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# Barnstable eNEWS



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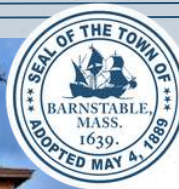
- May is Older Americans Month and our Barnstable Adult Community Center is a hub of activity;
- May is also National Mental Health Awareness Month;
- The next Local Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting is Tuesday, May 20th;
- Barnstable Public Schools hosts Kindergarten Screening & Orientation through June 6th;
- The application deadline for 2025 Downtown Hyannis Small Business Façade Improvement Grant Program is June 8th;
- Join the Town of Barnstable's Shellfishing Team to learn to Shellfish for Razor Clams;
- The Cape Cod Commission is updating its Regional Policy Plan;
- The Cape Cod & Southeastern Massachusetts Rabies Task Force has begun distribution of the oral rabies vaccine;
- Running for elected office? Nomination papers are now available.; and
- A Friendly Reminder to stay informed by downloading the MyBarnstable app.

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# Stay Connected

The Town has a number of newsletters to keep you up to date and informed! Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up today!

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[www.BarnstableWaterResources.com](http://www.BarnstableWaterResources.com)

[www.BarnstableEnews.com](http://www.BarnstableEnews.com)

[www.BarnstableLCP.com](http://www.BarnstableLCP.com)



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- View Latest Updates
- And more...

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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS & UPDATES



**SEWER  
CONSTRUCTION**

**ROAD PROJECTS  
UTILITY WORK**

## ROADWORK NOTICES

Contact DPW  
508-790-6400

Stay up to date on all CWMP News and Updates here  
[www.barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/](http://www.barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/)



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025



READ THE SUMMARY



WATCH THE VOD

**NEXT TOWN  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY,  
JUNE 5, 2025  
@ 6PM**

[www.BarnstableNews.com](http://www.BarnstableNews.com)



# Discover Barnstable

## Season 6 Recap

Catch up on all the episodes of the Discover Barnstable where you stream your favorite podcasts.



## May 12<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>



## Barnstable Government Access Weekly Meeting Review

VIDEO ON DEMAND  
YOUTUBE  
WATCH LIVE



Barnstable Government Access (BGA) is now easier than ever to watch!  
Download the new BGA app on Apple & Android devices or stream on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire Stick—just search "Barnstable" to get started!  
Still on Xfinity? Tune in to Channels 8/1070 or in HD on 1072.



CLICK ON ANY OF THE MEETINGS TO WATCH





# Town of Barnstable

## PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR

For the complete calendar of events and meetings,  
visit <https://townofbarnstable.us/calendar.asp>

### Monday, May 19:

- 3:00 PM | Committee to Review Town Council Rules and the Town Code
- 5:00 PM | Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Ad Hoc Committee
- 5:30 PM | Community Preservation Committee

### Tuesday, May 20:

- 4:00 PM | Historical Commission
- 4:00 PM | Airport Commission
- 4:45 PM | Board of Assessors
- 5:00 PM | Barnstable Municipal Water Supply Board
- 6:00 PM | Local Comprehensive Planning Committee
- 7:00 PM | Waterways Committee

### Wednesday, May 21:

- 9:00 AM | Council on Aging
- 3:30 PM | Committee to Review the Purpose, Composition, Functionality and Effectiveness of the Standing Committees of the Town
- 6:30 PM | Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission

### Thursday, May 22:

- 4:00 PM | Housing Committee

### Friday, May 23:

None



Tune into Barnstable Government Access Channel 8  
or HD Channel 1072 for meeting coverage.

## Want to Run For Office?

### NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Been thinking about throwing your hat into the ring for Town Council; School Committee, or Housing Authority?  
Now is your chance to step up and pull the necessary papers to run.

The Town Election will be on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 with the following openings:

**6** Town Council seats (Precincts 2,4,6,8,10,12 )

**2** School Committee seats

**2** Barnstable Housing Authority seats

**1** Town Clerk

For Town Council positions, you will need a minimum of fifty (50 ) signatures to have your name appear on the ballot.



*"The way to change the world is through  
individual responsibility and taking  
local action in your own community."  
- Jeff Bridges*

Any questions? Contact Town Clerk  
Ann Quirk at 508-862-4044.





THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE'S  
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN:



# *Spring Walking Weekend*

FRIDAY, MAY 16 - SUNDAY, MAY 18

Join us for various guided, interactive walks led by experienced walk leaders who will narrate points of interest along their path.

Come and experience one (or more!) of the many natural and historic landscapes in the town of Barnstable.

Visit the OSC page for more details closer to the date:

[TownOfBarnstable.us/OpenSpaceCommittee](http://TownOfBarnstable.us/OpenSpaceCommittee)







# Town of Barnstable

## Local Comprehensive Plan



### Join Us & Help Determine Barnstable's Future! We want to hear from you!

The Local Comprehensive Planning Committee will hold their next meeting Tuesday May 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM in person at Barnstable Town Hall in the James H. Crocker Hearing Room. The meeting will include discussion regarding public comments received for the full draft of the Local Comprehensive Plan and coordination of final edits.

The agenda and materials for the meeting are available on the Town's Barnstable Local Comprehensive Plan website [BarnstableLCP.com](http://BarnstableLCP.com) on both the Calendar and Meeting Materials pages, and on the Town's website on the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee webpage.



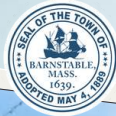
#### Community Meeting

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

**Barnstable Town Hall (367 Main St., Hyannis, MA)**

## 2025 Downtown Hyannis Façade Improvement Grant Program

Grab up to \$10,000 for your small business



*Before*



*After*



*Before*



*After*

This grant program is available to all properties in the Hyannis Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) District. The program is intended to improve the aesthetics of downtown Hyannis and enhance the quality of commercial properties in the area. Eligible improvements include new signage, windows, planters, painting, masonry, siding, doors, awnings and/or structural or design changes.

**The application deadline is June 8, 2025 and awarded projects must be completed by November 1, 2025.**

Learn more by visiting <https://businessbarnstable.com/2025-downtown-hyannis-facade-grant-program/>



On Monday May 12th, the Town held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the planting of 18 trees at the Barnstable Dog Park. The planting was a collaborative effort between Planning & Development staff, the Town's Tree Warden, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and AmeriCorps Cape Cod. The trees were secured through funding from the Town's Greening the Gateway Cities Program. The objective of the grant program is to increase new tree canopy within the Town's defined Planting Zone which includes the greater Hyannis area. All properties within the Planting Zone, including private property owners, are eligible to sign up for free trees. To learn more about this opportunity and to confirm if your property is within the Planting Zone, please visit [GreeningHyannis.com](http://GreeningHyannis.com).



# BEACH CLEANUP



Please join Natural Resources, Keep Barnstable Beautiful, Barnstable Land Trust, Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, BARS, and Cape Cod Maritime Museum for a beach cleanup!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

**TIME: 7-9 AM**

**WHERE: OREGON BEACH (2-198 OREGON WAY, COTUIT, MA)**

\*\*\*IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESIDENT BEACH STICKER, PLEASE REMEMBER YOU WILL BE TICKETED IF YOU STAY IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER 9 AM! \*\*\*

Gloves and trash bags will be provided; **WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE: dress accordingly!**  
PLEASE CONTACT BARNSTABLE NATURAL RESOURCES WITH QUESTIONS: 508-790-6272

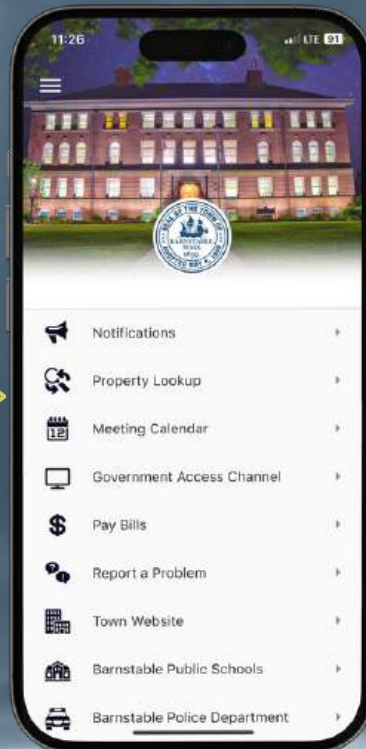
## ARE YOU HURRICANE READY?

