

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

October 4, 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 and her report (below) 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:

- The six Towns that are part of the CCNS and the Superintendent of the CCNS will host a community meeting on October 17th at 6 PM at Nauset High School to hear a presentation from the Woods Hole Group on their shark mitigation alternatives analysis. We expect to have the final report by mid-October.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 7, 2019-Energy Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 8:00 am.
- October 7, 2019-Human Services Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 1:00 pm.
- October 7, 2019-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 4:00 pm.
- October 8, 2019-Taxation Aid Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 1:00 pm.
- October 8, 2019-Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- October 9, 2019-Planning Board @ Truro town Hall at 6:00 pm.

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- The roadway paving bid opened on October 2, the bids are currently under review, we hope to have an award letter out next week.
- The annual third-party inspection of the Transfer Station is scheduled for next week. All operational and regulatory functions will be evaluated for compliance.
- The department continued this week inventorying and servicing equipment for the fall and winter season.
- The Building Maintenance Head Custodian has completed all annual routine building maintenance ranging from boiler services, fire suppression inspections, elevator state inspections, and all mechanical aspects of the HVAC system have also been serviced.
- 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.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett finished broadcasting the final oyster spat in and around the harbor (this will help with future shellfish propagation).
- More than 50% of boats have hauled out for the season. Harbor Staff assisted people that needed help with trailers, sailboat masts, dinghies, etc.
- Staff will start hauling out vacant floats and place along rails so as not to obstruct boats and trailers that are still fishing for tuna.
- There has been an increase in daily launches, as well as charter boats and season launch holders, for people catching tuna mid-week. This increase has required staffing the harbor on late shifts.
- All waitlists have been updated; mooring holder fees paid; and final new mooring holders' assignment has been completed for 2019-2020.

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- Shellfish Constable and Deputy attended a joint Shellfish Advisory Committee meeting with Provincetown at Coastal Studies to discuss ADA and how to protect gear from boat traffic.

Council on Aging

- Upcoming new activities
 - Card Making / Rubber Stamping
 - Legal Assistance
 - Flu Clinic
- Ongoing Activities
 - 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 games are underway.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes continued maintenance on the soccer field at Snow's Field in preparation for youth soccer games.

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 – times and days to be determined
- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen 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.](#)
 - [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.](#)

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Library

- The popular Truro Tots Playgroup continues to meet on Monday mornings.
- Thursday, October 24th, is Friends of the Truro Library night at Montano's Restaurant. The Montano family will donate a portion of that evenings "take" to the Friends. This is a win-win. Everyone gets a chance to enjoy an awesome dinner with other community members AND you get to support our hard-working Friends group.
- Saturday, October 26th, at 10:00 a.m., "Science Tellers" will engage all ages with their exciting show that demonstrates science concepts. After the show, there will be Halloween games and crafts until noon. Costumes are encouraged.
- Tuesday, October 29th, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., the Friends of the Truro Library are hosting a dance party for the entire family. "Dancing in the Stacks" will be great fun with treats and tricks for all. Music will be provided by DJ Beth O'Rourke, with a little help from guest DJ Isaiah Edwards. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.