

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

November 13, 2020

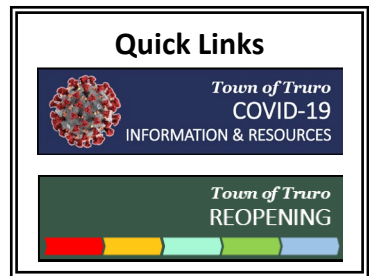
Announcements:

- Several Executive Orders were issued by the Governor last week. Importantly, effective Friday Nov 6, all residents of Massachusetts are advised to stay home during the hours of 10pm and 5 am. Travel during this time may include going to work or school or for essential needs such as seeking emergency medical care, etc. Moreover, face coverings are required in all public places, whether indoors or outdoors (medical exemptions apply) for all persons over the age of 5 and recommended for ages 2-5. Please refer to the Health and Conservation section of the November 6, 2020 Weekly Report for details.
- 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.
- Truro has two active COVID cases and 16 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.



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

- Assistant Town Manager Clark and I virtually attended the Cape Managers' Meeting. There was discussion around a County-level effort to advocate for expanded broadband service or even a regional cable service, as well as, an appeal to State Officials for increased testing capacity for Covid on the Cape and Islands.
- The staff continues to process a significant number of public records requests. These requests require a significant amount of staff time for collecting, compiling, distributing and tracking the requests.
- We received word that the Barnstable County Dredge will arrive in the coming days to dredge the inlet and approach channel, weather permitting.
- Please note: The Oyster Shellfish Beds at the Pamet Harbor will be closed until further notice for retesting. Notice will be given for an opening date both at the Pamet Harbor and on the Town website.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, November 16, 2020-Bike and Walkways Committee Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm.
- Tuesday, November 17, 2020-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 3:30pm.
- Tuesday, November 17, 2020-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting @ 3:30pm.
- Tuesday, November 17, 2020-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, November 18, 2020-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be 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.
- As we head into the winter season, all culverts and waterways will be evaluated for any obstructions and sediment buildup. As done last year we will clean and jet culverts as needed.
- Resurfacing of the apparatus bay at the Public Safety Facility will continue for next week.
- The Beach Office exterior has been pressure washed and treated with a wood preservative. The first-floor interior has been emptied out to prepare for floor maintenance.
- Annual maintenance on the solid waste hoppers has been completed with no significant additional repairs required.

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Health and Conservation

- Emails outlining the new masking requirements from Governor Baker's Emergency Order #55 ("*revised order requiring facial coverings in public places*") have been sent to all license/permit holders. We are also working on messaging this to the public using social media and targeting public locations with simple mask signage.
- Facial coverings are now required in all public spaces and establishments regardless of physical distancing.
 - ❖ This includes:
 - Public spaces indoors and outdoors;
 - public streets and ways;
 - beaches;
 - bike paths;
 - ❖ The order includes fining (up to \$300) for being un-masked in a public location.
- We have scheduled a second assuredness testing program for Monday 11-23-220 at the Truro Central School to test asymptomatic staff before the Holiday weekend. We will follow up with more testing in December. Our hope is to develop a surveillance testing program once a suitable product is available.
- The Truro and Wellfleet Elementary School flu clinics will be held on December 4 in Wellfleet from 2:30-4:30 in the Wellfleet Elementary School gymnasium, and in Truro on December 11 from 3:30- 5:30 at the Truro Community Center. Participants from each school can attend either clinic and the clinics are open to students and their siblings and family members to satisfy the Massachusetts vaccination requirements, which now include seasonal influenza vaccination before the end of 2020.

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](#)
- **Youth Soccer Instructional Program** is currently running. For more information click [HERE](#). To sign up call (508)487-1632 or email dclements@truro-ma.gov
- **Holiday Event.** Director Clements is researching a holiday event for December.
- The department is researching bringing back indoor recreational activities.
- Director Clements has been working on the FY22 budget for the department.
- Director Clements completed online Defensive Driving course and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle E-Course.
- Director Clements attended a webinar from MIIA, "Bringing out the Best in People: Positive Management."
- Director Clements attended an online meeting for the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association to organize the 2021 State Conference and Trade Show.
- **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.

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- **Shark Warning** – Great White Sharks are still active through early November. 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.

Library

- Some Outer Cape libraries are beginning to allow some limited access to the buildings. Truro Library is evaluating a possible limited re-opening after Thanksgiving.
- Full Steam Ahead Magnets Program for at-home learners will be held on Thursday, November 19th, at 3:00 p.m. Kits with all necessary supplies must be picked up at the library beforehand, so call the library to reserve your kit.
- Truro Library Trustees will hold their monthly meeting virtually on Friday, November 20th, at 11:30 a.m.

Attachments

