

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JUNE 17, 2025

JUNETEENTH OBSERVANCES

All Town offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in observance of the Juneteenth State and Federal Holiday.

The Dennis Transfer Station will be closed Monday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 17 per the normal operating schedule. The Transfer Station will be closed Thursday, June 19 and will reopen at 8:00 am on Friday June 20.

The Dennis Golf Courses will be open their regular hours of 6 AM to 7 PM on Thursday, June 19, 2025. Please visit <https://www.dennisgolf.com/> for more information.

The Dennis Public Library will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025, and re-open Friday, June 20 for normal hours.

Sticker Sales at Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

The Dennis Center for Active Living will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025.

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY MEDIA RELEASE – BEACH SAFETY MEASURES

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Dennis Officials Announce Return of July 4 Beach Safety Measures, Expansion to West Dennis Beach

DENNIS — Town Administrator Elizabeth Sullivan and Police Chief John Brady announce the return of enhanced safety measures at Dennis beaches on July 4, including expanded restrictions at West Dennis Beach and the addition of a second police command post.

The restrictions will be put in place at Mayflower Beach, Chapin Memorial Beach, Bayview Beach and West Dennis Beach on July 4 only.

From 2019 to 2023, police saw a dramatic increase in unsafe and dangerous conduct, fighting, assaults, vandalism, binge drinking, drug use, loud music and other concerning behavior, particularly at Mayflower Beach. Beach-related calls for emergency services doubled at Mayflower, Chapin Memorial and Bayview beaches, which are connected.

In 2023, police responded to 459 calls for service at those three beaches.

The Town of Dennis and the Dennis Police Department implemented new regulations on July 4, 2024, to address this public safety concern. Calls for service decreased 75% year over year, to 115, and arrests dropped from 13 in 2023 to zero in 2024.

The following restrictions will return on the Fourth of July this year, and extend to the Southside at West Dennis Beach:

- Daily parking passes will not be sold or accepted on July 4 at Mayflower Beach, Chapin Beach, Bayview Beach or West Dennis Beach. Only those who have a residential, seasonal or weekly parking sticker will be allowed entrance to the beach parking lots.
- A parking ban will be in full effect in neighborhoods and businesses adjacent to the beaches. Vehicles found in violation will be subject to being ticketed and/or towed.
- There will be zero tolerance for alcohol consumption, drug use, overly loud music and unsafe behavior at the beaches. Officers will be out in full numbers, and Dennis Police will bring in additional resources.

The Dennis Police Department will have two command posts this year, a primary on the Northside at Mayflower Beach and a new post at West Dennis Beach.

The goal of the expansion to West Dennis Beach is to establish a more consistent policy and experience at the Town's most popular beaches on July 4.

"Last year's Fourth of July measures made a tremendous difference," said Chief Brady. "Families were able to relax and enjoy the holiday without disruption, and we heard overwhelmingly positive feedback. That's why this year, we're not only bringing the regulations back — we're extending them to West Dennis Beach to ensure the same safe, family-friendly environment community-wide."

Vehicle Checkpoints, Parking and Rideshares

All drivers traveling to Mayflower Beach or Chapin Memorial Beach from Main Street (Route 6A) will be stopped at a checkpoint at New Boston Road and Beach Street. Those who have a proper parking sticker will be allowed to continue on (along with neighborhood residents and their visitors). Those who do not will be asked to turn around and will not be permitted to enter the beach parking lot.

There will be additional checkpoints, including at the parking lot entrances, and officers will be posted on side streets to direct traffic.

Bayview Beach is for residents only, and officers will be checking for parking stickers there as well. Rideshare drivers without a proper parking sticker will be stopped at the intersection of Beach Street and New Boston Road, where passengers may be unloaded. For those considering walking from that intersection, it is approximately 1.2 miles to Mayflower Beach and 2.2 miles to Chapin Memorial Beach.

Zero Tolerance for Alcohol and Drugs

Alcohol is not permitted at any Dennis beaches, including on July 4. Anyone found to be drinking alcohol on a Dennis beach will be issued a written citation, receive a fine of \$50 and have their alcohol confiscated. Those who do not comply after receiving a citation may be subject to arrest.

In addition to alcohol, drug use, vandalism, overly loud music and other unruly or rowdy behavior will not be tolerated.

Dennis Police will be out in full numbers on the beaches and will be bringing in additional resources to assist with keeping the beaches safe.

Parking Ban in Place

There is no street parking in the neighborhoods near the beaches. Additionally, a parking ban will be in full effect on July 4 in the neighborhoods and businesses adjacent to the beaches. Vehicles found in violation will be subject to being ticketed and/or towed.

Residents should be aware of the general parking restrictions in place. We understand that residents may have guests for Fourth of July festivities. Parking enforcement officers will make every effort to contact residents about vehicles parked in front of their homes before issuing tickets and/or towing vehicles.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – PLOVER UPDATE

Crowes Pasture currently has 7 pairs of birds with 5 active nests with eggs. Vehicle escort for the east side shellfish grants was started but then ceased due to a failure of the nest. Another pair has nested in an area that may require another future escort for this area if it is successful.

The two nests near the recreational ORV access on the west side, if hatched, will require a closure of that access point around the end of June/early July. An escort plan for the aquaculture access on this west side will not be possible due to the nest's proximity to the road.

South Village Landing pair has renested with an anticipated hatch date in early July.

Chapin Beach had their first nest of chicks hatch over the weekend. Two more nests are due to hatch next week. Police Department and Beaches have been notified to cease ATV/vehicular patrols on this beach. Only access allowed is lifeguard access directly out to the low tide line.

Cold Storage Beach has two active pairs and one active nest. With coordination from Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program and Mass Audubon, movie filming activities were conditionally allowed in this area for this week.

West Dennis Beach has 11 pairs of birds. Currently there are 6 active nests. The barricades to close the western end of the parking lot will remain in place until chicks from these nests have fledged (flown) Reminder that any closures typically remain in effect until chicks fledge (fly) at approximately 35 days of age. Given the number and location of nests at West Dennis, the west parking area closure could be lengthy since the timing is extended each time a new nest with chicks hatches.

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WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

In an effort to keep Dennis residents informed and up to date, the Town of Dennis will update this *News and Announcements* post as soon as new information comes in.

- The [Wastewater page](#) includes information on licensed septic haulers, licensed utility installers, the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, and more.
- To get the latest information emailed to you, enter your info [here](#).
- See timelapse pictures of site progress [here](#).
 - A letter went out to all property owners included in Phase 1 announcing the start of construction and requesting input on their individual service locations. Anyone with questions should contact the Public Works Wastewater Superintendent directly at 508-760-6220 or email rpeter@town.dennis.ma.us
 - Department staff and consultants are working collaboratively with MassDEP and the Water District on the monitoring plan for the Bob Crowell Road, Site 2.

RJV Construction Corp. will be commencing work in mid-June for Contract No.4. Robert B. Our Co., Inc. is starting work for Contract No. 2 in early July. Dig It Construction LLC is planning work for Contract No. 3 in late July. Work is currently scheduled as outlined below.

Work for the week of June 16th – June 20th:

Contract No. 4:

- Sewer work on Cove Road is planned. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.

Two Week Look Ahead (6/23 – 7/4):

Contract No. 4:

- Continued sewer work on Cove Road is planned. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.

****Please note that no work will occur on the July 4th holiday****

Three Week Look Ahead (7/7 – 7/11):

Contract No. 4:

- Continued sewer work on Cove Road. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.

Contract No. 2:

- Sewer work is planned on Southover, Eastover and Half Way. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.

Please note that this is a projected schedule and will be adjusted accordingly based on the Contractor's actual progress and the weather.

Roads will be passable at the end of each day. Police Details and Contractors will work with residents to ensure their needs for access are addressed.

Police Details and signage will be in-place to assist motorists in reaching their destination.

Normal work hours are 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday to Friday, weather permitting, unless otherwise noted.

Wastewater Project Updates are being posted to the Town's website at <http://www.town.dennis.ma.us> under "NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS," where you can also sign up for email notifications of updates. We encourage you to visit the Wastewater page link <https://www.town.dennis.ma.us/356/Wastewater> for additional information regarding the Wastewater Program.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this important project to restore and protect our environment.

DENNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Here are library programs coming up:

Friday, June 20th - signups for Summer Reading start. This year's theme is "Level Up at Your Library." Kids will receive a reusable bag with reading log and free book. Reading rewards and prizes throughout the summer.

Thursday, June 26th at 6:00 - A Homeowner's Guide to Residential Landscaping and Gardens

Friday, June 26th from 11:30-1:30 - Summer Reading Kickoff and DPL's 20th anniversary celebration - Crafts, games, Legos, pizza, refreshments, and **Drum Circle at 12:30.**

Saturday, June 28th from 10-12 - Office Hours with Select Board member Carlyn Carey.

Thursday, July 3rd from 2-7 - Friends of Dennis Public Library Jewelry Sale in the meeting room; preview going on now inside the library's display case.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

2025 SCHEDULE DENNIS

Non-residents visit website for registration info. Proof of residency required.

June 7	9am to 1pm Tony Kent Arena 8 South Gages Way
August 2	9am to 1pm Tony Kent Arena 8 South Gages Way
Sept. 6	9am to 1pm Tony Kent Arena 8 South Gages Way

DID YOU KNOW

SOME HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS ARE TOO TOXIC TO TRASH?

Disposal of:

- Pesticides and Lawn Chemicals
- Cleaners and Disinfectants
- Arts & Crafts Hobby Supplies
- Auto and Boat Fluids
- Pool Chemicals
- Paints, Polishes, and Stains (no latex or acrylics)

Complete list of disposal items available at website.

When conditions present a danger to staff or participants, collection officials maintain the right to cancel the event.



2025

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

HHW Collections for Residents of DENNIS

*Small Business disposal accepted. See inside panel for info.

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"Love your local water. It's a Cape Cod Thing." is a campaign of Barnstable County Government and Cape Cod Cooperative Extension to protect our drinking water.

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Anthony Gerace, HazMat Environmental Specialist
1-800-319-2783
Barnstable County Hazardous Materials Program

HHW Collections are funded by the Dennis Water District, Town of Dennis, and Barnstable County's Cape Cod Cooperative Extension.

Cape Cod Cooperative Extension
www.capecod.gov/extension



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COMMUNITY MEETING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT 30 BOB CROWELL RD

We Welcome Your Input!

The Town of Dennis invites you to help shape future affordable and attainable housing during this presentation and discussion

Consultants have been studying the land parcel that you voted to dedicate to affordable housing at 30 Bob Crowell Rd. Come learn about the possibilities for housing and engage with Dennis residents in shaping this parcel of land into needed housing in our community!

Monday, June 23, 2025, 4:00 - 6:00PM

Join us at the Dennis Center for Active Living

1045 Route 134, South Dennis, MA 02660



NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on July 8, 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

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

I am pleased to share some updates on recruitments with everyone:

Janet Stolzer – new Office Manager DCAL 06/02/2025

Sherrie Jones – formerly the Officer Manager at DCAL moves to Program Coordinator, DCAL 07/01/2025

Jill Brown – new Asst. Library Director 06/09/2025

Keith Hutchings – new Inspector, Building 06/09/2025

Congratulations and welcome to our new Town of Dennis team members!

JOIN THE TEAM! THE TOWN OF DENNIS IS HIRING

The [Town of Dennis](#) has several full and part-time positions available.

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

Thank you and be well, everyone!

Elizabeth C. Sullivan, Town Administrator