

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

March 22, 2019

Announcements:

- Please note that effective November 1 to April 30, the Transfer Station is open Friday through Tuesday from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.
- Save the Date: Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Truro Central School.

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

- As we prepare for the summer season, staff from the Police Department, Fire & Rescue Department, Recreation & Beach Department and our office tested beach rescue equipment with the assistance of the Cape Cod National Seashore. (See photo).
- Staff and I met with members of various community groups to begin discussing Truro's role in commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower landing.
- The Annual Town Report was completed and sent to the printer.

Upcoming Meetings:

- March 25, 2019-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 2:30pm.
- March 25, 2019- Finance Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 2:30pm.
- March 25, 2019-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm.
- March 26, 2019-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- March 28, 2019-Bike and Walkways Committee @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 6:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- The date is closing in for the Truro Police Department Tip-a-Cop event at Montano's Restaurant. Members will be taking part in this wonderful charity event on Friday, April 5th from 4:30-9:30pm. The proceeds from this fundraiser help support the Special Olympics. We hope to see you there!
- Chief Calise attended the Friends of the Truro Library meeting on March 13th to meet with FOTL members and discuss happenings within the Truro Police Department. Thank you to all who attended and for the warm reception.
- Congratulations to Sergeant James Bragdon who was recently appointed to permanent status as a Truro Police Sergeant. Sergeant Bragdon had previously served as Acting Sergeant, beginning in October of 2018.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 4 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 3 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 8 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Fire Department along with the, Truro Police Department, DPW, Beach and Recreation as well as the National Park service tested a patient transportation stretcher. This stretcher is designed to help evacuate individuals over sandy terrain. The cart was demonstrated at Longnook beach. The Town is planning to have the strategically located at beaches to more quickly get people of the beach to more definitive care.
- The Fire Department will be hosting a "Stop the Bleed" program at the Truro Public Safety facility. This program is open to all but seating is limited. You can enroll by emailing the Fire Chief (tcollins@truro-ma.gov) or calling the Fire Station.
- A Reminder that if you haven't signed up for AlerTruro you can go to the Town's homepage and click on the triangle icon on the top right of the page to sign up. You can tailor what messages you would like to receive from the Town.

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Department of Public Works

- DPW crews have started the seasonal spring clean-up of roadsides and parking lots. During the next couple of weeks, the street sweeper will be out daily beginning in South Truro.
- The Corn Hill Beach Memorial has been cleaned up, and a new shell path access has been installed.
- The Farmers Market lawn area has been top dressed with loam, and grass seed will be added within the next couple of weeks. The split rail fence has also been extended, and a decorative gate will be added due to vehicles accessing, and parking, in the grass area.
- The Snows Park area is scheduled for a cleanup next week. We will be top dressing with loam and adding grass seed within a couple of weeks.
- The Swap Shop is on schedule to open May 4, 2019. We are still looking for volunteers to staff the hours of operation Saturday through Monday, 7:30am-3:00pm. Please contact the DPW at (508)214-0400 for details.
- April 1, 2019 road line painting will begin at 9:00pm, and end at 4:00am. Work will continue at the same time April 2, 2019 at 9:00pm, and end at 4:00am.
- The solid waste total, when compared to this time last year, has decreased approximately 60 tons and we have seen a 10 ton increase in single stream recycling when compared to last year.
- Beginning July 1, 2019 commercial yard waste will no longer be accepted at the Transfer Station. Residential homeowners can continue to deposit yard waste for free.
- East Harbor project is still moving along. MIG has been working around the tide, and weather. There have been no work stoppages the last couple of weeks. (photos attached).
- DOT has begun the bike lane improvements along Route 6 between Fisherman's Road and South Hollow Road. Please contact us if you would like to see the plans.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett swept excessive shells and debris from the boat ramp for east of launching to minimize the chance of slicing trailer and vehicle tires.
- Attended Cape and Islands Harbormasters' meeting and discussed the current status of the county dredge which is now in Chatham and has been delayed because of breakdowns of equipment. We were informed that the survey boat had sunk and was still waiting for pipe. Concerns about the dredge being able to manage and keep a schedule was discussed, as towns are facing deadlines.
- There was a good turn-out over the weekend with shellfish harvesters enjoying the warm sunny afternoon as they gathered their limit.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended a meeting to plan for Truro 400.
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended a recreational software demonstration.
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes met with Stephanie Costigan, Director of Special Education for the Truro Central School, to discuss after-school programs.
 - Spring Youth Sports registration has opened.
 - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesday evenings at the Truro Community Center.
 - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm 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
- Beach
 - Director Clements assisted in a site test of the EvacKart, an emergency rescue transportation system for the beaches.
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended a meeting of the Shark Working Group.
 - 2018 Beach Clerks, Gate Attendants, and Lifeguards were sent invitations to return for the 2019

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season.

- The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is currently closed. Beach stickers are not required to park at town owned beach parking lots.
- To report a shark sighting please call the Truro Police Department at (508) 487-8730.
- To purchase ORV stickers, visit the Licensing Desk at Town Hall, located at 24 Town Hall Road.
- For inquiries about the beaches please call (508) 487-1632.
- Beach fire permits for September 5, 2018 or later are issued at the Truro Fire Department.
- Warning – Recent shark sightings, 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.

Library

- Tai Chi lessons continue on Friday afternoons at 1:45 p.m. with Sarah Beals.
- Creative Dance and Movement with Amy continues on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- On Tuesday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. as part of a "Classics of French Cinema", *L'Armee des Ombres* will be shown in the Anne H. Brock Community Room.
- The Truro Library Book Group meets on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.
- April 10 at 6:30 p.m. is the date for Truro Library's first "Competitive Puzzle Party". Teams of four will work together to assemble a jigsaw puzzle. Both participants and cheerleaders are welcome.

Council on Aging

- **New Bereavement Support Group-Second and Fourth Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.** First meeting is March 27th; then April 10th and April 24th. This is a free, open group for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Emotional support, coping strategies and companionship in a safe, confidential environment. Meditation and breathing exercises will be included. Registration is required. Please contact Nancy to register and for more information call 508-957-7715. Facilitated by Nancy Higgins, LICSW, Bereavement Coordinator, VNA Hospice of Cape Cod.
- **Visiting Nurses Association 3-Part Nutrition Series** Tuesdays 2-3 pm, April 2, 9, & 30 at the Truro Community Center. This three-part series will help you to navigate the complexity of understanding food labels, eating on a budget and making healthy food choices. We will discuss portion control, sugar and salt limits. Together we will sample some healthy breakfasts and find creative ideas for lunch and dinner. Please register for this class by **March 26th by calling 508-487-2462.**
- **Men's Workout Class**-The Men's Workout program meets on Tuesdays from 10:45am to 11:45am. This **free** class is a blend of strength, flexibility, agility, and balance geared specifically to the needs of men. If you have any questions, please call instructor Kathy Stetson at 508-397-5324.

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Attachments

Staff test out specialized equipment for beach rescues



East Harbor seaward end repair-staging for MIG



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