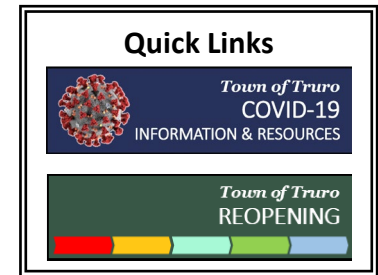


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Announcements:

- The Governor rolled back the re-opening of Massachusetts to Phase 3 step 1 effective Sunday, December 13th in response to the increasing positive case numbers, and rising hospitalizations. See the Health Agent's report for more.
- 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 or join the meeting using the phone number/ link included on the agenda.
- COVID-19 cases continue to creep up in the Commonwealth and in our region. Truro has two active COVIDs case and 18 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25, as well as Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.



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

- Budget Task Force Meetings begin on Monday at 1:30 pm with the Capital Improvement Plan, DPW budgets and Harbor/ Shellfish budgets. Login information for the meeting is available on the Town website.
- The Truro Emergency Management Team met (virtually) in advance of Wednesday's storm. Police and Fire staffed for storm coverage and the DPW did an excellent job keeping roads passable and safe.
- With the timing of the holidays over the next couple of weeks, this will be the last weekly report of 2020. I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, December 21, 2020-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:00am.
- Monday, December 21, 2020-Select Board Remote Special Meeting @ 1:15pm.
- Monday, December 21, 2020-Select Board and Finance Committee Budget Task Force Remote Meeting @ 1:30pm.
- Monday, December 21, 2020-Charter Review Committee Remote Meeting @ 4:00pm.
- Monday, December 21, 2020-Bike and Walkways Committee Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station is closed every Wednesday and Thursday November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- For the Christmas holiday the Transfer Station will be open on Wednesday December 23, 2020 and closed December 24th and 25th. For the New Year's holiday, the Transfer Station will be open January 1st, 2021, and closed December 30th and 31st.
- Eversource will be in the area for the next few weeks to remove trees and limbs that are a hazard to electrical lines. Eversource has reached out to all abutters including private property owners as well as NPS and the Town for permission to remove trees.
- The DPW FY22 preliminary budget and CIP plan are complete and will be reviewed on December 21st with the Budget Task Force.
- The DPW Director has requested a proposal for engineering services related to waterline and storm water infrastructure to be installed in the Pond Village area. Taskings will include an estimate for permitting, installation, and construction.
- The BSC Engineering Group is developing a proposal for a baseline survey including topography for the Walsh Property. The proposal will also include a structural survey for all buildings, sheds and structures

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located on the property.

Health Department

- It is crucial to continue to practice good safety protocols during the holiday season. Visit the Commonwealth's webpage on "Holidays During Covid" [here](#).

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Dredging was completed late Saturday and the dredge team broke down the dredge pipe and left Pamet on Monday.
- The post survey of the dredge area was done on Wednesday.
- Water samples were taken on Monday throughout Pamet Harbor.
- A good turn-out for shellfishing on Sunday.

Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, playgrounds and beaches and wear a face covering when in public. For more information concerning COVID-19 click [HERE](#)
- **Chillin' with Santa.** Sat., 12/19/20 at Truro Vineyards.
- **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.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) is closed and beaches are no longer protected by lifeguards. Currently beach stickers are not required to visit Town of Truro beaches or park in Town of Truro beach parking lots. ORV stickers are still required to access the bayside, off-road corridor. To order online click [HERE](#). For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983. Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- **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. Portable restrooms are no longer available.
- All other programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Suspended Activities

- Walking Group
- Indoor Walking
- Zumba Fitness
- Community Indoor Pickleball
- Adult Indoor Soccer
- Community Volleyball

Library

- For many years the Friends of the Truro Library have hosted a Holiday "Angel" Tree to raise funds for holiday gifts for local children. Because of COVID, patrons were asked to contribute cash, check, or gift cards instead of the usual hat, gloves, book, and toy. I am very proud to say that the Friends and the Library staff raised a total of \$4,730 for Homeless Prevention Council. Special thanks go to Courtney Francis and Peter Thrasher for their hard work and organizational skills.
- Truro Library Trustees will hold their monthly meeting virtually on Friday, December 19, 2020 at 11:30am.
- Truro Library will be closed on December 24 and December 25 for the Christmas holiday. The Library will be open on Saturday, December 26th for curbside pickup from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Attachments

