

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

May 17, 2019

Announcements:

- Please be advised that Shore Road will be closed to through traffic from Arrowhead Road to Stotts Crossing on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, as part of the East Harbor Outfall Repair Project.
- Please join the Police Department for a promotional and awards ceremony on May 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.

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

- The 2019 Annual Town Election was held on Tuesday. Results of the election can be found here. Thank you to the poll workers and staff and to those that came out to vote.
- I attended the first meeting of the Cape & Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board, as Truro's representative. The establishment of the Fund is part of the legislation expanding the Short-Term Rental tax.
- Approximately 45 members of the public attended the Cloverleaf Rental Housing Community Forum last night at the Truro Community Center. Community members shared their hopes and concerns for the project and asked very important questions. The feedback was documented so it could be considered as the development process continues.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, May 20, 2019-Truro Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019-Herring River Restoration Committee @ CCNS Headquarters at 9:30am.
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm.
- Tuesday, May 21, 2019-Truro School Committee @ Truro Central School Media Center at 5:15pm.
- Wednesday, May 22, 2019-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 22, 2019-Bike and Walkway Committee @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 6:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Traffic construction update: The MA DOT is on schedule with its Route 6 project. Please continue to use caution when driving in or near the construction zone. The project is still covering a large area, so detours and lane closures continue to change daily.
- Truro Police Department welcomed its newest member, Sergeant Thomas Powers, on May 15. Sergeant Powers has nearly eighteen (18) years of policing experience, having served with the Vermont State Police and Chatham Police for the past eleven (11) years.
- The Truro Police promotional and awards ceremony is scheduled for May 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Community Center. The department will recognize recent promotions and appointments and will be giving out certificates/awards issued by the Commendation Committee. There will be refreshments after the ceremony. We hope to see you there!

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 9 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 5 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 14 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- Fire Department personnel participated in an event at the Truro Central School helping to serve lunch to the staff and students at the Truro Central School. This was a great opportunity for the students to meet some of Truro Fire staff on an informal basis and interact in a fun atmosphere (photo attached).

Department of Public Works

- The seaward end of the East Harbor Culvert has been installed. The pouring of a concrete encasement

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around the new culvert sections will take place all day, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

- **Effective Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 6:30am and 4:00pm Shore Road will be closed to through traffic from Arrowhead Road to Stotts Crossing. Homeowners and business owners will continue to have access throughout the day.**
- Solid waste totals have dropped 64 tons when compared to this time last year and recycling has also decreased by 18 tons so far this year when compared to the same time last year.
- The Swap Shop is now open. 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.
- 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.
- New Transfer Station annual permits are effective July 1, 2019. Six month permits, thirty day permits, and one-week permits continue to be available for purchase.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett is putting in basin moorings and floats into the basin as needed.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett worked on the flats checking the shellfish that were relayed.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Reviewing Seasonal job applications and scheduling interviews.
 - Department is implementing new recreational software.
 - 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
 - Online sales of beach stickers opened on May 1, 2019. Stickers continue to be sold and mailed to customers.
 - Employee Sticker Day-June 5, 2019. More detail to follow.
 - 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.
 - Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.

Library

- Would you like to learn more about coyotes in our neighborhoods? Please join Peter Trull on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. for more information about Eastern Coyotes. Peter has been studying the daily habits and life history of the Eastern Coyote since 1989. A researcher and educator, Mr. Trull aims to offer an objective view of this wild canid and to help us understand this predator's place in our work,

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and our place in the coyote's world.

- Owen Nichols, who has been Director of Marine Fisheries Research at the Center for Coastal Studies since 2008, will discuss the important information we can gather by using underwater cameras, sonars, and remotely-operated vehicles to gather images of life under the ocean's surface on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- Marie Schlag from The Studio for Textile Conservation will be taking a close look at the beautiful quilt hanging in our main lobby on Thursday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m., as we prepare for celebrating twenty years in our present location. We'll learn how we might restore and conserve this important piece of history.

Council on Aging

- Senior Municipal Work Program
 - The department is processing job requests from departments.
 - The department is accepting applications from Truro residents.
- Ongoing activities
 - Chi Kung
 - Strength Training
 - Pen & Ink Workshop
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Chair Yoga
 - Community lunch
- A new Bereavement Support Group will be meeting every second and fourth Wednesdays, 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.

Attachments:

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