Town Manager Mark Ells Welcomes Students to STEEP DAY

Barnstable Town Manager Mark Ells welcomed students from Barnstable, Sturgis East and West, Mashpee, Sandwich, and Cape Cod Regional Technical High Schools at yesterday’s STEEP Day at Barnstable Town Hall. STEEP is a partnership of the University of Rhode Island, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health, and Silent Spring Institute and is funded under a grant of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The STEEP Superfund Research Program is focused on two study sites, one on Cape Cod and the other in the Faroe Islands. Barnstable County, Massachusetts, is beloved for its sweeping coastline, quaint villages, and welcoming community ambiance. Barnstable County is STEEP’s primary site for community engagement activities. STEEP partner Silent Spring has conducted community-engaged research and activities focused on water quality and public health on Cape Cod for more than 20 years. Topics discussed included PFAS research, preliminary findings relative to a private well study, ongoing PFAS research in the Cape Cod region and PFAS health effects and strategies for prevention. The meetings were well attended. Mr. Ells was pleased to see a full room at the 10:00 AM session of high school students from our region learning and engaging in discussion regarding this important issue.

Town Council Meeting – October 3, 2019

Last night’s Town Council Meeting began with Barnstable Town Council President James Crocker leading the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence. Assistant Town Manager Andy Clyburn introduced one of the Town’s newest retailers – Target. Property Management Business Partner Sarah Tinsley and Cape Cod Mall Store Director Darren Holloway Target who let the Town Council know that they are happy to be here and the Grand Opening will be on October 20, 2019. Town Manager Mark Ells provided updates on the following items for the period September 20-October 3, 2019 during Town Manager Communications:

- We are proceeding with the tasks in the updated budget action calendar for FY 2021 as scheduled. The Town Manager has issue FY 2021 Operating and Capital budget instructions to staff. Proposed Calendar Year Fee changes are due on October 21, 2019 and a Calendar Year Fee hearing is scheduled for November 12, 2019. There is a scheduled joint meeting/workshop with the school committee to review the financial condition of the Town on November 21, 2019. For information on our fiscal year budgets please view the town’s Open Budget website at http://budget.townofbarnstable.us.
We are pleased to report 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 relies on both traditional methods of addressing wastewater, in the form of centralized collection and treatment, but also invests heavily in alternative technologies in the short term to potentially minimize the need for centralized sewering in later phases of the plan. The Town has been working diligently since 2015 to develop a plan that meets the needs of the community as well as the requirements of the Cape Commission’s “208 Plan” that was released in 2017. The “208 Plan” outlines the region’s plan to meet the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act. The draft CWMP is available on the Town’s website. There is a Special Town Council meeting scheduled for October 10, 2019 at which time Dan Santos, Director of Public Works, will provide the Town Council with an overview of the draft CWMP.

On September 26, 2019 Mr. Ells attended the Cape Cod & Islands Water Protection Fund Board meeting. The Board received an update from the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection Gary Moran regarding process and criteria for obtaining a determination of a 208-equivalent plan, from Nate Keenan of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, regarding the State Revolving fund loan program, reporting the Department of Revenue had transferred $2.9M to the Trust for the month of July 2019 revenues from 2.75% short term rental tax. The Board adopted Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws subcommittee, and voted to change the Bylaws Committee to the Bylaws and Regulations Committee who have been charged with developing draft regulations for the full Board’s consideration. The website for the Board has been created by the Cape Cod commission staff and the link to the current webpage is: http://www.capecodcommission.org/index.php?id=905&maincatid=3. We will keep you advised on the progress of this Board.

Last week was National Employ Older Workers Week, and to celebrate, the MassHire Cape and Islands Workforce Board recognized three local organizations on Tuesday, September 24th for their outstanding efforts to employ and engage older workers with the 2019 Age Forward Employer Awards. Congratulations to Hy-Line Cruises, the Town of Barnstable Recreation Division and the Cape Cod Chronicle! (Full article and picture appeared in last week’s eNews.)

On October 2, Barnstable Town Hall hosted the STEEP (Sources, Transport, Exposures, & Effects of PFASs) Science Day with 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM presentations by the STEEP team consisting of Silent Spring Institute, University of Rhode Island, and Harvard University’ Schools of Public Health and Engineering and Applied Sciences (see front page picture).

On Saturday, October 5, 2019 Barnstable will host the Big Fix event for 2019. There are 16 homes of seniors, veterans, and disabled Barnstable residents getting much needed repairs and upkeep, with a record number of almost 400 volunteers this year to transform these properties. I will be “Passing of the Hammer” from Barnstable to Orleans. John Kelly, the Town Administrator from Orleans, will be at Barnstable High School to accept “the hammer” with the program beginning promptly at 8:30 am.

Next up was a Presentation by Mark A. Milne, CPA, Director of Finance, with Mr. Ells regarding Financing the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Ells was then joined by Assistant Town
Manager Clyburn and DPW Director Dan Santos for a Discussion regarding the Town of Barnstable’s proposal submitted to Joint Base Cape Cod. OLD BUSINESS began with Agenda Item 2020-030 Appropriation and Loan Order in the amount of $800,000 for the Route 28 East sewer expansion and Pump Station which was presented by DPW Director Santos. The item was approved. Agenda Item 2020-033 Appointments to a Board/Committee/Commission: Golf Committee; Sandy Neck Board; and Youth Commission also passed. NEW BUSINESS began with Agenda Item 2020-034 Appropriation in the amount of $45,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of funding Homeless Outreach Sheltering Services in the event of severe cold temperatures was postponed until the November 7, 2019 Town Council meeting. Senior Counsel Ruth Weil presented Agenda Item 2020-036 Amending the Town Council Rule 8a Roll Call vote which was approved. Agenda Item 2020-037 Order for the adoption of a Litter Control Policy, ordinance and enforcement was referred to a Public Hearing on November 7, 2019. Next week (Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM) there will be a Special Town Council meeting to discuss the Draft Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The next Town Council meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall Hearing Room, 367 Main Street, Hyannis.

Update Regarding This Weekend’s Visit of EAA B-17 to Barnstable Municipal Airport

Barnstable Municipal Airport has received the following statement from EAA regarding their visit to Hyannis this weekend:

*Out of respect for our colleagues at the Collings Foundation and the tragic B-17 accident on Wednesday, EAA’s B-17 tour will pause from passenger flights this weekend in Hyannis, Massachusetts. To honor our commitment to the EAA chapter that has planned our arrival there this weekend, we will take the aircraft to that community for display and ground tours, enabling us to tell the story of the heroic crews that flew these airplanes 75 years ago to preserve the freedoms we enjoy today. We apologize for any inconvenience, but ask that we take a moment to not only to remember those who flew the airplane in wartime, but those groups dedicated to preserving this living history and bringing it to people throughout our nation today.*

EAA is planning to offer ground tour availability on Saturday and Sunday. Forecasts of poor weather have dictated the cancellation of Friday afternoon ground tour availability. The hours of operation for Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th are scheduled for a start time of approximately 10:00 AM, with ground tours available until 5:00 PM each day. EAA will waive the $10 fee for ground tours for the duration of the weekend.
*NEW* Sewer System Smoke Testing in Hyannis and Barnstable Village

In order to improve the sewer service in your area, on behalf of the Town of Barnstable, Weston & Sampson will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer between October 7, 2019 and November 8, 2019. Testing will take place from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, weather permitting. During the test, white smoke is introduced to the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located in the street and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. **This is normal and should not cause alarm.** Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is either a dry trap in an unused fixture or a plumbing defect. You may wish to pour two gallons of water down any floor drains or unused plumbing fixture to avoid this possibility. Should smoke be detected within your building, do not be alarmed. The smoke is **non-toxic, non-staining**, and dissipates quickly through open windows. **If you have a lung ailment or respiratory condition such as asthma or emphysema, stay away from the smoke.** Any smoke within a building should be immediately reported to the persons conducting the tests. Prior to smoke testing, the Town of Barnstable must identify locations of residents with poor health conditions. Although the smoke is non-toxic and non-staining, it is capable of causing irritation, especially to those with lung ailments such as asthma or emphysema. If you have a related health condition, please contact Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. at (508) 906-9015. Please leave a message including your name, address, and telephone number and your call will be returned promptly. The test will be performed within one to three business days after receiving this notice at your home, pending weather conditions.

PLEASE NOTE:
You are not required to be at home during the smoke testing.

If you work during the day, please take precautions to ventilate the area where your pet will be.

*Pre-Noticing to home owners.*

*Setup of smoke blower.*
Draft Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan Public Information Sessions

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- **Tuesday, October 15, 2019** 6:30 PM
  Barnstable County Complex
  East Wing Conference Room
- **Monday, October 21, 2019** 6:30 PM
  Osterville Village Library
- **Tuesday, October 22, 2019** 6:30 PM
  Barnstable Town Hall
- **Monday, October 28, 2019** 6:30 PM
  Liberty Hall Club, Marstons Mills

Public Input Sought on Short Term Rentals in Barnstable

The Town of Barnstable invites Barnstable residents, both year-round and seasonal, and other local stakeholders, such as business owners, to share their opinions regarding short term rentals through an online survey. The survey can be accessed online at [https://townofbarnstable.us/shorttermrentals](https://townofbarnstable.us/shorttermrentals). **The survey will be open through November 1st.** Please be aware that only one survey response per device will be accepted. A short-term rental is a home or a portion of a home (such as a room) that is:

- rented for stays that are less than 31 days
- rented for more than 14 total days a year
Short-term rentals are advertised in a number of ways: privately, managed by leasing/rental agents, or done online, through sites such as Airbnb, VRBO or HomeAway. Short-term rentals are not hotels, motels, lodging houses or bed and breakfasts. In Massachusetts, short-term rentals must now register with the Department of Revenue, and are charged state and local room occupancy tax. The survey should take less than 5 minutes. Responses to this survey are confidential and will be used for research purposes to assist in policy conversations about short-term rentals in the Town of Barnstable. The survey seeks input of people’s personal experiences with short-term rentals, thoughts about potential regulations, and opinions on the benefits and drawbacks to our community. For more information about short term rentals in Barnstable visit https://townofbarnstable.us/shorttermrentals.

Upcoming Changes to Barnstable’s Channel 18
After more than a decade, 11 years to be exact, Barnstable Today (or Barnstable This Morning for the long time viewer) has been a live morning show, showcasing news from the Town of Barnstable – starting with hosts Mark Mumford and Kevin Friel in 2008 and over the years with hosts Nick Cortese, Melissa Chartrand, Sarah Colvin, Sara Mannal, Sarah Beal, and Paula Hersey. We have all had the honoring of reporting town news, events, meetings, and helping you understand the nuances of your town government live every morning. The media landscape has changed over the years and the vehicle for content distribution has shifted dramatically. From our busy lives, to new ways of sharing news and information on platforms like YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, our goal at Channel 18 needs to adapt to these changing tides. Starting Monday, October 7th we are embarking on a new journey to bring you all the information you need from the Town of Barnstable in new and better ways. Please watch today’s last Barnstable Today to see where we are going. We hope you will join us and continue to engage with Channel 18 and our goal of bringing you content that matters. Youtube  Video on Demand

ADVANCE NOTICE: Board of Health Workshop Regarding Adult Only Retail Tobacco Stores on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 4:00 PM
Discussion Topics: Design Standards, Other Products Which May or May Not Be Sold, Discussion of Whether or Not to Establish a Permit Cap
The Board of Health will be holding a public workshop on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 4:00 PM at the Town Hall, in the second floor Hearing Room, 367 Main Street Hyannis, Massachusetts. Bob Collett, Director of the Cape Cod Regional Tobacco Control Program, will be present at the workshop. This workshop is open to the public. The discussion topics will include suggestions regarding design/construction requirements of adult-only tobacco retail stores wherever flavored tobacco products are sold, including nicotine products used in electronic devices and vaping devices. Also to be discussed will be the types of products which may or may not be sold at adult-only tobacco retail stores. Also open for discussion will be whether or not to establish an adult-only tobacco retail store permit cap within the Town of Barnstable. The Board of Health encourages public participation.

ADVANCE NOTICE – Flu Clinics
The Town of Barnstable Public Health Division is pleased to announce that there will be two influenza vaccination clinics open to Barnstable residents as follows:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019, from 9:00-11:00 AM at St. George Greek Orthodox Church
Community Center, Route 28 Centerville;

Wednesday, November 13, 2019, 3:00-5:00 PM at St. George Greek Orthodox Church
Community Center, Route 28 Centerville;

Drive thru service will be provided. Consent forms will be available at the Public Health Division Office at 200 Main Street, Hyannis and at the Barnstable Adult Community Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis. The fee is $3.00.
Draft Bridge Study recommendation: Replace Canal Highway Bridges

Corps of Engineers to hold public meetings on Cape Cod Canal Draft Bridge Study in October

