

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 19, 2019

Announcements:

EXCESSIVE HEAT AND HUMIDITY WARNING TODAY (FRIDAY) THROUGH SUNDAY. Truro Community Center is available as a cooling station Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 pm. Additional cooling station hours may be requested by calling Truro Police & Fire at 9-1-1 or call the non-emergency line at 508-487-8730. Please contact Truro Police & Fire if you need assistance during this extreme weather event.

Please remember:

- **Never leave children or pets alone in a closed vehicle. Even with the windows cracked open, interior temperatures can rise almost 20°F within 10 minutes.**
- **Know the symptoms of and watch out for heat-related illnesses. Call 9-1-1 to report emergencies.**
- **Be a good neighbor. Check on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, those with medical conditions, those who may need additional assistance, and those who may not have air conditioning.**

Practice Shark Safety:

- Don't swim where seals are present.
- Don't swim too far from shore.
- Swim in groups.
- Avoid wearing shiny jewelry or other accessories (which look like fish scales to a shark).
- Avoid surfing alone.
- Avoid areas with signs of baitfish or fish feeding activity – watch for diving seabirds.
- Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.

This week's activities of note from the Town Manager's Office:

- Please share your thoughts on the community process for the Walsh Property. [Click here](#) to provide input into the formation of the committee and the structure of the community process it will lead. You can also find the June 27th Forum attendee's thoughts on the committee from the survey link. For more information about the Walsh Property, [click here](#).
- Staff attention focused on shark activity this week with a number of sightings and closures at Truro beaches—more plentiful for this time of year than in years past. Staff continues to roll out and monitor this season's new initiatives and technology—satellite callboxes, portable satellite staff phones, radio repeaters, beach emergency evacuation carts, roving EMTs (and accompanying UTV) and hemorrhage control kits stationed on the beaches. Please remember that the hemorrhage control kits are available in case of emergency and could save a life. Theft of these kits could prevent a life from being saved. We appreciate the cooperation of the public in preserving these kits for emergencies.
- Select Board Vice Chair Burgess and Member Weinstein and I continued work on the host community agreement between the Town and the High Dune Craft Cooperative.
- DPW Director Jarrod Cabral and Health/Conservation Agent Emily Beebe and I met with staff from the CCNS to discuss the Eagle Neck Creek culvert replacement permitting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- July 23, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- July 24, 2019-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- July 24, 2019-Bike and Walkway Committee @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 6:00 pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 18 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 10 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 24 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Department took delivery of a new water tender replacing the current tender. The vehicle being

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replaced was in service to the Town for over 30 years. The new tender is expected to be in service by the middle of August. Click on www.capecodfd.com and under "apparatus news" to see more photos of the new tender and the history of the existing piece of apparatus.

- Governor Baker has declared this week as Hurricane Preparedness Week. Below is a link to the proclamation as well as some helpful tips to help prepare for a storm event.
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/hurricane-preparedness-week-proclamation-july-2019/download>

Department of Public Works

- As part of emergency preparedness, due to the recent heavy rainfall, all Town dirt roads will be evaluated and graded as needed.
- Over the past three years the Transfer Station solid waste total has dropped 229.44 ton, and at the same time recycling has increased 132.49 ton.
- As a reminder, composting and recycling containers are on sale at the Transfer Station. Table top food scrap containers will soon be available for purchase at the Transfer Station as well.
- The additional data review of the Little Pamet water shed area has been completed by the Woods Hole Group. A team meeting is scheduled to review restoration and culvert replacement alternatives.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- New Assistant Harbor Master (Dan Traub) hired and undergoing on-the-job training/orientation. Welcome, Dan!
- Harbor Staff towed a disabled boat to the ramp and put it on the trailer.
- Harbor Staff moved several moorings to insure adequate spacing for more boats on floats.
- Harbor Staff moved and organized remote-set oysters onto pallets at the end of ramp for preparation of fall propagation (see attached photo).
- Shellfish Constable and the Deputy attended the Shellfish Advisory Committee Meeting.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Summer Rec Youth Program took a field trip to Cape Cod Inflatable Park.
- Ongoing Activities
 - Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesday evenings at the Truro Community Center.
 - Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center
 - Saturdays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
 - Fridays and Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
- Beach
 - Closures
 - CORN HILL BEACH
 - Orv: South Corridor Closed (towards the jetty)
 - No dogs allowed at any time south of beach access (towards the jetty) due to shorebirds
 - FISHER BEACH
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds
 - HEAD OF THE MEADOW BEACH
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds
 - COAST GUARD BEACH
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds
 - Swimming Closures This week
 - 7/16/2019-Ballston Beach-Closed from 10:55am-11:55am
 - 7/16/2019-Head of the Meadow-Closed from 11:45am-12:45pm
 - Beach Office hours are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, daily. 36 Shore Rd, North Truro

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- For inquiries about the beaches please call (508) 487-1632.
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Council on Aging

- Senior Municipal Work Program
 - Participant paperwork was due
- Upcoming new activities
 - Card Making/Rubber Stamping
 - Savvy Caregiver Program
- Ongoing Activities
 - Chair Yoga
 - Chi Kung
 - Community lunch
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Mahjongg
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation

Library

- SPECIAL EVENT! The Library and the Truro Meeting House will co-host a presentation by Steven Pinker, author of *Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress* on Monday, July 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Truro Meeting House. Come early for a great seat.
- On Tuesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m., Dr. Jessie Ford will discuss her work chronicling the unwanted sexual experiences by college-aged men.
- Wednesday, July 24, marks the opening of "Chapters: Truro Library Through the Years", an exhibit on the evolution of the Truro Public Library at the Highland House Museum. Although the exhibit can be viewed through September, Wednesday's reception is from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m., The Revolutionary Snake Ensemble will perform an outdoor concert.

Attachment

Photo of Fire Tender-Courtesy of Britt Cosby @Capecodfd.com

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