

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

May 24, 2019

Announcements:

- *This weekend we honor and remember those individuals who sacrificed their life in defense of our country and our freedom. Please take a moment to remember them and have a safe holiday weekend.*
- *Town Hall and Town Offices will be closed on Monday.*
- *Please visit the newly redesigned website; over the next several months we will be working with our vendor to improve usability of the department pages. Please feel free to email me or Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark with your impressions of the redesign.*
- *We have posted employment opportunities on the website, there are multiple positions available.*

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

- *Emergency call boxes with satellite phones are operational at all ocean beaches and Corn Hill Beach. We will be installing signage on the boxes.*
- *Emergency Evac Carts are being shipped, two have arrived and three more will be here next week. The carts are designed to move injured persons off the beach more effectively.*
- *Staff is busy reviewing seasonal employee applications and prepping beaches for the summer season.*
- *Town Planner Stephen Parker resigned, Attorney Jessica Bardi will fill in as Town Planner.*
- *Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark and I are working with the Cape Cod Commission to secure assistance in completing the Local Comprehensive Plan which was on hold until the Regional Policy Plan was completed.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 28, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm
- May 29, 2019-Joint Meeting with Truro Select Board and Provincetown Select Board @ Truro Community Center at 5:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Truro Police Department held a promotional and awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at the Truro Community Center. The department recognized recent promotions and appointments, and awarded certificates issued by the Commendation Committee. Thank you to all who attended.
 - Deputy Chief Craig Danziger, Lieutenant Scott Holway, Sergeant James Bragdon, and Sergeant Thomas Powers were recognized for their promotions.
 - Officer Matthew Cascio was recognized for his recent appointment.
 - Dispatch Supervisor Heidi Dyer was issued a Certificate of Appreciation for her 34 years of service in honor of National Telecommunicator's Week.
 - Robert Montano and Amy Rogers were issued Citizen Recognition Awards for their work with the Tip-A-Cop program which benefits MA Special Olympics.
 - Telecommunicator Bronwyn Bresnahan was awarded a commendation for her "Random Act of Kindness" initiative on behalf of the Truro Police Department.
 - The department introduced its newest part-time telecommunicators Michelle Thomas and Steven Brazil.

Department of Public Works

- East Harbor Culvert project will continue next week with the final installation of the last two remaining sections, this will be followed by removing the trestle, and beach restoration.
- 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.
- Emergency satellite call boxes have been installed at all oceanside beaches, and Corn Hill Beach. The phones are located as close as possible to beach entrances and are operational.
- The DPW Spring/Summer schedule is in full swing. The standard mowing, street sweeping, catch basin

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cleaning will continue all season. In addition, all roads will be patrolled for areas that need patching, and checked regularly for trash, and discarded furniture.

- Trash and recyclables will be removed from all beach and park locations seven days a week beginning June 15th.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett is in the process of reassigning moorings that became available in the tidal mooring field (preferred spots for those already in the mooring field). As a result, he is able to assign moorings to people from the waiting list.
- Boating activity has been slightly hindered due to strong winds but is steadily increasing since the ban on gear being deployed was lifted

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Reviewing Seasonal job applications, scheduling and performing interviews.
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes received training on new recreational software.
 - Assistant Director Nunes facilitated youth softball game: Truro vs. Orleans 1. (picture attached)
 - 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 and Assistant Director Nunes attended regional Beach Managers meeting.
 - Reviewing seasonal job applications, scheduling and performing interviews.
 - 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

- On Tuesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m., wildlife photographer Peter Christoph, will present a program called "Birds of the New England Swamp". He will present a narrated slideshow, sharing both his award-winning images and his photographic secrets as he brings you inside a typical New England swamp. Peter provides an intimate look into the many varieties of birds that inhabit our swamps, including ospreys and herons, shorebirds, woodpeckers, and other cavity dwellers. Sloshing and crawling through the swamp so you don't have to, Peter captures the bird's many activities including building the nest,

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feeding their young, and catching their prey. Peter Christoph is a well-known wildlife advocate, naturalist, and award-winning wildlife photographer based in Lancaster, MA.

- May's book selection is *Robert E. Lee* by Roy Blount, Jr. and the Truro Library Book Group will discuss it on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. Iconic Virginian, brilliant general, and complex human being – it is this last facet of Robert E. Lee that is rarely seen. But now Roy Blount, Jr. combines acute character insight with lively storytelling and a full-hearted Southern directness to craft this unique, personal portrait. Fascinated by what made Lee into such a great, though reluctant, leader, Blount delves into his family history and his personality. He illustrates how, descended from two illustrious families, Lee embodied the best of all their traits and became Lincoln's first choice to lead the Union troops in 1861. But Lee's Virginia roots drew him, instead, to the Confederate command. Blount vividly conveys not only his ambition and courage but also his humility and humor, and his sorrowful sense of responsibility for his outnumbered, outgunned, half-starved army. *Robert E. Lee*, the first succinct biography of this American legend, will appeal to history and military buffs, proud Southerners, and every reader curious to discover the man behind the military leader.
- The Art Exhibit for the month of June is titled *The Bay State: A Multicultural Landscape Photographs of New Americans*, supporting MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant Refugee Advocacy Coalition), is a collection of over 400 photographs representing more than 190 countries and territories; informal, environmental portraits documenting ethnic diversity in Massachusetts; subjects of various stations, foreign-born, naturalized U.S. citizens residing in the Commonwealth; individuals looking into the camera, telling stories through expression, place and pose. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Truro Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Council on Aging

- Senior Municipal Work Program
 - The department is processing job requests from departments.
 - The department is accepting applications from Truro residents.
- Transportation
 - Transportation Coordinator and Rec & Beach Director received a site visit from Transportation Grant.
- 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 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.

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Attachments:

Emergency Call Box at Head of the Meadow Beach



Truro v. Orleans

