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July 3, 2020 Color-Coded Guide:
New
Updated
Same as previous week(s)

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 for Independence Day (observed).

Beach Water Quality Updates can be found on the [Town of Barnstable's website](#).

Stay Informed with www.BarnstableHealth.com

The Town of Barnstable has launched a new resource (www.barnstablehealth.com) on March 16, 2020 to keep you up-to-date with the latest information as it relates to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and the working of Barnstable Town government. Visit and bookmark www.barnstablehealth.com.

Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Update

Town Manager Mark Ells continues to provide updates through Channel 18 to keep people informed with accurate information about what is going on in the Town of Barnstable. [Mr. Ells' latest Community Update](#) offers a reminder that your personal responsibility will help keep us safe during the 4th of July holiday weekend and moving forward as more facilities open in the near future. The Town of Barnstable is proceeding with assisting businesses with economic recovery. **Governor Baker announced at his noontime press conference today that we will enter the beginning of Phase III of Governor Baker's 4-Phase Reopening Plan which will begin on Monday, July 6, 2020.** Following Mr. Ells' update is the Safety First, Barnstable YouTube playlist. Past episodes of Town Manager Mark Ells' Community Updates can be viewed [here](#).

Meals for Any Student in ALL Communities

SUMMER SCHEDULE - Starting Monday, June 22, 2020

Barnstable Public Schools is providing FREE breakfast and lunch for any student free of charge. (No ID is required). All children are welcome regardless of town of residence or school attended. All meals will be offered in compliance with USDA standards and will be a "Grab and Go" option. We will be providing both breakfast and lunch at the same time. Students are encouraged to take one breakfast and one lunch.

NOTE: Fridays we will be handing out 3 breakfast and 3 lunches to each student for the weekend.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday - Friday from 10 am - 12 pm

- Hyannis West Elementary School, 549 West Main Street, Hyannis
- Barnstable Community Innovation School, 165 Bearses Way, Hyannis

We must stress the importance of social distancing during meal pick up. You can just drive up and we will bring the meals to you. Please do not congregate at meal sites, and please remain 6 feet from those around you at meal pick up. Our BPS educators and staff are also leading efforts to collect non-perishable food items, and we will begin distributing those items at meal sites as well.



News from the Barnstable Council on Aging

Dial-A-Lawyer: Free Legal Advice by Phone for Elders

The Massachusetts Bar Association sponsors a monthly Dial-A-Lawyer program and encourages members of the public to call our hotline for free legal advice. Dial-A-Lawyer attorney volunteers are in good standing and have a wide variety of legal experience. On the first Wednesday of every month, from 5:30-7:30 PM, attorneys are available at (617) 338-0610 or (877) 686-0711 to answer questions on a variety of topics, including family law, bankruptcy, employment, estate planning, real estate, consumer rights and more. *For more information, call the MBA Community Service Department at (617) 338-0695 or via email at communityservices@massbar.org.*

The doors of the Barnstable Adult Community Center may be closed, but we are here for you if you need us, and we encourage you to reach out to us at 508-862-4750. Although working remotely, the staff is checking messages, and all calls will be returned; we are in this together!

Our E-news 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 to be added to the distribution list.

Please like and follow us on the Barnstable Adult Community Center Facebook Page, where you'll find updates, helpful links, and even video entertainment and resources from our instructors and others to keep older adults engaged and informed.

The staff of the BCOA wishes you a safe and Happy July 4th!

Safety First, Barnstable!



A refrain you will hear our Town staff repeat over the Summer of 2020 as our Departments implement new guidelines and protocols to keep you and your family safe during COVID-19. Our beaches, golf courses, marinas and recreational areas all have additional rules mandated by the State to mitigate the spread of this highly contagious disease. Channel 18 has been out on location this past month, from a safe distance, to help you learn more - Tune in to Channel 18 on your TV, watch on [Video on Demand](#) or watch on our [YouTube playlist](#). You can also follow us on our [Facebook Page](#) for more videos and updates! ***Sunscreen, Sunglasses, Social Distance - Safety First, Barnstable!***

Barnstable Public Schools Community Read

Fish in a Tree: Community Read! All students from K-5 will be receiving this book by Lynda Mullaly Hunt to read as a family! You might want to add this to your reading list, too!



ArtsBarnstable.com | Seven Villages, One Town, All Things Arts & Culture

Our seven villages are art-FULL with plenty of arts and culture complete with seaside charm! In Hyannis, the Hyannis HyArts Cultural District features the Walkway-to-the-Sea from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor. The Barnstable Village Cultural District is history revisited with 21st century flair. A quaint downtown and walkable to Barnstable's Harbor and panoramic views of Sandy Neck Beach and lighthouse.

Hyannis HyArts Cultural District Happenings:

PARK AND WALK | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, steps away from parking lots

It is easy to spend art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Complimentary and metered parking lots are steps away from Main Street & Hyannis Harbor.

Visit the artist shanties, Main Street Hyannis museums, shops, restaurants and more.

Mobile pay to park available for Bismore Park and Ocean Street lots with the app:

<https://www.mpay2park.com>

WALK DOWN MAIN STREET!

Spread out along the **Pedestrian Walkway**, created this summer to accommodate physical distancing while strolling along the street!

CCRTA Hyannis Loop: Hyannis Main Street Trolley:

June 26 - Labor Day weekend, EVERY Friday through Sunday, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Looping from Main Street to Hyannis Harbor, daily. Look for the trolley stop signs

OR wherever you see it, it will stop-just give a wave and hop on board, it's free!

HYANNIS HYARTS ARTIST SHANTIES - BISMORE PARK LOCATION:

OUTDOOR SHOPPING! Spend Art-FULL days in downtown Hyannis.

Open daily: Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis

SEVEN DAYS A WEEK: Now through **September 27, 2020, + fall weekends**

11:00 AM - at least 8:00 PM, July & August and until 6:00 PM in September

Artists frequently open early and stay late. October weekends & holiday events

Artists are set up for proper physical distancing and sanitizing wares often.

artsbarnstable.com @artsbarnstable on facebook/instagram

Cape Cod artists work and sell their wares in the heart of Hyannis' working waterfront. **Artists change weekly, discover new faces and work each visit!** Hand-made, designed or crafted in a variety of mediums: painting, jewelry, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, glasswork, and much more!

July 4 on Main:

Lighting of the Trees, July 4: Hyannis Main Street, 8:15 PM

Downtown dazzle with a countdown and lighting of 25 trees along the street!

Stroll the street and take in the sights and sounds of DJ's spinning tunes along the street, starting at 5:30 PM. Countdown starts at 8:10 PM for an 8:15 PM tree 'lighting'!



THURSDAYS:

Tai Chi, Hyannis Village Green: 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

July 16 - August 27: Find your Zen with this slow paced, relaxing instructional class.

Drop in friendly, no experience necessary. **FREE**

Participants will physical distance in grassy area. No shade! Come prepared: sunblock, hats and water.

FRIDAYS:

Movies on Main: Hyannis Main Street, 8:00 PM, lot opens at 7:00 PM

July 3 - August 7: Family Friendly movies each week. Music and more pre-show!

Tickets required. HyannisMainStreet.com

OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Discover Barnstable Journal - Fun activities for all ages - Collect summer memories!

A colorful journal filled with activities and ways to collect all your summer experiences and memories.

Available online and free to KIDS OF ALL AGES. From eye spies, scavenger hunts, to fun facts and word searches, Learn and Discover Barnstable in a new way!

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/departments/parkingdivision/Projects/discover.asp>

Discover Barnstable Fun Pack: for ages 14 and under, **FREE, while supplies last.**

An exciting, educational and an entertaining collection of items including a copy of the Discover Barnstable Journal, shellfish activities, Frisbees, water bottles, crayons and other fun items packaged in a drawstring bag. Perfect for exploring and discovering Barnstable!

Get yours today, while supplies last at the Bismore Park Welcome Center!

Bismore Park Welcome Center | Bismore Park, 180 Ocean Street, Hyannis

Information Take-Out Service Window at Bismore Welcome Center:

The Gateway Greeters at Bismore Welcome Center now are safely serving all visitors through a take-out window style operation. Stop by 7 days a week between the hours of 8:00 AM –

8:00 PM* to get maps, menus, transportation schedules and other information about all the fantastic ways you can enjoy Barnstable and our neighboring communities here on beautiful Cape Cod.

*Hours vary by month, currently till 8:00 PM through end of August.

OUTDOORS, PHYSICAL DISTANCE - FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES:

Kennedy Legacy Trail | Main Street to Hyannis Harbor

A self-guided walking trail featuring 10 sites, Hyannis HyArts Cultural District.

Informational signs uncover stories and history about the Kennedys on Cape Cod.

Trail on line at ArtsBarnstable.com

Birdie Riddle Boxes | Cape Cod Trivia

Look for the 11 brightly colored, birdie ‘riddle ‘ boxes as you stroll from Main Street through the Hyannis Village Green to Hyannis Harbor and learn fun facts about Cape Cod along the way. Designed/painted by local artist Donna Rockwell.

Heritage Trail info kiosks | Information along Main Street

Seven blue info kiosks with custom weathervanes dot the street from east to west end of Main Street.

Each kiosk features three panels: navigation (map) ; events and a heritage panel filled interesting facts and images with historical significance of Hyannis Main Street and the surrounding community.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival | A Summer Garden Celebration | July 10-19, 2020

Visit www.CapeCodHydrangeaFest.com for a complete list of garden tours and events. Visit the Hyannis HyArts Artists Shanties all season long, but during Hydrangea Fest many artists are blooming with specials and fun activities as a part of the Cape Cod Hydrangea Festival.

<https://www.capecodchamber.org/event/hydrangea-fest-at-the-hyannis-hyarts-artist-shanties/39639/>

Hyannis Open Streets | Main Street, Hyannis | HyannisOpenStreets.com

Sunday, September 20, Noon -5:00 PM

Free, fun filled activities all day; dance, sing and play in the streets.

Love Live Local Fest | Celebrating local business & community

Sunday, July 26 & Sept 27, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM | LoveLiveLocal.com

Home grown artists, artisans, farmers, food trucks, musicians, independent makers and kid zone activities!

Traditionally held at Aselton Park, downtown location may change, stay tuned.

If unable to host an in-person event, this fest will go virtual!

Barnstable Village Cultural District Happenings:

Cape Cod Art Center | gift wares and artwork!

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sturgis Library: Outdoor Reading Trail every Wednesday

Kid Story walks Wednesdays through Aug 26:

Enjoy a story outdoors, grab a to-go bag to make a craft at home

Tales of Cape Cod - 2020 Live Stream & recorded programs

ALL PROGRAMS \$10.00 Sign up at www.talesofcapecod.org

MONDAY, JULY 6 at 7:00 PM

Casey Sherman (author) -The Hunting of Whitey Bulger

MONDAY, JULY 13 at 6:30 PM

Judith Kalaora - I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone, an immersive living history

MONDAY, JULY 20 at 7:00 PM

Greg Williams presents The Boston Massacre at 250: snowballs, musket balls and a trial

MONDAY, JULY 27 at 7:00 PM

Janet Uhlar presents FREEDOM'S COST, The Story of General Nathanael Green

Town of Barnstable Opens Lane on Hyannis Main Street for Pedestrians and Outdoor Business Use

The Town of Barnstable looks forward to safely welcoming residents and visitors to Hyannis Main Street this summer. To provide room for social distancing, and to support the safe and successful reopening of the many small shops and restaurants on Main Street, the Town of Barnstable is making one of the two traffic lanes on the street available to pedestrians and outdoor business use. The southern lane and parking spaces will remain available for vehicle travel and parking. All intersections will remain open for traffic in all directions. The lane closure will begin prior to Barnstable Road and extend to Sea Street and will remain in place through the summer. Work to make this change will begin on Monday, June 15,

2020 is expected to be completed by Friday, June 19, 2020. "The Town of Barnstable is committed to promoting public health and safety and to supporting the small businesses that make Hyannis Main Street unique and vibrant," Town Manager Mark Ells said. These modifications to the public street are the centerpiece of efforts by the Town of Barnstable and the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District aimed at ensuring a successful economic recovery and transition to a safe and prosperous "new normal" in Hyannis. The new temporary outdoor business space will be accompanied by renewed efforts to enhance lighting and bring public art to the street, as well resumption of customary services including public restrooms and Community Service Officers. "There was much thoughtful discussion and outreach made on this change and we think it will help the downtown thrive this summer. We thank all of the hardworking and insightful partners who are making this happen," said Elizabeth Wurfbain, Executive Director of the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District. For ongoing updates on the efforts to transition Main Street, visit the Town of Barnstable Economy Recovery webpage at: www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/planninganddevelopment/Barnstable-Economic-Recovery-Plan

Town of Barnstable Economic Recovery Planning

Town of Barnstable staff are working to help our businesses reopen successfully, recover from this crisis, and move towards a strong and prosperous future. We are listening to and working with our businesses, residents, the Economic Development Task Force (a Town Council presidential subcommittee), the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District, and other community partners on developing an [Economic Recovery Plan](#), with an initial focus on promoting the safe and successful reopening of businesses when allowed by the Governor. We are looking at ways the Town can support our local businesses, while promoting public health and safety. If there are ways we can help you succeed in the coming days, months, and in the long-term, please reach out and share your suggestions with us. Submit your suggestions on the [Economic Recovery Plan website](#). Additionally, we encourage our businesses to take the [Cape Cod Commission's online survey](#) for Cape Cod business owners. The survey is being conducted to better understand the current and anticipated economic impacts of COVID-19. Data collected through this survey will be used to support economic recovery now and in the coming weeks and months, and can be leveraged by businesses, towns, and other organizations in future grant applications and reports.

Changes to Recycling at the Transfer Station effective July 1, 2020

At their meeting on May 26, 2020, the Barnstable Board of Health voted to modify the Solid Waste regulations to eliminate the provision of free recycling for Barnstable residents. While this was a difficult decision, there was little choice due to circumstances beyond our control. The regulation was enacted years ago when there was a robust market for recyclable materials which enabled the Transfer Station to utilize recyclables as a source of revenue. Unfortunately, during the past four years, due to upheaval in the world-wide market for recyclables, the demand for these materials has effectively dried-up, except for a few specific items. In fact, we must now pay to dispose of the majority of the recyclable material we receive at costs that in some cases exceed the cost of trash disposal. The Transfer Station

operates as an Enterprise Account which means that it must generate enough revenue to completely cover all the costs of operating the facility. As a result of the recycling situation, the Enterprise Account has been operating at a deficit, utilizing cash reserves to subsidize the cost of the recycling operation. This is not a sustainable economic model and has forced the Town to cease the practice of offering free recycling to residents that do not purchase a Transfer Station sticker. Residents do have a number of options for disposing of their recyclable material. They can purchase an annual Transfer Station sticker that runs from July 1 - June 30 for \$250.00. There are also two pay-per-visit options for the disposal of trash and/or recyclable material: one is a \$10.00 per visit fee for disposal of two 30-gallon bags of household trash and recyclables and the other is a \$20.00 per visit fee for disposal of up to five 30-gallon bags of household trash and recyclables. Any bag over the five 30-gallon bag limit is \$4.00 per bag. Residents also have the option of utilizing a number of local private trash hauling services to have recyclables collected at their home. We apologize for any inconvenience or hardship that these changes may present. The Town Council Workshop on the Transfer Station can be viewed [here](#).

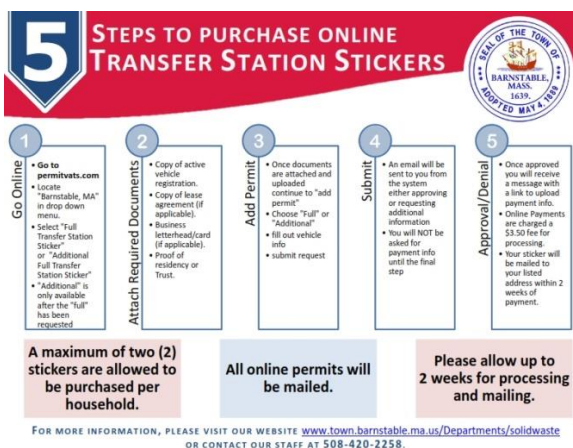
Online Sales: Transfer Station Sticker and Beach Parking Permits

In an effort to assist our community during the COVID-19 emergency, the Town of Barnstable is proud to offer online purchases for transfer station stickers and beach parking permits starting Tuesday May 26, 2020. In addition to accepting mail-in applications, Barnstable residents can now conveniently go to **permitvats.com**, select "Barnstable, MA" in the drop down menu, identify the permit you wish to apply for and download all necessary documents. All online permit sales will be mailed and please allow up to 2 weeks for processing and mailing. The Town of Barnstable is committed to assisting our community and is available to help with any questions you may have.

For more information about the [Transfer Station Stickers \(new graphic\)](#), please visit www.town.barnstable.ma.us/Departments/solidwaste or contact staff at 508-420-2258.

For more information about Beach Parking Permits, please visit www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation or contact staff at 508-790-6345.

We are happy to help!



Information to Help You Stay Safe at Barnstable Beaches This Weekend



COVID-19 BEACH SAFETY RULES

Make your safety a priority and remember - WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

- **1 IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK, STAY HOME.**
- **2 GENERAL DISTANCING**
Maintain at least 6' of distance from other beach-goers.
- **3 BEACH DISTANCING**
Do not sit closer than 12' from your nearest neighbor in any direction.
- **4 WEAR A MASK**
Masks are required when 6' of distance cannot be maintained for ages 2 and up. Masks are not required to be worn while swimming.
- **5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GERMS**
Wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- **6 GROUP SIZE**
Groups larger than 10 are not allowed to gather.
- **7 BEACH GAMES**
Group games are not allowed.
- **8 BE RESPECTFUL**
Avoid confrontation. Be kind, follow the rules and enjoy the beach!



<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Recreation/>
Barnstable Recreation 508-790-6345

See ALL State guidelines [here](#). Thanks to the tremendous effort of our Department of Public Works, our bathhouses will be open this weekend. Lifeguards and gate attendants will not be available this weekend, so please, Safety First, Barnstable - in and out of the water! Parking Permits are available via MAIL - please be patient, it takes up to two weeks to process! FORM [here](#).

ROAD WORK UPDATES

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

***NEW* National Grid New Customer Hookups**

Thursday and Friday, July 2-3, 2020 Neuco crews will install gas service on Hollidge Hill Lane, Marstons Mills. 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](https://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.

***UPDATED* National Grid Service Road** Construction Work has been suspended until after Labor Day. To date approximately 76% of the proposed gas main has been installed.

***UPDATED* MassDOT Schedules Intersection Improvements at Falmouth Road (Route 28) at Osterville West Barnstable Road** Construction operations have been suspended until after Labor Day

***UPDATED* Pipe Installation, Hinckley Road from Falmouth Road to Route 132 National Grid** Construction operations have been suspended until after Labor Day

***UPDATED* Ongoing Drainage Improvements** Drainage improvements are complete on Bumps River Road and work will shift to 148 Park Ave in Centerville. The work includes installation of new drainage structures and castings, adjustment of existing drainage structure castings, pavement repairs and restoration of disturbed areas. Normal work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Crews will attempt to maintain through traffic during the construction. Lane closures and detours will be supported with police details to direct traffic. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes to avoid the construction work.

***CONTINUES* Chipseal Pavement Improvements on Various Town Roads**

A chipseal wear surface will be applied on top of the existing pavement on the following roads:

Barnstable Village: Dromoland Lane, Iris Lane, Oakmont Drive, Pine Avenue

Centerville: Clifton Lane, Harvard Street, Pinecrest Road, Sachem Avenue

Hyannis: Bacon Avenue, Chase Street, Dartmouth Street, Murphy Road, Tucker Road

Activities completed to date include street sweeping, installation of a thin asphalt leveling course on an as-needed basis and crack filling. Spraying of a rubberized membrane onto the road surface and installation of crushed pea-stone aggregate are currently scheduled to be performed on **July 14 & 15, 2020**, weather permitting. Work hours will be between 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Through traffic will be maintained throughout the process with support from police details.

***CONTINUES* Roadway Improvements on Portions of Sea Street, South Street, and Ocean Avenue in Hyannis** Construction is scheduled to continue through the end of July 2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Remaining work includes utility line transfers and pole removals (by utility companies); sidewalk reconstruction; paving and marking the roads; installing street lights; and other associated work. During active construction there will be lane closures or temporary detours with signs and police details or flaggers to direct traffic past or around the work zones.

***CONTINUES* Sewer Installation on Portions of Kidd's Hill Road, Merchants Way, and Business Lane in Barnstable Village** Construction is scheduled to end in July

2020. Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Work will involve excavating trenches in the roads, installing sanitary sewer pipes and manholes, backfilling, compacting, and paving. During portions of June and July there will be road closures for construction on Business Lane, the south half of Merchants Way, and Kidd's Hill Road (about 500 feet each side of its intersection with Merchants Way).

Free Grocery Delivery Service Launches 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.

