

## December 11, 2020 – Issue 49



### In the Spirit of the Season

Barnstable Recreation is grateful to everyone who stopped by the HYCC on Wednesday to participate in the “Fill the Box: Toys for Tots” drive through toy drop-off.

Santa and members of the Recreation Division and Barnstable Police Department were on hand to greet all who came to visit and donate gifts. The students from the HYCC’s Remote Learning Center decorated the snowman themed toy box, which thanks to the generosity of our community was filled with toys that will be distributed to local children in need.

#### [WCOD shared amazing news from Town of Barnstable Unions!](#)

Town of Barnstable employees raised 471 toys for our Stuff-A-Bus, and BMEA & AFSCME both donated \$2,500 each!

Representing the Town’s Unions were BMEA Toys for Tots Committee Member Theresa Santos, BMEA President Brian Taylor, and AFSCME President Tyler King.

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**December 11, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:**

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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**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 Council Special Meeting – Thursday, December 10, 2020**

***The December 10, 2020 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 Paul Hebert began last night’s [Special Town Council Meeting](#) the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A Moment of Silence was offered for Assistant Veterans Agent Scott Dutra and

World War II Veteran Joe Gentile who passed away this week (pictured below Joe Gentile and Scott Dutra at the flag raising at the 2019 Intergenerational Memorial Day event which was held at the Barnstable Adult Community Center). Mark S. Ells, Town Manager, and Mark A. Milne, Director of Finance, presented [\*\*Financial Planning for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan\*\*](#) which was followed by a Question and Answer period with the Council. *The next regularly scheduled Town Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 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](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)).*



### **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. In his latest [Community Update](#), Mr. Ells shares information related to the State taking a step back to Phase 3 Step 1 on December 13<sup>th</sup>. While we await a vaccine, we need to continue to wear a mask, physical distance, minimize group size, personal responsibility and proper personal hygiene. He asks that you stay up-to-date on the latest updates to Governor Baker's orders and directives. Mr. Ells encourages the community to watch last night's [Special Town Council Meeting](#) for the presentation of [Financial Planning for the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan](#) which addresses water quality related to wastewater in the Town of Barnstable. The plan is for the next 30 years and Mr. Ells says he will be involving our youth in the discussions as it is their future. He encourages you to follow this project regularly and ask questions. Thank you for remaining diligent with the protocols that will keep you, your family, and community safe. You are encouraged to visit the state's website for more information regarding [Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan](#). The Town of Barnstable continues to assist businesses with economic recovery. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

## **Cape Cod Reopening Task Force Announces Local COVID-19 Test Sites in Collaboration with Regional Stakeholders (December 8, 2020)**

*Two Sites to Operate in Falmouth and Hyannis, Third Planned for Outer Cape*

The Cape Cod Reopening Task Force is announcing the "soft opening" of two COVID-19 testing sites at the Cape Cod Melody Tent in Hyannis and the Barnstable County Fairgrounds in Falmouth. The sites are funded through resources secured by Cape & Islands lawmakers in two budget bills, a contribution by Cape Cod Healthcare, and an appropriation from Barnstable County. They are designed to add additional PCR testing capacity amid growing concern over Cape Cod's status as a regional testing desert. The expansion of testing capacity arrives at a critical moment in the regional efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, which has killed nearly 200 Cape Codders this year.

