

The Barnstable Bulletin

A MONTHLY TOWN OF BARNSTABLE NEWSLETTER

December 2016

From the Town Manager

Dear Reader:

November has brought us unseasonably warm weather allowing us to enjoy the many activities and resources across our community. The opening of our shellfish beds is always a welcome sign of the approaching holiday season and a valued resource in our community.

Election Day has come and gone, and we again thank our hardworking Town Clerk's office and poll workers for the tremendous amount of work they have put in to this year's busy Election Season. It was the first time Massachusetts allowed for Early Voting and it was well received by our voting public.

The twenty-fourth session of *Inside Barnstable Town Government, A Citizens Leadership Academy* will begin Tuesday, January 31, 2017. We hope you will consider joining the hundreds of Barnstable residents who have learned about how the Town of Barnstable operates. More information appears on the back page of this issue.

In closing, I want to wish you and your family a joyous and safe Holiday Season!

Regards,

Mark S. Ells



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Town Hall will be closed starting at noon on Friday, December 23, 2016 and all day Monday, December 26, 2016
In observance of the Christmas Holiday.

TOWN CLERK REMINDERS FOR DECEMBER...

The election is over and 77% of Barnstable voters turned out to cast their ballots in November. We have seen many of you taking advantage of early voting this year. The consensus was "it was great!" Many voters said they were happy to early vote and have it over.

My poll workers and the DPW workers have performed admirably through the early voting and through the General Election with smiles on their faces and many extra hours of work. A colossal thank you to all of the poll workers and wardens who made the election



possible for more than 26,000 people; thanks also go to the DPW workers, Police Officers, facility and maintenance staff at the churches, schools and other locations. Additionally, the folks that volunteered their time to assist us with the early voting, many thanks to former Town Clerk Linda Hutchenrider; Judy Candiloro; Community Services Director Lynne Poyant; Diane Poyant; Town Council President Jessica Rapp Grassetti; Finance Director, Mark Milne; and Town Attorney Ruth Weil - you made a tremendous difference. My last big thank you goes to my staff for not only working long hours, but working under difficult situations and doing a wonderful job.

The next large project that we are working on is to prepare for the annual census. This will be going out, hopefully, by the first week in January. The census is required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and the Federal Motor Voter Law requires us to do an annual voter confirmation. Consequently, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has directed clerks to utilize the same form to get both jobs done. With the census/voter confirmation form we are just verifying that you are still at that address. If there are any changes that need to be made to the form; or additions or deletions to your family; write the changes on the form and return it to us. Our goal is to keep all voters active!

I hope you all enjoy the festivities that December can bring. With the varied celebrations of Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Christmas, it truly is a season to rejoice. May your holidays be filled with joy, laughter, family and friends.

Ann M Quirk cmc/cmmc

Town Clerk

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Superintendent's Corner

December Greetings!

As our students, families and staff prepare for the holidays, I am reminded of the dedication of our Barnstable Public School (BPS) staff. Our BPS staff take great care in ensuring our children experience a sense of community in our schools. Our schools will continue to provide positive learning environments where tolerance, empathy, and compassion are taught and modeled. This holiday season provides yet another opportunity to celebrate Barnstable's many cultures and traditions. Our diverse school community is our strength and we remain a proud world community.

Many of our students are engaged in community service, fundraising, and charitable events to support our community throughout the year, but in particular this holiday season. Our students "pay it forward" in order to make a difference in the lives of others. BPS students are partnering with numerous organizations for food drives, clothing drives, toy drives and other fundraisers to benefit our community. We know many of our families and staff give in untold ways throughout the year, and we are grateful for the generosity of our community.

Our students' engagement in community service is just one component of civic life. The National Council for Social Studies highlights the mission of schools to prepare all students for civic life through their statement: our democratic republic will not sustain unless students are aware of their changing cultural and physical environments; know the past; read, write, and think deeply; and act in ways that promote the common good. In Barnstable Public Schools we are focused on developing our students as knowledgeable, thinking and active citizens!

May you and your family enjoy this holiday season where we are fortunate to witness a spirit of giving across our proud and inclusive community.

