

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

May 3, 2019

### Announcements:

- Please note that effective May 1, the Transfer Station is open daily from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.
- Save the Date: The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
- Road construction continues on Route 6. Please use caution when traveling in or near the construction area. Crews are working Sunday through Thursday evenings from 8:00 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. Officers continue to assist with traffic direction. Thank you for your patience during this project.

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

- Two hundred forty-seven voters turned out for Tuesday's Annual Town Meeting. All articles, except Article 16: Use Secret Voting at Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings (Petitioned Article), passed. Residents are reminded to vote in the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, May 14, where they will consider candidates for Town offices and ballot questions related to the Cape Cod Regional Technical School, Eagle Neck Creek Improvements/ Repair (Article 12), Acquisition of the Walsh Property (Article 11) and a Charter Amendment changing the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board.
- Staff and I attended the Council on Aging's Volunteer Lunch honoring community volunteers and recognizing Carol Mooney as "Truro Senior of the Year." Thank you to the many individuals who contribute to the community of Truro and congratulations and thank you to Ms. Mooney for her many years of service.
- On Thursday, Board members and staff recognized our hardworking Town of Truro Administrative Professionals. I am so grateful to the wonderful staff members who keep our organization running smoothly and efficiently.
- The Town of Truro is hiring! Please visit our website [here](#) for information about open year-round and seasonal positions.

### Upcoming Meetings:

- May 6, 2019-Truro Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm.
- May 7, 2019-Truro Board of Selectmen and Truro Housing Authority Joint Meeting @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 4:30pm.
- May 8, 2019-Truro Beach Commission @ Truro Public Library at 3:00pm.
- May 10, 2019-Truro Commission on Disabilities @ Truro Council on Aging at 3:30pm.
- May 10, 2019-Truro Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 4:15pm.

### Department News:

#### Police Department

- Road construction is continuing on Route 6. Please use caution when traveling in or near the construction area. Crews are working Sunday through Thursday evenings from 8:00 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. Officers continue to assist with traffic direction. Thank you for your patience during this project.
- The Outer Cape police departments will again be participating in the voluntary gun buyback program from Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> through Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Turn-in times will be 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The scheduled locations are as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
➤ Saturday	May 4	Provincetown PD
➤ Sunday	May 5	Truro PD
➤ Monday	May 6	Wellfleet PD
➤ Tuesday	May 7	Eastham PD
➤ Wednesday	May 8	Wellfleet PD
➤ Thursday	May 9	Orleans PD
➤ Friday	May 10	Orleans PD
➤ Saturday	May 11	Eastham PD

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➤ Sunday	May 12	Truro PD
➤ Monday	May 13	Provincetown PD

### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 12 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 6 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 18 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- Open burning has concluded for the season.
- Firefighter Demi Miskiv competed in the "Run to the Top" event on 27 April at the Pilgrim Monument, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age group and thirteenth overall in the firefighter category.
- May is National Electric Safety month which brings awareness to common electrical hazards in your home: Overloaded electrical circuits are a major cause of residential fires. Help lower your risk of electrical fires by not overloading your electrical system. Extension cords can overheat and cause fires when used improperly, so keep these important tips in mind to protect your home. Below is a link that contains an Electrical Fire Safety Checklist.

<http://files.esfi.org/file/Electrical-Fire-Safety-Checklist.pdf>

<http://files.esfi.org/file/Home-Fire-Safety-Checklist-for-Older-Adults-00B1.pdf>

### Department of Public Works

- 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, 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.
- The East Harbor repair project is moving along. The installation of the new sections will be delayed by one week, to ensure the water flow can be appropriately controlled during installation.
- Key fob system and camera improvements were completed this week. Protocols will be set in place in the coming weeks to address maintenance and end user procedures.
- 2019 Transfer Station annual permit sales kicked off this week. New annual permits can be purchased now and are effective July 1, 2019. Six month permits, thirty day permits, and one-week permits continue to be available for purchase.

### Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jakkett worked with the towns of Eastham, Chatham, and Dennis, assembling shell bags at the Dennis DPW. At a later date the bags will be moved to ARC (a hatchery in Dennis).
- Harbormaster Jakkett continued work in the mooring field, getting the basin moorings ready.
- There is more activity with boats launching regularly, headed to Provincetown for the season.
- Shellfish Constable Jakkett prepared the shellfish area for seeding.

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
  - Department offered free childcare at Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019
  - Department is preparing to implement 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

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- Beach
  - Director Clements worked on creating a mock-up of consolidated beach signage.
  - New shark safety brochures arrived.
  - The second of five EvacKarts was delivered this week.
  - Online sales of beach stickers opened on May 1, 2019.
  - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- The works of Miah Nate Johnson are on display in the Anne H. Brock Community Room for the month of May. Miah Nate, a former oysterman, didn't begin painting until after a life-changing medical event. In his words "painting is my artistic release, my soap box, my great joy...."
- Friends of the Truro Library are sponsoring a bus trip to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on May 8. The cost for transportation and admission is \$55 per person and does not include lunch. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot by calling or stopping by the library.
- Truro resident Mike Berlin is presenting a series of three classes on the state of our media "2020: How Can News Media Regain Our Trust?" Dates are Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>; and Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- Feeling stressed? Come to *Managing Stress in Difficult Times* program, taught by Judith Marsh. Learn how to identify and measure stress and learn helpful and easy strategies for managing it. Program is offered on Fridays: May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come to one or all sessions. No charge.

### Council on Aging

- The volunteer luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 to celebrate all of those that have volunteered for the year. State Senator Julian Cyr presented the 2018 Senior of the Year, Carol Mooney, with a citation.
- 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.
- AARP Foundation – is providing tax assistance and preparation for low-income Truro Residents through its Free Tax-Aide program. Contact Kate at (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. Tuesdays, 4/2/19 – 5/7/10, from 10:00am-12:30pm. Space available.

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**Attachments:**

Shell Bagging (Tony Jackett)

