

## The Barnstable Bulletin

A MONTHLY  
TOWN OF BARNSTABLE  
NEWSLETTER

**March 2017**

### From the Town Manager

Dear Reader:

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for their calm and patience in dealing with this winter's snowstorms. Chief Paul MacDonald, the head of the Town of Barnstable's Emergency Response Team, reported that there were a lot of people who heeded the warnings that were made in advance of the weather. A lot of credit goes to those who have worked throughout the storms. Our Highway Division which was manned 24/7 during the storms working hard to keep roads passable. DPW's Snow and Ice brochure which was distributed throughout town, the Storm Alerts on the Town's website as well as our Facebook and Twitter updates and our Storm Update Line (508-862-4636) were extremely helpful. We continue to look for new ways to keep our citizens informed about things that are important to them.

I am pleased that Finance Director Mark Milne has informed us that Standard & Poor's has reaffirmed our AAA Bond Rating and our Long Term Rating has been updated to Stable. The Town's very strong management practices were cited as one of the reasons for our standing in the report. Town Treasurer Debra M. Blanchette announced that the Town received competitive bids from bond and note underwriters on Tuesday, February 4, 2017. More information about the bond sale is included in this issue of the Barnstable Bulletin.

The budgeting process continues. This is a year-round process, but this is when we finalize our needs. Our Senior Staff has submitted budget requests. We will keep performing at a high level and, as always, continue keeping a close eye on our spending. We will start with the Capital budget in early Spring and then move on to the Operating budget.

The calendar says that we will be "springing forward" on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and the first day of Spring is Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. I am ready to give Spring a hearty welcome!

Regards,

*Mark S. Ellis*

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## News You Can Use

### MARCH MEMOS FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

As I write this article we are opening and inputting the census information. Many thanks to all that have returned the census forms. Here are a few reminders from your Town Clerk's office:



- It is never too late to turn in your census form – remember if you have moved or anyone has moved in or out of the household – we need the current address where you or they are residing.
- Returning your census form to us, assures your information for voting is current.
- The 2017 Town Election is scheduled for November 7th. The Town Council positions in the EVEN numbered precincts (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12) will be running for a four year term. The other offices to be elected will be two School Committee seats, two Housing Authority seats and the Town Clerk! Remember your vote is your voice!
- Cape Cod Regional Technical High School is requesting an Election on October 24, 2017 in order to go forward with a project of a new school building or a possible renovation to the current school building. The Election will be held in twelve towns, from 12:00 noon until 8 PM.
- Dog licenses for 2017 will be ready for sale the 6<sup>th</sup> of May. HOWEVER, if you don't have a 2016 license you need to get it now...you cannot skip a year. Once your dog is 6 months old you need to get it licensed.
- If you intend to register your dog by mail, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope along with your check made out to the Town of Barnstable for (\$7.00 if spayed or neutered; or \$10.00 for male or female). Don't forget to send us a picture of your dog for the Barnstable's Best Dog Contest. The winning canine will earn the # 1 dog tag and be featured on the website.
- Fuel storage tank annual registrations will be going out in March to those who have an existing storage license.

For questions on voting, business certificates, elections, census, vital records, marriage intentions, etc., please call us at any time – Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 508-862-4044.

As always we are here to assist you.

*Ann M. Quirk, CMC  
Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable*

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## Superintendent's Corner

Greetings,

I was honored to witness second graders from our Hyannis West Elementary School raise their young voices at the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Barnstable School Committee. Students from Ms. Duran's second grade class kept Martin Luther King's dream alive through their own words, as they shared their hopes and dreams. Although these students are as young as seven years old, their wisdom is far beyond their years, and their words an inspiration to all "grown-ups." I am pleased to share a few excerpts from their American Dream speeches:

*"I will build houses in our community where people from every country can move to. They will live together peacefully, speaking all kinds of languages."  
-Stela D.*

*"I have a dream that my family is not going to be judged by the color of their skin, but by the heart of their own. Don't let people be judged by their culture or their skin. Look into someone's eyes and realize they are good inside."  
-Jacob Z.*

