

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

November 8, 2019

### **Announcements:**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was detected in mosquitos collected from Truro. Please see [this press release](#) from Health & Conservation Agent Emily Beebe for more information. Truro's risk level has been elevated to "moderate."

To reduce public exposure to mosquitoes carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, Truro has suspended issuance of beach fire permits at Town beaches until further notice.

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

- Your Input is Needed! The Town of Truro has committed to convene a representative citizen committee to engage a wide range of Truro residents and develop plans for the use of the Walsh property, which was authorized to be purchased by the Town for general municipal purposes. A draft process design for the Community Process for the Walsh Property Plan is available [here](#) and the Town is looking for your feedback on it. Please share your feedback through [this survey](#) by November 11, 2019.
- The Town of Truro requests your feedback in preparation for negotiations of our license renewal with Comcast. A survey is [available here](#) and should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Respondents are not required to provide their name to participate. The survey will remain open until November 15, 2019.
- Staff is busy preparing services analyses for their departments as part of the FY2020 budget process.
- Staff attended a Truro-Provincetown joint procurement training presented by the Massachusetts Office of the Inspector General.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- November 12, 2019-Truro Select Board Executive Session and Work Session @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 1:00 pm.

### **Department News:**

#### Police Department

- Truro Police started their participation in No Shave November. Each officer who participates makes a contribution to Home Base for veterans and their families.
- Congratulations to Chief Ronald Fisette on his retirement from the Wellfleet Police Department! We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Truro Police would also like to congratulate Chief Michael Hurley on his appointment to police chief. Chief Hurley assumed command of the Wellfleet Police Department on November 1.
- Reminder – the prescription medication kiosk at the Truro Police Department is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This facilitates a safe, convenient way to dispose of unused prescription medications.

#### DPW

- The annual third-party inspection of the Transfer Station was completed and the report was submitted to DEP. No discrepancies regarding operational and regulatory functions were noted.
- As part of disaster preparedness, quarterly grading and brush cutting of dirt roads has been completed.
- DPW crews removed and replaced a damaged and undersized culvert located on Longnook Rd. Water flow in that area has improved. DPW Director Cabral met with DOT and Mosquito Control to review the culvert located under Route 6 which is connected to Longnook Road and we are waiting for their official assessment.
- Fall brush cutting of all town roads will begin in October, along with catch basin inventory and cleaning. As part of disaster preparedness, we will continue to take a more aggressive approach to brush cutting roadsides.
- As we head into the winter season, all culverts and waterways will be evaluated for any obstructions and sediment buildup. As done last year we will clean and jet culverts as needed.

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### Council on Aging

- Presentation on Skimming Devices.
- Tuesday Talks
  - Alzheimer's Family Support & Memory Screening
  - Birds – The Feathered Winter Storm Troopers
- New Art Gallery for November – Tribute to Veterans
- Upcoming new activities
  - Holiday Card Making
- Ongoing Activities
  - Art Gallery
  - Chair Yoga
  - Chi Kung
  - Community Luncheon
  - Core & More
  - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
  - Mahjongg
  - Memoirs
  - Men's Exercise Class
  - Move & Stretch
  - Strength Training
  - Transportation
  - White Line Open Studio

### Recreation/Beach

#### Recreation

- Youth Soccer team plays Brewster.
- Director Clements attends Procurement Training.
- Assistant Director Nunes attends meeting of the Lower Cape Recreational League.
- Preparing for Youth Basketball season.
- Preparing for Pickleball at the Truro Central School.

#### Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- 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
- Community Pickleball – Mondays & Fridays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center
- Adult Indoor Soccer – Mondays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Truro Central School
- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

#### Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen in 2020.
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are no longer required to access Truro beach parking lots.
- Truro ORV stickers can be purchased at the Licensing Desk at Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd.
- Truro beach fire permits can be obtained by contacting the Truro Fire Department at (508) 487-7548
- [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.](#)

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- [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

- It takes a village to...dance? Library Trustees, Friends, and staff would like to thank the community groups that contributed to a wonderful Halloween Dance Party on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks goes out to Truro Seamen's Bank Manager, who hosted a pumpkin-decorating craft table; Our friends and colleagues from the Eastham Library, Fran McLaughlin and Marianne Sinopoli, handed out goodies and hosted a game; Truro Educational Enrichment Alliance (TEEA) handed out glowsticks and other cool things that glowed in the dark; Outer Cape Chorale supplied lovely home-made musical note-shaped cookies, and Beth O'Rourke played DJ for the evening. Everyone had a blast.
- Although it doesn't seem like the holiday season yet, it is never too early to think about sharing. Angel Tree season has begun. The Friends of the Library have a program each year to help local families give their children holiday gifts. Please stop by the library for more information.
- Library Lego club begins on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.
- The Truro Library Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m., at the library.