COVID-19 cases have surged on Cape Cod since October after a mask-less "super spreader" event in Barnstable set off a string of local infections. As of last Thursday's Department of Public Health report, 8.78% of COVID-19 tests in the town of Barnstable returned positive results, putting it in DPH's highest risk category for the spread of the virus. Despite today's news, Barnstable County remains one of the few counties in Massachusetts where the Baker-Polito Administration has not established a free, state-run, "Stop the Spread" testing site for residents, regardless of their symptoms. "After weeks of working to correct the testing inequity in our region and searching every avenue for a solution, we are enormously proud to be able to offer more accessible testing to Cape Codders," said **State Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro)**. "Today's announcement is the result of a collaborative Cape-wide effort. It would not be possible without Cape Cod Healthcare, Barnstable County, several Fire/EMS departments, community health centers, and municipal leadership. Despite a slow start from the state, our legislative delegation was able to pry these dollars loose so that we can finally offer COVID-19 PCR testing to anyone who needs it on Cape Cod." "The support Senator Moran, Representative Fernandes, and Senator Cyr and the members of the Cape and Islands Delegation through the COVID-19 pandemic has been so important for the region to combat this virus," said **Sean O'Brien, Director of the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment**. "These funds and a multi-agency response from Cape Cod Healthcare, Hyannis Fire Department, The Town of Barnstable, Cape Cod Melody Tent and Barnstable County will allow us to provide more testing for the citizens of Cape Cod." "Increased access to testing is vital to slowing the spread of COVID-19 which continues to persist in our community," said **Michael Lauf, President and CEO of Cape Cod Healthcare**. "Cape Cod Healthcare is committed to partnering with local and state officials to provide the necessary resources to help protect our patients, neighbors and our own healthcare heroes." "From the beginning of the pandemic, we have known that comprehensive testing is the key to limiting the spread of the virus," said **Barnstable County Commissioner Ronald Bergstrom (D-Chatham)**. "I am proud that Barnstable County can be a partner in this effort." "The Cape & Islands Reopening Task Force is grateful for the leadership of Senators Cyr and Moran and Representatives Fernandes, and the entire Cape delegation along with Cape Cod Healthcare and Barnstable County who have delivered funding for increased testing in three new sites on the Cape," said **Wendy Northcross, CEO of the Cape Cod Chamber** and facilitator of the Task Force. "Availability of testing is critical for businesses continuity and improving our public health." "Testing is an important component in stopping the spread of COVID-19. Having a low cost, easily accessible option in the Town of Barnstable - the largest town on Cape Cod – is one step of many at a time when we see the number of positive cases increase and more people spending time indoors," said **Mark Ells, Barnstable Town Manager**. "We are grateful for the support of our state legislators and our partnerships with Barnstable County, Cape Cod Healthcare, the Hyannis Fire Department, and so many others working to make this a reality at this critical time." COVID-19 spreads efficiently through asymptomatic individuals in poorly-ventilated indoor settings. The most robust testing services are "low-

barrier," meaning that they are free or low-cost, offer walk-in/walk-up services, and are available to patients even without a physician's order confirming symptoms. Limited testing resources on Cape Cod require local sites to operate with at least one of these barriers to accessibility. Due to increased demand, many current sites are operating at nearly full capacity, prompting delays in the delivery of results. Launching these sites caps off months of advocacy by regional stakeholders, including the Cape Cod Reopening Task Force, the Cape & Islands Legislative Delegation, and the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment. Concerns about the availability of COVID-19 tests on Cape Cod began brewing in the summer. In July, Senator Susan Moran and Representative Dylan Fernandes secured a series of amendments to the supplemental budget bill for the 2020 fiscal year that would apportion \$550,000 for regional testing sites, in anticipation of a second wave of COVID-19 infections triggered by colder temperatures. Governor Charlie Baker signed the bill, but the Administration did not subsequently authorize the release of funds. As delays persisted, Cape Cod's regional testing capability was in a precarious position when COVID-19 cases increased in the fall. Testing capacity had surged elsewhere statewide, but per capita PCR testing on Cape Cod remained lower than almost anywhere else in the Commonwealth through most of October and November. In the absence of the expected funds, Cape & Islands lawmakers publicly urged the Baker-Polito Administration to offer at least one low-barrier "Stop the Spread" site in Barnstable County. The nearest Stop the Spread site to Hyannis, a population center with an active COVID-19 outbreak, is in New Bedford. New Bedford is 47 miles away from Hyannis. The Administration did not agree to establish a Stop the Spread site on Cape Cod, but they did relent to repeated requests to release funds allocated to Barnstable County in a July supplemental budget, allowing regional health officials to begin planning local test sites themselves. The Barnstable County government is serving as the fiduciary agent of the funds secured by Senator Moran, which will be used to launch a site in Hyannis. The Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment will be providing PPE for the Hyannis site, located at the Cape Cod Melody Tent. The location was chosen for its large parking lot, and the Town of Barnstable Police Department, Department of Public Works, and Health Department will offer ongoing assistance with traffic flow through the site during its operation. Those receiving a test must collect the sample themselves using a swab provided, and the Hyannis Fire Department will be present on-site to assist with sample collection. Cape Cod Healthcare will be matching the state funds with an additional \$250,000 to support the Hyannis site. They plan to manage scheduling and billing and will also support the site with interpretive services for non-English speakers. In Falmouth, the new COVID-19 testing site will operate at the Barnstable County Fairgrounds through a \$300,000 appropriation secured by Representative Fernandes. Both sites will use a sliding scale to make testing affordable for all residents. Testing sites should be fully operational within the next several weeks. The Cape Cod Reopening Task Force plans to update testingcapecod.info/COVID with information on the hours of operation for each site and the links to schedule a testing appointment. The Barnstable County Board of Regional Commissioners have authorized an additional \$125,000 in funding to contribute to the operations of this new region-wide testing program. Senator Cyr also secured an additional \$200,000 authorization for this region-wide testing program in the FY21 state budget which is currently before Governor Baker for his review. In total, over \$1 million has been secured to this point for this new region-wide testing program between the Cape Cod Legislative Delegation, Cape Cod Healthcare, and the Barnstable County government. ***Further information on specific fees, scheduling, billing practices, and hours of operation are also forthcoming.***

## COVID-19 Fact vs. Fiction

### What you should know about a negative COVID-19 test result

# FACT vs FICTION

 What you should know about a negative COVID-19 test result

 FICTION:	 FACT:
If I get a negative result, I can see friends and family again and not worry about spreading the virus	A person can be asymptomatic and test negative and still have the virus; unknowingly passing it on to others
 FICTION:	 FACT:
If I am exposed to someone with COVID-19 today I will test positive for the virus tomorrow	It can take 3-5 days after exposure before a test result will show up as positive

Regardless of your COVID-19 test result, you must quarantine for length of time advised by your public health authority

For more information visit [mass.gov/wait4results](http://mass.gov/wait4results)



## Barnstable Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Fund

### Background

The Barnstable Town Council has accepted Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 60, Section 3D which allows the Town to establish a fund to defray the real estate taxes of low income elderly and disabled persons. Taxpayers contribute to the fund through a voluntary check off on their real estate tax bills. The funds collected are distributed to needy individuals through an annual award process. To be considered for this annual award, potential recipients need to meet the following eligibility requirements and complete and submit the attached application form.

### Eligibility

- 65 years or older** on July 01, 2020
- OR**
- Disabled**- Applicant must be receiving benefits from a State or Federal recognized disability entity. (example: Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration)
- Total gross household income** shall not exceed **\$35,000.00 single**, or **\$40,000 married**. Other assets must be less than **\$40,000**. Other Assets

are the value of personal property and other real estate excluding domicile. This includes cars, boats, savings and checking accounts.

**Gross household income is income earned in the calendar year ending 12/31/2019 and should include all income received from all sources by the applicant as well as any additional residents in the household.**

**Please be advised that we refer to the official Town Census Listing to confirm household residents.**

- Applicant(s) must be the titled owner of the property or hold a life estate in the property on July 01, 2020. If Title is held by a Trust, **the applicant must be both a trustee and at least a 50% beneficiary of the trust in order to qualify. The property must be the applicant's primary residence.**
- Please provide proof of income by attaching copies of all the following that apply:

Social Security Benefits Award letter	Bank/Investment Account Statements
IRS Form W-2	IRS Form 1099
Pay Stubs	IRS Form 1040

#### **Timeline**

Applications will be accepted through **January 15, 2021**. Awards will be announced by January 30, 2021 and will be applied directly to the applicant's residential tax bill. Applications are available at the Barnstable Senior Center, on the Town of Barnstable Website or by calling the Town of Barnstable Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656.

### **What To Do If You Find A Cold-Stunned Turtle**

It is very important to recover these stranded turtles as quickly as possible. Do not assume a turtle is dead—turtles that appear lifeless are often still alive. If you come across a stranded sea turtle on the beach, please follow these simple steps:

1. Move the turtle above the high tide line. Never grab or hold the turtle by the head or flippers.
2. Cover it with dry seaweed or wrack.
3. Mark it with an obvious piece of debris—buoys, driftwood, or branches.
4. Call the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary hotline at 508-349-2615 x6104.

Sea turtles are federally protected under the Endangered Species Act; as such, it is illegal to harass sea turtles or transport them without a permit.



### **Time to Renew Your Burglar Alarm Registration with the Barnstable Police Department**

All burglar alarm registrations within the Town of Barnstable will expire on **December 31, 2020**. If you own a house or business in the Town of Barnstable that is equipped with an active burglar alarm, monitored or non-monitored, you need to renew your Alarm Registration and get your 2021/2022 decal.

Please complete a 2021/2022 Alarm Registration form and submit with a \$25.00 registration fee. **Electronic registration and payment is now available at [www.barnstablepolice.com](http://www.barnstablepolice.com)!** Renewal forms are still available to be downloaded on our website (above) and are available at any time in the front lobby of the Barnstable Police Department and can be mailed or delivered to:



## Barnstable Police Department

1200 Phinney's Lane

Hyannis, MA 02601

**Due to Covid-19, we are trying to limit the amount of people that come up to the Records Department. If you are picking up or dropping off a registration form, please obtain a form from the front lobby and drop completed forms off in the alarm bin which is also located in the front lobby.** Please renew by the expiration date (December 31, 2020) to avoid costly late fees and unregistered alarm fines. Please familiarize yourself with the regulations by visiting our website (see above). If you have any questions regarding the renewal please call 508-778-3824 or email [alarmadmin@barnstablepolice.com](mailto:alarmadmin@barnstablepolice.com). Thank you for your continued assistance and diligence in reducing false alarms in our Town!

## Route 6 Renumbering

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is getting ready to swap the exit signs along Route 6 to a mileage-based system. On Monday, crews will begin making the changes on Route 6. That work will begin in Bourne and proceed eastward to Orleans for a week before reversing direction to do the westbound side. Work on Route 6 is scheduled to primarily occur between 8:00 PM and 5:00 AM. The exit numbers are being changed by MassDOT to comply with federal highway mandates, which require mile-based exit signs. Massachusetts is one of three states that have not yet begun any sort of conversion to the mileage-based system. Delaware and New Hampshire are the other two states. The old numbers will remain on the signs for at least two years.

## ROUTE 6 RENUMBERING

Old Exit	New Exit	Street/Route
1A (WB)	1A (WB)	Scusset Beach Rd.
1B (WB)	1B (WB)	Jct. RTE 3 N
1C	55	Jct. RTE 6A & Cranberry Highway
2	59	Jct. RTE 130
3	61	Quaker Meeting House Rd.
4	63	Chase Rd.
5	65	Jct. RTE 149
6	68	Jct. RTE 132
7	72	Willow St.
8	75	Union St., Station Ave.
9A/B	78A/B	Jct. RTE 134
10	82	Jct. RTE 124
11	85	Jct. RTE 137
12	89	Jct. RTE 6A

## Meals for Barnstable Public School Students

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. All schools will have grab and go breakfast and lunch set-up outside from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. This will be available until the end of the year. This is free to all students in Barnstable. **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. Barnstable Public Schools' Food Services and Transportation are once again partnering on a food delivery program for our Barnstable Families that can't access grab and go sites. Multiple meals, 5 breakfast and 5 lunches will be handed out to students and parents/guardians at specific bus stop locations on Wednesdays.

## **Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Cape Cod Community College in December**

The U.S. Farmers to Families Food Box program continues to be available on the Mid-Cape at Cape Cod Community College, [2040 Iyannough Road, West Barnstable, MA 02668](#). PRIOR registration is required for ALL locations (see the link after each location to register and read instructions carefully, as each site varies slightly).

- December 12, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.
- December 19, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.
- December 26, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. [Click here](#) to register.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Drive-In Holiday Concert and Sing-a-long***

Wednesday, December 16, from 2:00-3:00 PM

Join us for a free and socially distanced celebration in the parking lot of the Barnstable Adult Community Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis. Julie Charland will entertain us with seasonal favorites and we'll provide car-hop service of hot chocolate and cookies.

