

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 6, 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."

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.

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

- Truro's Emergency Management Team is watching Hurricane Dorian. Current models suggest minimal impacts in Truro, however, we encourage citizens to be prepared in case the storm's track shifts. We will continue to monitor its path and will update the public as needed.
- Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 6 pm for a "Community Conversation about "Storm Preparedness." This event will feature information about how the Town of Truro prepares and responds to storm events and how citizens can prepare themselves. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and offer suggestions. Special guest speakers include Barnstable County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Sean O'Brien and local meteorologist Frank O'Laughlin.
- A Community Refresh Weekend will be held at Puma Park Playground September 14 & 15. Volunteers (especially skilled carpenters) are needed to help "refresh" the playground prior to accessible rubber surfacing being installed this fall. This project is made possible by the Community Preservation Committee and the voters of Truro and a grant from the Massachusetts Office on Disabilities. For more information or to volunteer, contact PumaParkPlayground@gmail.com or visit "Puma Park Playground" on Facebook.

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 9, 2019-Truro Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- September 10, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Public Safety Facility (work session) at 2:00 pm.
- September 10, 2019-Truro Climate Action Committee @ Truro Public Library at 4:00 pm.
- September 10, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Community Center (Storm Preparedness Forum) at 6:00 pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- School is back in session! Truro officers are again assigned each day to assist with traffic during student arrival and dismissal. Please use caution when driving in the area of Truro Central School.
- As you may know, the Truro Police Department Reassurance Program is designed for seniors in the Town of Truro. Information regarding the program is available on the Truro Police Department website at <http://www.truropolice.org/triad.htm> . If you or someone you know would like to join our program, please call the police department at 508-487-8730 to sign up.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Harbormaster Jackett assisted in rescuing a Hobbie Cat that overturned outside of the harbor-all were safe and there were no issues.
- There were a few boat breakdowns which occurred, and assistance was needed to tow them to the ramp and onto their trailers.

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- Heavy rains filled dinghies and boats in the mooring field, some of which were pumped out.
- Boat mooring lines and floats are being checked as part of storm preparation.

Council on Aging

- New Office Assistant will begin Monday, September 9, 2019
- Upcoming new activities
 - Card Making / Rubber Stamping
 - Presentation on Consumer Fraud
 - Presentation on Our Adventures in Retirement on Cape Cod
 - Presentation on Identify Theft for Seniors
- Ongoing Activities
 - Chair Yoga
 - Chi Kung
 - Community lunch
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Mahjongg
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation

Recreation/Beach

Recreation

- Preparation for the Fall soccer season.
- Participating in the Puma Park Community Refresh Weekend. 9/14/19 & 9/15/19.

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 – times and days to be determined
- Adult Indoor Soccer – times and days to be determined

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.](#)
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General Beach Updates

- Corn Hill Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time south of beach access due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.
- Fisher Beach
 - ORV: Corridor Closed
 - No dogs allowed at any time north of beach access due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.
- Head of the Meadow Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.
- Coast Guard Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds per Truro Conservation Department.

Library

- The community may be changing during this time of year, and library services likewise evolve to serve the shoulder-season community. Story times continue every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.; the Meditation group still meets on the first and third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.; "Staying Strong" the cancer support group still meets on the second and fourth Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
- John Ferguson's painting of the sea and the shore will be displayed during the month of September in the Anne H. Brock Community Room.
- Enclosed are a few photos of the Truro Library's 20th Anniversary Party that was held on Thursday, August 20th.

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Attachments

The Overturned Hobie Cat



Truro Public Library 20th Anniversary Celebration