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, will hold five public meetings in mid-October 2019 on Cape Cod, the South Shore and in Boston to provide its recommendation from the Cape Cod Canal Highway Bridges Major Rehabilitation Evaluation Study on the future of the highway bridges spanning the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne, Massachusetts. "Our recommendation, documented in the draft Major Rehab Evaluation Report, is to replace the Bourne and Sagamore highway bridges with new structures built to include the 4 authorized travel lanes and 2 additional auxiliary lanes designed as acceleration/deceleration lanes built to modern highway standards with appropriate bike/pedestrian access," said District Engineer Col. William Conde, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District. The Draft Major Rehabilitation Evaluation Report (MRER) and Draft Environmental Assessment are available for review on the website at https://www.CapeCodCanalBridgesStudy.com under the "Documents" tab. The Corps will accept public comments on the recommendations in the draft bridge study through Nov. 1, 2019. The goal of the Major Rehabilitation Evaluation Report is to determine whether major rehabilitation or replacement of either or both bridges will provide the most reliable, fiscally and environmentally responsible solution for future access across the Canal to Cape Cod. The existing bridges were constructed 84 years ago and require increasingly more frequent repair and maintenance, which is costly and causes significant impact to traffic crossing the Cape Cod Canal. At the end of the public comment period, the Corps will address issues raised by the public and finalize the documents leading to a decision. In conjunction with the public comment period the report will also undergo an independent external peer review by highly experienced members of the private and academia sectors before producing a final recommendation on whether to replace or continue to repair the Cape Cod Canal bridges. The Final MRER will be submitted to Corps headquarters in Washington D.C. for decision in February 2020. As part of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance, the Corps is seeking public input and will continue to coordinate with appropriate state and Federal agencies and federally recognized Tribes to fully evaluate the draft environmental assessment. At the public meetings, the Corps will provide an overview of the Draft MRER recommendations and Draft Environmental Assessment findings. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. At the four evening meetings registration will start at 6 p.m. There will be an open house from 6 - 6:30 p.m. with information posters and Corps subject matter experts on hand to answer questions. An overview of the study recommendations will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a question and answer session. The Corps will accept public comments on the draft study through Nov. 1, 2019. Public comments can be submitted at the public meetings or online at: www.CapeCodCanalBridgesStudy.com. Written comments can be submitted to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, (Attn: Craig Martin), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751. Comments also can be emailed to nae-pn-nav@usace.army.mil. Corps public meetings on the MRER bridge study are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, Bourne High School auditorium, 75 Waterhouse Road, Bourne, Mass.
- Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. Federal Building auditorium, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, Mass. Registration and open house at 1 p.m. Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, Nauset Regional High School auditorium, 100 Cable Road, Eastham, Mass.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, Barnstable High School Performing Arts Center, 744 West Main Street, Hyannis, Mass.

The Corps and MassDOT have collaborated throughout the bridge study process to ensure Cape Cod residents and visitors have reliable transportation routes to and from Cape Cod. The MassDOT Cape Cod Canal Area Transportation Study information is available on the MassDOT website at:
The MassDOT study examined options at a conceptual level such as modified and improved highway interchanges, and improvements for pedestrian, bicycle and transit access in order to improve multi-modal travel. The report includes analytical findings, a recommended plan of transportation improvements (short-term, medium-term and long-term), preliminary cost estimates for these improvements, and a comprehensive implementation plan for the recommended improvements.

Learn more about EEE in Massachusetts and how to protect yourself and your family

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE or “Triple E”) is a rare but serious disease caused by a virus that is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. EEE has been found in mosquitoes on Cape Cod and Southeastern Massachusetts this summer. As of today, the Town of Barnstable remains in the “low risk” area for Triple E and West Nile Virus (WNV) as shown on the map; see link here: http://www.mosquitoresults.com/. Be sure to take precautions and protect yourself against mosquito bites. Apply EPA-approved bug spray when you are outdoors, avoid peak mosquito hours (dusk to dawn), wear long-sleeves, socks and long pants to reduce skin exposure when you are outside around peak times, and mosquito proof your home by draining any standing water and repairing screens. Another option is cancelling outdoor activities in the hours from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active. For more information please visit this website: https://www.mass.gov/orgs/department-of-public-health. View the Updated EEE Risk Map here - http://www.mosquitoresults.com/. All www.mass.gov web pages now have an informational alert banner (“Learn more about EEE in Massachusetts and how to protect yourself and your family”) that links to the EEE in Massachusetts page. The updates include:

- Link to Recommended Cancellation Times for Outdoor Activities (Dusk/Dawn table)
- Link to Printable EEE fact sheet (English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Chinese, and Vietnamese)
- Link to Printable Infographic about EEE Prevention
- New questions in Frequently Asked Questions
  - about ground spraying
  - about dead birds
  - about locations not in aerial spray area

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.
Precinct 11 Voters – Your Precinct has moved back to the West Barnstable Community Building
Beginning with the November 5, 2019 Town Election – all voters in Precinct 11 will now vote at the West Barnstable Community Building, 2377 Meetinghouse Way, West Barnstable. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk’s office at 508-862-4044.

ROAD WORK UPDATES
*UPATED* Coolidge Street, Highland Avenue and Lewis Pond Road in Cotuit Pavement
Restoration of driveway aprons and disturbed areas along the road shoulders will be performed during the next two weeks. As always please slow down and use extreme caution when traveling through the road construction areas and follow posted safety and detour signs.