*"I want the world to be peaceful. I want to be a mayor in a peaceful town, or a town full of peaceful people. In this place love will stop fights."  
-Kevin F.*

*"Can you believe that the leaders of the world are grown-ups? I can't. I may be only 7 years old, but I want to teach them to use words and peace! We can work out our differences with words. Violence is never the answer. I want to see people spreading peace all over the world,...holding hands together."  
-Rightassie C.*

*"I am a brave and bold young boy who is determined to stop wars of violence and bring back peace."  
-Hassah A.*



Our students are remarkable young scholars. I am confident our future is bright in their hands.

Peace,  
Meg

**Superintendent of Schools  
Barnstable Public Schools**

Follow Meg Mayo-Brown, BPS Superintendent on Twitter...  
[@meg\\_bps](#)

## News You Can Use

### 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, 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. **Community Preservation Committee** / 1 member - Planning Board rep
3. **Council on Aging** / 2 members—an alternate and an associate
4. **Cultural Council** / 1 member
5. **Disability Commission** / 5 members
6. **Economic Development Commission** / 2 members
7. **Housing Committee** / 1 member
8. **Human Services Committee** / 1 member --a representative member
9. **Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Committee** / 4 members - 2 members, 1 alternate and an Historical Commission representative member
10. **Old King’s Highway Historic District Commission** / 1 member—an alternate
11. **Personnel Board** / 2 members
12. **Renewable Energy** 3 1 members
13. **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](mailto:council@town.barnstable.ma.us) or phone 508-862-4738 for more information.

### 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  
mailing list.

### Road Construction Updates



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



Join us on  
**Facebook  
and Twitter!**

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](http://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](http://www.sturgislibrary.org)  
Centerville Public Library  
[www.centervillelibrary.org](http://www.centervillelibrary.org)  
Cotuit Library  
[www.cotuitlibrary.org](http://www.cotuitlibrary.org)  
Hyannis Public Library  
[www.hyannislibrary.org](http://www.hyannislibrary.org)

Marstons Mills Public Library  
[www.mmpl.org](http://www.mmpl.org)  
Osterville Village Library  
[www.ostervillevillagelibrary.org](http://www.ostervillevillagelibrary.org)  
Whelden Memorial Library in West Barnstable  
[www.wheldenlibrary.org](http://www.wheldenlibrary.org)

## News You Can Use

### **Barnstable, MA \$10,690,000 General Obligation Bonds Net 2.74%; \$744,000 Bond Anticipation Notes Net 1.20%**

Debra M. Blanchette, Town Treasurer, announced that the Town received competitive bids from bond and note underwriters on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, for a \$10,690,000, 20-year bond issue and a \$744,000, 105-day note issue. Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC was the winning bidder on the Bonds with an average interest rate of 2.74%. Century Bank was the winning bidder on the Notes with a net interest cost of 1.20%. The Town received a total of seven (7) bids on the Bonds and two (2) bids on the Notes. Bond and Note proceeds will be used to finance various municipal purposes.

Prior to the sale, S&P Global Ratings, a municipal bond credit rating agency, affirmed the **Town's 'AAA' bond rating**, the highest rating attainable. The rating agency cited the Town's very strong economy, very strong management with strong financial policies and practices, strong budgetary performance, very strong budgetary flexibility, very strong liquidity, strong debt and contingent liability profile, and strong institutional framework as positive credit factors.

### **Barnstable Recreation & Hyannis Youth & Community Center - Spring Program Registration began February 28th**

Will be on going until programs are full through the start of each program.  
on-line [www.townofbarnstable.us/recreation](http://www.townofbarnstable.us/recreation)  
or in person Monday-Friday - 8:30am-4pm

### **SAVE THE DATE - BARNSTABLE RECREATION'S EGG-STRAVAGANZA!**

**Come check out  
Barnstable Recreation's  
Annual Easter Event!**

**Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-1pm**  
at the **Barnstable Intermediate School**  
895 Falmouth Road, Hyannis

Admission is FREE to the event  
(some games and activities cost \$1, food is cash only)  
Take your own photos with the Easter  
Bunny and Sidekick Chick!



### **2017 Parking Permits/Beach Stickers**

The Recreation Division 2017 Parking Permits are now available through our mail-in process. For those of you that supplied Barnstable Recreation with your e-mail address, you should be receiving your application via e-mail. If you do not receive it, or did not supply an e-mail address, applications may be downloaded from our [website](#). In order to reduce our postage costs, we will not be sending out applications via the postal system. If you do not have access to a printer and need an application mailed to you, please feel free to submit your request in writing (please include a self-addressed stamped envelope so we can mail the application to you) to: Town of Barnstable – Parking Permits, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis, MA 02601.



## News You Can Use

### A Note from the Town Collector

Just a friendly reminder that the third quarter real estate taxes were due back on February 1<sup>ST</sup>.

The first and largest commitment of 2017 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax bills were issued on February 20, 2017 and will be due on March 22, 2017. Once again, I would like to remind you that once a bill is issued, you must pay the bill or the bill must be abated as no bill just goes away. Please don't get caught up in paying additional fees and jeopardizing your driver's license! There are also a few 2016 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax bills being issued at the same time, which are delayed commitments from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The third quarter commitment of Utility Billing (sewer bills) was issued on February 27, 2017 and will be due on March 29, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 508-862-4054.

Looking forward to Spring!

Regards,

**Maureen E. Niemi**

Town Collector

And Golda and Laurel

## Spring is in the air...



**Marina Slip Contracts will be mailed on April 1st.  
Mooring Permit Renewals were due by February 28th  
at 4:15 PM.**

**To renew during the month of March a late fee must  
be paid in addition to the \$90 permit fee. It must be  
received in the office by 4:15 PM.**

*Marine and Environmental Affairs Division  
Town of Barnstable, 1189 Phinney's Lane, Centerville, MA 02632  
Phone: (508) 790-6273 Fax: (508) 790-6275*

### **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.

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.

## News You Can Use

### Accepting Applications for Summer Employment for the Barnstable Recreation Division Beginning March 1, 2017

<b>Program</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Minimum Age and Minimum Requirements</b>
<b>Aquatics</b>	<b>Beach Supervisor</b>	Must have Community CPR/First Aid and at least 1 seasons experience as a Barnstable Aquatic Employee. Financial and Supervisory experience requested, able to deal with public in difficult situations.
	<b>Swim Instructor/Lifeguard</b>	Must have American Red Cross Lifeguard Training for Waterfront, Professional Rescuer CPR. Water Safety Instructor Certifications preferred. Must be 17 years of age or 16 with one years experience as a Lifeguard Aid. Must be able to deal with public and make quick decisions. Tryout Required ANNUALLY!
	<b>Lifeguard</b>	See Swim Instructor/Lifeguard
	<b>Gate Attendant</b>	Must have a High School Education or Equivalent, Community CPR and First Aid. Financial experience preferred. Must be able to handle public even in difficult situations.
	<b>Beach Assistant</b>	Must be 14 years of age. Must be friendly and be able to deal with public.
	<b>Sailing Instructor</b>	Must be 17 years of age have same qualifications as a Lifeguard with experience in sailing.
<b>Programs</b>	<b>Leisure Program Director</b>	Must have Child and Infant CPR/First Aid and Must be 18 years of age with experience supervising a group of children. Experience working in a Camp or Leisure Program preferred.
	<b>Leisure Program Councilor</b>	Must have Child and Infant CPR/First Aid Must have experience with children. High School Education or Equivalent preferred.
	<b>Sp. Need Councilor</b>	Must have Child and Infant CPR/First Aid Same requirements as a Councilor but Special Needs Experience preferred.
	<b>Program Assistants</b>	Work in Various Activities, gymnastics, tennis, arts and crafts, floor hockey, inline skating, skateboarding, basketball etc.

All positions will require a tryout or an interview, don't wait to apply. Waiting until summer may prohibit you from getting a great summer job.