Meg

Superintendent of Schools

Barnstable Public Schools



Meg Mayo-Brown

IT'S ALARMING!!! A REMINDER TIME TO RENEW YOUR BURGLAR ALARM REGISTRATION WITH THE BARNSTABLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

All burglar alarm registrations within the Town of Barnstable will expire on **December 31, 2016**. If you are an Alarm User, commercial or residential, monitored or non-monitored, you need to renew your Alarm Registration

and get your 2017/2018 decal. Please complete a 2017/2018 Alarm Registration renewal form and submit with a \$25.00 registration fee. Renewal forms are available at the Barnstable Police Department or online at www.barnstablepolice.com. Please renew by the expiration date (12/31/2016) to avoid costly late fees and unregistered alarm fines. If you have any questions regarding the renewal please call 508-778-3824.

Please familiarize yourself with the regulations by visiting our website. Thank you for your continued assistance and diligence in reducing false alarms in our Town!





Be sure to check your mail in early January:

Marina waiting list renewals will be mailed on January 1, 2017 and must be returned by **February 15, 2017**.

Marina slip renewal invoices will be mailed on January 1, 2017 and must be returned to the Marina Manager by January 31, 2017.

Mooring Permit Waiting lists will also be mailed out on the first of January 1, 2017.

The mooring waiting renewal deadline is **February 15**, **2017**. Mooring Permit renewals will be mailed out the first of January 2017. Just a reminder the renewal deadline is **February 28**, **2017**. *Marine and Environmental Affairs Division, Town of Barnstable*

1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA 02632 Phone: (508) 790-6273 Fax: (508) 790-6275

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM BARNSTABLE GOLF Gift Certificates available Online and at either Pro Shop -HYANNIS GOLF COURSE WILL BE OPEN ALL WINTER WEATHER PERMITTING TEE-TIMES, SPECIALS & MORE at BARNSTABLEGOLF.COM Hyannis Golf Course 1840 Iyanough Rd. Hyannis, MA 02601 508-362-2606, Qide Barnstable Fairgrounds 1460 Prospect St. Marstons Mills, MA 02648 508-420-1141

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 resident of Barnstable and are interested, please consider submitting an application. The appointments committee, made up of five Town Councilors, will interview applicants and make recommendations to the Town Council who vote to appoint members at their regular meetings.

Town Council Committee Appointment Opportunities:

- 1. **Agricultural Commission/** 4 members
- 2. **Board of Health** / 1 alternate member
- 3. Community Preservation Committee /1 member Planning Board rep
- 4. Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee / 1 member
- 5. Cultural Council / 2 members
- 6. **Disability Commission** / 3 members
- 7. Economic Development Commission/ 2 members
- 8. Housing Committee/ 2 members
- 9. Human Services Committee / 2 members
- Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Appeals Committee/ 2 members
- Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Committee/ 1 member
 an Historical Commission representative
- 12. Personnel Board / 1 member
- 13. Renewable Energy Commission/ 4 members
- 14. Water Quality Committee / 1 member
- 15. Youth Commission / 1member
- 16. Zoning Board of Appeals / 1 member

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 webpage linked from the town website and fill out the application: http://www.townofbarnstable.us/towncouncil/committeeapp.pdf, 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 for more

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SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THE BARNSTABLE BULLETIN EVERY MONTH

Please call Lynne Poyant at 508-862-4956 or email barnstablebulletin@ town.barnstable.ma.us to

add your name to our

Road Construction



Updates
For the most up-to-date information on Road
Construction, please visit: www.townofbarnstable.us and click on the Road Work notices button on the right-hand side of the page.



Become a fan of the Town of Barnstable on both Facebook and Twitter and stay in touch with all the Town of Barnstable happenings. You can get more information through the Town of Barnstable's website:

www.townofbarnstable.us.

Barnstable Libraries' Corner

There's lots going on at the Village Libraries of Barnstable Visit a 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

News from the Town Collector

We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

We are in the process of working on the Actual Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills to be issued by December 30, 2016. As usual, the billing will be a three part bill with a coupon for February, a coupon for May and a taxpayer receipt. The schedule is:

Actual Tax Bills will be mailed by December 30, 2016

- √ Third Quarter due February 1, 2017
- √ Fourth Quarter due May 3, 2017

Check the Town website at www.townofbarnstable.us to explore the option of paying your bill online. If you use a checking/savings account, the charge is 40 cents and if you use a debit/credit card, the fee is a percentage based fee of 2.95% of the amount being paid. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 508-862 -4054.

