

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 10, 2024

SEEKING SNOW PLOW VENDORS FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER SEASON

The Town of Dennis Dept. of Public Works is actively seeking plow vendors for the upcoming winter season. The Town has generously increased rates this year and pays a guaranteed \$1,900 per vehicle! Vendor applications may be obtained by clicking [this link](#). Responses received by 15 December 2024 will receive an additional \$5 per hour added to their pay rates. The winter season is fast approaching, and we want you on the Dennis snow fighting team!

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Procedurally, as snowfall begins to cover roads, trucks will be dispatched to spread de-icing materials on paved surfaces in order to reduce the packing of snow and ice. Once the snow reaches plowable levels, drivers will start their assigned plow routes with the principal focus being on primary roads followed by secondary roads, dirt roads are not generally plowed for amounts less than 4". Snow plowing continues as necessary throughout the duration of the storm. Certain weather conditions, such as severe icing or blizzard conditions may result in temporary suspension of plowing operations.

After a storm has ended calls and/or messages can be made to the Department of Public Works at 508-760-6220. When leaving a message please be as brief as possible leaving your name, address, phone number, and reason for calling. We will make a list of the concerns and address them systematically. Please note that the Department of Public Works maintains direct contact with police and fire departments throughout a storm to ensure emergency access.

It is a violation of Town By-Laws for contractors or residents to push snow from a private way, driveway, or parking lot onto or across a town road.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for snow removal from all Town roadways and private roads that are open to the public, and meet the standards that are specified within the [Town Private Way Snow Removal Policy \(PDF\)](#). If a private way does not meet the standards set forth in the Town policy, that road will be placed on the [Do Not Plow List 2024-2025 \(PDF\)](#).

Each year the Department of Public Works performs inspections of private roads to ensure they meet the minimum standards. Residents will be notified by local newspaper publications, local cable station advertisements, and/or door hangers if their roads fail inspection. Residents are notified in advance of the winter season to allow ample time to make the necessary repairs. Once these repairs are made residents may contact the Department of Public Works at 508-760-6220. After being notified the Department of Public Works will re-inspect the road and remove it from the "Do Not Plow List" only if the minimum standards are met.

The Department of Public Works is also responsible for removing snow at Town facilities including the town hall, fire station, police station, transfer station, library, senior center, and other Town properties as well as assistance to the school district. Route 6, 6A, and 28 are plowed and maintained by the Massachusetts Highway Department (MA DOT).

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.

Caller ID When you see the following displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

Emergency Notifications: 866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm,

General Notifications: 855-969-4636 or General Comm,

To register visit the [CodeRED website](#).

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.

UPDATE: SHELLFISH AREA STATUSES FOR RECREATIONAL OYSTER AND QUAHOG; 2025 LICENSES GO ON SALE

Following water quality re-testing in Bass River by DMF on December 2, 2024, the area south of the Route 28 bridge is now open to shellfishing. Recreational oyster harvest will resume as normal on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

Quahogs may be harvested on Saturdays and Mondays, and oysters may be harvested on Sunday. Weekly harvest limit for quahogs is (1) 10-quart basket; oysters is 48 pieces. The week begins on Sundays. A valid recreational shellfish license bearing a 2024 or 2025 sticker is required.

2025 licenses are on sale. Licenses can be purchased by cash or check at the Natural Resources Department in Dennis Town Hall located at 685 Route 134 South Dennis, MA 02660. Dennis residents who have not had a shellfish license in the year prior must bring proof of residency. All shellfish licenses are valid from

January 1 - December 31.

Below is the fee schedule for recreational shellfish licenses beginning in 2025:

Residents \$40
Seniors \$12
Non-residents \$100

If you have any questions regarding the closure, please reach out to the Shellfish Constable, Jordan Halloran, by phone at 508-760-6123 ext. 107 or by email at jhalloran@town.dennis.ma.us.

UPDATES FROM THE DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING

ATTENTION CARE PARTNERS!
Need a break to run errands, go to an appt. or even take a nap?