THE BEST TIME TO PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE IS BEFORE IT HAPPENS!



May is Hurricane Preparedness Month

Download the  
MyBarnstable  
App for all the  
latest news and  
alerts



**MAKE  
A PLAN**



HAVE A PREDETERMINED  
EMERGENCY PLAN TAILORED TO  
YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS



BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT  
THAT CAN SUSTAIN YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY FOR 3-5 DAYS

**BUILD  
A KIT**

**STAY  
INFORMED**



AS A STORM APPROACHES,  
CLOSELY MONITOR MEDIA REPORTS  
AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM  
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS

Visit [mass.gov/mema](https://mass.gov/mema) for more hurricane preparedness resources

# YOU BELONG IN BARNSTABLE

Looking for a rewarding career?

The Town of Barnstable has open positions and is looking for talented individuals to join our team! 🌟 Whether you're passionate about public service, skilled in administration, or looking for seasonal opportunities, we have a variety of roles available.

- ✓ Competitive pay & benefits
- ✓ Opportunities to make a difference in your community
- ✓ Work with a great team!

Check out our current job openings and apply today!

## Featured Jobs:

Laborer/Craftsperson - Airport  
Administrative Assistant-Human Resources  
Equipment Operator II - DPW Highway



## Learn to Shellfish for Razor Clams!



Join the Town of Barnstable Shellfishing Team at Scudders Lane to learn!

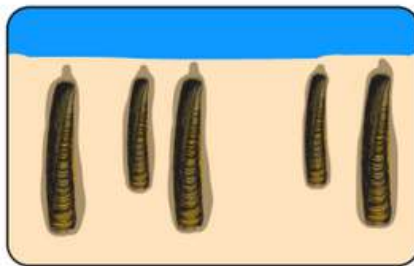
Dates for classes:

May 17<sup>th</sup> @9AM

May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9AM

June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10AM

June 14<sup>th</sup> @10AM



These **FREE 2 hour long** classes will take place at **Scudders Lane** and all gear **will be provided**.  
Classes limited to 20 people, first come first serve.



To register or for questions email  
Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us  
Call 508-790-6272



## THE CICADAS ARE COMING



*As the temperatures rise, so does the chorus of our summer friends — cicadas!*

Cicadas can reach noise levels over 100 decibels — that's about as loud as a chainsaw or a motorcycle!

### 🕒 WHEN ARE THEY ACTIVE?

Cicadas typically make noise from sunrise to sunset, with peak volume often occurring during the hottest part of the day. Their emergence and buzzing season usually lasts 4 to 6 weeks, then they go away for the next 17 years!



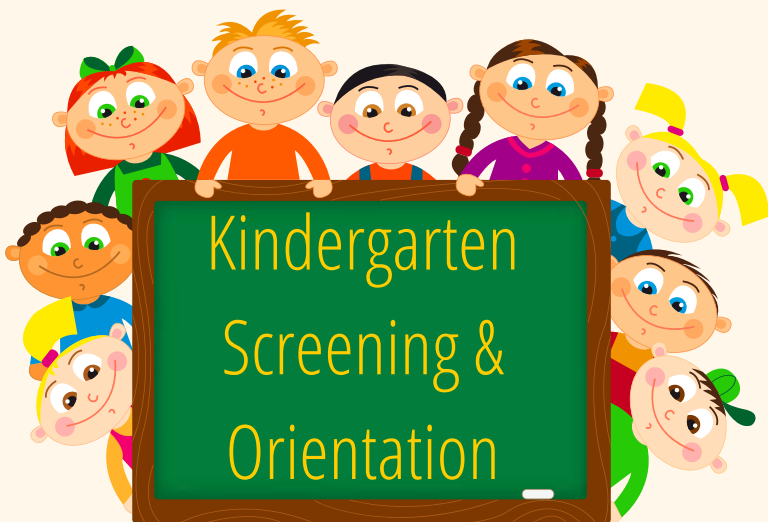
### PROTECT YOUR EARS



Earplugs or noise-canceling headphones can reduce the impact of cicada noise. Take regular quiet breaks indoors to give your ears a rest.