It's Easy to Complete Your 2020 Federal Census On-line, Just Click [Here](#)

The U.S. Census Bureau announced on Wednesday, June 24, that it will send an [additional reminder postcard](#) to households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. The postcard is scheduled to arrive between July 22 and July 28, a few weeks before census takers are set to begin visiting most households that haven't responded. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the start of census taker visits from mid-May to mid-August, giving the Census Bureau the opportunity to send one more reminder to households encouraging them to respond online, by phone or by mail. Responding now minimizes the need for census takers to visit homes to collect responses in person. About [61.7% of households across the country](#) have already responded online, by phone or by mail since [invitations began arriving in mailboxes on March 12](#). The Census Bureau also [announced plans](#) to send [postcards](#) to about 1.3 million post office boxes in communities that are required to use P.O. boxes for mail delivery. The postcards – planned to be sent between June 24 and July 3 – alert households that a census taker may drop off census invitations or visit later to interview them. The Census Bureau does not mail census invitations to P.O. boxes because each census response must be associated with the physical location where people live, not where they receive mail. The COVID-19 pandemic delayed delivery of census invitation packets to some communities, but census takers have [dropped off 96% of the packets as of June 18, 2020](#). Households are encouraged to respond to the 2020 Census as soon as they receive their invitation packet. When responding, these households are also encouraged to use the Census ID provided in the packet or their street address – not their P.O. box number. The Census Bureau strongly

The logo for the United States Census 2020. It features the words "United States" in a smaller, red, serif font at the top. Below that, the word "Census" is written in a large, bold, red, serif font. At the bottom, the year "2020" is written in a large, bold, red, serif font, matching the style of "Census".

encourages the public to respond online at 2020census.gov. Households can respond online or by phone [in English or 12 other languages](#), or by mail using the [paper questionnaire](#) mailed to nonresponding addresses or dropped off at the door. Although census takers will begin visiting households that haven't yet responded beginning August 11, households can still respond on their own until these visits conclude on October 31. Households that receive a reminder in the mail after responding may disregard it. The reminder was sent before the response was received. Some households that have already responded will receive a census taker visit as part of quality checks on the census. The census is quick, easy, and important, and all of your answers are confidential. You can respond to the U.S. Census by going online to my2020census.gov, by phone at 844-330-2020, or by mailing back the paper form delivered to you. Please respond and be counted today. **Currently the self-response rate nationally is 61.8%. Massachusetts has a 63.8% self-response rate; Barnstable County 46.1%; and the Town of Barnstable 53.5%.**

Vineyard Wind Hosts Virtual Information Sessions



VINEYARD WIND
Virtual Information Session
Paving the Way in Barnstable

RSVP Today: vineyardwind.com/barnstable

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

July 15 • 4:30pm
August 11 • 12:00pm
September 18 • 4:00pm

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

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and in the interest of the health and well-being of our employees and the residents of the Town of Barnstable, most town buildings are closed to the public. It is our hope that we will re-open to the public on **Monday, June 8th**. We are making adjustments to our business operations to ensure resources are focused where the need is greatest. Please understand the fluid nature of this situation and that we are reassessing and adapting our response as needed to this developing situation. Public access to 200 Main Street and the Town Hall Offices 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.

A listing of Town owned buildings that have closed is listed [here](#).

TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Treasurer'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

The Collector's Office is closed to the public at this time and the administrative staff will be working remotely until further notice. While a "Shelter in Place" directive has not been issued at this time, the administrative staff will be staggering times in the office to address items that cannot be accomplished remotely to reduce the number of people working in close proximity to each other and to implement social distancing. If you have any questions regarding real estate, personal property, motor vehicle and boat excise taxes and sewer bill payments, please call the **Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-5054** or email to taxcollector@town.barnstable.ma.us.

During the COVID-19 emergency, the office of the Treasurer/Collector is closed to the public.

However, there are several payment options available:

1. Mail checks using the envelope provided or to the Town of Barnstable, PO Box 40, Hyannis, MA 02601.
2. Online through the Town of Barnstable website under Quicklinks/Pay bills online <https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Treasurer/>
3. Leave check payments in the outside drop box located next to the walkway leading to Town Hall. Please do not leave any cash in the drop box, checks only.

If you have any questions regarding property, excise and sewer bill payments, please call the **Tax Collector's Office at 508-862-4054**.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Abatement Applications Abatement forms are available on the town's website at

<https://www.townofbarnstable.us/Departments/Assessing/> Completed forms can be mailed to Town of Barnstable Assessor, 367 Main. St. Hyannis, MA 02601.

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

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

Permit applications will continue to be accepted and processed according to local and state requirements. Applications and associated materials should be submitted electronically to the extent legally possible.

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.

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but as the opportunity to do what is right. ~Peter Marshall**

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