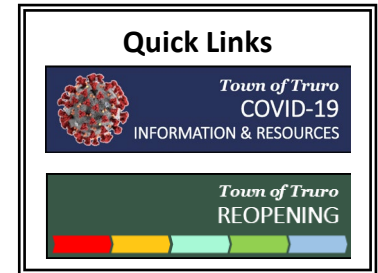


# Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 21, 2020

## Announcements:

- Masks are required in public areas where social distancing is not possible (per Governor Baker's Order) and in public areas of Town at all times (per Truro Board of Health). Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. View the Truro Board of Health Regulation [here](#). View the Governor's Order [here](#).
- Citizens can view virtual meetings on Channel 18 in Truro and on the web on the "Truro TV Channel 18" button under "Helpful Links" on the homepage of the Town of Truro website. Click on the green "Watch" button in the upper right of the page. Please note that the meetings are held remotely, and you may only hear audio. For more information on remote meetings, please [click here](#).
- Massachusetts is in Phase III of the Governor's Reopening Plan. Learn more on [Truro's Reopening page](#).
- The Governor revised the Gathering Order to reduce the limit on outdoor gatherings to 50 people (indoor gatherings limit will remain at 25 people); to apply these limits to all types of gatherings, on both public and private property; and to require face coverings where more than 10 people from different households will be mixing. He also announced that Phase III, Step 2 of the Reopening Plan is indefinitely postponed.
- Truro has five active cases of COVID-19 in Truro and ten resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- Make Truro Count! Complete the 2020 US Census online at [here](#) or by phone 844-330-2020. It's fast and easy and it is crucial to secure necessary funding and to be represented in Boston and in Washington. If you are completing the Census online and did not receive a 12-digit Census ID in the mail or at your door, you can click on the link at the bottom that says, "If you do not have a Census ID, click here."



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

- Negotiations for the comcast cable license continued this week with Town Counsel and the Towns of Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans and Brewster. We have requested that Comcast provide better coverage for unserved areas of Truro and Wellfleet. We will meet again in three weeks to hear the response from Comcast.
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.
- The Seashore's Head of the Meadow parking area remains closed presently as a result of the Town's public health concerns. The bath houses will remain open and the beach will remain open for pedestrian and bicycle visitors.
- Early Voting will take place at Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road from August 22, 2020 to August 28, 2020. For a complete list of times, please [click here](#).
- Apply now for the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee to guide the development of plans for the use of the 69.9 acre Walsh Property. Applications are available [here](#) and will be accepted until **August 31, 2020 at 4 pm**. Please return completed applications to the Administration/ Select Board Office (email applications to [nscoullar@truro-ma.gov](mailto:nscoullar@truro-ma.gov) or [ntudor@truro-ma.gov](mailto:ntudor@truro-ma.gov) or call 508-349-7004 x110 or x124 to make arrangements). More information is available [here](#).

## Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 24, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Meeting at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, August 25, 2020-Select Board Remote Meeting at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, August 27, 2020-Historic Commission Remote Meeting at 4:00pm.

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### **Department News:**

#### **Department of Public Works**

- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated once the State is at COVID-19 reopening phase 4.
- DPW continues with standard summer season business; mowing, beach cleanup, street sweeping, monitoring waterways, and maintaining the Transfer Station activity.
- Associated Alarms has completed the new call box system for Town Hall. This will enable Town Hall employees to validate who is at the entrance prior to remotely unlocking the door.
- Annual Fall building maintenance components have been scheduled for the first week in October. Services will include boilers, generators, Community Center dividing walls, Community Center kitchen appliances, and quarterly fire suppression inspections.
- DPW Director Cabral and Health Agent Beebe continue working with Truro Central School to assist with school reopening. DPW personnel are actively working within the building to assist with everything from cleaning to installing plexiglass shields, and hand sanitizer dispensers.

#### **Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable**

- Harbor Master Jackett scheduled transients that came in and utilized rule 26 (vacant float or mooring) for boats staying 30 days.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett checked the oyster remote set for growth and survival.
- There were several people clamming throughout the week with many returning with bull baskets.

#### **Recreation and Beach**

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, and beaches and wear a face covering when in public.
- The Truro Beach Office is open. The hours are 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, with limited public access. We are asking the public to order their beach stickers online if they are able by clicking [HERE](#). For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983.
- Puma Park Playground is open. We remind the public to practice social distancing and wear a face mask in public. The playground is cleaned weekly and hand sanitizing stations are present.
- Beach Pet Closures as of 8/16/20
  - Head of the Meadow CLOSED – NO PETS ANYTIME.
  - Coast Guard (Truro) – CLOSED North and South of town access. NO PETS ANYTIME.
  - Longnook – CLOSED North. Open South to Ballston.
  - Ballston – CLOSED South approximately ¼ mile from access. OPEN North.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended a video meeting with the Lower Cape Recreational League to discuss Fall activities.
- The Truro Community Center is closed but staff are still in the office. Staff can still be reached by phone (508) 487-1632, email [dclements@truro-ma.gov](mailto:dclements@truro-ma.gov), or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- Stop by and visit The Center for Coastal Studies informational tent at Head of the Meadow on Mondays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Center for Coastal Studies (CCS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to understanding, preserving and protecting marine ecosystems and the coastal environment through applied research, education and public policy initiatives.
- Director Clements is working with Food 4 Kids to provide meals at the Community Center during the summer. The curbside distribution is conducted Monday-Friday from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Truro Community Center until 8/28/20. Staff from the Recreation, COA, and Library Departments have assisted with the distribution.
- Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- Shark Warning - 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.
- All programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

### Library

- Approximately 60 people virtually attended a Bob Allison presentation on the underlying concerns of the Founding Fathers that influenced the creation of our Constitution on Sunday, August 16, 2020.
- Truro Library Book Group will be discussing *Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee*, by Casey CEP at their next virtual meeting on Wednesday, August 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. email Maggie Hanelt, [thanelt@clamsnet.org](mailto:thanelt@clamsnet.org) for the Zoom particulars.
- 2020 Summer Reading Program is coming to a close. This year the library received access to reading management software as a grant. Consensus is that the program still needs fine-tuning.

### Attachments

