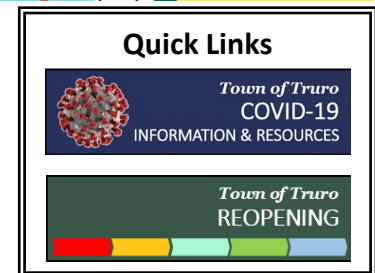


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Announcements:

- 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](#). Keep an eye out for "Wear a Mask, Do Your Part" signs on Town property (see photo).
- 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.



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

- The Health Department was made aware of three active cases of COVID-19 in Truro this week. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- Governor Baker announced an Order Instituting a Mandatory 14-Day Quarantine Requirement for Travelers Arriving in Massachusetts ([available here](#)) which will go into effect on August 1, 2020. More information is available on the Town of Truro COVID Information page.
- Stay tuned for more information on the Community Video Meeting with the three Town Manager Finalists. The meeting will be held on August 4th beginning at 5:30 PM.
- 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.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, July 27, 2020-Planning Board Remote Work Session @ 2:30pm
- Monday, July 27, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Tuesday, July 28, 2020-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm
- Thursday, July 30, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals-Cloverleaf 40B Remote Hearing @ 5:30pm

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station will remain open 7 days a week until November 1, 2020. The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at Massachusetts' Reopening Plan Phase 4.
- The Friends of the COA are working on a plan to collect plastic bottles and cans for redemption at the Transfer Station. The DPW has provided wooden containers and a shed for storage once they are ready to get started on collection. Prior to beginning collection, health and safety protocols associated with COVID-19 will be reviewed with the Friends group.
- DPW Director Cabral and Health and Conservation Agent Beebe met with School staff to review COVID-19 parameters. Both will continue to work closely with the school to assist with reopening and COVID-19 protocols.

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- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is August 1, 2020 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM at the Transfer Station. Please visit the DPW website for details.
- With help from the DPW and Assistant Town Manager Clark, the Pamet Harbor is able to complete credit card sales.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- All tidal and basin fees paid.
- Staff assisted in towing a boat onto trailer and pumped out excess water after losing its plug.
- Replenished shellfish gauges as many people are buying licenses. Reports have been good for clam digging.
- Staff has transitioned well to the credit card reader system now in place.
- With help from the DPW and Assistant Town Manager Clark, Harbor staff are able to complete hands free sales.

Health and Conservation

- The Board of Health held its regularly scheduled virtual meeting on 7-21-2020.
- Weekly bathing beach water sampling and analysis continues to show low bacterial counts and acceptable conditions for swimming at the public and semi-public bayside and oceanside beaches. This weekly sampling program does not extend to freshwater ponds in Truro as we do not “operate” these beaches as defined by the controlling CMR (105 CMR 445.000). Weekly water quality sampling for our public and semi-public beaches will be conducted until Labor Day.
- This week we met with the COVID-19 inspector assigned to us by the Barnstable County Health Department. The inspector commenced work on Friday, July 20th, and will visit public areas such as our beaches, the Harbor and the Transfer Station, and will observe/monitor compliance with physical distancing requirements and mask wearing. The goal is not enforcement as much as education and positive and productive interactions with the public. This week the inspector is broadly visiting different parts of Town and will locate problem areas. Following these reports, we will work with working with Wellfleet Health and our shared Public Health interns to address the issues identified.
- The Truro Central School Superintendent has included our Department in its re-opening committee. The committee met again this week and discussed the broad-brush schedule and tasks for preparing to open. Following the remote meeting, DPW Director Cabral and I met with the building Custodian and the Finance Director on-site to review COVID-19 mitigation strategies for common areas in the building such as the main entrance, hallways, bathrooms, meeting rooms and the administrative offices. We assessed these areas from the standpoint of physical distancing; placement of sanitizing stations and equipment adjustments. We will meet again next week and continue to support their process as they work toward re-opening.

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.
- Puma Park Playground is open. We remind the public to practice social distancing and wear a face mask in public.
- Director Clements attended a video meeting with the Shark Working Group to discuss real-time buoys for shark detection.
- 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

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- 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.
 - 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 are working from the office and remotely. Staff is available M-F; 8-4 by phone and email.
- 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 Staff developing virtual programming for older adults in the community.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE, Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA is coordinating with participants and instructors to offer programming online through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website and broadcast on local TV.
- COA staff continue to work with Good Neighbor-Truro volunteer group.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00AM.
- 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 August. July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, and August 21st from 11-12:30pm. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per week.
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director Briscoe conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, SHINE, and CCRTA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population and develop reopening plans with respective towns.

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 staff continues to meet regularly. Although these discussions have led us to fine-tune our

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"library concierge" service, the circulation staff designed an efficient and safe work routine.

- Truro Library Trustees met (on Zoom) on Friday, July 17. Newly elected Trustee Meg Royka was welcomed to the Board. Remaining on the Board for FY2021 are Martha Magane, Keith Althaus, Sally Brotman, and Mary Abt.
- 2020 Truro Town Report and the Truro Historical Walking Tour book are being given to library patrons.
- Now that we have been performing curbside service for a few weeks, we can say that while the number of patrons served is, of course, vastly less than previous years, the number of books checked out per library visit is much higher. People are coming less frequently but stocking up during each visit.

Attachments



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2020 Household Hazardous Waste Collections (by zone)

For more information, see your town's HHW brochure.