Application available on the website [www.barnstable.ma.us/recreation](http://www.barnstable.ma.us/recreation) - Please make sure you look at information specific for positions applying for.

## Events & Activities

### News from the Hyannis Youth and Community Center

**Are you ready for Spring and looking forward to being more active with outdoor walking and other activities?** If you think you have to wait for the snow to thaw or the fields to dry



up, well don't let those excuses stop you! The Hyannis Youth & Community Center is a great place for the whole family to spend some time on cold winter days in March! Members have access to walk the indoor track, enjoy a game of pool or ping pong in the Game Room, check out the Computer Lab or shoot some hoops during Open Gym! The annual fee for Barnstable Residents is just \$20 (Non-Residents \$40) and you can purchase your membership at the HYCC or online at your convenience!

**Other indoor drop in fun** at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center includes indoor pickleball, yoga, toddler play-groups and SAFE public skating on the indoor ice rinks!

**25TH ANNUAL LOBSTER POT MIM-MITE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT - MARCH 17TH-19TH** - Barnstable Youth Hockey and The Lobster Pot will kick off their 25th Anniversary with style! This annual event brings hundreds of families from all over New England to the Cape for a weekend in March where their 4-5 year olds skate in a tournament for the first time! Everyone knows the participating families are here filling the hotels and restaurants because the lobster car flags are seen all over the Cape from the Bridges to the farthest reaches of the Cape where teams play at several rinks across our sandy stretch of land! Admission is FREE, cafe is open and there are always some great raffle prizes to bid on. Be sure to check [www.byha.net](http://www.byha.net) for all the details!

**HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME - MARCH 19TH** - Come and see the best Cape Cod High School basketball players in this event that has become an annual tradition! Girls and Boys from high schools across the Cape will compete for fun, and there's sure to be a lot of action right from the tip off! Girls game begins at 1:15PM and the Boys game starts at 4:00PM. Admission is \$8 for Adults and \$3 for Students and Seniors 60+. Kids 5 and Under are FREE! The Scudder Family Cafe will be open so why not make a family night of it and come for dinner and some great affordable entertainment, supporting kids who represent their towns so well, on and off the court! Questions? Call Mark Boardley at 508-790-6345 x112.

**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](http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us) or call 508-790-6345.**

## Senior Center Happenings



### St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

Thursday, Mar. 16, 12-3 p.m. Fee-\$12

Celebrate the Emerald Isle and all things Irish and enjoy Judy's famous corned beef and cabbage with traditional Irish entertainment from Sean Murphy & Friends along with a few surprises. Purchase your tickets early at the Senior Center as this fun and memorable yearly event sells out quickly.

### Death Café: Living with Mortality, Life Goes on

Monday, Mar. 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m. RSVP-Free

We revel in life's beginning, wrestle with its challenges, and take pride in our achievements. We know deep down that we are mortal and that our lives will end sometime in the future—the distant future, we hope—but we are not consciously aware of our mortality from day to day. The threat of serious illness unleashes a wide range of moods and emotions. We swing back and forth between fear and hope, nostalgia and yearning, sadness and joy, self-affirmation and self-doubt, confidence that modern medicine offers the prospect of fighting the disease and concern that treatments can fail. Join Brooks Reinhold of Beacon Hospice and join in the discussion. Refreshments will be served.

### Author Talk: Explore Contemporary Marston Mills, Cape Cod, by Sandra Bolton Wednesday, Mar. 1,

11 a.m. -12 p.m. RSVP-Free She swears that the first thing people do when they pick up a copy of her book is to run their hands over its smooth, glossy cover. And that tactile approach makes Sandra Bolton of Marston Mills very happy about the reception for her first book: "Explore Contemporary Marston Mills, Cape Cod," which came out in December. Meet Ms. Bolton and learn about her book, research and publishing.

### Barnstable High School Presents *Into the Woods* by Steven Sondheim Tuesday, Mar. 2, 1-2 p.m. RSVP-

Free Enjoy snippets of this epic adventure musical by the BHS Drama Club which incorporates plots and characters of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales and features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by James Lapine.

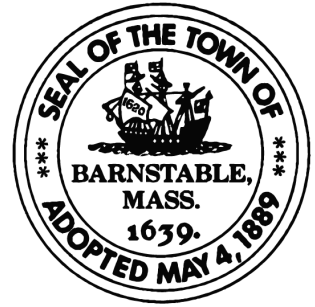
### Caregiver Series: Coping Those Difficult Days

Thursday, Mar. 9, 1-2 p.m. RSVP-Free

Helping Caregivers Cope on those Difficult Days, The demands of being a caregiver can be overwhelming, especially if you feel as if you are in over your head. When the day feels too much, too long and too hard, how do you cope? We will talk about why it so hard to ask for help, how to figure out what type of help we really need, and where to find that support. This is facilitated by Melissa Weidman of HopeHealth.

**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](http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us) or call 508-862-4750.**





# BARNSTABLE'S OPEN BUDGET WEBSITE

EXPLORE CAPITAL BUDGET as of January 31, 2017

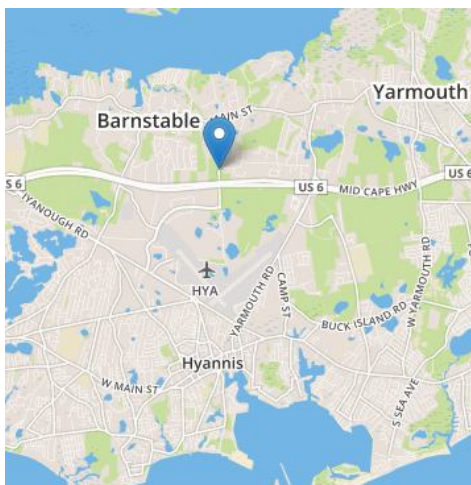
## TOWN COUNCIL ORDER 2015-146 INSTALL CARBON FILTER TREATMENT SYSTEM

### Description

The Mary Dunn wells are vital to the Hyannis Water System to be able to meet the drinking water and fire flow demands of residential and commercial customers in Hyannis, Hyannis port, and West Hyannis port, including Cape Cod Hospital. With the Mary Dunn wells off-line, there is a strong possibility that we will not be able to meet the peak water demands of the summer season. DPW proposes to install two portable granular activated carbon treatment units at the well locations to remove the contaminants from the water.



### Location:



Funding Source	Budget	Expended	Available	% Used
Bond Issue	744,000	700,294	43,706	94%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>744,000</b>	<b>700,294</b>	<b>43,706</b>	<b>94%</b>

The Town of Barnstable's operating and capital budgets are now online at <http://budget.townofbarnstable.us>



## News You Can Use

### 2017-18 Golf Passes Are Available

ADULT ANNUAL PASS	\$950	<b>YEAR ROUND RANGE PASSES</b>	
ADD'L ADULT FAMILY MEMBER	\$790	PASS-HOLDER/RESIDENT	\$235
YOUNG ADULT RESIDENT (18-30)	\$556	ADD'L FAMILY RANGE	\$180
JUNIOR RESIDENT PASS	\$260	PUBLIC RANGE PASS	\$260
STUDENT RESIDENT PASS	\$260		
NON-RESIDENT ADULT PASS	\$1265		
NON-RESIDENT YOUNG ADULT (18-30)	\$556		
NON-RESIDENT JUNIOR	\$260		
NON-RESIDENT STUDENT	\$260		
RESIDENT SENIOR 80+	\$500		



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**PROOF OF RESIDENCY/TAXPAYER STATUS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RESIDENT PASS SALES. PLEASE HAVE A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT TAX BILL OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE AND AUTO REGISTRATION.**

Application forms are available online at [www.barnstablegolf.com](http://www.barnstablegolf.com) or in person at either pro shop. Passes are valid at both Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course and Hyannis Golf Course through March 31, 2018. If you would like one mailed please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Barnstable Golf, PO Box 68, Marstons Mills, MA 02648

### **GOLF COURSE NEWS AND UPCOMMING EVENTS FOR 2017**

Recently the clubhouse refurbishment projects for each golf course went out to bid and we are happy to say that we have just awarded contracts to the successful bidder and work on both buildings is being scheduled. Work will be taking place both indoors and outdoors weather permitting. There is a lot of work to be accomplished from now through the spring months. Golfers should expect some minor inconveniences during this process and we ask for your understanding and patience while construction is ongoing. Golf management will do their best to minimize disruptions but with projects like this some interruptions are unavoidable.