So go out and enjoy nature's noisiest party — just remember to keep your ears in mind.





Each Spring, BPS elementary schools host their own Kindergarten Screening and Orientation events. To participate, your child must be fully pre-registered. Please follow these steps to ensure you're ready:

1. Pre-register online [here](#)
2. Schedule your pre-registration appointment
3. Submit all required documents to complete the process



Once your registration is complete, your family will be added to your home school's mailing list and will receive important information about Kindergarten Screening, Orientation and upcoming Welcome Events.

**Kindergarten Screening & Orientation Dates:**

**May 12 - June 6, 2025**

**Join the**



**Barnstable  
Town Band!**



## Calling All Musicians!

The Barnstable Town Band, one of Cape Cod's longest-running community bands, is always looking for new members to join the fun! Right now, we're especially in need of:

- ♪ Baritone & Trombone
- ♪ Percussionists (snare, full set, or even auxiliary like tambourine & maracas!)
- ♪ Flutists

Can read music but don't play percussion? Many keyboard players can quickly learn bells/glockenspiel and jump right in! If you or a friend play any of these instruments, we'd love to hear from you! email at

[barnstabletownband@gmail.com](mailto:barnstabletownband@gmail.com)

*Let's make music together this summer!*

## HYANNIS OPEN STREETS

Come **PLAY** in the street!



MAY 18  
(RAIN DATE JUNE 1)  
12-4 PM

**COME WALK, RUN, BIKE, DANCE, AND PLAY IN THE STREET!**

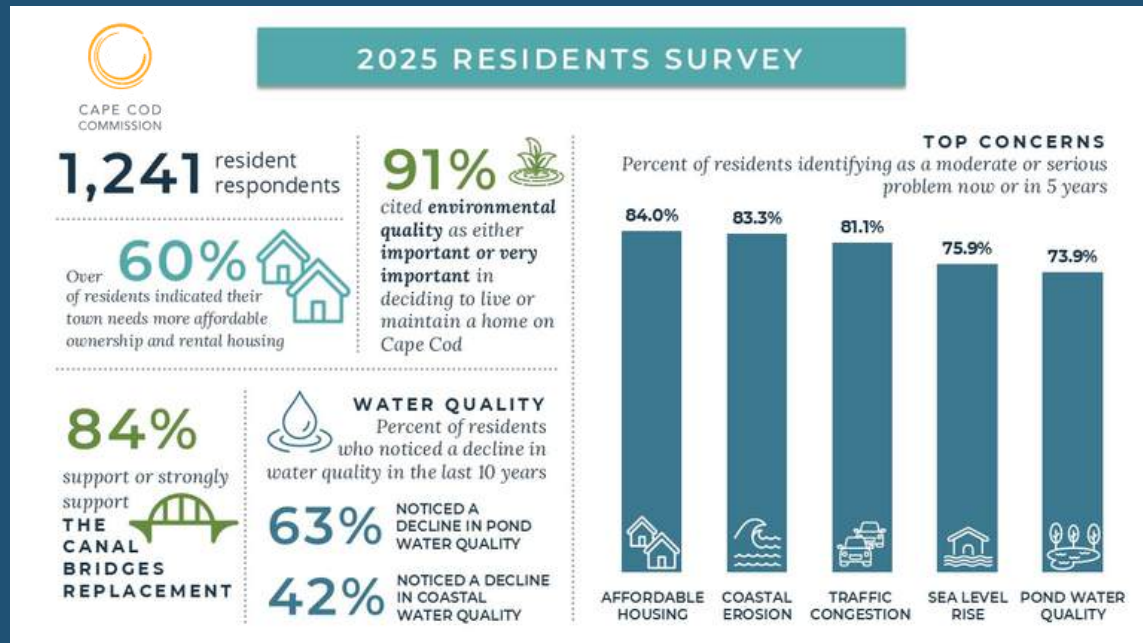
HYANNIS MAIN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM BARNSTABLE ROAD TO SEA STREET ENJOY FREE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, CRAFTS, A KIDS ZONE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, AND SO MUCH MORE! GET OUTSIDE, MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, AND ENJOY OUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN!



