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Korean War Memorial at Veteran's Park Beach

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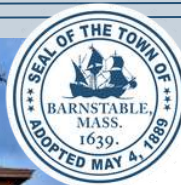
- Running for elected office? Nomination papers are now available;
- May is Older Americans Month and our Barnstable Adult Community Center is a hub of activity;
- May is also National Mental Health Awareness Month;
- Looking for a seasonal or year-round position with the Town of Barnstable, there are many opportunities;
- Cicadas are coming;
- Barnstable Public Schools hosts Kindergarten Screening & Orientation through June 6th;
- The application deadline for 2025 Downtown Hyannis Small Business Façade Improvement Grant Program is June 8th;
- The Barnstable High School Drama Club is hosting their Senior Showcase on June 12th;
- Join the Town of Barnstable's Shellfishing Team to learn to Shellfish for Razor Clams;
- The Cape Cod Commission is updating its Regional Policy Plan; and
- A Friendly Reminder to stay informed by downloading the MyBarnstable app.

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# Stay Connected

The Town has a number of newsletters to keep you up to date and informed! Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up today!

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[www.BarnstableWaterResources.com](http://www.BarnstableWaterResources.com)

[www.BarnstableEnews.com](http://www.BarnstableEnews.com)

[www.BarnstableLCP.com](http://www.BarnstableLCP.com)



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- Receive Notifications
- Access Information
- View Latest Updates
- And more...

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## CONSTRUCTION NEWS & UPDATES



SEWER  
CONSTRUCTION

ROAD PROJECTS  
UTILITY WORK

## ROADWORK NOTICES

Contact DPW  
508-790-6400

Stay up to date on all CWMP News and Updates here  
[www.barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/](http://www.barnstablewaterresources.com/news-updates/)



## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025 AT 6:00 PM

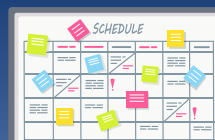
Watch Town of Barnstable meetings and content on the Barnstable Government Access Channel (Xfinity channel 8/HD channel 1072) or stream live via the Town website.



Stream LIVE



Video on Demand



View the Schedule



[www.BarnstableNews.com](http://www.BarnstableNews.com)



# Discover Barnstable

## Season 6 Recap

Catch up on all the episodes of the Discover Barnstable where you stream your favorite podcasts.



## May 19<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>



CLICK ON ANY OF THE MEETINGS TO WATCH



## Barnstable Government Access Weekly Meeting Review

VIDEO ON DEMAND

YOUTUBE

WATCH LIVE

Barnstable Government Access (BGA) is now easier than ever to watch!  
Download the new BGA app on Apple & Android devices or stream on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire Stick—just search "Barnstable" to get started!  
Still on Xfinity? Tune in to Channels 8/1070 or in HD on 1072.







# Town of Barnstable

## PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR

For the complete calendar of events and meetings,  
visit <https://townofbarnstable.us/calendar.asp>

### Monday, May 26:

CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

### Tuesday, May 27:

4:00 PM | Board of Health  
5:00 PM | Infrastructure and Energy Committee  
6:00 PM | Comprehensive Financial Advisory Committee  
6:30 PM | Conservation Commission

### Wednesday, May 28:

10:00 AM | Licensing Authority  
2:00 PM | Taxi Hearing - Fraga  
6:30 PM | Accessory Affordable Apartment Program  
6:30 PM | Old Kings Highway Historic District Committee  
7:00 PM | Zoning Board of Appeals

### Thursday, May 29:

None

### Friday, May 30:

None



Tune into Barnstable Government Access Channel 8  
or HD Channel 1072 for meeting coverage.

# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

**TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY**

The Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division as well as the  
Barnstable Adult Community Center will also be closed.

Trash and recycling services will resume on a normal schedule Tuesday, May 27, 2025.  
For questions, please contact the Solid Waste Division at 508-420-2258.



# MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

Monday, May 26, 2025

## 10:00AM CENTERVILLE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Centerville Public Library  
Main Street Centerville



Monday, May 26, 2025

Please join us for brief wreath laying commemorations:

9:00 AM AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL & KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL  
at Veterans Beach Park, 480 Ocean Street, Hyannis, and

10:00 AM AT THE JFK HYANNIS MUSEUM, 397 MAIN STREET, HYANNIS

The JFK Hyannis Museum will open at 10:00 AM  
on Memorial Day



## Open for the Season! THE SWAP SHOP

Saturdays  
8AM - 1PM



Weather permitting. The Swap Shop will be closed on Household Hazardous Saturdays. Items dropped off must be approved by Gate Attendants.

