

A Few Highlights of Barnstable Public Schools Celebration of Black History Month

- Black History Writing/Art Projects displayed at the Osterville Public Library. Great job to the remote learners in Ms. Nichols and Ms. Farrow's 5th grade classes! (pictured above)
- The final results of the door decorating contest at BIS, in celebration of Black History Month. Check out all the beautiful doors and the winners for Most Educational, Most Inspiring, and Most Creative. Great job done by all the students and staff!! <https://fb.watch/3UXsqTBSre/>
- Mrs. Buccino's remote music class in grades K-3 made a virtual music concert in celebration of Black History Month! Students created a visual representation of what equality means to them, performed readings of inspirational poems, composed background music using rhythmic melodies to create a serene soundscape and sang in a song story called "Let Freedom Sing" by Vanessa Newton. <https://fb.watch/3UXqUkEsPH/>

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February 26, 2021 Color-Coded Guide:

New

Updated

Same as previous week(s)

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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.

Important Information Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution from Barnstable County



Important Info. Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

We wanted to reach out with a few updates and reminders regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution on Cape Cod:

- **Vaccine availability on Cape Cod remains limited.** Barnstable County is in constant communication with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, relaying the vital need for more vaccines to distribute locally. This need is especially great for our senior citizens. As the situation progresses, we ask that if you can travel off-Cape to a [mass vaccination site](#), please get an appointment at one of those [six locations](#). We realize that going off-Cape is inconvenient and challenging, but it's essential to leave the few local appointments for those who are less able/mobile. The mass vaccination sites are **Gillette Stadium, Fenway Park, the DoubleTree in Danvers, the Eastfield Mall in Springfield, the Natick Mall, and the former Circuit City in Dartmouth.** Availability is updated every Thursday.
- **We are currently prioritizing second-dose vaccine clinics and we will notify you when we have scheduled the next first-dose clinic.** Please be patient and remember that we are receiving a small amount of vaccine locally. We have to take care of second doses before we can provide more first doses.
- **24-hour notifications will resume as soon first-dose clinics are scheduled.** We will send an email notification 24 hours before registration opens for all first dose clinics so that you can plan accordingly.
- **If you are waiting to receive an email regarding your second dose of vaccine:** it can take **UP TO TWO WEEKS (14 DAYS)** for the email inviting you to sign up for your second dose to be sent. You should also be checking your junk mail/spam folders regularly. If MORE than 14 days have passed and you still have not received an email, please call our COVID-19 Helpline at (774) 330-3001. **IMPORTANT! Never share your second dose email with ANYONE. Doing so will adversely affect the ability of those who received their first dose through one of our clinics to successfully sign up for their second dose. Further, anyone who did not receive the first dose at one of our clinics will be turned away.**

Thank you for your continued patience during this challenging time.

Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line for 75+ residents,

with over 500 staffers available for multilingual live phone support. The call center will be a key option for older residents who do not have internet or can't use the website. Call 2-1-1 to access. Please share this important information.

MA VACCINE SCHEDULING RESOURCE LINE CALL 2-1-1 and follow prompts

HOURS OF OPERATION: M-F, 8:30am-5pm

- Resource for those ages 75+ who are unable access the internet
- May take weeks to secure appointment due to high demand & limited vaccine
- Representatives have same access to appointments as on the public website; it will not give access to additional appointments
- If no appointments are available, callers will have the option to be placed on a call back list



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](#) As of this date, local health departments do not have any vaccines onsite for distribution or vaccinations.

COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: Phase 1 & 2 Eligibility Status

Phase 1		
	All phase 1 priority groups	Now eligible
Phase 2		
1	Individuals age 75+	Now eligible
2	Individuals 65+ and individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions	Now eligible
3	Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works, and public health workers	Not yet eligible
4	Individuals with 1 certain medical condition	Not yet eligible

Preparing for your COVID-19 Vaccination Appointment

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



What to know before you go

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

What you need for your appointment

Confirm your eligibility

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

Additional documents

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

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

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



Keep others safe

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



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.

Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plans for Continued Reopening

Massachusetts will advance to Step 2 of Phase III on March 1; Phase IV planned to start March 22
For more information, please visit the state's [website](#).

Town of Barnstable Seeks Input on Proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance

Clean water and healthy coastal resources are critical to keeping Cape Cod viable as a place to live, work and visit. Water resources are central to quality of life on Cape Cod and in the Town of Barnstable. This week the Town of Barnstable is launching a broad wave of outreach to the town's residents and businesses on a proposed Sewer Assessment ordinance. It is anticipated that outreach efforts will

continue through the introduction of the ordinance to Town Council in April 2021. Like other Cape towns, Barnstable is required to reduce nitrogen pollution in estuaries that is coming primarily from septic systems. To meet this regulatory requirement, the Town has put forward a plan to expand sewer service to 11,800 properties over the next thirty years, and implement a number of other alternative approaches to wastewater treatment. Construction on the first phase of the plan is scheduled to begin this year. Town officials seek public engagement and input so that residents are fully informed in advance about the Town's plans to cover the cost for the new system. Town Manager Mark Ells said: "Perhaps no other feature is more important to the quality of life and unique character of our community than the health of our coastal waters, freshwater ponds, and drinking water. Building sewers to reduce the amount of nitrogen pollutants entering our waters is necessary to protect our environment, property values, local economy, and our quality of life." To date, Town officials have identified roughly half of the financial resources needed to implement the 30-year sewer expansion plan. Town officials are now focused on the remaining funding needed. The proposed ordinance, which has been reviewed by the Town's Comprehensive Finance Advisory Committee, is a key part of the funding plan. Finance Director Mark Milne says the ordinance would create a sewer assessment that would apply only to properties that will be receiving sewer service. A cap on the sewer assessment of \$17,000 per sewered property is recommended at the start of the program. This amount reflects only a quarter of the average estimated cost of sewerage per property. It is also less than the potential increase in property value an owner may benefit from by being connected to public sewer service, according to studies in other communities. The assessment, as well as connection costs with the property owners' permission, can be added to quarterly tax bills over 30 years, allowing for no upfront costs incurred by the property owner. A \$17,000 sewer assessment amortized over 30 years amounts to roughly \$2.67 a day for the impacted property owner. Ells is vetting the proposal with the public prior to presenting it to the Town Council this spring. "Every citizen has a stake in the health of our waters, and we want to be sure that this ordinance is understood and supported by our community," Ells said. The next public engagement sessions will be held on March 25th. The town has also launched a new website, BarnstableWaterResources.com, and is reaching out to stakeholders in the community to discuss the proposed ordinance. Comments and questions can be sent to waterresources@town.barnstable.ma.us. Information about upcoming public forums is provided below.

An overview of the sewer assessment ordinance is available at

<https://barnstablewaterresources.com/comprehensive-waste-water-management-plan/finance-funding/>

The full draft sewer assessment ordinance is available at

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/InTheNews/2020-12-17%20INITIAL%20DRAFT%20Sewer%20Assessment%20Ordinance.pdf>

Citizen engagement forums on the Proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, and 7:00 pm^[SEP]

To participate via computer use the following link for all three meetings:

<https://zoom.us/j/92047771927> Webinar ID 920 4777 1927

or join by phone 888-475-4499 using the Webinar ID: 920 4777 1927.

