

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

1. LABOR DAY & SUMMER SEASON

Although Labor Day has come and gone, it still feels as though we are in the dog days of summer with the high temperatures this past week! What a summer this has been! As I look back, I remain proud of everything that has gotten done, been achieved, and accomplished in the Town of Dennis and each of you should be too. 2023 has been another challenging and whirlwind year and especially the summer season for all; we have all been through a lot. I want to give my heartfelt thank you and recognition to all the Town of Dennis employees, seasonal and permanent for all their inspiring public service while balancing the challenges of a very busy summer season. Let us recognize the resiliency of the Town of Dennis employees, and the workforce of all our local businesses' which keeps the Community running and thriving!

2. REMINDER - TOWN OF DENNIS CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM – APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Dennis, MA – The Town of Dennis is pleased to announce that funding was approved at the Dennis May 2, 2023 Annual Town Meeting to pay the costs of funding and administering a childcare subsidy program for birth through 5-year-old children of Dennis residents to attend a state-licensed childcare program. Financial assistance will be provided for children who are born by August 31, 2023, and are not five years or older as of August 31, 2023. A subsidy in the form of direct payment to provider for one child per household up to a maximum of \$2,400 will be provided for eligible families who meet the income threshold of 150% Average Median Income. For a Childcare Subsidy Program Overview, an Application Form and a Required Documents List, visit the town website at: <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/select-board-administration/pages/childcare-subsidy-program>
The application form includes questions to obtain information for verification of eligibility. Applications and complete instructions will be available September 1, 2023.

Please note that additional documents or information may be requested by the Childcare Subsidy Program Administrator as needed. An application form and required documents should be completed and submitted by **September 28, 2023** for the program period September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.

Applications and required documents must be completed fully and returned to:

Dennis Town Hall
Attention: Childcare Voucher Program
685 Route 134
South Dennis, MA 02660

Or may be scanned and emailed to DennisCSP@town.dennis.ma.us with the subject line "CSP."

All applicants will receive notification once the application deadline has closed. If you have questions about the program, please contact us by email at: DennisCSP@town.dennis.ma.us

3. DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

- On Budget
- Substantial completion will be around 9/30 with a final completion in October
- Paving is complete, striping will be complete on 9/12 and lot back open on 9/13
- Flooring started 9/11/23.
- Acoustic ceilings are complete.
- Elevator is complete, will be inspected on 10/2
- Siding is complete.
- Painting is 95%

- Casework is installed
- Gas fireplaces are installed
- Final Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing finishes are ongoing
- GGD completed above ceiling inspections

4. DENNIS CHANNEL 18 MOVING TO CHANNEL 8

On Thursday, August 17, Comcast reconfigured its channel lineup for the Dennis system. Along with those changes, our own Government Access TV station has changed from channel 18 to channel 8 on your Comcast Cable box. You can also watch Dennis TV live, and stream past meetings on Roku and Apple TV devices in the “Cablevision” App, as well as on the town website here <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/channel-8>

5. SPECIAL/FALL TOWN MEETING DATE

Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00 pm. We are underway with the Town Meeting article review process; the Select Board will be reviewing draft Town Meeting Articles for placement on the warrant in September and the Town Meeting Warrant must be posted no later than October 26, 2023. The deadline to submit Citizens Petitions is September 19, 2023, at 4:00 pm to the Town Clerk's Office. Information on how to submit a Petition can be found on the Town’s website: <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/town-clerk/pages/town-meeting-information> For more information on the Special Town Meeting, contact the Town Clerk’s Office at (508)760-6112 or Town Administration at (508)760-6148.

Date – Year 2023	Event
September 19, 2023	Deadline for filing a Citizens Petition at the Town Clerk’s Office: 4:00 pm
October 27, 2023	Last day to register to vote at the Special Town Meeting
November 7, 2023	Special Town Meeting, 7:00 pm, Location TBD

6. NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on September 26, 2023 at 4:30PM for regularly scheduled business. Upcoming meeting dates of the Select Board can be found on the [Town of Dennis website here](#).

All are welcome to attend and participate in our open and public meetings. The agenda for each meeting is posted 48 business hours prior to the scheduled meeting time and can be accessed through the Select Board’s webpage or the Town calendar webpage.

Attend in-person at the Town Hall, Stone Meeting Room. Or for alternative public access join the meeting online via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7660036712> or participate by phone by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering Conference ID 766 003 6712 #.

7. TOWN OF DENNIS IS HIRING

Apply and View current job openings [here](#).

8. TOWN OF DENNIS EMERGENCY CODE RED REGISTRATION



The Town of Dennis has instituted a rapid emergency notification service called CodeRED®. The system will distribute emergency messages via telephone to targeted areas in Dennis or the entire town. CodeRED® employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high-speed telephone

calling system capable of delivering customized prerecorded emergency messages directly to homes, businesses, cell phones and answering machines.

This service can be used in case of storms, natural disasters, fires, chemical spills, evacuations, lock downs, downed power lines, lost individuals, abductions, messages from the [Dennis Water District](#) regarding water system problems or alerts, bomb threats, or other emergencies. Calls can be geographically targeted for localized messaging.

Dennis residents and businesses are welcome and encouraged to enter their contact information for home, business, and mobile/cell phones so they may be contacted by the system in the event of an emergency. It is important for Dennis residents and businesses to register, especially if they use unlisted numbers, cell phones, TDD/TTY or VOIP. Those who do not register their address and phone number may not be notified with CodeRED in the case of an emergency. Registration is confidential, free and easy. You can even create an account at CodeRED, which is optional.

Emergency Notifications

1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm

General Notifications

1-855-969-4636 or General Comm

[Click here](#) to register

*Those without internet access may call Dennis Police Department's Victim Services Coordinator at **774-352-1474** to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, **NO** Post Office Boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well. You may also add your email address.*

9. DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING – TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Shopping and Local Errands For older adults without transportation, DCAL provides curbside bus service. Weekly trips to local shopping centers including Patriot Square in South Dennis. Round trips to attend DCAL activities and events are also available. For more information, check the latest issue of the [Cranberry Scoop](#). Transportation Coordinator Dan Kiley is happy to take suggestions. For confirmed reservations, call DCAL no later than one day ahead of requested shopping trips at 508-385-5067.

Have a great week!

Respectfully,
Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator

