

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 18, 2019

Announcements:

- *Town Offices and the Transfer Station are closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day.*
- *Please note that effective November 1 to April 30, the Transfer Station is open Friday through Tuesday from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.*

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

- *The bulk of the annual audit occurred this week so staff members of the Accounting Office, Treasurer/Clerk/Collector's Office and Town Manager's Office spent much of the week preparing documents and providing information to the auditors.*
- *Selectpersons Weinstein and Reed and members of Town staff attended the annual Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference in Boston at the end of the week which featured workshops and seminars.*
- *Our third Budget Task Force meeting was held on Monday and the Police department, Fire & Rescue department, Emergency Management and Harbor/Shellfish department budgets were presented. The next Budget Task Force meeting will be held on Tuesday January 22 at 8 am at Town Hall and will feature the School and Library budgets. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the public and are available on Truro TV.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- January 22, 2019-Budget Task Force meeting with Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 8:00 am.
- January 22, 2019-Board of Health @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 4:30 pm.
- January 22, 2019-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- January 23, 2019-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- January 24, 2019-Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Truro Police would like to make the public aware of a recent scam involving person(s) posing as Eversource employees. There was a recent report in which a caller identified himself as an Eversource employee and demanded payment for an unpaid bill. The caller indicated that unless paid, the customer's power would be turned off. Investigation confirmed that this call was a hoax, and an Eversource representative verified that their customers are not asked for instant payments over the phone. If you receive a call of this nature, please contact the police department immediately at 508.487.8730.
- There is information on the Truro Police Department Facebook page regarding 2019 dog licenses. Specific questions can be directed to Truro Police Animal Control Officer, Rachel Peters. Please remember that in Massachusetts, all dogs over six (6) months old must be licensed.

Department of Public Works

- DPW crews will continue seasonal roadway brush cutting through the winter months to accommodate emergency vehicles. Woodchips from roadside clearing are available at the Transfer Station for any permitted resident for personal use only. All roadsides will be evaluated throughout the entire Winter season targeting trees that are a hazard to town infrastructure and power lines.
- Due to the government shut down the East Harbor seaward end construction project has been delayed.
- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019.
- Construction for the new Swap Shop and the boat storage shed for Head of the Meadow beach have started, and concrete foundations will be poured next week.

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- Snows Field house mold remediation has been completed. In addition, the basement ceiling will be insulated and painted with mold resistant paint.
- As part of the Green Community Grant award, the school heat pumps are scheduled for replacement next week. The pumps will be replaced one at a time so there will be no interruption with heat to the building.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is scheduled to meet with Town Administration to review the Pamet River data on January 31, 2019. A final report is expected to be delivered to the Town in March 2019.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett met with the Barnstable County Dredge Advisory Committee and was updated on the status of the dredge activity and learned the County dredge has embarked on its way to Provincetown before coming to Truro to dredge the approach and inner channel. Because of the Time of Year restriction of February 1st and the delay of finalizing the project change to our permit to dredge the basin, we are scheduled to do the basin June 1st using the 9 incursion days available to us and complete the job utilizing the funding made available to us that would otherwise expire on June 30th.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett took water samples throughout Pamet Harbor.
- There was much colder weather over the last week but a strong turnout of bundled-up, hearty, shellfish harvesters braved the chilly tide flats catching their limits.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - February Vacation Youth Program, 2/19 – 2/22. Registration Deadline 2/5/19.
 - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 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
 - Open Gym for basketball at Truro Central School.
 - Youth basketball games.
 - Director Clements attends the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show.
- Beach
 - 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.

Council on Aging

- **Beat the Winter Blues ... with Drumming!** Wednesday, January 23, 2019 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, with Tara Murphy, Director, Cape Cod African Dance and Drum, and Nancy Higgins, LICSW, VNA Hospice Bereavement Coordinator. If you have a heartbeat, you can drum! For millennia, drumming has

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brought people together in community to create peace, health and happiness. Uplifting rhythms relieve stress and help people connect with each other, as well as their own joy. Tara Murphy encourages participants to jam out and express their rhythms creatively, as well as play together as an ensemble. Drum circles emphasize community, self-expression and the joy of rhythm. Drums provided and no experience is necessary. Please register in advance at the Truro COA.

- **The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program will begin in February.** Please call the COA to be placed on an appointment list and we will schedule you beginning Tuesday, February 12th. We can mail, email, or you may drop by to pick up: 1. Special Intake Form and a check-list of items to bring to your appointment including bringing your 2017 tax return to your scheduled appointment. ***Please Note: *Priority will be given to Truro residents.*

Library

- In his remarks at the January 11, 2019 CLAMS Library Legislator Luncheon, State Senator Julian Cyr mentioned his affection to the Truro Library. In particular, he praised the work Maggie Hanelt does with young families.
- Ken Sylvia, a rhythm and blues solo guitarist, will perform at the library on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday evenings are Game Night at the Library. Play cribbage on January 22nd, February 5th, and February 19th. Play "Trivia with Tricia" on January 29th, February 12th, and February 26th. The games begin at 5:30 p.m.
- Tai Chi lessons with Sarah Beals are offered Fridays at 1:45 p.m. until February 22nd.