## WHAT ARE CAPE CODDERS' TOP PLANNING PRIORITIES?

The Cape Cod Commission is in the process of updating the 2018 Regional Policy Plan, which provides regional planning objectives to guide development and protect the Cape's unique natural, built, and community resources. To inform this update, the Commission partnered with the UMass Donahue Institute to conduct a survey of Cape Cod residents to better understand public perspectives on the region's most pressing planning challenges.

[View the survey results](#)



### Cape Cod Commission to launch study on tiered water rates

The Cape Cod Commission will launch a comprehensive study to evaluate the use of tiered water rate structures as a tool to promote water conservation across the region. This effort is supported by a \$44,332 Drought Resiliency and Water Efficiency Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

### Public Comment Opportunity: Transportation Planning Documents

The Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has released the Draft FFY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program and the Draft FFY2026 Unified Planning Work Program for a 14-day public review and comment period. Members of the public are invited to review these documents and provide comments.

Visit [www.capecodcommission.org/mpo](http://www.capecodcommission.org/mpo) for more.

### Innovative solutions for Cape Cod's housing challenges

A framework for establishing a Cape Cod Housing Trust and Housing Land Bank is complete. Created in collaboration with consultants Outwith Studio and Utile along with land bank consultants out of Ohio, the framework provides recommendations and next steps for potentially establishing the entity(ies) based on feedback received from stakeholders at numerous meetings throughout the fall and early winter. The framework emphasizes sustainable development and the importance of community engagement in ultimately bringing the entities to life.

Read more: <https://cccom.link/clt-hlb-rpt>

### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

FIND HELPFUL TOOLS AND LEARN HOW TO BREAK THE STIGMA [HERE](#)

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

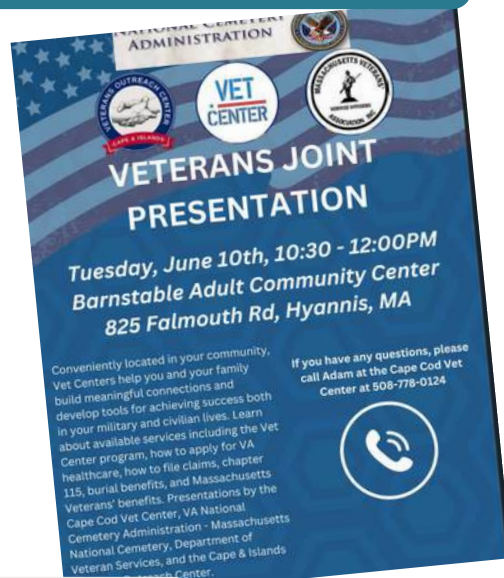
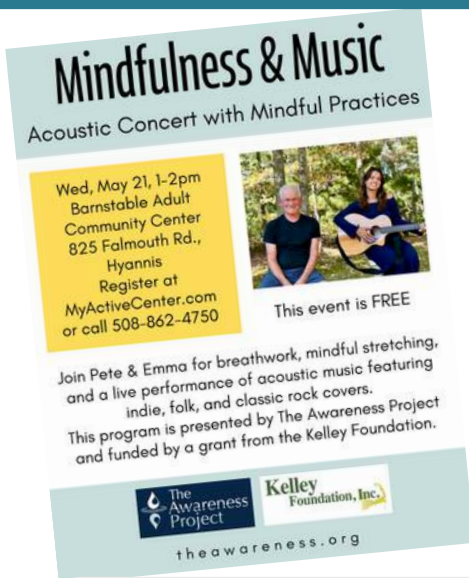


**Find out what's going on in the newest issue of THRIVE!**

**COMING  
SOON**

Learn more and register  
for these events at:

[MyActiveCenter.com/activities](http://MyActiveCenter.com/activities)  
or call 508-862-4750.



## RESPIRE PROGRAMS WITH STACEY CULLEN

### MEMORY LOSS 101-DEMENTIA FRIEND TRAINING -WHAT IS A DEMENTIA FRIEND?

To become a Dementia Friend, you participate in a one-hour Dementia Friends Information Session offered by a Dementia Friends Champion. You will learn five key messages about dementia and a bit about what it's like to live with dementia. As a Dementia Friend, you turn your new understanding of dementia into a practical action that can help someone with dementia living in your community. Your action can be as big or as small as you choose – because every action counts! *Tuesday, May 20 (10AM-11AM) | Sturgis Library*

### WHAT'S YOUR LEARNING STYLE?

What is your learning style this program will review our learning styles. The participants will Learning Assessments: better understanding of how we interpret information- visual, audio, and or tactile learner.

*Thursday, May 22 (10AM-11AM) | Osterville Library*

## BACC Weekly Calendar

**May 19**

11:00 AM Range Day &  
Lunch at Old Barn  
**Cancelled**

1:00 PM Movie Monday  
(call for info)

**May 20**

9:00 AM Blood Pressure  
Clinic with the VNA

12:30 PM Wood  
Decorative Painting  
with Irene  
(\$, pre-registration  
required)

**May 21**

9:00 AM Ask the Nurse  
11:00 AM Terrapin Talk

12:00 PM Hearing  
Clinic  
1:00 PM Mindfulness &  
Folk Music

**May 22**

1:00 PM Alz Family  
Support Group



**Our wheels are rolling**  
Call Jen at  
**508-862-4750**  
**x4752.**

**May 23**

12:00 PM Friday Flix:  
Classic Films with Roger





# MAY IS 'GET CAUGHT READING' MONTH!

Get caught reading at your local village library

[Sturgis Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Library](#)

[Centerville Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

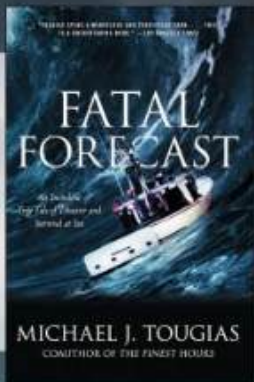
[Whelden Library](#)

[Hyannis Library](#)

CENTERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hybrid Author Talk with  
**MICHAEL J TOUGIAS**

Thursday, May 22  
@ 4:30 p.m.



New York Times bestselling author Michael J. Tougas is joining us via Zoom to give a presentation on his book, *Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*, a true story of an epic fight for survival.

**THIS IS A HYBRID PROGRAM**  
Join us at the library to watch the Zoom presentation, or view it from the comfort of your own home!

Centerville Public Library ~ 585 Main Street, Centerville, 02632  
508-790-6220 ~ [centervillelibrary.org](http://centervillelibrary.org)

Cotuit Library  
EST. 1874  
Celebrating 150 Years

*Build Your Own Bouquet Bar*

SUNDAY, JUNE 1 FROM 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.



Create your own fresh flower bouquet at this fun, hands-on event on the Library lawn. Choose from a selection of beautiful blooms and build a one-of-a-kind arrangement to take home. A perfect way to celebrate the start of summer with friends, family, or on your own.



**POKÉMON CLUB**  
for ages 5-12

As the journey continues...  
Sunday, May 25 at 1:00 pm  
Meets inside Whelden.

Sign up required!  
[wheldenlibrary.org/events](http://wheldenlibrary.org/events)  
[whelden@comcast.net](mailto:whelden@comcast.net)  
508-362-2262

Trading Card Game!



WHELDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**Free Live Music!**

**Local Hip-Hop Showcase**

**The 2YG 808**  
**Jacy Howes**  
**S Marquis**  
**Tra Gualla**

**Saturday, May 24th**  
**@ 5:00 P.M.**

*Hyannis Public Library / 401 Main Street, Hyannis*  
*508-775-2280 / [hyannislibrary.org](http://hyannislibrary.org)*






*The last word...*

**Bloom where you're planted, or at least  
where the Wi-Fi is strong.**



**Thank you for receiving and reading  
eNews each week!**

