

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

March 29, 2019

Announcements:

- Please note that effective November 1 to April 30, the Transfer Station is open Friday through Tuesday from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.
- Save the Date: Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Truro Central School. The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.

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

- As the weather turns warmer and we begin to think about the upcoming summer season, it is important to note that my colleagues from the CCNS Towns, the Superintendent of the CCNS and I have been meeting since the fall to plan for improved communications and improved emergency response at the beaches. The Woods Hole Group is analyzing the viability of shark warning systems. Residents and visitors will see new signage at the beaches and a new public education campaign on shark safety. The Board of Selectmen will host an informational session in early June. Please reach out to the Assistant Town Manager or me if you have questions.
- Most of our attention is focused on finalizing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and preparing for three very important public meetings:
 - Finance Committee Budget Public Hearing—April 11, 2019 at 6:00pm.
 - Pre-Town Meeting and Candidates Night—April 17, 2019 at 6:00pm.
 - Annual Town Meeting—April 30, 2019 at 6:00pm.We hope you will join us.
- Preparations for the five-town joint Comcast contract negotiations continue. I attended a meeting this week with the other town managers/ administrators to discuss strategy pertaining to the negotiations.

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 1, 2019-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 3:30pm.
- April 1, 2019-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- April 2, 2019-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm.
- April 3, 2019-Planing Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 6 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.
- FF's; Anderson, Chute, Ferguson and Souza successfully completed the Fire Officer 1 training program and have obtained their Fire Officer 1 Pro Board certifications.
- The Fire Department will be hosting a "Stop the Bleed" program at the Truro Public Safety facility on the 4th and 6th of April. This program is open to all but seating is limited. You can enroll by emailing the Fire Chief (tcollins@truro-ma.gov) or calling the Fire Station.
- A Reminder that open burning season ends 1 May. Residents wishing to conduct open burning must first come to the Fire Station to obtain a permit and a copy of the rules that govern open burning in Massachusetts.

Department of Public Works

- DPW crews have started the seasonal spring clean-up of roadsides and parking lots. During the next couple of weeks, the street sweeper will be out daily beginning in South Truro.
- The Farmers Market lawn area, Conservation Trust area, and Concert Park area have been top dressed with loam, and will be seeded in the coming weeks with conservation seed mix. The split rail fence as

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also been extended, and a decorative gate will be added due to vehicles accessing, and parking in the grass area.

- The Swap Shop is on schedule to be opened May 4, 2019, we are still looking for volunteers to staff the hours of operation Saturday Through Monday 730-300. Please contact the DPW at (508) 214 0400 for details.
- April 1 and 2, 2019 Road line painting will begin on April 1st and 2nd at 9:00pm, and end at 4:00am.
- The solid waste total when compared to this time last year has decreased 50.13 ton, and we have seen a 15.40 ton decrease in single stream recycling when compared to this time last year.
- Beginning July 1, 2019 commercial yard waste will no longer be accepted at the Transfer Station. Residential home homeowners can continue to deposit yard waste for free.
- The biennial Transfer Station and Landfill report has been submitted to DEP by Horsley Witten with recommendations for additional air quality testing, and an assessment of the access road be completed to address, repairs as needed. The road was classified as weathered and in fair condition. None of the recommendations are considered discrepancies of the operation, condition of the Landfill or of the Transfer Station, but are meant to assist with maintaining regulatory compliance with DEP.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Harbormaster Jakkett surveyed the shellfish areas for stock replenishment and cleaned the nets of silting and took water samples.
- Harbormaster Jakkett arranged potential dates to assemble shell bags with other town Shellfish Constables and members from Americorp at the Dennis DPW for collecting oyster spat.
- There was a turn-out for our weekly shellfish harvest and reminded the public this coming Sunday is the last day for The Pamet shellfish areas for the season.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended the Massachusetts Recreation & Park Association State Conference and Trade Show.
 - Spring Youth Sports registration has closed, and teams are currently being created.
 - 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
- 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.

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- Tai Chi lessons continue on Friday afternoons at 1:45 p.m. with Sarah Beals.
- Creative Dance and Movement with Amy continues on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- On Tues., March 26, 2:00 p.m., as part of a "Classics of French Cinema", *L'Armee des Ombres* will be shown in the Anne H. Brock Community Room.
- The Board of the Friends of the Truro Public Library will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 9:30 a.m.
- April 10, 6:30 p.m. is the date for Truro Library's first "Competitive Puzzle Party". Teams of four will work together to assemble a jigsaw puzzle. Both participants and cheerleaders are welcome.

Council on Aging

- **AARP Foundation** - is providing tax assistance and preparation for low-income Truro residents through its Free Tax-Aide program. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service. Since its inception, the program has served more than 68 million taxpayers. We currently have a few open appointment dates, please contact Kate at the Truro COA 508-487-2462.
- **Sugar Blues?** Free workshop to share experiences and get together with other people to learn new skills that are proven to make a big difference in the way diabetes affects your life. Workshop dates are on Tuesdays, April 2nd – May 7th from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. We currently need at least 8 participants for class size and seats are available.
For more information on the upcoming series please contact Kate at the Truro COA 508-487-2462.
- **Cape Cod COPD Support Group** - for people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Join Pat Lafrate from Cape Cod Healthcare, Pulmonary Rehab affiliated with the American Lung Association of Massachusetts. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 10th from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at the Orleans Senior Center, 150 Rock Harbor Rd., Orleans, all are welcome.

Attachments

Shellfishing at Pamet Harbor

