please do not leave any cash in the drop box. **Checks Only.**

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on Wednesday July 1st and the first quarter will be due on August 3rd.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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 or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

Forms All other forms are available at <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>. Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

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

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:

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.

~ Howard Zinn

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