*UPATED* Ocean Street, Hyannis Pavement and sidewalk improvements on Ocean Street (between Main Street and South Street)
Work is scheduled to begin during the week of October 7, 2019. 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 15, 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* 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* 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. **Work will continue through December 2019.**

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

Work continues on the stormwater project starting with the repair of the wall and then the installation of a new “green” drainage system. Construction resumed on September 23, 2019 and is 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.**

*UPDATED* **Gleneagle Drive, Centerville**

Pavement and drainage improvements continue on Gleneagle Drive in Centerville. The remaining work includes final paving of the roadway and sidewalk surfaces with new hot mix asphalt and general restoration of all disturbed areas. The project is expected to be completed by October 18, 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.**

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

Construction is in progress and will 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.**

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

Construction is in progress and will 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.**

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

Construction is in progress and will 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**...
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There is Always Something Going on at the Barnstable Adult Community Center

Caregiver Series:

This free series of presentations are designed to offer support and information to family caregivers in our community. Please join us for light refreshments; kindly register at 508-862-4750

Upcoming programs include:

Using Reminiscence to Improve the Lives of the Cognitively Impaired
Thursday, October 24th 10:00-11:00 AM
FREE, RSVP required
No known therapies can permanently reverse the course of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, but the medical and caregiving community is learning more and more about strategies to improve the lives of the memory impaired. Reminiscing is natural and tends to be an activity most people enjoy, but it can also be very therapeutic for people with Alzheimer's disease. This interactive presentation will review memory triggers and three strategies to help people with dementia connect with their loved ones and caregivers. Instructor: Ellen McCabe, VNA of Cape Cod
Location: 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis
Parking: free parking
Website: https://seniors.town.barnstable.ma.us

Saturday Sounds at Hyannis Harbor-Live Music at the HyArts Artist Shanties
Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis
Every Saturday through October 12th 2:00-3:30 PM
Bring your beach chairs or blankets to the HyArts Artist Shanties at Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis, Saturday afternoons now through October 12th for live music. Bands rotate each week. The free hour and half concerts begin at 2:00 PM in the grassy area alongside the artist shanties. No rain dates. The artist shanties are currently open daily, 11:00 AM through 6:00 PM. Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor. Visitors will find something handmade, hand designed or hand crafted by local artists at the HyArts Artist Shanties in two locations along the Walkway-to-the-Sea and at the Harbor Overlook, 51 Ocean Street and Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis. The Artist Shanties are currently open seven days a week. Artists change weekly throughout the season. Discover new faces and artwork each week. Information about the artists and all the arts and cultural gems in the Town of Barnstable can be found at www.artsbarnstable.com. The Town run Artist Shanty Program provides affordable rental space for Cape Cod artists and artisans. This program provides prime visibility and opportunities for artists to gain and improve business, marketing and selling skills, connect with other artists and meet visitors from around the region and the world.

Photo courtesy of Marie Grady Palcic.

Spend a swinging Saturday afternoon with these groups:

October 5: Joe Delaney Trio – R&B/pop
October 12: The Wicked Trio – blues/British Invasion
There’s lots going on at the Village Libraries of Barnstable

Barnstable Libraries’ Corner

Visit a Town of Barnstable Library today!

Sturgis Library in Barnstable Village
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
Be Prepared - “Hurricane Preparedness”

For more information, visit the Hurricane Safety Tips section of MEMA’s website at https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hurricane-safety-tips.

Pumpout Boat in Service for the Boating Season

*Through Columbus Day Weekend*

The boating season is still underway, and pumpout boats are running seven days a week. The boats can be easily identified. Both boats are white center console vessels with the lettering “HARBORMASTER” on both sides. The Pumpout boats monitor VHF Channels 16 and 09 during operating hours. It is helpful to schedule pumpouts in advance. The shore side pumpout will be available in Hyannis Harbor through October as well as Barnstable Harbor. To schedule pumpouts email: pumpout@town.barnstable.ma.us or call 508-790-6273. For more information, watch Pumpout Boat on Channel 18.
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.

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Last Week’s Question: On Tuesday of this week, Barnstable Recreation was recognized by MassHire Cape & Islands Workforce Board for its intergenerational hiring practices. Based upon the 2010 Census, how many Barnstable residents are over 65? According to the 2010 Federal Census, there are 45,193 residents in the Town of Barnstable. Of that, 12,845 residents are over 65. You will be hearing more about Census 2020 in the near future.

This Week’s Question: With the upcoming changes to Barnstable’s Channel 18 we ask, “Who was the first host for “Barnstable Today?” Please email your answer here.

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