### ***Are you feeling lonely? Join a circle of friends!***

It's the most common concern we hear from the community — that many of us miss the opportunity to socialize with others. While it is still important to be safe and maintain that six-foot physical distance, there are other ways that we can maintain those important social connections. Stay connected! Let us know, and you can be part of a circle of friends. Please call Debbie at 508-862-4755 for more information, or to sign up. There is no need to be bored or lonely – call today.



### ***Weekly Drive thru Grab and Go***

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Lunch is on us! Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab and Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll be happy to see you, and will bring the food items

right to your car. Masks and proper social distancing practices are always in place. This program is free, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging.

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

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

### **Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance Payments Available**

If you have been unable to pay your rent or mortgage due to a loss of income related to the coronavirus, you may be eligible for Emergency Rental or Mortgage Assistance Payments through the Workforce Housing Relief Fund administered by the Housing Assistance Corporation. The application and additional information about the Fund are available on the Housing Assistance Corporation's website. <https://haconcapecod.org/programs/homeless-prevention/>. The Town of Barnstable's Affordable Housing Growth and Development Trust Fund contributed \$300,000 to Housing Assistance Corporation's Workforce Housing Relief Fund.

### **Take a Stroll through “Gingerbread Lane” for a Story Walk of *The Mitten* by Jan Brett**



Take a fun photo in front of the giant tree at the top of the Hyannis Village Green. Follow along the Walkway-to-the-Sea through the Village Green to the Harbor Overlook.

Stroll the upper loop through ‘Gingerbread Lane’ where the shanties are decorated with colorful candies, icing and gingerbread characters for extra fun memories and holiday pictures all season. From cookie shutters with hand cut sprinkles, icing trim, wrapped candy sticks

to donut accents and peppermint treats take photos by your favorite sweet treats. *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett, ‘story walk’ is featured at ‘Gingerbread Lane’ at the Harbor Overlook.

Visitors can stroll through at any time to see the holiday décor and follow the story walk, sponsored by the Barnstable CFCE and the Hyannis Public Library. Follow the walkway through the Hyannis Village Green to the Hyannis Public Library on Main Street to receive a free book and craft, while supplies last. The library is open noon to 4:00pm Monday through Friday. For information email the library at [mbianco@clamsnet.org](mailto:mbianco@clamsnet.org)



### **Call to artists to participate in 2021**

*Applications available on line at [www.ArtsBarnstable.com](http://www.ArtsBarnstable.com)*

### **2021 HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY SEASON**

The Town of Barnstable is currently accepting applications for artists and artisans interested in participating in the 2021 season, May through October and November & December special events.

**Applications are received on rolling basis until all spots are filled.**

**Application review begins November 1 of each year.**

**Applications can be submitted online: [www.ArtsBarnstable.com](http://www.ArtsBarnstable.com)**

For more information contact: Melissa Chartrand, Arts & Culture Coordinator,  
[melissa.chartrand@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:melissa.chartrand@town.barnstable.ma.us)

**ABOUT THE HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTY PROGRAM:**

Artist shanties are located in the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District, on Ocean Street, along the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Hyannis Main Street to Hyannis Harbor. Seven shanties are located at Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, and steps away five shanties are located at the Harbor Overlook, 51 Ocean Street, at the corner of South and Ocean Street, overlooking Aselton Park and Hyannis Harbor. The expansion of the Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanty program to two locations creates an additional attraction for visitors walking from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor through the Hyannis Village Green along the Walkway-to-the-Sea and, at the same time, provides more affordable selling space and increased exposure for local artists and artisans. The Hyannis HyArts Artist Shanty Program began in 2005, as the first in a series of arts-oriented strategies designed to provide opportunities and exposure for local artists; enliven the economic climate in downtown Hyannis; and establish an important vibrant backdrop for year round residents and visitors. The shanties are open weekends May through mid-June; seven days a week through end of September; October weekends and special events in November and December. Artist work is hand-made, hand crafted or designed and all artists are from Cape Cod. A variety of work is represented including jewelry, paintings, photography, visual art, woodcarving, fiber arts, ceramics, rope work, glass work, literary art, mixed media, and more. This artist program is made possible in cooperation with the Town of Barnstable, and its Cultural District partners including the Cape Cod Art Center (CCAC), Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District (BID), the Greater Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce, the JFK Hyannis Museum and Cape Cod Maritime Museum and the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority.