Please contact our office with any tax questions at 508-862-4054.

Please contact the Assessor's office for any information regarding abatements or exemptions at 508-862-4022.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday season! Best wishes.

Maureen E. Niemi

Town Collector

And Staff of Gislaine, Golda, and Laurel

Barnstable Adult Supportive Day Program Supporting Elders and Caregivers in our Community for 18 years

Located in the Barnstable Senior Center, 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, (508) 862 - 4765

The Barnstable Adult Supportive Day Program is a community based, professionally operated program which has been an integral part of the Town of Barnstable and a trusted resource for local families for over 18 years. The Adult Supportive Day Program provides a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment to elders/seniors who cannot, or wish not to stay home alone during the day.

The Barnstable Adult Supportive Day Program:

- Assists elders in maintaining their independence and remain active while aging in place in the community
- Offers structured and stimulating activities in a safe environment, with a focus on socialization, cognitive skills, and physical well being
- Provides respite and peace of mind to caregivers and families
- Professional, caring and experienced staff
- Monday through Friday 9:00 AM 3:00 PM
- Transportation may be available
- Light breakfast and full lunch is served daily
- Affordable rates
- Financial supports may be available
- FREE Trial day

If you are a caregiver in need of respite, or a senior who may benefit from the Adult Supportive Day Program, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss how we may help meet your needs. Please call **(508) 862-4765** to schedule a tour and a Free Trial Day.

Events & Activities

News from the Hyannis Youth and Community Center

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Hyannis Youth & Community Center will be a center of bustling activity in December, with something for the whole family to enjoy! Public Skate and Open Gym times are available almost every day scheduled around the youth hockey and high school volleyball games that take place in the center. Updated schedules can be found at www.townofbarnstable.us/hycc or call 508-790-6345.

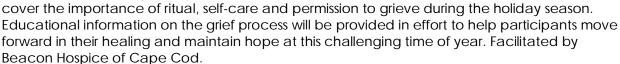
Be sure to check out the fun and exciting programs at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center.

Visit the HYCC page at www.town.barnstable.ma.us or call 508-790-6345.

Senior Center Happenings

Surviving Loss & Grief during the Holiday Season

Dec. 1, 10-11:30 a.m. To Register Please Call – 508 778-1622 X 115 This grief educational series is open to any adult who has lost a spouse, life partner, parent, sibling, family member or close friend. The workshop will



Shopping Rights, Be Informed with Holiday ShoppingDec. 1, 1:30-2:30 p.m. RSVP-Free Robin Putnam, Research and Special Projects Manager from the *Office of Consumer Affairs* and Business Regulation, will present Consumer University with a focus on shopping rights. The presentation will include information about the Office, expressed & implied warranties return policies, defective merchandise, pricing discrepancies, and shopping online, through the mail or television.

Emergency Preparedness

Dec. 1, 1-2 p.m. RSVP-Free

Are you ready for our long cold winter? The Barnstable County Sheriff's Department will be here to give you tips, hints and helpful ideas to keep you safe and warm no matter the weather. Be prepared for the winter.

Breakfast with Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging Annual Meet & Greet Dec. 6 at 9:30-10:30 a.m. RSVP-Required

The FBCOA would like to welcome new, present and potential members to meet the Friends of the BCOA board members. Enjoy a breakfast buffet, learn what the FBCOA is all about and hear all they've have accomplished for the Barnstable Senior Center.

Free GIFT Wrapping!

Dec. 8 and 16, 2-4:30 p.m. RSVP-Free

Take one more thing off your to do list and join us on either dates! Barnstable High School freshmen will wrap all your gifts for you . Not only will they make your presents beautiful they will provide some refreshments while you wait . All participants also eligible for a free entry into a raffle to win a special holiday treat and you can pick your wrapping paper . Please join us for this fun event that we hope will become an annual tradition.

