

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

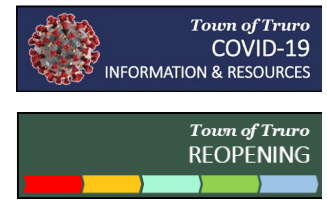
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Announcements:

- Several Executive Orders were issued by the Governor this week, and each is discussed in the Health and Conservation section. 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.
- 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. For more information on remote meetings, please [click here](#).
- Truro has two active COVID case and 16 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- We were deeply saddened by the passing of Kathleen Sullivan, retired Truro assessing clerk and mother of Assistant Town Manager Kelly Sullivan Clark. Kathy was wonderful member of the Town's staff who made everyone smile, but more importantly, she was deeply devoted to her family and friends. Kathy will be sorely missed, and we offer our deepest condolences to Kelly and the Sullivan family.



Quick Links



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

- Election day was Tuesday, November 3. There were 1767 votes cast in Truro, which represent 87% of our registered voters. There were 1178 early voters, 47 absentee ballots, and 542 in-person voters.
- 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 9, 2020-Climate Action Committee and Energy Committee Joint Remote Meeting @ 10:30am.
- Tuesday, November 10, 2020-Council on Aging Board Remote Meeting @ 10:00am.
- Tuesday, November 10, 2020-Select Board Work Session with Finance Committee @ 3:00pm.
- Tuesday, November 10, 2020-Select Board Executive Session and Regular Meeting @ 4:00pm.
- Thursday, November 12, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Cloverleaf 40B Remote Hearing @ 5:30pm.
- Friday, November 13, 2020-Board of Registrars Remote Meeting @ 5:15pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday from November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- As the fall approaches, the DPW will begin to inventory and service all snow removal assets and review Department call-in procedures.
- The annual third-party inspection has been completed for the Transfer Station and Landfill. No local Board of Health or DEP regulatory or operational discrepancies were noted.
- Due to exceptional recycling efforts at the Transfer Station, the DPW has received an \$8,400 dollar grant from DEP for recycling infrastructure.
- Fall brush cutting of all Town roads will begin next week, along with catch basin inventory and cleaning.

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As part of disaster preparedness, we will continue to take a more aggressive approach to brush cutting roadsides.

- 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 Safety Facility will continue for the next two weeks.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett has been hauling basin floats and storing them in the parking lot.
- Harbor Master Jackett cleaned tidal mooring floats and stored them for the season.
- Shellfish Constable repaired shellfish gear and spliced rope for mooring balls.
- Shellfish areas in Pamet remain closed until the State says we can open. We should be testing next week.

Health and Conservation

- Increasing case counts of Massachusetts residents diagnosed with COVID-19 prompted Governor Baker to release several new (revised) Orders, and for the Department of Public Health to issue a Stay at Home advisory to all residents, effective November 6, 2020.
 - Order #55 -revised order requiring facial coverings in public places applies to everyone in public spaces – indoors or out of doors (medical exemptions apply). This is extended to carpooling with non-household members. Employers may now require documentation from employees claiming they have a medical exemption, and schools may now require documentation from students claiming the exemption.
 - Revised Order #54 further regulating Gatherings in the Commonwealth now hinges with the DPH Stay at Home advisory and requires outdoor and indoor events and gatherings to disperse by 9:30 PM. Face coverings are required at all public gatherings. Gatherings of non-related individuals at private homes and gatherings at event venues have limited capacities, and all must adhere to the standards of masking and physical distancing; Enforcement and fining is clarified.
 - Order #53- requiring early closure for certain businesses and activities, limiting hours for alcohol and adult use cannabis sales and modifying Chapter 138 license renewal requirements (the early closure and alcohol order)- this order specifies a mandatory night-time closing period-9:30pm-5:00 am; businesses (other than retail) that are open to the public or admit customers or members must close during those hours. Restaurants may sell take-out without alcoholic beverages after that time, but no patrons may be seated or served. This order simplifies the alcohol license renewal requirements for establishments that are closed to the public – whether seasonally, or due to COVID-19.
- 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.; Gatherings in your home with anyone outside of the family is discouraged; using remote means of visiting and communicating is recommended.
- Our weekly calls with DPH/DLS and their partners have morphed into 2x weekly interagency webinars to present new data and requirements, interpretations, guidance documents etc. The Barnstable County Health Agent Coalition (HAC) continues to hold a weekly call to review the latest local issues and State Orders, as well as funding for COVID expenses.
- I am very pleased to be a part of a working group of Health Agents and County officials discussing testing strategies for Cape Cod. This has stemmed from the Cape not meeting the State criteria of being RED for a long enough time for a “stop the spread” clinic. But we all agree that we do have a need for proactive testing to test asymptomatic people, and address situations that may involve Town staff, first responders and essential workers. Our need is strongly anchored in the demographic of our very high number of “at risk” seniors, and in the transient nature of our tourist-based economy. We are making

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the argument to the State, but at the same time are searching for local, regional solutions. I will continue to report on our progress.

- The annual seasonal influenza vaccination clinic was held on 10/29. This clinic was slated to be a drive-thru but the rains of last week scuttled that plan, and we implemented a modified, traditional walk-through clinic. The event was well-attended, and the participants easily adjusted to the rainy-day change in plans.
- All school-aged children in Massachusetts are required to be vaccinated for Seasonal Influenza before the end of 2020. We have scheduled 2 clinics for families and teachers. They will be held on December 4 in Wellfleet from 2:30-4:30 in the elementary school gymnasium, and in Truro on December 11 from 3:30- 5:30 at the Community Center. Participants from each school can attend either clinic.
- Last week we kicked off the Pilgrim Pond watershed study with the Cape Cod Commission. Part of this work will be done using funds from the current health department budget for water sampling. We are also developing a budget to implement the pond and well water sampling for FY22.

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](#)
- Thank you to everyone that participated in the You Trick, We Treat: Reverse Halloween event.
- **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
- The department is researching bringing back indoor recreational activities.
- **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.
- **Shark Warning** – Great White Sharks are still active through October. 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 continue to work from the office and remotely. Someone is always available M-F; 8-4 by phone and/or email.
- COA hosting Drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays starting November 10 from 1-2.
- COA to host seasonal craft program. See newsletter for details or call the COA to sign up.
- COA 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.

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- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE, Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing mobile outreach outdoor home visit. Anyone wanting a visit should call to schedule.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation, and safety protocols in place.
- COA offering virtual programming through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page as well as Channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online Psychoeducational Support Group via Zoom.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution. Dates are as follows: **November 6, December 4, December 18, January 8, January 22 and then every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30 for pick up at community center.**
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, EOEA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Library

- The staff received a lovely gift (see photo) from a grateful patron who is putting her Covid-19 downtime to creative use.
- There are two kid-related activities every Thursday:
 - 10:30 a.m. is Virtual Storytime for ages 0-5 years.
 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Virtual Home Learning Sessions: Full Steam Ahead for ages 10 and up. Home learners must sign up for this ahead of time and have picked up an accompanying bag of supplies.
- Truro Library sixth Annual Mock Caldecott!
Assisted by 2015 Caldecott Committee member and local resident Barbara Klipper, we are pleased to present our sixth Outer Cape Mock Caldecott. Truro Library and Central School students have been very successful predictors of the official Caldecott Medal winner!
Here are six pre-selected titles from which to choose. Soon we will have multiple copies of the books available to check out along with this year's ballots. Be part of this year's "Committee" by voting and you can pick up a ballot at the Library. Stay tuned for more information about the process on our website. Have fun!
- These are the books under consideration
 - *All Because You Matter*, illustrated by Bryan Collier, written by Tami Charles
 - *Black is a Rainbow Color*, illustrated by Ekua Holmes, written by Angela Joy
 - *Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera*, illustrated by Eric Rohmann, written by Candace Fleming
 - *In a Jar*, illustrated and written by Deborah Marcero
 - *Lift*, illustrated by Dan Santat, written by Minh Le
 - *The Old Truck*, illustrated and written by Jarret and Jerome Pumphrey
 - *Outside In*, illustrated by Cindy Derby, written by Deborah Underwood
 - *We are Water Protectors*, illustrated by Michaela Goade, written by Carole Lindstrom

Assessing

- FY2021 tax bills were mailed Friday October 9th and are due this Monday November 9, 2020. If you have not received your tax bill, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office so we can assist.
- Real Estate and Personal Property Abatements are due by this Monday November 9th @ 4pm. If you have a question on your assessment, please contact the Assessor's office or see the information on our website.

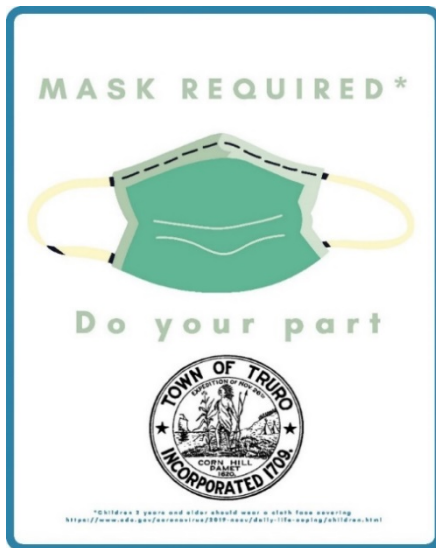
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- The Deadline for Exemptions for FY21 is April 1, 2021. This includes all Residential (Truro is your Primary Domicile) and Statutory Exemptions (Seniors meeting strict Income and Asset guidelines, Disabled Veterans, and the Blind).
- Please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions at 508.349-7004 x 116 and we will be happy to assist.

Attachments

1. October Building Department Report



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