## **Snow and Ice Contractors Wanted**

Barnstable DPW wants **YOU** to plow this winter. Experienced snowplow contractors with equipment from  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton four-wheel-drive trucks to ten wheelers are needed to assist during winter snow and ice operations. Call Joe Marshall at 508-790-6330 for information.



More information for Contractors can be found [here](#). **2021 Snow and Ice Brochure can be found here.**

## **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\* Water Works Construction On Longview Drive In Hyannis**

The Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works' Water Supply Division will be commencing a water works construction project starting on Monday, December 14, 2020 on Longview Drive in Hyannis. This project will install approximately 500 feet of 8 inch water main and move the temporary interconnection with the COMM water system to a vacant lot on Longview Drive. The metal container will be enclosed in a building appropriate for the neighborhood. Normal works hours will be between 8:00 AM and 4:40 PM.

## **\*CONTINUES\* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Monday, December 14, 2020 through Friday, December 18, 2020 Neuco crews will be working on gas services on North Street Hyannis. Work will be ongoing for six weeks. Typical natural gas service installation includes marking out underground utilities within the project area, excavation of the street, laying gas main, relaying customer's individual gas service and connecting those services to the main and installing meters. This project should take about five days to complete. Visit [ngrid.com/service](http://ngrid.com/service) line to view a YouTube video explaining the replacement of the service pipe to customer homes. Operations will start promptly at 7:00 AM and run until 3:00 PM. Reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is dependent on weather and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation.

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

Drainage improvements on Lake Shore Drive in Marstons Mills are scheduled to begin on Monday, December 7, 2020. 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. Work will continue as weather permits and resume in the spring of 2021 as needed. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. 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\* 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 will continue through to April 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 [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions. Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions. Download MassDOT's GoTime mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

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

Drainage and pavement improvements on Huckins Neck Road in Centerville and Barnstable Village continue. The work includes installation of new drainage systems, repairs to existing drainage systems, milling of the existing pavement, adjustment of drainage structure castings, overlay of the roadway with new pavement and restoration of any areas disturbed during construction. Drainage system improvements are expected to be completed by December 11, 2020. Final pavement milling and overlay work will follow as weather permits. If necessary, pavement milling and overlay may be rescheduled to the spring of 2021. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. 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\* National Grid Service Road**

National Grid has completed the installation of new gas main on Service Road in Barnstable. The gas line was activated on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the contractor will start demobilizing from the site in by mid-December. 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 spring 2021.

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

Work on the bridge supports is scheduled to continue through the beginning of January 2021. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM, Monday through Friday; however, the work may be performed during nighttime and weekends based on tidal cycles and weather conditions. 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. It is expected that divers will be in the water 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 may 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.

### **\*UPDATED\* 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.

## **\*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](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.

## **Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions**



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

The Barnstable Police Department has an emergency notification system. This system has been used to provide information during the ongoing COVID-19 event and for the recent COMM Water District issue. Did you know that only landlines are part of the federal and state Reverse 911 system and you must register cell phones which are not public records? Make sure you are on our list. Sign up [here](#) today. **What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?** CodeRED is an emergency notification service by which town officials can notify Barnstable residents and businesses by telephone, cellular phone, text

message, or electronic mail about time-sensitive emergency situations or important community alerts. The system is capable of sending messages only to specific neighborhoods or the entire town. Only authorized officials are allowed access to use the system. Frequently asked questions can be reviewed [here](#). Be sure to take a moment to learn more about this important notification system.

## **Working with Barnstable Town Hall**

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

### **TREASURER/COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

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

For **Tax Title Account information** please call Treasurer's office at 508-862-4656. Payments for 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 [taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us) to make an appointment or for any questions regarding real estate and personal property taxes, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer utility bill payments. Payment options for Treasurer/Collector's office:

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

The Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills for Fiscal Year 2021 were mailed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The first quarter was due on August 3, 2020 and the second quarter is due on November 2, 2020.

### **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](mailto: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/>

### **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:**

**At times our own light goes out and it is rekindled by the spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.**

**~ Albert Schweitzer**

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