HOW IT WORKS: Call each site directly to schedule your visit (see below for contact details).

Destination Respite is made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

DESTINATION RESPITE is for you. Destination Respite programs are offered in Barnstable, Dennis and Yarmouth, the Hyannis Mall and the Cape Intercultural Center. A collaborative of local agencies work together to provide social engagement programs for your loved one living with dementia, while you take some time to take care of yourself.

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY CAREGIVER EDUCATION
a five-week lunch and learn series for family caregivers and the community

REGISTER for a five-week course in the basics of dementia caregiving as part of the Destination Respite Program. Topics covered will include staging, progression, communication, self-care strategies, and other pragmatic aspects of caring for someone who is living with cognitive decline. This five-session series is taught by AFSC Co-founder and Dementia Educator Melanie Braverman. Respite for care recipients and a light luncheon for care partners is included. The program is free and open to the public.

SESSION I: Monday, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 10, 2024 10–12

SESSION II: Monday, January 6, 13, 27, February 10, 24, 2025 10–12

Pre-registration is required. Please let us know if you will register your loved one for respite to include in our activity plan.

For more information, or to register, call 508-896-5170, or email info@capecodalz.org



Barnstable Adult Community Center (BACC)
 825 Falmouth Road
 Hyannis
508-862-4750



DESTINATION RESPITE LOCATIONS

Alzheimer's Family Support Center (AFSC) and Cape International Language Academy (CILA)
 Caregiver Dementia Training and Social Engagement Events.
 Dates and times vary. Please call for details.
AFSC: 508-896-5170; CILA: 774-552-2609



Dennis Center for Active Living (DCAL)
 1045 Route 134
 South Dennis
508-385-5067



YSC
 WHERE FRIENDS MEET
Yarmouth Senior Center (YSC)
 528 Forest Road
 West Yarmouth
508-394-7606 x1335

DENNIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT FUNDING

Chief Guerreiro is honored to announce that the Dennis Fire Department has been awarded a Grant from the Leary Firefighters Foundation. The Grant is for (18) Thermal Imaging Cameras. This will allow us to place one of these units in each riding position on our (4) Engines and the Ladder Truck, greatly helping to enhance our Firefighters Safety. The grant comes at no cost to the Town.

The Leary Firefighters Foundation was established in 2000 by Dennis Leary in response to the tragic fire in Worcester that claimed the lives of his cousin, a childhood friend, and four other brave firefighters. December 3, 2024 was the 25th anniversary of the fire at the Worcester Cold Storage building.

ANNUAL DENNIS POLICE ASSOCIATION TOY DRIVE

Please stop by Ocean State Job Lot in Dennisport, Saturday, December 14th from 11AM to 3PM for the Dennis Police Association's annual toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots. Meet the men and women of the Police Department and drop off your donation of new, unwrapped toys or gift cards for the older kids. Everything collected remains on Cape and is distributed to local families. If you can not get to Dennisport, you can drop toys off in lobby of the Dennis Police Station.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

All Town office buildings and facilities will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 and Wednesday, January 1, 2025, in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays, except as noted below.

The Dennis Public Library will be closing at 4:30pm on Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31. The library will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Please visit <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/264/Libraries> for more information and hours on the other Dennis Libraries.

The Dennis Highlands Golf Course will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th. We will reopen Thursday, December 26th for regular schedule of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be open on Wednesday, January 1st, 2025 for regular schedule.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 for the holiday, and will reopen on Thursday, December 26, from 8am to 4pm.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. They will reopen on Thursday, January 2, from 8am to 4pm.

The Dennis Center for Active Living will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2024 and Wednesday, January 1, 2025.

NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on January 7, 2025 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/8780036813> or participate by phone by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and entering Conference ID: 878-003-6813

JOIN THE TEAM! THE TOWN OF DENNIS IS HIRING

Are you or someone you know looking for work? The Town of Dennis is hiring! Several full and part-time positions available. Apply and view current job openings [here](#).

Wishing everyone happy, healthy, and safe holidays!

Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator