Secretary of State William Galvin in Barnstable for Census 2020

We were honored to host Secretary of State William Galvin on Wednesday, November 13th for a Cape Cod Census awareness event followed by a Train the Trainers workshop. The 2020 U.S. Census is just over 4 months away, and we need to step up our outreach and organizing to ensure that EVERY Massachusetts resident is counted—especially our undercounted communities. More than $16 billion in federal funding to our Commonwealth is based on Census data, as is our political representation, so we can't afford to miss tens of thousands of people, as we did in 2010. Cape Cod's geography and large seasonal population put it at a particularly high risk of an undercount. It also has many residents who have historically been undercounted all across Massachusetts, such as immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, low-income families, people in group housing, renters, young adults, and people with disabilities. You will be hearing and seeing more about Census 2020 in the near future.

Draft Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

The Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works has provided the Town Council with the draft Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP). This draft CWMP will guide traditional and nontraditional efforts in Barnstable for the next 30 years, with the primary goals of reducing nutrient enrichment of coastal estuaries and fresh water ponds as well as the protection of public water supplies. Additional goals include supporting smart growth and economic development coupled with providing solutions in areas where it has traditionally been difficult to site on-site systems such as areas with high groundwater and poor soils. The draft CWMP is available on the Town’s website.
Town Manager Held Public Hearing for Calendar Year Fees on November 12th
Town Manager Mark Ells with Finance Director Mark Milne held a public hearing on changes to various, permits and program fees that will take effect January 1, 2020 for FY 2020 within the Town of Barnstable on November 12th, 2019. Under the Community Services Department there are proposed fee changes for Recreation, Golf, and the Hyannis Youth & Community Center. Under the Marine & Environmental Affairs Department there are proposed fee changes to Mooring. Mr. Ells has taken the proposed fees under advisement and will be making a determination soon. The list of proposed changes can be viewed here.

SAVE THE DATE - From Sandy Neck - MANDATORY MEETING FOR HUNTERS
Archery meeting Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Primitive meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM
The Marine and Environmental Affairs Department will be holding a forum for hunters interested in the special regulations and requirements that will govern the 2019 controlled deer hunt on Sandy Neck Beach Park. The forum will be held at the Centerville Recreation Building, 524 Main Street, Centerville, MA. The deer hunt for archery hunters will be November 25 – 30, 2019 - or until six (6) deer have been taken, whichever comes first. Primitive firearms hunting will be December 16 – December 21, 2019 or until six (6) deer have been taken, whichever comes first. A total of twelve (12) deer will be harvested. The forum will cover special regulations, harvest objectives and prerequisites for participation in the hunt. Hunters MUST attend their respective meeting to be eligible to participate in the Sandy Neck deer hunt. Hunters are only eligible for the archery hunt or the primitive firearms hunt, not both. Any questions call: 508-790-6272.

Channel 18 Wins ACM-NE Awards for Programs
Channel 18 Station Manager Sarah Beal and Assistant Station Manager Paula Hersey recently attended the Alliance for Community Media Northeast Region Conference and Video Festival held in Portland Maine. Channel 18 took home four awards; 3rd place in the Community Impact category for Water Quality Testing, 3rd place in the Historical Documentary category for Bismore Park - A Family Legacy, 2nd place in the About Access Media category, Channel 18 – Media That Matters, and 1st place in the Science, Health, and Spirituality category for Diamondback Terrapin Headstart Program. Station Manager Sarah Beal also presented at an informative session on government access TV for the Town of Barnstable at the conference.
Scholarships Available for Recreation Division Programs

The Recreation Division is pleased to announce that it was awarded funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds will provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships for children of families residing in the Town of Barnstable with a household income of 80% or less of the area median. If approved, this scholarship will allow children to participate in Youth Programs offered by the Recreation Division and the Hyannis Youth and Community Center (HYCC) at a reduced rate. In order to apply, you must complete the:

1) 2019 CDBG Income Certification Form
2) 2019 Recreation/HYCC Financial Aid Application
3) Supply all of the required documentation listed on the Financial Aid Application

Once your paperwork is completed, you may drop it off or mail it to:

HYCC
Attn: Financial Aid
141 Bassett Lane
Hyannis, MA 02601

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Sandra Merritt at 508-790-6345 X 113 or sandra.merritt@town.barnstable.ma.us.

Inside Barnstable Town Government Winter 2020 Classes - 27th Session

The twenty-seventh session of Inside Barnstable Town Government, A Citizens Leadership Academy will begin Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The academy is an 11-week commitment with the goal of educating the citizens of Barnstable about the operations of town government, while also obtaining valuable feedback and participation from those citizens participating in the Academy. The program is designed to advance understanding of and participation in civic affairs as well as to increase awareness of the challenges facing municipal government. To date, over 700 Barnstable residents and employees have participated in the program. The classes will be on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 PM and will be held in various locations throughout the Town. The Academy also includes a bus tour of the seven villages. The classes will be conducted by Town staff and provide interactive learning experiences, group discussions, and site tours. The program is free of charge and open to anyone who resides or works in the Town of Barnstable. Class size is limited. Please register early to avoid the waiting list. Applications are available at the Town Manager’s Office, 367 Main Street, Hyannis or online here. To receive an application by mail or fax, please call 508-862-4610. For specific information, you may call Academy facilitators Susan French at 508-362-2864 or Deb Brunelle at 508-648-5936.

Update on Water Quality Resource Management Efforts in Barnstable

Barnstable’s Channel 18 has prepared a YouTube playlist of segments they have created on Water Quality Resource Efforts in the Town of Barnstable. The informative pieces include Town Manager Mark Ells talking about Water Quality Planning, Herring Run 2019, Cotuit Bay Dredging, Barnstable at Work – Hyannis Water Supply Division, Water Quality Testing in the Three Bays and more. At the January 3, 2019 Town Council meeting, DPW Director Dan Santos presented an Update on Wastewater Management Efforts in Barnstable. We thought we would share this important information again in this week’s eNews. Mr. Santos’ presentation can be viewed here. Additional updates have been provided at the February 28, 2019 Town Council Meeting, March 21, 2019 Town Council Meeting, June 20, 2019 Town Council Meeting, August 15, 2019 Town Council Meeting, as well as the September 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting. Here is the link for Finance Director Mark Milne’s presentation to the Town Council at their October 3, 2019 meeting. DPW Director Dan Santos, joined by Assistant DPW Director Rob Steen and Town Engineer Griffin Beaudoin, presented the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan at the October 10, 2019 Town Council meeting.
ROAD WORK UPDATES

As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.

*NEW* National Grid New Customer Hookups

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 through Thursday, November 21, 2019

Neuco crews will install gas service on Herring Run Drive, Centerville. 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 two 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.

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

Construction operations began on September 5, 2019, and will continue through to April 2021

MassDOT has commenced work on the intersection at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road. 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.

Hours of Operation (Day/Night): Monday through Friday 7:00 AM-3:30 PM. The initial work shall be done in four phases to allow access to local businesses for both vehicles and pedestrians. Traffic control will include all required signage, channeling devises for lane shifts and alternating one-way traffic as required. Police details/flaggers will be used as needed.

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* National Grid Service Road

Beginning Tuesday, November 12, 2019, National Grid will be installing a new gas main on Service Road in Sandwich and Barnstable. Work is anticipated to begin at the Barnstable/Sandwich town line on Service Road and continue westerly along Service Road into Sandwich. Work will be performed at night, Monday through Friday from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Service Road will be closed during those times and only accessible for abutters and emergency vehicles. The project is scheduled to be completed in November, 2020.

*CONTINUES* Old Kings Road /Sampson’s Mill Road

The Towns of Mashpee and Barnstable are replacing a culvert at the Santuit River on Sampson’s Mill Road (Mashpee)/Old Kings Road (Barnstable). Sampson’s Mill Road/Old Kings Road will be closed to traffic in both directions for the duration of the project. The road closure will be between Willowbend...
Drive in Mashpee and at Abbey Gate Road in Barnstable. Eastbound traffic will be detoured in Mashpee onto Cape Drive to Route 28. Westbound traffic in Barnstable will be alerted via message boards to utilize Route 28 via Main Street. Paving of the roadway should take place in November, weather depending. Work will continue through December 2019.

*CONTINUES* Main Street (Route 6A) and Mill Way in Barnstable Village

Construction is scheduled to continue through May 2020. Normal work hours will be 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Main Street (Route 6A) from Rendezvous Lane to Mill Way, and Mill Way from Main Street to Barnstable Harbor Marina. The project objectives are to improve pedestrian access and overall traffic safety, rehabilitate aging infrastructure, and enhance the streetscape. The project scope includes new/improved sidewalks, landscaping, and decorative street lighting in the village center, drainage, pavement, crosswalks, median islands, and traffic signals. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

*CONTINUES* Sea Street, South Street, and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis

Construction is scheduled to continue through December 2019. Normal work hours will be 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Sea Street from Main Street to Ocean Avenue, Ocean Avenue from Sea Street to Keyes Memorial Beach, and the intersection of Sea Street & South Street. Work this fall will include sidewalk reconstruction and wheelchair ramps; installation of decorative street lights and planting street trees; new traffic signal equipment at Sea Street & South Street; placing the top layer of asphalt on the roads, sidewalks, and driveway aprons; and installing pavement markings and traffic signs, including crosswalks. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

*CONTINUES* Route 149, Main Street, and River Road in Marstons Mills

Construction is scheduled to continue through December 2019. Normal work hours will be from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. The project area is Route 149 from Mill Pond to Lovell’s Lane, Main Street from Route 149 to the former elementary school, and River Road from Route 149 to the post office drive. Work this fall will include constructing additional stormwater management systems; replacing temporary sidewalks with permanent sidewalks; planting trees and installing other landscaping; constructing textured and raised crosswalks; placing the top layer of asphalt on roads and driveway aprons; and installing pavement markings and traffic signs. Traffic will be maintained on these roads throughout construction. During active construction in the roadway, there will be lane closures with police details to direct traffic. Traffic delays may occur during lane closures. When required, detours will be posted and communicated with local businesses and residents. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

*UPDATED* Ocean Street, Hyannis Pavement and Sidewalk Improvements on Ocean Street (between Main Street and South Street)

The work includes curb and sidewalk improvements, milling and paving of the existing road surface and general restoration of disturbed areas. The work is expected to be completed by November 29, 2019, weather permitting. As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.
*CONTINUES* Phase 2 of Dredging of Cotuit Bay Entrance Channel and Western Tip of Sampson’s Island

The Department of Public Works, in collaboration with Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, Massachusetts Audubon Society, and Barnstable County, has begun operations for Phase 2 of the dredging of the Cotuit Bay Entrance Channel and the western tip of Sampson’s Island. Dredging is anticipated to commence on or about October 30th. This work is a continuation of the work completed last year and will widen the existing channel by approximately an additional 130 feet. The dredged material will be utilized for beach nourishment purposes on the southern side of the eastern end of the island and for a habitat enhancement area. Weather pending, dredging operations will be on-going, Monday through Saturday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM until completion of this phase of the project. Dredging operations will be completed by January 14, 2020. Boaters should use caution while navigating the waters around the dredging operation.

*CONTINUES* Ropes Beach, Old Shore Road, Cotuit (Green Stormwater Project)

Work continues on the stormwater project starting. The concrete wall has been repaired and the new “green” drainage system has been installed. Paving is anticipated to be completed within the next few weeks with construction scheduled to continue through December 2019. Normal work hours will be 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. As always, please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas, and follow posted safety and detour signs.

*ONGOING* Water Works Construction on Main Street in Hyannis

The Town of Barnstable Department of Public Works’ Water Supply Division has an on-going construction project to improve the water quality and fire flows for customers of the Hyannis Water System. Project construction is located on Main Street from Yarmouth Road to the Yarmouth Town Line. Construction is scheduled to continue through December 2019. Normal work hours will be from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. For questions relative to this project call Michael Gorenstein, Project Manager, at (508) 775-0063.

There’s lots going on at the Village Libraries of Barnstable

Barnstable Libraries’ Corner
Visit a Town of Barnstable Library today!

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www.sturgislibrary.org

Centerville Public Library
www.centervillelibrary.org

Cotuit Library
www.cotuitlibrary.org

Hyannis Public Library
www.hyannislibrary.org

Marstons Mills Public Library
www.mmpl.org

Osterville Village Library
www.ostervillevillagelibrary.org

Whelden Memorial Library in West Barnstable
www.wheldenlibrary.org
Barnstable Residents – become involved in your town’s government, apply for a position on a board, committee or commission

The Town of Barnstable has over 40 boards, committees, and commissions with approximately 291 seats. Our citizen participation is exemplary and the Town Council appreciates each and every member who serves. If you are a resident of Barnstable and are interested, please consider submitting an application. The appointments committee consists of five Town Councilors who interview applicants and make recommendations to the Town Council. All Councilors then vote to appoint members at the Town Council meetings. If you are a resident and registered to vote in the Town of Barnstable and are interested in serving on a board or committee, please visit our web page linked from the Town website and fill out the application. For a more detailed description and responsibilities of the committees listed, please contact the Town Council office: council@town.barnstable.ma.us or phone 508-862-4738.

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

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

Are you interested in the Bids and Request for Proposals (RFPs) the Town of Barnstable puts out?

Find all the Invitations for Bid and RFPs for the Town that are currently available to the public here.

e-News TRIVIA

Last Week’s Question: Inside Barnstable Town Government is currently gearing up for its next session, in what year was the program started? The first session of Inside Barnstable Town Government was held in 2003.
This Week’s Question: We’re going to toss you a softball (or football, in this case) this week. What school’s team is the traditional Thanksgiving Day rival for Barnstable High School? Please email your answer here.

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