Barnstable Transfer Station  
45 Flint Street, Marstons Mills MA 02648



## PET ADVISORY

CYANOBACTERIA / BLUE GREEN ALGAE  
MAY BE PRESENT IN THE WATER.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION.  
WHEN IN DOUBT STAY OUT.



You can swim in this water, but stay away from algae and scum in the water.



Do not let pets or other animals go into or drink the water or eat the scum on shore.



Keep children away from algae in the water or on the shore.



Do not drink this water or use it for cooking.



For fish caught here, throw away the guts and clean fillets with tap or bottled water before cooking.



Do not eat shellfish from this water.

Learn more about water quality monitoring by visiting  
[BarnstableWaterResources.com](http://BarnstableWaterResources.com)  
or by scanning the QR code.  
Questions? Contact: 508-790-6400





# BARNSTABLE BEACHES OPEN MAY 24TH

**BEGINNING THIS SATURDAY MAY 24TH, RECREATION STAFF  
WILL BEGIN VERIFYING PARKING PERMITS AT OUR BEACHES.**

Lifeguard staff will be present at Craigville and Dowses beaches  
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

We will keep you updated as we fill additional lifeguarding  
positions and get closer to our official beach opening season  
scheduled for Saturday June 21st.



**BARNSTABLE  
RECREATION**



Visit: [nfpa.org/grilling](https://nfpa.org/grilling)

## GRILLING SAFETY

*Follow these simple tips for safe grilling:*



Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.



Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.



Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.



Never leave your grill unattended.



If you choose to use lighter fluid, use only fluid intended for charcoal grills. Never add charcoal starter fluid to coals or kindling that has already been ignited.



## BOATING SAFETY



**84%**  
OF DROWNING  
VICTIMS WERE  
NOT WEARING A  
LIFE JACKET



**74%**  
OF DEATHS OCCURRED ON  
BOATS WHERE THE OPERATOR  
DID NOT RECEIVE BOATING  
SAFETY INSTRUCTION

**ALCOHOL USE IS THE  
#1  
CONTRIBUTING FACTOR  
IN BOATING FATALITIES**



**8 out of 10**  
BOATERS WHO  
DROWNED WERE USING  
VESSELS LESS THAN 21  
FEET IN LENGTH





# Want to Run For Office?

## NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Been thinking about throwing your hat into the ring for Town Council; School Committee, or Housing Authority?  
Now is your chance to step up and pull the necessary papers to run.

The Town Election will be on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 with the following openings:

**6** Town Council seats (Precincts 2,4,6,8,10,12 )

**2** School Committee seats

**2** Barnstable Housing Authority seats

**1** Town Clerk

For Town Council positions, you will need a minimum of fifty (50 ) signatures to have your name appear on the ballot.



*"The way to change the world is through individual responsibility and taking local action in your own community."*

*– Jeff Bridges*

Any questions?  Contact Town Clerk  
Ann Quirk at 508-862-4044.



## Town of Barnstable Local Comprehensive Plan



On Tuesday May 20th, the Local Comprehensive Planning Committee reviewed final public comments submitted for the Draft Local Comprehensive Plan and **affirmatively voted to approve the Local Comprehensive Plan.**

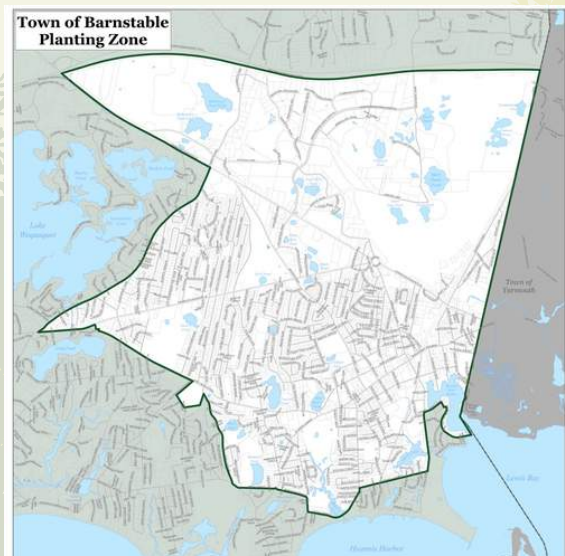
As a next step, the Plan will be presented to Planning Board Monday June 9th and will then proceed to Town Council.



GREENING  
HYANNIS

Is my property in the planting zone?  
What trees are included?

Find out more information at  
[www.greeninghyannis.com](http://www.greeninghyannis.com)



2025 Downtown Hyannis  
Façade Improvement Grant Program  
Grab up to \$10,000 for your small business



*Before*



*After*



*Before*



*After*

This grant program is available to all properties in the Hyannis Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) District. The program is intended to improve the aesthetics of downtown Hyannis and enhance the quality of commercial properties in the area. Eligible improvements include new signage, windows, planters, painting, masonry, siding, doors, awnings and/or structural or design changes.

The application deadline is June 8, 2025 and awarded projects must be completed by November 1, 2025.

Learn more by visiting <https://businessbarnstable.com/2025-downtown-hyannis-facade-grant-program/>



to join the

**BARNSTABLE MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY BOARD**  
**FOR A WATER SYSTEMS TOUR OF THE MAHER TREATMENT PLANT**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025**  
**617 BEARSES WAY, HYANNIS, MA**  
**TOURS STARTING AT: 9AM, 11AM, AND 1PM**

The public is cordially invited to learn more about the water system, how it operates, and to get a better understanding of the work the Department of Public Works and Veolia do to provide outstanding water to their customers. View first hand the process and facilities used to clean ground water before it goes into the distribution system, especially in regards to PFAS and other contaminants.



Hard hats and glasses will be provided. Closed-toe shoes required.





# YOU BELONG IN BARNSTABLE

Looking for a rewarding career?

The Town of Barnstable has open positions and is looking for talented individuals to join our team! 🌟 Whether you're passionate about public service, skilled in administration, or looking for seasonal opportunities, we have a variety of roles available.

- ✓ Competitive pay & benefits
- ✓ Opportunities to make a difference in your community
- ✓ Work with a great team!

Check out our current job openings and apply today!

## Featured Jobs:

Seasonal Dockmaster - MEA

Engineering Designer - DPW Administration

Staff Auditor - Payroll



## Learn to Shellfish for Razor Clams!



Join the Town of Barnstable Shellfishing Team at Scudders Lane to learn!

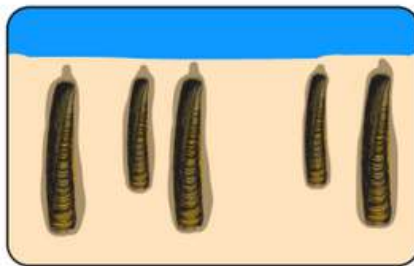
Dates for classes:

May 17<sup>th</sup> @9AM

May 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9AM

June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10AM

June 14<sup>th</sup> @10AM



These **FREE 2 hour long** classes will take place at **Scudders Lane** and all gear **will be provided**.  
Classes limited to 20 people, first come first serve.



To register or for questions email  
Elizabeth.Lewis@town.barnstable.ma.us  
Call 508-790-6272



## THE CICADAS ARE COMING



*As the temperatures rise, so does the chorus of our summer friends — cicadas!*

Cicadas can reach noise levels over 100 decibels — that's about as loud as a chainsaw or a motorcycle!

### 🕒 WHEN ARE THEY ACTIVE?

Cicadas typically make noise from sunrise to sunset, with peak volume often occurring during the hottest part of the day. Their emergence and buzzing season usually lasts 4 to 6 weeks, then they go away for the next 17 years!



### PROTECT YOUR EARS



Earplugs or noise-canceling headphones can reduce the impact of cicada noise. Take regular quiet breaks indoors to give your ears a rest.


So go out and enjoy nature's noisiest party — just remember to keep your ears in mind.





# HYARTS ARTIST SHANTIES ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON



Click [HERE](#) to learn more! 

## Did you get your tickets to Senior Showcase?

Join us in celebrating the  
incredible talent, creativity,  
and accomplishments of  
the Class of 2025!



BARNSTABLE HIGH SCHOOL  
DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

### SENIOR SHOWCASE

Thu, Jun 12th 2025, 6:00 pm

[BUY TICKETS](#) 

## ELEVATE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS



- Matching grants up to \$50,000 for capital expenses
- Requires 20% of available funds on-hand



### APPLY NOW!

[MASSDEVELOPMENT.COM/GRANTS](https://massdevelopment.com/grants)

For more information:  
[bizmpower@massdevelopment.com](mailto:bizmpower@massdevelopment.com)



## STREET SOCCER

COME PLAY PICK UP SOCCER  
WITH US IN OUR SOCCER  
CAGES!

WEDNESDAYS  
JULY 10 - AUGUST 22

4:00 - 5:00

FEE: FREE

## Community Art Project

Side Walk  
Mural

July 11

Stained  
Glass

July 25

Kindness  
Rocks  
Garden

August 8



August 22

\$10 Per Day

10 am - 12 pm

Questions: Contact Jackie Keane

[jacqueline.keane@town.barnstable.ma.us](mailto:jacqueline.keane@town.barnstable.ma.us)



# BEACH CLEANUP



Barnstable  
CLEAN WATER  
Coalition



Please join Natural Resources, Keep Barnstable Beautiful, Barnstable Land Trust, Barnstable Clean Water Coalition, BARS, and Cape Cod Maritime Museum for a beach cleanup!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

**TIME: 7-9 AM**

**WHERE: OREGON BEACH (2-198 OREGON WAY, COTUIT, MA)**

\*\*\*IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESIDENT BEACH STICKER, PLEASE REMEMBER YOU WILL BE TICKETED IF YOU STAY IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER 9 AM! \*\*\*

Gloves and trash bags will be provided; WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE: dress accordingly!  
PLEASE CONTACT BARNSTABLE NATURAL RESOURCES WITH QUESTIONS: 508-790-6272



**Saturday, May 31, 2025 10am to 1pm**

**Meet at: 2095 Main Street Marstons Mills, MA**  
(Location of old school, now open field)

We provide **trash bags, gloves, pickers and safety vests.**

Bring yourself and a friend too! This cleanup will focus on the areas of Marstons Mills, Cotuit

\*\*Dress accordingly for the weather—no rain date, but we will email & post on social media if the event is cancelled due to inclement weather.

**\*First 20 people to Register will receive a FREE KBB T-Shirt or KBB car trash bag!**



**Registration Required:**



[Linktree.com/keepbarnstablebeautiful](http://Linktree.com/keepbarnstablebeautiful)

Questions? Email us at:

[KeepBarnstableBeautiful@gmail.com](mailto:KeepBarnstableBeautiful@gmail.com)

For more info, scan the QR code, Go to [www.KeepMassBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepMassBeautiful.org) OR

Follow us on FB/Instagram @KeepBarnstableBeautiful

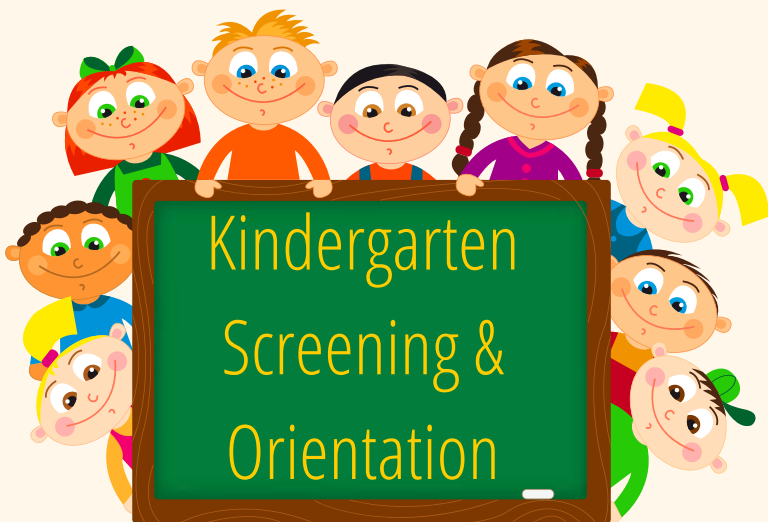
MAY IS  
MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
MONTH



FIND HELPFUL TOOLS AND  
LEARN HOW TO BREAK THE  
STIGMA HERE

**YOU ARE  
NOT ALONE**





Each Spring, BPS elementary schools host their own Kindergarten Screening and Orientation events. To participate, your child must be fully pre-registered. Please follow these steps to ensure you're ready:

1. Pre-register online [here](#)
2. Schedule your pre-registration appointment
3. Submit all required documents to complete the process



Once your registration is complete, your family will be added to your home school's mailing list and will receive important information about Kindergarten Screening, Orientation and upcoming Welcome Events.

**Kindergarten Screening & Orientation Dates:**

**May 12 - June 6, 2025**

**Join the**



**Barnstable  
Town Band!**



## Calling All Musicians!

The Barnstable Town Band, one of Cape Cod's longest-running community bands, is always looking for new members to join the fun! Right now, we're especially in need of:

♪ Baritone & Trombone

♪ Percussionists (snare, full set, or even auxiliary like tambourine & maracas!)

♪ Flutist

Can you read music but don't play percussion? Many keyboard players can quickly learn bells/glockenspiel and jump right in! If you or a friend play any of these instruments, we'd love to hear from you! email at

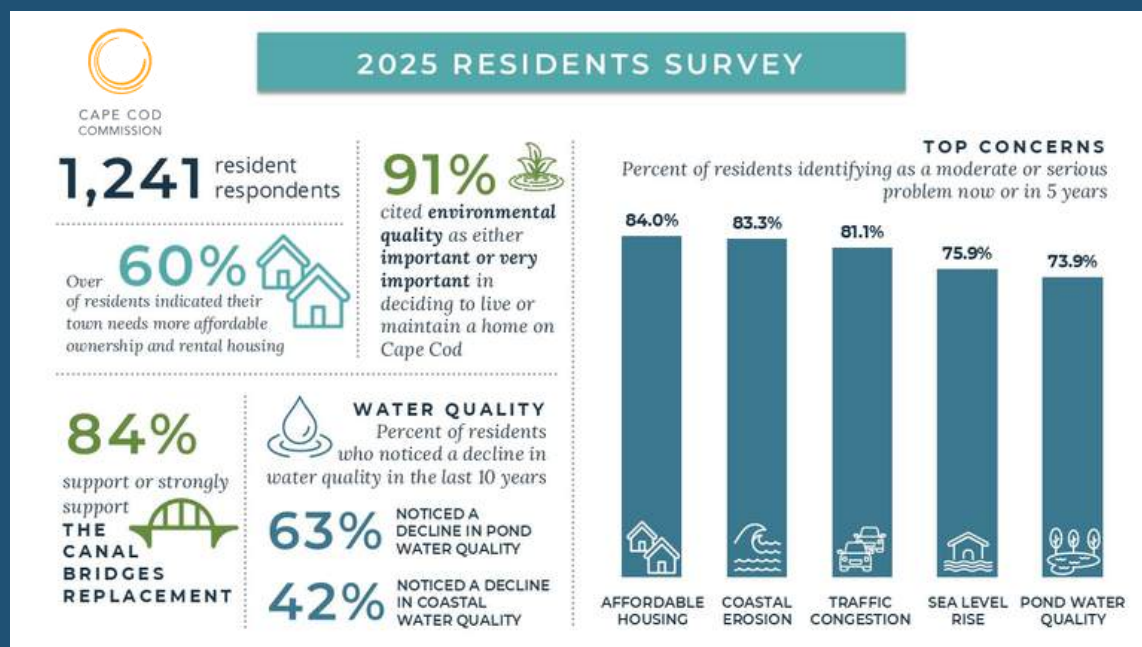
[barnstabletownband@gmail.com](mailto:barnstabletownband@gmail.com)

*Let's make music together this summer!*

## WHAT ARE CAPE CODDERS' TOP PLANNING PRIORITIES?

The Cape Cod Commission is in the process of updating the 2018 Regional Policy Plan, which provides regional planning objectives to guide development and protect the Cape's unique natural, built, and community resources. To inform this update, the Commission partnered with the UMass Donahue Institute to conduct a survey of Cape Cod residents to better understand public perspectives on the region's most pressing planning challenges.

[View the survey results](#)





Find out what's going on in the newest issue of THRIVE!

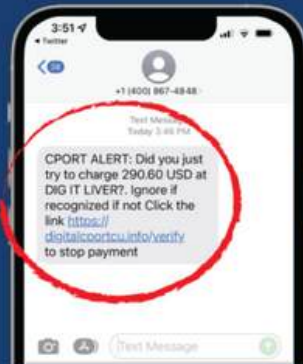
**COMING  
SOON**

## It's a Scam!

Protecting yourself against common scams and frauds.  
Presented by:  
Barnstable Police Department Investigative Services  
Division  
&  
United States Secret Service

This is a  
**SCAM!**

Don't fall for malicious  
attempts like this to steal  
your private information.



When: May 30, 2025 @ 10:30am - 12pm  
Where: Barnstable Adult Community Center  
825 Falmouth Road, Hyannis



## VETERANS JOINT PRESENTATION

**Tuesday, June 10th, 10:30 - 12:00PM**  
**Barnstable Adult Community Center**  
**825 Falmouth Rd, Hyannis, MA**

Conveniently located in your community, Vet Centers help you and your family build meaningful connections and develop tools for achieving success both in your military and civilian lives. Learn about available services including the Vet Center program, how to apply for VA healthcare, how to file claims, chapter 115, burial benefits, and Massachusetts Veterans' benefits. Presentations by the Cape Cod Vet Center, VA National Cemetery Administration - Massachusetts National Cemetery, Department of Veteran Services, and the Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center.

If you have any questions, please  
call Adam at the Cape Cod Vet  
Center at 508-778-0124



Learn more and register for these events at: [MyActiveCenter.com/activities](https://MyActiveCenter.com/activities) or call 508-862-4750.

## BACC Weekly Calendar

**May 26**

CLOSED



**May 27**

9:30 AM Tech Cafe

12:00 PM Nutrition Talk  
with Tara Hammes:  
Protein Power

**May 28**

9:00 AM Ask the Nurse

9:30 AM Veteran's Cafe

1:00 PM VNA Frief  
Support Group

2:00 PM Healing  
Sounds

**May 29**

11:30 AM Senior Dining



**May 30**

9:00 AM State Rep  
Steven Xiarhos

10:30 AM It's a SCAM  
with BPD

12:00 PM Friday Flix:  
Classic Films with Roger





# MAY IS 'GET CAUGHT READING' MONTH!

Get caught reading at your local village library

[Sturgis Library](#)

[Marstons Mills Library](#)

[Centerville Library](#)

[Osterville Village Library](#)

[Cotuit Library](#)

[Whelden Library](#)

[Hyannis Library](#)



Space is limited  
to 10 people.  
Register today!



## CPR TRAINING WITH THE COTUIT FIRE DEPT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7**  
At The Cotuit Library  
from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### TRAINING INCLUDES:

- How to perform "hands-only" CPR
- How to use an AED
- How to treat choking in both adults & children

EMAIL CASEY STAGGS, EMS OFFICER AT  
CSTAGGS@COTUITFIRE.ORG WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

## **SPECIAL** Friday Read-Aloud

with Cotuit Favorite, Mr. Jack!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6**  
**AT 10:00 A.M.**



**ENGLISH**

**SUMMER**

**FREE!**

*Singing  
with AJ*

**TUESDAYS**  
**5:00 TO 6:30 P.M.**



Hyannis Public Library  
401 Main Street  
Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601 | (508) 775-2280  
<https://hyannislibrary.org/>



**POKÉMON  
CLUB**

for ages 5-12

As the journey continues...  
Sunday, May 25 at 1:00 pm  
Meets inside Whelden.

Sign up required!  
[wheldenlibrary.org/events](http://wheldenlibrary.org/events)  
[whelden@comcast.net](mailto:whelden@comcast.net)  
508-362-2262

Trading Card  
Game!



THE OSTERVILLE VILLAGE LIBRARY WELCOMES

COMMUNITY READER

SUE DAHLING SULLIVAN

FROM THE BARNSTABLE LAND TRUST

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 24**  
**10AM**



CHILDREN'S STORY TIME AND 3D FOREST CRAFT!

JOIN BARNSTABLE LAND TRUST'S SUE DAHLING SULLIVAN  
FOR A TREE-IFIC MORNING INCLUDING A STORY TIME AND  
CRAFT THAT WILL HELP EVERYONE BETTER APPRECIATE  
BOTH THE FOREST AND THE TREES. SO WE ENCOURAGE  
EVERYONE TO BRANCH OUT AND JOIN US IN PLANTING THE  
SEEDS FOR A HEALTHY FUTURE FOR MOTHER NATURE!



LILLIAN DIXIE-MORTON CHILDREN'S ROOM





## *The last word...*

**"As we express our gratitude,  
we must never forget that the  
highest appreciation is not to utter  
the words, but to live by them."  
John F. Kennedy**

**Thank you for receiving and reading  
eNews each week!**



**BARNSTABLE  
RECREATION**



**BUSINESS  
BARNSTABLE**

