

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JUNE 14, 2022

1. 2022 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) seasonal outlook predicts another active, above-normal, Atlantic hurricane season – the seventh consecutive above-normal hurricane season. According to the National Hurricane Center, last year was the third most active year on record with 21 named storms.

“Regardless of the seasonal outlook, it only takes one storm to severely impact an area. Tropical cyclones can bring storm surge flooding to coastal areas and damaging winds, destructive flooding, and severe weather to the entire state, so residents in all parts of Massachusetts should prepare for hurricane season,” **said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Acting Director Dawn Brantley.** “Throughout hurricane season, MEMA will continue to plan with our partners, provide preparedness resources, and ensure that the Commonwealth is ready to respond to any storms that may threaten us.”

How Residents Can Prepare

- **Know Your Evacuation Zone** - Learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone: www.mass.gov/knowyourzone. If you live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may be able to assist, and contact your local public safety officials to make them aware of your needs.
- **Make an Emergency Plan** – Have an emergency plan of how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place that addresses the needs of all of your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and functional needs, and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

- **Build an Emergency Kit** - Build an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.
- **Stay Informed** - Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, Mass 2-1-1 and local notification systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>.

Throughout hurricane season, MEMA will share preparedness and safety information to help residents be aware of, and prepare for, the impacts of hurricanes and tropical storms. For more information, visit the Hurricane Safety Tips section of MEMA’s website at <https://www.mass.gov/mema/hurricanes>.

2. PROCESS BEGINS THIS MONTH FOR STATEWIDE OPIOID SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS

The office of Attorney General Maura Healey has announced that municipalities that signed up to participate in the statewide opioid settlements with the distributors and Johnson & Johnson should receive an email this month from settlement administrator Brown Greer with instructions about how to establish an account in the National Opioid Settlements Portal. Through the portal, municipalities will need to complete and submit a Payment Election Form and a W-9 before payments can begin. Depending on how quickly municipalities complete these steps, payments should be available to flow as follows:

- Distributor payment 1: June/July 2022
- Distributor payment 2: July/August 2022
- Johnson & Johnson payment 1: July/August 2022
- Johnson & Johnson payment 2: July/August 2022
- Johnson & Johnson payments 3-9: July 15, 2023 through 2031
- Distributor payments 3-18: July 15, 2023 through 2038

Municipalities may receive four separate payments in 2022 and two payments in each subsequent payment year. The Attorney General’s Office has published charts reflecting the estimated, maximum annual distributions to participating municipalities, by defendant and payment.

For more information, visit the AG’s website or consult the regularly updated frequently asked questions about the settlements.

3. STICKER SALES

I wanted to give a shout out and my thanks to the support offered by existing staff when we reached out to ask for help with sticker sales. No one was re-applying for the seasonal positions. We had over 25 of our employees reach out with interest and attended our pre-season orientation. Some weeks we had 200+ on line orders per day and the after-hours teams got processed all of them. Our on-line order supervisors, streamlined the notice, assignment and oversight of after-hours processing. We eliminated mail in orders for more streamlined processing and added in-person pick up for on line sales to mitigate postage delays and the need for quicker turn around. Due to their commitment and dedication, the process we planned, reviewed, tested and implemented has been extremely successful so far. Thank you to the sticker sales team for all their efforts!

4. JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCE

All Town offices will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022 in observance of the Juneteenth State and Federal Holiday on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be open their regular hours of 8 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, June 18, 2022. It will be closed on Sunday, June 19, 2022, Monday, June 20, 2022 and Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

The Dennis Golf Courses will be open their regular hours of 6 AM to 7 PM on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Sunday, June 19, 2022. Please visit <https://www.dennisgolf.com/> for more information.

The Dennis Public Library will be closed on Sunday, June 19, 2022 and Monday, June 20, 2022 and will be open their regular hours of 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Sticker Sales at Town Hall will be closed on Monday, June 20, 2022 and will be open their regular hours of 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, June 18, 2022 and Sunday, June 19, 2022.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator