

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

April 12, 2019

Announcements:

- *Pre-Town Meeting and Candidates Night will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6 PM at the Community Center. We hope to see you there!*
- *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. The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.*
- **Town Offices will be closed Monday, April 15 in observance of Patriots Day.**

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

- *The Finance Committee's Budget Public Hearing was held last night and the Committee took attendees through the budget and explained the FY2020 budget process. Thank you to the citizens that came out to learn more about the proposed budget.*
- *I met with my counterparts this week to discuss the distribution of the \$383,000 granted by the State to the six towns of the Cape Cod National Seashore. Truro will receive funding to secure callboxes, beach stretchers, radio repeaters, hemorrhage control kits, and handheld satellite phones. The Woods Hole Group also presented on the format of the study they are performing regarding shark mitigation strategies for the Outer Cape.*
- *The Town received the final permit for a 10-year comprehensive maintenance dredge project this week. Dredging in the inlet and approach channel were completed in February. Dredge activity in the basin is now permitted and staff is working with the resource agencies to determine when dredging in the basin area can begin. Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark was instrumental in getting this done!*

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 16, 2019-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am.
- April 16, 2019-Truro Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:00am.
- April 16, 2019-Truro Board of Selectmen Work Session @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 2:00pm.
- April 16, 2019-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm.
- April 17, 2019-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- April 17, 2019-Truro Pre-Town Meeting and Candidates Night @ Truro Community Center at 6:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Thank you to all who attended the Tip-A-Cop fundraiser at Montano's restaurant on April 5, 2019. The event was a huge success and raised over \$5000.00 for the Special Olympics. A very special thank you to Bob Montano and Amy Rogers. Their hard work and assistance made this evening possible.
- As we enter the spring season and warmer weather, please be mindful of pedestrian traffic. There are tips for pedestrian safety at <https://exchange.aaa.com/safety/pedestrian-safety/tips-pedestrian-safety/#.XK5hUVVKiUk>. It is important for roadway pedestrians to be visible with reflective gear or lightly colored clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day. Try to stay in well-lit areas and avoid distractions such as handheld devices. When available, you should use crosswalks, and in the absence of a crosswalk, be sure to find the most well-lit spot on the road to cross.

Department of Public Works

- Over the next few weeks the beaches and parks will receive seasonal signage, bike racks, trash, and recycling containers. The DPW will also distribute the mini libraries to the appropriate locations.
- Street sweeping, and parking lot painting will continue through the end of the month, and beach attendant shade structures will start appearing at assigned locations.

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- The Swap Shop is on schedule to be opened May 4, 2019. We are still looking for volunteers to staff the hours of operation, Saturday through Monday, from 7:30am-3:00pm. Please contact the DPW at (508)214-0400 for details. There will be a scheduled drop off opportunity for goods on May 2nd and 3rd between the hours of 8:00am and 12:00pm.
- 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.
- Disability access consultants will be evaluating all Town parks, beaches and facilities beginning this weekend with parks and beaches. The consultants will be escorted by DPW personnel while in the buildings throughout this process.
- DOT has started drainage construction improvements for Highland Rd. Work is scheduled to take up to three weeks and will include dredging of the culvert located behind 2 Pond Rd.
- The East Harbor repair project is moving along. Permanent steel sheeting has been installed, to be followed by dewatering the area around the seaward end. The new sections of the culvert have arrived and should be installed within the next few weeks.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Chain and shackles were replaced in the tidal mooring field and mooring balls were attached to the blocks.
- Harbor Master Jackett met with the Barnstable County Advisory Committee to address concerns of the current status of dredge projects.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Spring Youth Sports will begin practices soon.
 - The softball field at Snow's Field received some maintenance in preparation for the 2019 season.
 - Pamet After-School celebrated Autism Awareness.
 - Assistant Director Nunes planned and organized a softball clinic to start the season off.
 - 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
 - New shark signs were delivered.
 - Director Clements and DPW Director Cabral performed site visits with CASE Systems for call boxes.
 - Assistant Director Nunes met with Cape Electronics to prepare radios for the beach season.
 - Director Clements attended a meeting of the Shark Working Group.
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is currently closed and will reopen for the season on June 8, 2019. Beach stickers are not required to park at town owned beach parking lots until the 3rd Saturday in June.
 - 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.

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- Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.

Library

- *Gut Health with Sarah Naciri* on Saturday, April 30th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. You will be able to make a medicinal ghee, drink delicious teas, and discuss the benefits of fruits, vegetables, seaweeds, and herbs.
- Maggie Hanelt is teaching a 4-H babysitting course in the afternoons of school vacation. Sessions include child safety, first aid and emergencies, stages of child development, discipline and entertainment, and the business of babysitting.
- Feeling stressed? Come to *Managing Stress in Difficult Times* program, taught by Judy Marsh. Learn how to identify and measure stress and learn helpful and easy strategies for managing it. The program is offered on Fridays: April 19, May 17, June 21, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Come to one or all sessions. No charge.
- Friends of the Truro Library are sponsoring a bus trip to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on May 8th. The cost for transportation and admission is \$55. per person and does not include lunch. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot by calling or stopping by the library.

Council on Aging

- The Truro Council on Aging will be providing transportation to the Annual Town Meeting on April 30, 2019. To make a reservation, please call the Council on Aging at (508)487-2462 no later than Friday, April 26, 2019. When making your reservation, please have the rider's name, address, phone number and if any special accommodations will be needed such as a wheelchair lift. Once the route is planned, we will be in contact for approximate pick up time.
- A new Bereavement Support Group will be meeting every second and fourth Wednesday, 1:00-2:30 pm at the Truro Council on Aging. This group is facilitated by Nancy Higgins, LICSW of VNA Hospice of Cape Cod and is free and open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Please contact Nancy Higgins at (508)957-7715 for more information and to register.
- AARP Foundation – is providing tax assistance and preparation for low-income Truro residents through its Free Tax-Aide program. Contact Kate at (508)487-2462.
- Sugar Blues – Free workshop to share experiences and get together with other people to learn new skills that are proven to make a big difference in the way diabetes affects your life. Tuesdays, 4/2/19 – 4/7/19 from 10:00am-12:30pm. Space available.