

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 6, 2026

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER WEATHER!

We're in for more cold weather this weekend with some possible snow, too. Make sure you, your home and pets are prepared and safe with cold temperatures. Some helpful reminders:

- Limit your time outside
- Keep pets indoors
- When using alternate heating sources, make sure your Carbon Monoxide detectors are working properly
- Check on neighbors who are elderly or who need extra assistance
- Keep emergency kits and extra warm clothing items in your car

More Winter Weather Preparedness Tips

[Winter Weather | Ready.gov](#)

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS IN NEED OF HEATING ASSISTANCE

Dennis Fuel Assistance Program If you have been approved for fuel assistance and live in the Town of Dennis, you may qualify for extra help from the Town of Dennis.

To qualify you need:

1. Approval from Fuel Assistance (South Shore Community Action Council, Inc.
2. There is an income guideline you can confirm through your application.
3. A recent document showing proof of residence in the Town of Dennis (an electric bill, or lease).
4. Call Julie Benoit at 508-694-2004 for an appointment.
5. This program is open to all ages.

If you have not applied for Fuel Assistance, and feel you need fuel assistance, please call Julie Benoit at 508-694-2004 to schedule an appointment.

Massachusetts Home Energy Assistance Program

Helps eligible households pay for a portion of winter heating bills Heating System Repair and Replacement Program

The Heating Emergency Assistance Retrofit Task Weatherization Assistance Program (HEARTWAP)

provides heating system repair and replacement services to low-income households.

Weatherization Assistance Program

Helps with insulation and other measures to help use fuel efficiently.

Mass Save's Income Eligible Programs

Provides assistance through programs to make homes more energy efficient. Residents may qualify for "No Cost Upgrades", including replacement of a heating system, as well as installing additional insulation, water saving devices, and more.

DENNIS CENTER FOR ACTIVE LIVING TRANSPORTATION

Check out the transportation options the DCAL provides, for more information on this and all the activities offered at the DCAL see the latest edition of the Cranberry Scoop here [JanuaryFebruary-2026-PDF](#)

GETTING AROUND TOWN ~ 5

LUNCHEON DAY TRIP

Monday, January 26, 11am

\$25.00 per person includes lunch, gratuity, and transportation. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 20.



Shopping and Local Errands

DCAL offers transportation to Patriot's Square in South Dennis, round-trip to attend DCAL activities and events. For confirmed reservations call DCAL **no later than two days ahead** of request, **508-385-5067**.

MEDICAL RIDES

Volunteer drivers provide rides to and from local medical appointments on Cape Cod for ambulatory Dennis seniors who do not have their own transportation. Our volunteer drivers do not provide rides off Cape. To request a ride, call DCAL at least 48 hours in advance, at 508-385-5067. **When calling for a ride, please have the name and address of the doctor, the date and time of your appointment, and the complete address of the medical facility. Only one medical ride is allowed per week. No medical rides for anesthesia appointments.**

If you are interested in helping your neighbors get to their local on Cape medical appointments please contact Janet Stolzer 508-385-5067 ext. 384 or via email JStolzer@town.dennis.me.us. Mileage (gas) will be reimbursed.

CAPE & ISLANDS VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER



The Cape & Islands Veterans Outreach Center will be offering Transportation to veterans by appointment with 48-hour notice given. **The veteran will be required to produce a copy of their DD214 form.** Transportation includes local Grocery Stores, Bourne National Cemetery, Monthly meetings, Grief Support Groups, Validated Medical appointments (including local MD appointments on Cape Cod as well as to the Providence V.A. and its affiliates). To secure a ride, the Veteran or their advocate makes a call to Barbara-Anne Foley, Outreach & Programs Manager, at **508-237-3349**. **A confirmation to the Veteran will be made.**

Grocery Shopping Bus Schedule*

Local Dennis and Shaw's
Tuesdays 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
Wednesdays 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM
Thursdays 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM



Are you uncomfortable using APPS to book your SmartDART?

Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority can help!

Through a Grant made available by MassDOT, folks who don't have smart phones or have been having trouble using their smart phone to book services can call.

A dedicated, trained operator is stationed in our Operations Center to assist older adults and individuals with disabilities who may face barriers to using the app-based SmartDART system.



CALL THIS NUMBER 508-418-3278
CapeCodRTA.org

Assistance will be provided to book trips and make payments by phone in real time.

WASTEWATER PROJECT UPDATES

Town of Dennis Wastewater Project

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 time-lapse pictures of site progress [here](#).

UPDATE JANUARY 5, 2025

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

Work for the week of 1/5 – 1/9:

Contract No. 2:

- Continued sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from the Center Street intersection to Duck Pond Road. Commencement of sewer work on Bertram Avenue. *Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.*

Contract No. 3:

- Continued sewer work on Route 134 between Route 28 and Center Street (two crews). *One lane will be open on the Route 28 side. Detours will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.*

Contract No. 4:

- Continued sewer work on Route 28 from Old Jail Lane toward Allain Way. Commencement of sewer work on School Street starting at the Route 28 intersection. Continued sewer work on Captain Nickerson Lane. *Local traffic only, detours will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.*

Two Week Look Ahead (1/12 -1/16):

Contract No. 2:

- Continued sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from the Center Street intersection to Duck Pond Road. Continued sewer work on Bertram Avenue. *Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.*

Contract No. 3:

- Continued sewer work on Route 134 between Route 28 and Center Street (two crews). *One lane will be open on the Route 28 side. Detours will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.*

Contract No. 4:

- Continued sewer work on Route 28 from Old Jail Lane toward Allain Way. Continued sewer work on School Street. Completion of sewer work on Captain Nickerson Way. Commencement/completion of work on Ocean Park Way. *Local traffic only, detours will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.*

Three Week Look Ahead (1/19 – 1/23):

Contract No. 2:

- Continued sewer work on Main Street, proceeding from the Center Street intersection to Duck Pond Road. Completion of sewer work on Bertram Avenue. Commencement of sewer work on Route 134 from

Theophilus F. Smith Road north toward Route 6 (night work). ***Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents. Some road closures with local traffic only, detours will be in place.***

Contract No. 3:

- Continued sewer work on Route 134 toward Center Street. ***Local traffic only, detours will be in place. Police detail(s) will be on-site and signage in place to assist residents.***

Contract No. 4:

- Continued sewer work on Route 28 from Allain Way toward Waterside Drive. Continued sewer work on School Street. Commencement of sewer work on Lighthouse Road. ***Local traffic only, detours will be in place. 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 Contractors' actual progress and the weather.
- Roads will be passable at the end of each day. Police Details and Contractors will work with residents and businesses 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.

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM



The Town of Dennis Childcare Subsidy Program was funded to provide financial assistance for 50 local families with children who are under five years old as of August 31, 2025, for the program period September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026.

A subsidy in the form of direct payment of \$200 per month to State licensed childcare providers for up to 50 full time, year-round residents of Dennis (maximum of \$2,400 per household) will be provided for one eligible child and meets a threshold of 81% to 150% Average Median Income parameter. Child must be enrolled a minimum of two days per week for eligibility.

The enrollment for the program period September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 begins on August 15, 2025 and completed applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the limit of 50 families is reached. Incomplete applications will be placed on hold, allowing for other applications to be approved, until all requested additional information is received.

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

Dennis Town Hall
Attention: Childcare Subsidy 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.”

Applications and other info: [Childcare Subsidy Program Overview](#), an [Application Form](#), Applicant Packet and a [Required Documents List](#).

FY 2026	HOUSEHOLD SIZE							
INCOME CATEGORY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LOW								
80% Income Limit	\$76,550	\$87,500	\$98,450	\$109,350	\$118,100	\$126,850	\$135,600	\$144,350
81% Income Limit (DENNIS MINIMUM)	\$77,507	\$88,594	\$99,680	\$110,717	\$119,576	\$128,436	\$137,295	\$146,154
AVERAGE MEDIAN								
100% Income Limit	\$88,700	\$101,350	\$114,000	\$126,650	\$136,800	\$146,950	\$157,050	\$167,200
150% AVERAGE MEDIAN								
150 % Income limit (DENNIS MAXIMUM)	\$143,550	\$164,100	\$184,575	\$205,050	\$221,475	\$237,900	\$254,325	\$270,675

NEXT MEETING DATES OF THE DENNIS SELECT BOARD

The Dennis Select Board will meet on January 20, 2026 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

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

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

Happy New Year, everyone!

Elizabeth C. Sullivan
Town Administrator