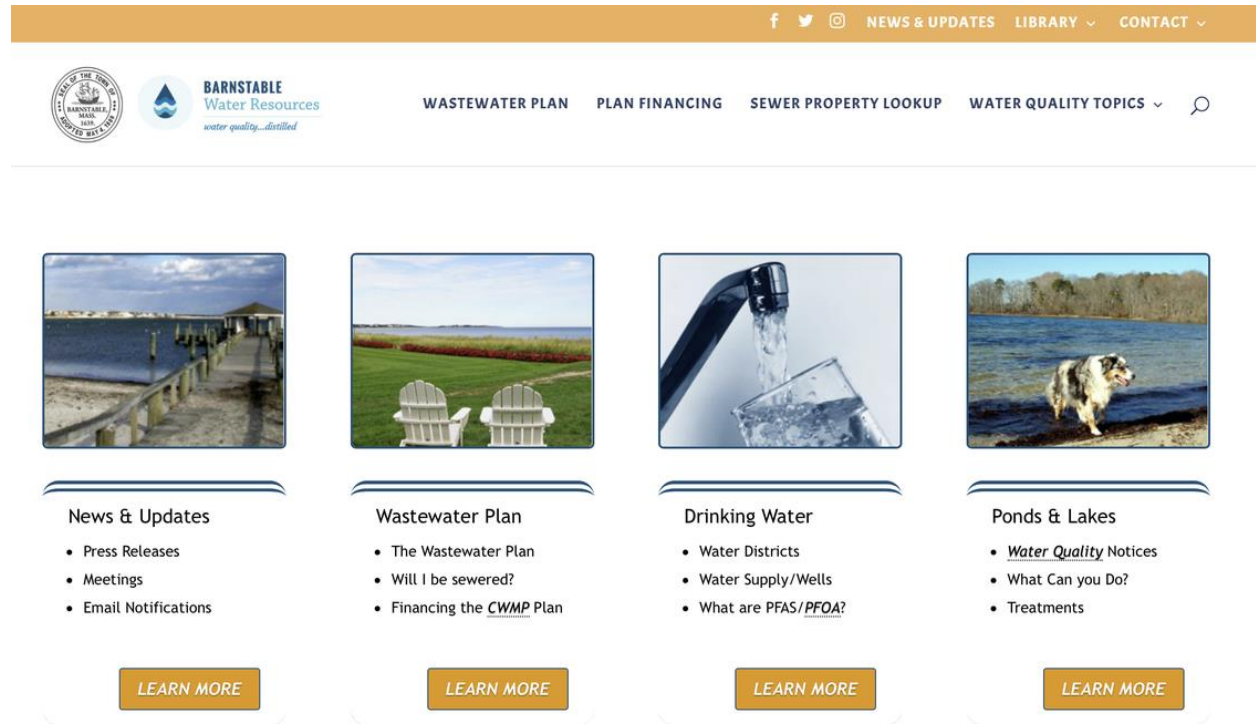
All meetings will also be live-streamed on Channel 18 and the Town of Barnstable Facebook page. All sessions will be recorded and posted to the Town of Barnstable website or www.barnstablewaterresources.com for later viewing.

New Water Resources Website is Launched

Barnstable Water Resources is a new town website available at

<https://www.barnstablewaterresources.com> or by a link on the Town of Barnstable home page.

The website provides one-stop shopping for information about the Town's comprehensive wastewater management plan, including interactive apps that allow residents to look up whether their property will be sewered, and learn more about how sewer construction may be financed. The site also hosts videos, maps, documents and other news related to the sewer plan, as well as beaches, ponds, drinking water, and more. Construction updates, scientific studies, Town Council actions and special events—it's all there. Check it out! Our award winning Channel 18 staff has also created a video to walk you through [BarnstableWaterResources.com](https://www.barnstablewaterresources.com) which you can view [here](#).



2021 Tourism Mini-Grants Available from the Town of Barnstable

The Town of Barnstable invites Civic Associations and Nonprofits to submit an application for a 2021 Tourism Mini-Grant.

Deadline to Apply is before 11:59 PM on Monday, March 1, 2021

The Tourism Mini-Grant Program is designed to aid our seven villages in promoting new or existing events and festivals to draw visitors to our town and villages. All civic associations and nonprofit organizations that are marketing village events to visitors and/or providing visitor services are eligible and encouraged to apply. These grants are available up to a maximum of \$1,000 per applicant, and require one-to-one matching funds. [APPLICATIONS](#) must be submitted to the Town of Barnstable on or before 11:59 pm, Monday March 1, 2021. Grants will be awarded on or before March 31, 2021.

The link to the application and complete rules and guidelines are below. For more information, or if you have questions about the application process, please contact Gloria McPherson, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, at gloria.mcpherson@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Apply [HERE](#) or at the following web address:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/TownOfBarnstable1/_2021TownOfBarnstableTourismMiniGrants

Accessory Dwelling Units

The Town has put together an information guide to help answer many of the questions about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) that were asked at the community meeting on January 25th and submitted online. This summary includes information about the ADU regulations as currently proposed. The ADU regulations are not final and may change as the ordinance continues to be reviewed. We hope that you find answers to your questions about ADU's in the responses provided, but if you don't, or have other questions, you can contact Elizabeth Jenkins, Director of Planning & Development at elizabeth.jenkins@town.barnstable.ma.us.

You can find more information on the proposal to allow Accessory Dwelling Units on the Town website: [TOWN ADU WEBSITE](#). The website includes a draft of the proposed ordinance, a link to the video of the community meeting held on ADUs on January 25th, and other information.

Zoning Updates

Massachusetts law requires municipalities to notify the public about proposed zoning amendments through a published notice in a local newspaper. Barnstable is seeking to enhance communication with the public around zoning issues, and is offering the opportunity to opt-in to e-mails from the Town about proposed zoning changes. E-mail messages will be sent about zoning amendments being considered through the required process prior to the public hearings at the Planning Board and Town Council, as applicable. The Town will also send messages about public meetings, workshops or other efforts that relate to amending zoning. Sign up for Zoning Updates e-mails here: [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Cape Cod Commission continues COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Workshop Series

Industry-specific education and information to help local businesses recover from the pandemic

The Cape Cod Commission is pleased to announce the first round of industry-specific webinars in its COVID-19 Recovery and Resiliency Workshop Series, an initiative designed to assist Cape Cod business owners in navigating the economic impacts of the pandemic. Through the series, business owners will learn about recovery-related topics and will have an opportunity to provide feedback on key challenges they are facing, which will help to develop economic resilience toolkits for the community. The first round of industry-specific virtual workshops will introduce the Commission's broader business recovery and resiliency efforts and provide real examples of business resiliency and continuity to help local businesses identify effective pandemic-responsive strategies including digital marketing, eCommerce, and collaboration/networking practices. The series schedule is as follows:

- March 1, 2021 at 3:00 pm: [Business Resilience Workshop for Food Service and Restaurant Businesses](#)
- March 2, 2021 at 3:00 pm: [Business Resilience Workshop for Accommodations Businesses](#)
- March 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm: [Business Resilience Workshop for Retail and Product-based Businesses](#)
- March 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm: [Business Resilience Workshop for Arts, Culture, and Recreation Businesses](#)
- March 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm: [Business Resilience Workshop for Service-based Businesses](#)

These industry-specific workshops will build on the first installment in the series held on February 18 2021 that focused on the current round of the Paycheck Protection Program and other pandemic-relief funding opportunities. This workshop series is funded by an Economic Development Assistance CARES Act grant. The Cape Cod Commission is working with Boston-based consultant [Revby](#) to facilitate the workshops, develop the economic resiliency toolkits, and identify further strategies for local 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 cccom.link/business-recovery.

Officer Brian Morrison Recognized by the Massachusetts Black & Latino Legislative Caucus as one of the Black Leaders across Massachusetts

The Barnstable Police are proud to announce that Barnstable Police Patrol Officer Brian Morrison is being honored as a Black Leader in Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Black & Latino Legislative Caucus, at the 2021 Black Excellence on the Hill virtual event tomorrow, February 26, 2021, from noon to 1pm. It is an annual event that commemorates Black community leaders and trailblazers that are moving the Commonwealth forward in cities and towns across Massachusetts. Brian joined the Barnstable Police in 1997 and has been a terrific representative of our department and the Town of Barnstable. He has been assigned as the Department's Youth and Community Officer since 2017, stationed at the Hyannis Youth and Community Center. He is also our Department's Civil Rights Officer, and a member of our Mountain Bike Unit and Honor Guard, and the Adopt-A-School Officer for Hyannis West Elementary School. Most recently Brian became an instructor in Fair and Impartial Policing. In addition to Brian's work, he is incredibly involved in our community. He is a founding member of People of Action, a Barnstable community organization dedicated to creating a better Barnstable through uplifting action, a Lt. Governor for Kiwanis International, a member of the Elks Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, the Shriners and the Moose, and works with Big Brothers and Big Sisters. He is often described as the unofficial "Mayor of Barnstable". Brian's recognition is well deserved. His commitment to Barnstable and empowering our youth is unparalleled, and the Barnstable Police and the Town of Barnstable are fortunate to have him and all that he contributes to our community. The virtual ceremony took place on Friday, February 26, 2021.



Old King's Highway Achieves National Scenic Byway Status

2021 designation makes it one of four in Massachusetts

With its new designation as a National Scenic Byway by the U.S Department of Transportation, the 34-mile Old King's Highway is now one of four in Massachusetts to achieve that status. Old King's Highway was among three new Massachusetts designations approved in January 2021 and 49 additional across the country. The nomination was prepared by the Cape Cod Commission and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce to preserve, promote, and enhance this unique roadway. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) submitted the nomination to the Federal Highway Administration accompanied by letters of support from numerous local chambers of commerce and the Town of Barnstable. The Chamber's commitment to promoting the stories found along the byway was a component in securing this designation. "The scenic byway category recognizes that, like the environment, the Cape's history also drives the economy," Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO Wendy Northcross said. "Along with our beaches, salt marshes and harbors, Route 6A captures what many residents and visitors think when they hear the words 'Cape Cod.' The Commission's work developing a corridor management plan, initially in 1995 and updated in 2010, helped lay the groundwork for the national designation, making it eligible for nomination. That plan followed the roadway's 1992



designation as a Massachusetts Scenic Byway in recognition of its distinctive scenic and historic character. "The Cape Cod Commission has long-recognized the important role played by the Old King's Highway in preserving the Cape's special sense of place," Executive Director Kristy Senatori said. "As we look to the future, it will be important to protect and preserve these cultural assets from the effects of climate change and other critical regional challenges for future generations." The Old King's

Highway extends through seven communities along the Cape's north side from Bourne to the Eastham/Orleans border. It is the backbone of the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District, enacted in 1974. The district continues to be instrumental in preserving the historic character of the roadway. The National Scenic Byways Program, part of the Federal Highway Administration, seeks to "create a distinctive collection of American roads, their stories and treasured places." Among the factors considered in designations are a roadway's intrinsic qualities – archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic – national or regional significance; overall visitor's experience; and long-term sustainability. Along with inclusion in the 2021 National Scenic Byways Program Designations Booklet, Old King's Highway will be added to the [America's Byways website](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/heritage/program.cfm). The Mohawk Trail and Battle Road (Concord, Lincoln, Lexington, and Arlington) scenic byways were also designated this year. The Connecticut River Byway was approved in 2009.

Barnstable Public Schools Virtual Registration for 2021-2022 is OPEN!

"Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." Malala Yousafzai

<https://www.facebook.com/BarnstablePublicSchools/posts/1135144636926462>



Student Virtual Registration

Registration meetings are being held virtually via Zoom app



**2021-2022
School Year**



If you are looking to register a new incoming Kindergarten - 12th grade student to Barnstable School District, please start (or continue) the registration process on our website at www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/registration.

To enroll your child in our preschool program, please begin by going to www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/Page/3224 to complete a preschool application.

If you live outside of the town of Barnstable and are interested in school choice, applications for open slots and lottery will be available April 1 at www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/Page/116.



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.

Drive-Thru Food Distribution at Hyannis Transportation Center in February

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

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

******See New Location - Enter site from Route 28 across from Mary Dunn Way******

- February 27 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 6 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 13 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 20 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).
- March 27 – 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM [Click Here to Register](#).

Student Meals for Barnstable Public School Students



To continue to support our Barnstable students and their families, Barnstable Public Schools Food Service is adding a new more convenient day for families to retrieve free meals.

SATURDAYS
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Hyannis West Elementary
549 West Main Street, Hyannis

Beginning Saturday, January 9, 2021

Meals will increase from 5 days of meals to 7 days of meals. Both Breakfast and Lunch will be frozen bulk meals, cooked at home and will be items like; liquid eggs, home fries, a fruit and Chicken Dinners (with all the fixings) and 1/2 gallons of milk.

No ID required and parents can pick up meals, students do not need to be present.

NOTE: Limited supply of meals available. First come first serve



WEDNESDAY MEALS
STUDENT MEALS

Meals include 7 days worth of food!

This program runs each Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY BUS STOP SCHEDULE

Centerville Plaza – 1660 Rt. 28, Centerville
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cromwell Court – 168 Barnstable Road, Hyannis
12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Village Green Apts. – 767 Independence Drive, Hyannis
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

NOTE: Limited supply of meals available. First come first serve

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 turning 65 or retiring?

Are you about to turn 65 in the next three to four months?

Did you know that you need to look into Medicare plans now, even if you're not planning to collect Social Security benefits or intend to keep working at a job where you have insurance? If you're working or getting ready to retire, it's important to know your insurance options and how to proceed. SHINE volunteers are trained counselors who review your choices and help you connect with an insurance that meets your needs. To set up an appointment to meet with a SHINE Counselor over the telephone, call us at **508-862-4757**.



SAVVY Caregivers Program: New session begins March 19

The Savvy Caregiver Program is a free six-session training for family and friends who are active caregivers for those living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. This session will be held on Fridays March 19-April 16, from 10-11:30AM, and are held online via Zoom. For more information or to register, please call: **508-862-4765** or email stacey.cullen@town.barnstable.ma.us

Special Registry of Motor Vehicle Hours for Older Adults

The RMV has designated Wednesdays in February and March to serve customers aged 75 and older. The South Yarmouth and Plymouth RMV centers are included in this group. Please note that a reservation is required. The options for making an appointment are listed below:

- If you are a AAA member, you may make a reservation now to renew your driver's license/ID or registration at a AAA location. Visit www.aaa.com/appointments to schedule your visit.
- If you are not a AAA member, visit Mass.Gov/RMV to make a reservation to visit an RMV Service Center. Select the "Senior Transaction" option on the "Make/Cancel a Reservation" transaction.
- Email the RMV for assistance at MassDOTRMVSeniors@dot.state.ma
- Call the RMV at **857-368-8005**.

Barnstable Connects Dementia-Friendly Programs

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

Grab & Go Grocery Bags

If you're running low on food or are unable to get to the grocery store, the BCOA can help. A large array of shelf-stable foods and other grocery items are available, and we can load a bag to your car. If you

don't have a means of transportation, we can also deliver a bag to you. In need of a bag? Please call Jacqi Easter at **508-862-4757**.

Beep! Beep! Weekly Drive thru Grab & Go

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM Swing by the BACC parking lot to pick up a healthy and delicious Grab & Go bag lunch for Barnstable residents over the age of 60. We'll 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. Questions? Call Stacey at **508-862-4765**.

The Barnstable Council on Aging's E-newsletter is sent at least once a week, and contains lots of information and resources for the older adult community. If you'd like to have it sent to you, please email: judith.reppucci@town.barnstable.ma.us . You'll 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. Check them out at:

[Sturgis Library](#) (Barnstable Village)

[Centerville Public Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Hyannis Public Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Public Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Whelden Memorial Library](#) (West Barnstable)

Vineyard Wind Virtual Public Information Sessions

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



 **VINEYARD WIND**

Virtual Information Session

Paving the Way in Barnstable

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

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

March 9 • 12:00pm

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* MassDOT Advisory Update: Barnstable**

Temporary Road Closure on Route 28 between the Airport Rotary and Yarmouth Road

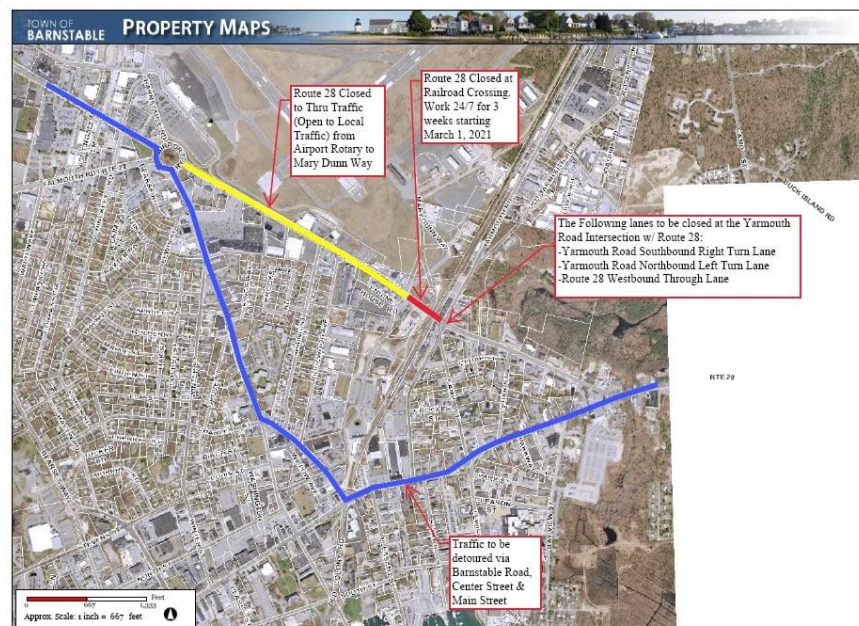
Closure will be in place from Monday, March 1, through Sunday, March 21

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing that it will be temporarily closing a section of Route 28 (Iyannough Road), between the Airport Rotary and Yarmouth Road, in Yarmouth. The closure will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 1, and will continue for three weeks through Sunday, March 21. The roadway is anticipated to be reopened to traffic by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, March 22. The roadway closure is necessary to allow crews to replace existing railroad tracks west of Yarmouth Road, install new railroad tracks, and perform associate utility work at the tracks. Traffic will be detoured during the closure as follows:

- Traffic on Route 28 south from the Airport Rotary will be detoured onto Barnstable Road, then turn left to Center Street, then left to Main Street and then merge with Route 28.
- Traffic on Route 28 north from Yarmouth will be detoured to Main Street and then turn right onto Barnstable Road to the Airport Rotary.

Route 28 will remain open to local traffic between the Airport Rotary and the railroad tracks and between Main Street and Yarmouth Road to access local businesses and properties. Drivers traveling through the affected areas should expect delays, reduce speed, and use caution. All scheduled work is weather dependent and/or may be impacted due to an emergency situation. For more information on traffic conditions travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit 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* 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 is scheduled to begin on December 21st and the work is anticipated to take six (6) weeks to complete. Work will be performed from 7 AM to 5 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 Hyannis**

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

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

MassDOT Construction operations on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road 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, 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.

***UPDATED* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Next week Neuco crews will be working on gas services on Phinney's Lane, Centerville, Scudder Avenue, Hyannis and Main Street, Osterville. 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 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.

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) and 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 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 1st. The first quarter was due on August 3, 2020 and the second quarter is due on November 2, 2020.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

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

Abatement Applications

Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/>

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

Property Information

Inquiries regarding property values can be requested by email to assessor@town.barnstable.ma.us or you can call 508.862.4022 or 508.862.4020.

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

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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

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

200 MAIN STREET

Instructions for Dropping Off Permit Applications

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

Instructions for Making an Appointment with Staff

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;

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The Last Word:

Not everything that is faced can be changed.

But nothing can be changed until it is faced.

~James Baldwin

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