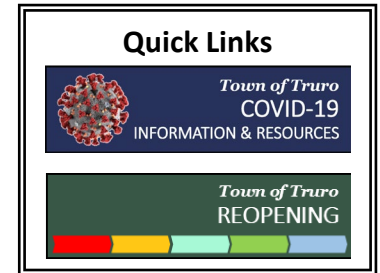


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## Announcements:

- 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](#).
- Truro now has zero active COVID cases and 15 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

- Last call for Walsh Property Community Planning Committee applications! The Walsh Property Community Planning Committee will guide the development of plans for the use of the 69.9 acre Walsh Property. Applications are due by the **end of day on August 31<sup>st</sup>**. For more information or to obtain the application form, [click here](#).
- Please make sure the beach severe bleed kits are available for when they are needed. Recent theft of the kits is concerning; these kits could help save a life.
- Join us (virtually) on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Remote Budget Hearing at 4 pm. Call in information is available [here](#).
- Voting in-person for the State Primaries is Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 7 am to 8 pm at the Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way. Masks are required. Please follow posted signs to maintain physical distancing.
- On Tuesday night, the Select Board voted to hold Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at noon at the Truro Central School Ballfield (rain date on Sunday, September 27, 2020). Please save the date. Town Meeting preparations are well underway as staff and the Town Moderator work to create a safe meeting.
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.

## Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 31, 2020 – Select Board Remote Executive Session @ 1:00pm.
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Truro School Committee Remote Meeting @ 5:15pm.
- Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm.
- Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:00am.
- Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Select Board and Finance Committee Remote Budget Hearing @ 4:00pm

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### **Department News:**

#### **Police Department**

- Truro Police Department was awarded a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding grant through the Massachusetts EOPPS Office of Grants and Research (OGR). This funding can be utilized for personal protection equipment for agency members.
- Reminder for iPhone users who utilize the Emergency SOS feature on their phone – the feature is easily triggered and has led to a number of accidental 911 calls Cape-wide. If you happen to inadvertently call 911, we ask that you stay on the line to explain what happened to the dispatcher since police must respond to confirm that there is no emergency. Thank you for your assistance.
- Truro is seeking applicants for the position of Part Time Telecommunicator. This is an on-call, as needed position. Applications can be obtained at the Truro Public Safety Facility or on our website: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/truro-police-department>

#### **Fire Department**

- The Department responded to 24 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 16 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 30 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Fire Department was dispatched for a report of a bicycle accident at Old County and Mill Pond roads. The cyclist was transported to a Boston area Trauma Center via Boston Med flight for further evaluation and treatment of his injuries. The cyclist was not wearing a helmet.
- The Truro Fire Department provided mutual aid to the Town of Eastham for a fire in a garage. Truro provided a mutual aid ambulance and a command vehicle. There were no injuries but there was extensive damage to the garage.
- The Department would like to remind parents that motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death in child under 14 and a majority of those injured were not properly restrained. Truro Fire can check your car seat to make sure it is properly installed and appropriate size for your child. Below is a link to see what seat is best for your child.  
<https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats#age-size-rec>

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

- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- The DPW continues with standard summer season business: mowing, beach cleanup, street sweeping, monitoring waterways, and maintaining the Transfer Station activity.
- DPW Director Cabral and Health Agent Beebe continue working with the School to assist with School reopening.
- DPW personnel are actively working within the school building to assist with everything from cleaning to installing plexiglass shields, and hand sanitizer dispensers. In addition, DPW crews have assisted with removing surplus items and demo items and relocating reusable goods to a storage area located onsite. Next week the DPW will begin brush removal to help create outdoor classrooms, as well as demo an existing garden area to add in another outdoor classroom.
- DPW Director Cabral participated in a site visit as part of planning for Town Meeting to be held at the Truro Central School.

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

- Good weather on the weekends this summer provided a very busy harbor for boating, while bigger tides also saw the flats active with people clamming, primarily off Corn Hill.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett checked the shellfish areas that were seeded earlier this summer for survival and growth.
- Harbor Master Jackett helped boaters with motor problems haul their boats out.
- Harbor Master Jackett responded to transient inquiries for September.

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### 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. The Beach Office will close for the season on Sunday, 9/6/2020. The last day for lifeguards at Head of the Meadow will be Sunday, 9/6/2020.
- 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 8/23/20. Please remember all animals are prohibited between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm, from the third Saturday in June through Labor Day.
  - Head of the Meadow – OPEN North of town access only.
  - Coast Guard (Truro) – CLOSED North and South of town access. NO PETS ANYTIME.
  - Longnook – OPEN
  - Ballston – OPEN
- 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.
- The Food 4 Kids program ended on Friday, 8/28/2020.
- 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.
  - 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.

### Council on Aging

- COA staff working from the office and remotely. Staff available M-F; 8-4 by phone and email.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE, Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing mobile outreach outdoor home visits.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation protocols in place.
- COA offering virtual programming through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page as well as Channel 18.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00 am.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online Psychoeducational Support Group via Zoom.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution now every other Friday through November. September 4, September 18, October 2, October 16, November 6. Drive up from 11-12:30 for food bag distribution. November 20 is the annual turkey distribution day 10-noon.
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, EOE to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population and develop reopening plans with respective towns.

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## Assessing

- **Fiscal Year 2021** began on July 1, 2020. The Assessor's office is now accepting applications for the FY21 Residential and Statutory Exemptions. As a reminder the Residential Exemptions DOES NOT have to be renewed annually. We review information and will contact you if clarification is necessary. We accept applications for the Residential Exemption however the program is subject to renewal by an annual vote of the Select Board at the Classification Hearing usually held in September. For Statutory Exemptions (Seniors meeting strict Income and Asset guidelines, Disabled Veterans, and the Blind), we must receive an application annually and supporting documentation must be presented with the application. The Deadline for FY 21 is April 1, 2021 for exemptions however we advise you return ALL applications early so we can get the exemptions on the October tax bill. Please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions at 508.349.7004 x 116 and we will be happy to assist.

## Library

- Curb-side service has been working well. Patrons seem pleased and many are really enjoying having staff browse the shelves for them. They have said that they enjoy the surprise of discovering the new titles in the bag when they get home.
- The official end of the Summer Reading Program is August 31<sup>st</sup>. Truro Library obtained a grant to license software for a virtual summer reading program. Like all things Covid there were fewer kids involved, but the engagement level of those kids was high.
- Outer-Cape Librarians will meet on September 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss possible re-opening scenarios.
- CLAMS Membership meetings will resume, after summer hiatus, on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Attachments

