

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

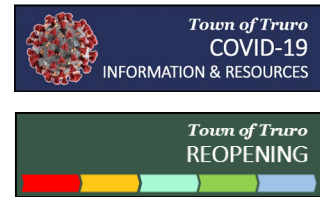
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Announcements:

- 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](#).
- Please remember to practice shark safety when visiting the beach.



Quick Links



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

- Truro now 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.
- Updated Guidance to Cape & Islands Seasonal Community (8/6/20) is posted [here](#).
- Thanks to those citizens who called in and emailed questions for the virtual Community Question & Answer Meeting with the three Town Manager Finalists on Tuesday. The Board will interview all three finalists on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Information to watch or call in is available on the agenda on the Town of Truro website.
- 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."
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.
- Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Brian Carlstrom has advised that the Seashore's Head of the Meadow parking area will be closed for the next two weeks 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.
- 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 or ntudor@truro-ma.gov or call 508-349-7004 x110 or x124 to make arrangements). More information is available [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 11, 2020-Council on Aging Remote Meeting @ 10:00am.
- Tuesday, August 11, 2020-Planning Board (Work Session) Remote Meeting @ 2:30pm.
- Tuesday, August 11, 2020-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, August 12, 2020-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting @ 3:00pm.

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Department News:

Department of Public Works

- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at Phase 4 of the Governor's Reopening Plan.
- To support the reopening of Truro Central School, the DPW has completed installing a plexiglass shield for the school offices and will be assisting with deep cleaning and sanitizing over the next few weeks. The DPW will continue to work closely with the school staff leading up to the new school year.
- The DPW will be sanitizing all buildings and the interior of vehicles, with a new fogger machine. The new machine researched and ordered by Fire Chief Collins. The DPW ordered three additional handheld foggers to be used daily by all custodians. The DPW custodial staff sanitizes and cleans facilities daily with an emphasis on high touch areas and individual offices. DPW staff will be installing toilet lids in all bathrooms, along with automatic flushers on urinals to limit incidents of Covid-19 transmission
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- The DPW continues with standard summer season business; mowing, beach cleanup, street sweeping, monitoring waterways, and monitoring the Transfer Station activity.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett prepared for the tropical storm by securing mooring lines in the mooring fields.
- Several boat owners took precautions and hauled their boats out of the harbor before the tropical storm.
- Decent low tides allowed people access to shellfish areas off the bay beaches.
- There were reports of good fishing, along with great weather.

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. Truro Resident & Non-Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#) . For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983.
- After reviewing guidance from the State of Massachusetts and the CDC, we have determined that we will not be able to safely operate the Summer Recreation Youth Program.
- 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.
- 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 , or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- Center for Coastal Studies has an 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. Staff from the Recreation, COA, and Library Departments are assisting 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.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution now every other Friday through August. July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, and August 21st from 11-12:30pm. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per week. COA staff is responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.

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 Exemption 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 FY21 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

- Library statistics are in for the month of July. We supplied over 2,300 books to patrons through our curbside pickup service. In July 2019, we supplied almost 7,000 books for our patrons which means that in this metric, we are at 30% of our usual business. As I have heard, this figure is about the same as many businesses.
- For Kids
 - Every Thursday morning is "Virtual Story Time with Maggie". It is shown on Facebook, through Zoom or on our website.
 - On August 12th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Jennifer Stratton demonstrates how to create story collages.
 - On August 19th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. mother and daughter, Maggie and Sophia Prickitt will guide a group on making shell necklaces. You must sign up for this ahead of time and pick up your supplies from the Library. You will have everything you need.
- For Adults
 - On August 16th at 5:00 p.m. Historian Bob Allison will present on "The Essential Debate on the Constitution". This event is co-sponsored with the Friends of the Truro Meeting House.
 - On August 21st at 10:30 a.m. the Truro Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting.

Attachments

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