We are excited to announce that we have contracted with a new food and beverage service provider for OBF. "Tavern on the Green" hopes to be up and running by early April. The principals of Tavern on the Green have some great plans and ideas for improving the restaurant dining experience at OBF. Make sure to stop in and check out the new offerings. They will also have a hospitality cart available this season for your on-course needs. As stated earlier, there will be some significant work taking place in the restaurant and outside deck area. This will occur at the same time that the restaurant is trying to open, so please understand the clubhouse area will be very active this spring.

In 2017 we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of OBF. We are planning a number of fun events and activities to mark the occasion. Be sure to check out the limited edition anniversary logo merchandise being offered in the golf shop throughout the season.

On April 1st, Hyannis GC will take delivery of a new cart fleet. The new fleet should be a big improvement and will provide a more comfortable, quiet and smooth ride. The Golf Management team is in the final stages of developing the FY18 operating and capital budgets. We are also in the process of filling seasonal positions in both operations and maintenance. If you know of anyone looking for work send them our way please.

## News You Can Use

### News from Consumer Affairs- Sealer of Weights and Measures

It was a little over 200 years ago when President John Adams first signed in a U.S. Weights and Measures Law on March 2, 1799. Weights and Measures week is celebrated March 1-7 each year to commemorate the signing of this law.

National Conference of Weights and Measures Chairwoman, Ms. Kristin Macey from CA has announced her theme for Weights and Measures week: *"Tradition and Technology Drive U.S. Standards for Trade"*.

For weights and measures officials this can take on many meanings. This article will focus on getting receipts either traditionally printed or with the technology of having a receipt sent to your email or phone when purchasing goods, whether shopping at a store, internet, virtual yard sales or other ways to shop on social media.

For consumers it is important to obtain a receipt for any goods bought. As weights and measures officials we investigate many complaints from consumers, one of the first things we ask is "do you have a receipt?" That piece of paper is necessary evidence to protect you as a consumer.

A co-worker bought many of the same items because they were on sale, he had a receipt emailed to him and when he got home he discovered he did not get the sale price. If he had not received a receipt he may not have known of the discrepancy. Since he had the receipt and because of the price accuracy guarantee he was awarded a free item and the rest were adjusted to the sale price.

A complaint came in about purchasing firewood. By Massachusetts law wood is to be sold by cubic feet not a cord and a receipt must be given with the name of the business, how much per cubic feet and how much was delivered. The person did not get a receipt and therefore we do not know the amount delivered and the charge per cubic feet to enforce this sale. He was unable to recover the cost. When you buy firewood make sure to get a receipt which shows the seller's name and address; as well as the price, amount and kind of wood purchased. If possible, get the seller's phone number and write down the license plate number of the delivery vehicle.

We strive to educate and enforce our Weights and Measures laws and being a savvy consumer can make your shopping experience a good one. Obtain a receipt of your purchases!! If you ever come across a discrepancy on a purchase or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the performance of a commercial weighing or measuring device used for trade, bring it to the attention of the merchant. If the problem is not resolved, contact the local Weights & Measures office for advice and/or assistance. The Barnstable Weights & Measures jurisdiction includes; Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Chatham, Dennis, Harwich, Mashpee, Orleans, Sandwich and Yarmouth.

**We can be contacted at: 508-862-4671 OR [www.town.barnstable.ma.us](http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us) link to Regulatory Services, link to Consumer Affairs Division, link to Weights & Measures.**  
**Best regards, Jane Zulkiewicz Sealer of Weights and Measures**

# March 2017 Board and Committee Meetings

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Room</u>
<u>Wednesday, 3/1</u>		
Airport Finance Sub-Committee Meeting	8:30 AM	Airport
Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	SCR
Barnstable Youth Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	HYCC
School Committee Meeting - initial FY18 Budget Presentation	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Thursday, 3/2</u>		
Formal Site Plan Review Meeting	9:00 AM	HR
Asset Management Advisory Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	SCR
Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Monday, 3/6</u>		
Licensing Authority Hearing	9:30 AM	HR
Recreation Commission Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
<u>Tuesday, 3/7</u>		
Barnstable Economic Development Commission Meeting	8:00 AM	SCR
Airport Infrastructure Subcommittee Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Town Library Committee Meeting	4:30 PM	Sturgis Library
Conservation Commission Hearing	6:30 PM	HR
<u>Wednesday, 3/8</u>		
Old King's Highway Historic District Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	WB Community
Barnstable Youth Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	HYCC
Mid-Cape Cultural Council Meeting	7:00 PM	GMCR
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Monday, 3/13</u>		
Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	GMCR
Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	GMCR
Planning Board Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
Sandy Neck Board Meeting	7:30 PM	SCR
<u>Tuesday, 3/14</u>		
Conservation Commission Hearing	3:00 PM	HR
Golf Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	Olde Barnstable
<u>Wednesday, 3/15</u>		
Council on Aging Meeting	9:00 AM	Senior Center
Barnstable Disability Commission Meeting	10:00 AM	HYCC
Water Resources Advisory Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	HR
Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	SCR
Barnstable Youth Commission Meeting	6:30 PM	HYCC
School Committee Meeting-Public Hearing FY18 Budget	7:00 PM	HR
Shellfish Committee Meeting	7:30 PM	Senior Center
<u>Thursday, 3/16</u>		
Formal Site Plan Review Meeting	9:00 AM	HR
<u>Monday, 3/20</u>		
Licensing Authority Hearing	9:30 AM	HR
Homeless Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	SCR
<u>Tuesday, 3/21</u>		
Housing Committee Meeting	8:30 AM	SCR
Joint Meeting of Public Works Commission and Water Pollution Control Board	1:00 PM	DPW
Hyannis Water Board Meeting	3:00 PM	GMCR
Airport Commission Meeting	4:00 PM	Airport
Barnstable Historical Commission Meeting	4:00 PM	SCR
Conservation Commission Hearing	6:30 PM	HR
<u>Wednesday, 3/22</u>		
Old King's Highway Historic District Committee Meeting	6:30 PM	WB Community
Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Thursday, 3/23</u>		
Town Council Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Monday, 3/27</u>		
Renewable Energy Commission Meeting	5:00 PM	SCR
Community Preservation Committee Meeting	5:30 PM	HR
Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee Meeting	6:00 PM	GMCR
Planning Board Meeting	7:00 PM	HR
<u>Tuesday, 3/28</u>		
Board of Health Meeting	3:00 PM	HR
Waterways Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	SCR

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**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

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# *Have Fun With Us This Summer!*



**Registration begins on Tuesday, March 21st  
at the HYCC, 141 Bassett Lane, Hyannis from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
or on-line @ [www.townofbarnstable.us](http://www.townofbarnstable.us)**

## **Sites Available:**

**Entering Grades 1-5**  
Hyannis West Elementary  
Centerville Recreation (nut  
safe)  
Centerville Elementary  
Barnstable West Barnstable

**Entering Grades 6-8**  
Barnstable Intermediate  
School

**Cost: \$850**

## **BARNSTABLE RECREATION SUMMER LEISURE PROGRAM**

**Dates: July 3-August 18, 2017 (no program July 4th)**

The Barnstable Summer Leisure Program is a seven week summer program running Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. This program is an affordable way to keep your child active in a safe, fun-loving environment! Our dedicated staff have lots of fun things planned for summer: arts & crafts, games, swimming at our local beaches/ponds, talent show on the Village Green, cookouts, field trips, theme days, field days and lots more!

**Questions? Call Michelle Davies 508.790.6345 x107**

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