Holiday Dinner, Celebrate the Season

Dec. 9, 11-3 p.m. Fee-\$14 RSVP-Required by Dec. 7

This year special guest performers Two Cool will play holiday favorites and cherished songs from the 50's and beyond. This group includes Steve Gregory and Eileen Fendler who have performed at the Cotuit Center for the Arts, Amari's in Sandwich and the Villagio and many other locations around Cape Cod. Attend this festive event, listen to great music and stroll the craft tables. This event sells out quickly so get you tickets early. Sponsored by the Friends of the Barnstable Council on Aging.

Be sure to check out the fun and exciting programs at the Barnstable Senior Center. Visit the Senior Center page at www.town.barnstable.ma.us or call 508-862-4750.

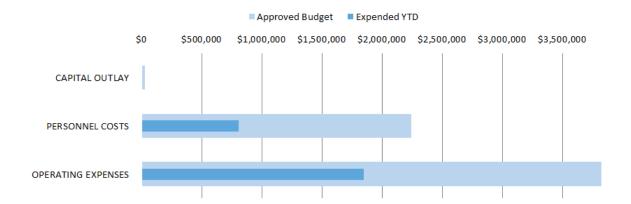
BARNSTABLE'S OPEN BUDGET

Explore Expenditure Budgets: Amounts as of November 13th for fiscal 2017

Barnstable Municipal Airport

History: The Hyannis Airport originated in 1928 as a single grass runway before being taken over by the Town of Barnstable in the 1930s. During World War II, it was expanded to three 4,000-foot runways for the Army Air Corps and used by aircraft on anti-submarine patrol. The Navy later assumed control of the airport for pilot training. After the war, the airport was returned to the town as a two-runway, municipal airport, serving all of Cape Cod.





Expenses								
Fund	Approved Budget	%	Expended YTD	%	Encumbered	%	Available Balance	%
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,822,713	62.73%	\$1,846,560	48.30%	\$1,235,380	32.32%	\$740,773	19.38%
PERSONNEL COSTS	\$2,240,415	36.77%	\$804,404	35.90%	\$0	0.00%	\$1,436,012	64.10%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$30,400	0.50%	\$0	0.00%	\$0	0.00%	\$30,400	100.00%
TOTALS	\$6,093,528	100.00%	\$2,650,964	43.50%	\$1,235,380	20.27%	\$2,207,185	36.22%

 $\textbf{Summary:} \ \ \textbf{The municipal airport has expended 43.5\% of approved budget year-to-date}.$



A Reminder from the Barnstable Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Committee

The deadline for submitting an Application to qualify for an annual award from the Barnstable Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Committee is **January 2**, **2017**. The funds collected are distributed to needy individuals through an annual award process. To be considered for this annual award, potential recipients need to meet the following eligibility requirements and complete and submit the application form. A new application must be submitted each year.

Applications are available on line at www.town.barnstable.us/treasury or by contacting the Treasurer's Office at 508 862 4653. Copies of the Application package will also be available at the Senior Center.

Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2017. Applications should be sent to:

Barnstable Elderly & Disabled Taxation Aid Committee C/O Town Treasurer's Office 230 South Street Hyannis, MA 02601

Aid will be awarded in early February 2017 and applied directly to recipients property tax

Background

The Barnstable Town Council has accepted Massachusetts Law, Chapter 60, Section 3D which allows the Town to establish a fund to defray the real estate taxes of low income elderly and disabled persons. Taxpayers contribute to the fund through a voluntary check- off on their real estate tax bills. A new application must be completed each year to qualify for the annual award.

Eligibility

§ **65 years or older** on July 01, 2016

OR

S Disabled- State recognized disability, applicant may be receiving benefits from one or more of the programs listed below based on a determination of disability:

SSI or Medicaid

Worker's Compensation

Employment and Vocational Rehabilitation

Mental Health Programs/Public Health Services

Other- as committee deems eligible

- § Total gross household income shall not exceed \$35,000.00 single \$40,000 married (from all sources in the calendar year preceding the year in which application is made).
- § Other Assets must be less than \$40,000. Other assets are the value of personal property and other real estate excluding domicile. This includes second homes, cars, boats, stocks, bonds, CD's, IRA's, savings and checking accounts, pension and annuity funds and any other tangible liquid assets.
- § Applicant(s) must be the titled owner of the property or hold a life estate in the property on July 01, 2016. The property must be a primary residence.

December 2016 Board and Committee Meetings

Meeting	TIME	Room
<u>Thursday, 12/1</u>		
Formal Site Plan Review Meeting	9:00 AM	HR
Homelessness Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	SCR
Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
Monday, 12/5		
Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Homelessness Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	SCR
Tuesday, 12/6		
Conservation Commission Hearing	3:00 PM	HR
Airport Infrastructure Sub-Committee Meeting	4:30 PM	Airport
Town Library Committee Meeting	4:30 PM	Osterville Village Library
Wednesday, 12/7		
Airport Finance Sub-Committee Meeting	8:30 AM	Airport
Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	SCR
School Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
Monday, 12/12		
Licensing Authority Hearing	9:30 AM	HR
Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	SCR
Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	GMCR
Planning Board Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
Sandy Neck Board Meeting	7:30 PM	SCR
Tuesday, 12/13	7.50 1 101	36K
Golf Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	Olde Barnstable
Conservation Commission Hearing	6:30 PM	HR
Wednesday, 12/14	0.30 F W	TIK
	6:30 PM	WB Community
Old King's Highway Historic District Committee Meeting Mid Cape Cultural Council Meeting	6:30 PM	GMCR
Barnstable Youth Commission	6:30 PM	HYCC
	7:00 PM	HR
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing <u>Ihursday, 12/15</u>	7.00 PIVI	пк
	9:00 AM	HR
Formal Site Plan Review Meeting Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
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Community Preservation Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Homelessness Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	SCR
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Housing Committee Meeting	8:00 AM	SCR
Board of Health Meeting	3:00 PM	HR
Hyannis Water Board Meeting	3:00 PM	GMCR
Airport Commission Meeting	4:00 PM	Airport
Barnstable Historical Commission Meeting	4:00 PM	SCR
Wednesday, 12/21	0.00 414	Saniar Cantar
Council on Aging Meeting	9:00 AM	Senior Center
Barnstable Disability Commission Meeting	10:00 AM	Senior Center
Water Resources Advisory Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	SCR
Shellfish Committee Meeting	7:30 PM	Senior Center
Tuesday, 12/27	0.00 DM	
Barnstable Economic Development Commission Meeting	2:30 PM	SCR
Conservation Commission Hearing	6:30 PM	HR
Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	GMCR
Waterways Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	SCR
Wednesday, 12/28	0.00	
Licensing Authority Hearing	9:30 AM	HR

Please see Location Key on next page.

Please note that meetings are subject to change.

For most up-to-date information, please visit www.town.barnstable.ma.us

Notice to our Subscribers:

We can only guarantee 1st of the month delivery of our newsletter to those who receive it electronically. The paper version is mailed via bulk mail and the post office may take up to two weeks to deliver. If you wish to transfer your subscription to the electronic edition, please email us at barnstable.ma.us.

MEETING LOCATION KEY:

Airport = Barnstable Municipal Airport Meeting Room

Assessor = Assessor's Office

GMCR = Growth Management Conference Room, 3rd floor of Town Hall

HR = Hearing Room, 2nd floor of Town Hall

Olde Barnstable = Olde Barnstable Fair Grounds /Golf Course Clubhouse Procurement = Procurement Conference Room **SCR** = Selectmen's Conference Room, 2nd floor of Town Hall

Senior Center = 825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

SGCR = Structures & Grounds Conference Room

TCCR = Town Council Conference Room

WB Community = West Barnstable Community Building,Route 149 For more information, visit the town website at:

www.townofbarnstable.us
THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ANY OF THESE
MEETINGS!

Be sure to tune to CH18 for the latest episodes of:

"Barnstable This Morning"

"Barnstable Today"

"The Compass"

"Barnstable Now"-Youth Program

Is there a topic you would like to see covered on CH18? Email your suggestion to: btm@town.barnstable.ma.us The Town of Barnstable offers streaming video of Channel 18 and video on Demand on the town website.



www.townofBarnstable.us

Barnstable is listening!

Visit our virtual town hall to share your ideas that will help improve our town.



www.BarnstableiForum.com

INSIDE BARNSTABLE TOWN GOVERNMENT WINTER CLASSES

The twenty-fourth session of *Inside Barnstable Town Government*, A Citizens Leadership Academy will begin Tuesday, January 31, 2017. 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.

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 at www.town.barnstable.ma.us. 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 Arthur Caiado: 508-221-0412.

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