

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JUNE 20, 2023

1. TOWN OF DENNIS SEEKING PHOTO SUBMISSIONS!



As we gear up to re-design our webpage we are seeking the creative talents of residents and visitors for use of their incredible pictures of Dennis and all the beauty it beholds.

Please use the attached [photo release](#) and submit the form and pictures (hi-res) for possible use on our webpage, print media and our social media platforms. Photo credits will be posted on our website.

Please send to: photos@town.dennis.ma.us

Submissions are due by July 1, 2023

2. DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

- Project is on track for Substantial completion in October, this does consider that the main air handler circuit board is being held up in the supply chain, if it were not for this the building would open earlier
- Project remains on budget
- Plumbing finishes are going in
- Ceramic tile is complete
- Exterior siding will be starting soon
- Drainage and new patio are complete
- Electrical and HVAC finishes are starting
- Drywall tape and mud is almost complete
- Paint will be starting soon

3. CAPE COD COMMISSION SEEKING RESPONSES TO HOUSING PREFERENCE SURVEY

Welcome to the Cape Cod Regional Housing Survey!

To inform development of the Cape Cod Regional Housing Strategy, the Cape Cod Commission is surveying Cape Codders about their preferences for housing development and redevelopment. This survey asks a series of questions that touch on the design of housing, various housing types, appropriate locations for new housing development and redevelopment, and other housing development considerations.

Affordable and attainable housing for people with various income levels and needs is key to a vibrant, healthy, and resilient region. The Regional Housing Strategy will address the housing supply, affordability, and availability issues facing the region by identifying appropriate areas for housing development and redevelopment as well as policies and strategies to further its goals. Your input, and that of your friends and neighbors, will be crucial as we develop the strategy and its recommendations.

The survey will take most respondents between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. Once you're done, visit the [Regional Housing Strategy](#) website for more information and [sign up](#) for our email list to stay up-to-date.

4. HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS



Hurricane Preparedness Tips

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) reminds all residents to prepare themselves, their families, and their homes for tropical storms and hurricanes. Hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th each year.

[Mass.gov/mema/hurricanes](https://www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes)

Know your zone.

Learn if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone that may flood during a hurricane and evacuate if you are told to do so.

[Mass.Gov/KnowYourZone](https://www.mass.gov/KnowYourZone)



Prepare for power loss.

Have a plan and supplies for extended power outages.

[bit.ly/Powers-Out](https://www.bit.ly/Powers-Out)



Make a plan.

Make a Family Emergency Plan on what to do and how to stay in touch in a storm. Create a plan to evacuate, including where you will go, and what you should bring.

[bit.ly/Plan4Family](https://www.bit.ly/Plan4Family)



Prepare for medical needs.

If you or a family member has special medical needs, equipment, or treatment, include these in your plan and talk to your care provider for additional advice or assistance.



Prepare your home.

Take steps to prevent damage from wind and flooding. Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

[bit.ly/ReadyHome](https://www.bit.ly/ReadyHome)



Build a kit.

Include supplies that your family would need for 3-5 days:

- Bottled water & food that doesn't need to be refrigerated
- Flashlights, a radio, & extra batteries
- Phone chargers
- First aid kit with medications, spare eyeglasses
- Special medical equipment if needed
- Personal care items
- Copies of important documents



Remember: Your kit doesn't have to cost a lot of money, and can be built over a period of time.

[bit.ly/Your-Kit](https://www.bit.ly/Your-Kit)

Prepare for pets and service animals.

Include food, supplies, medications, carriers, and other items your pet or service animal needs if you have to evacuate.

Remember, your service animal is always allowed in shelters, or anywhere else you go.



Before During & After The Storm

Stay informed.

Monitor storm updates through local media and messages from emergency officials. Sign up for your local reverse 9-1-1 system if your community has one.

Also, check to make sure your smartphone can receive emergency and public safety alerts.

[Ready.gov/alerts](https://www.ready.gov/alerts)



Be a good neighbor.

Check on people in your neighborhood who may need additional help before, during, and after a storm.



Listen to emergency officials.

If told to evacuate, do so immediately.

If you have evacuated, return home only when officials say it is safe to do so. Check with local officials or call 2-1-1 to find shelter locations and other disaster information.



Keep track of property damage.

If your home or property is damaged during the storm, take photos or videos to document the damage, which can help with the insurance and recovery process.



Important links:

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

 [Mass.gov/MEMA](https://www.mass.gov/MEMA)

 [Twitter.com/MassEMA](https://twitter.com/MassEMA)

 [Facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA](https://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA)

National Weather Service Boston/Norton Office

 [Weather.gov/box](https://www.weather.gov/box)

 [Twitter.com/NWSBoston](https://twitter.com/NWSBoston)

 [Facebook.com/NWSBoston](https://www.facebook.com/NWSBoston)

National Weather Service Albany, NY Office

 [Weather.gov/aly](https://www.weather.gov/aly)

 [Twitter.com/NWSAlbany](https://twitter.com/NWSAlbany)

 [Facebook.com/NWSAlbany](https://www.facebook.com/NWSAlbany)



Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency

[Mass.gov/mema/hurricanes](https://www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes)

5. RECREATION UPDATES

West Dennis Graded School House Playground

- Playground and surface upgrades are about 85-90% complete
- New accessible surfacing
- New swings and accessible swings

- New accessible climbing orb
- Coming in under budget!



Johnny Kelly Park

- 85% finished (waiting on a couple back ordered pieces)
- New accessible surfacing
- New accessible swings
- Braille and fitness trails 100% complete
- Coming in under budget
- New entrances and signage work is underway



Have a great week everyone!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator

