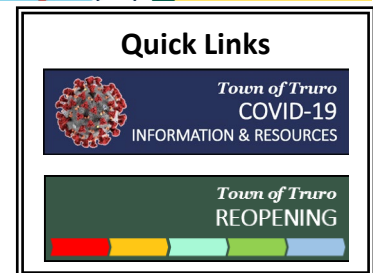


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## Announcements:

- 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 four active cases of COVID-19 in Truro in the last ten days. 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.
- Please join the Community Video Meeting with the three Town Manager Finalists. The meeting will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM. Look on the Town website for information on how to join the meeting. Questions may be sent in advance to [TMQuestions@truro-ma.gov](mailto:TMQuestions@truro-ma.gov).
- 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.
- Staff and I continue to work with the CCNS to deal with the issues created by the lack of CCNS staff at Head of the Meadow Beach. We have formally requested that the CCNS parking lot at Head of the Meadow Beach be closed if staff is not present. That decision cannot be made at the Superintendent level, so the request has been forwarded with support to the appropriate decision level within the National Park Service.

## Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 3, 2020-Conservation Commission Remote Meeting @ 2:00PM
- Tuesday, August 4, 2020-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30PM
- Tuesday, August 4, 2020-Truro School Committee Remote Meeting @ 5:15PM
- Tuesday, August 4, 2020-Select Board Attendance at Remote Community Q&A Session with Town Mgr. Finalists @ 5:30PM
- Wednesday, August 5, 2020-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 6:00PM

## Department News:

### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 22 calls for medical assistance, resulting in 18 transports to the hospital.

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In all we responded to a total of 32 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.

- The Fire Department was awarded two AFG (Assistance to Firefighter Grant), one to purchase COVID supplies and the second to replace the stretcher system in both ambulances. Total sum of both grants was \$146,000.
- We're keeping an eye on a potential storm event which could impact us mid-week. We shall release any storm related info as we receive it.

### Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station will remain open 7 days a week until November 1, 2020.
- All functions at the Transfer Station, except for the Swap Shop, are now available.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 reopening phase 4.
- 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 assistance from the DPW and Assistant Town Manager Clark the Pamet Harbor is up and running and able to complete hands free sales.
- DPW crews completed an emergency electrical conduit repair at Snows Field. Power and irrigation to the field has been restored.
- The DPW has installed a plexiglass shield in the COA van and resupplied the van with essential sanitizer and cleaning products.
- The DPW will be sanitizing all buildings and the interior of vehicles with our new fogger machine prior to returning them to service. Our new machine was supplied and researched by Chief Collins. The DPW has ordered three additional handheld foggers to be used daily by all custodians.

### Health and Conservation

- On 7/27 DPW Director Cabral and I met with the Truro Central School Superintendent and Head Custodian Drew Locke to continue our site-review and discuss how they can reorganize classrooms to facilitate physical distancing. We will continue these site visits through August and provide as much support as needed.
- On 7/27 our office participated in a remote meeting with Gabrielle Sakolsky from CC Mosquito Control project, and Provincetown officials to discuss a communication strategy for EEE/WNV. Last year mosquitos sampled from a Truro site were positive with WNV; this was detected on August 8; EEE positive mosquitos in Truro were detected in August and September. Wellfleet also had mosquitos that tested positive for EEE in September.
- The Commonwealth's updated travel order will be effective tomorrow, 8/1. Staff from our office and Administrative staff developed an email message for the rental business community about their obligation to inform their guests of the requirement that travelers coming into Massachusetts from high COVID-risk States must complete an electronic form regarding their visit and that they need to either quarantine or be tested within 72 hours of arrival.
- This week we met with Woods Hole Group regarding the permitting path for the East Harbor Phase 2 project, which is currently under review by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- 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.

### 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.

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- 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
- 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](mailto:dclements@truro-ma.gov), or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- The 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 Resident & Non-Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#). For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983.
- 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 is developing virtual programming for older adults in the community.
- COA Outreach Coordinator is providing all SHINE, Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation protocols in place.
- 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 10<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, and August 21<sup>st</sup> from 11-12:30pm. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per week.
- COA staff is responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director Briscoe is 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

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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

- Upcoming Truro Library Virtual Events:
  - On August 5, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Truro residents Sophia and Maggie Prickitt will demonstrate how to make friendship bracelets.
  - On August 6, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. there will be a virtual puppet show.
  - On August 12, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Jennifer Stratton demonstrates to all ages how to create story collages.
  - On August 16, 5:00 p.m., historian Bob Allison will present on "The Essential Debate on the Constitution". This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Truro Meeting House.
- Please note that the new publication "Historic Truro Landmarks and Legends: Self-Guided Tours" is available at no charge from the library.
- The latest Truro Town Report can be obtained at the library also.

