

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

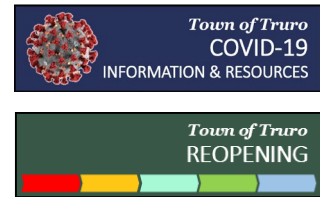
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Announcements:

- 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](#).
- 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 one active COVID case and 16 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.



Quick Links



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

- Staff met this week to evaluate the current online sales systems. Further review of these systems and options for providing contactless transactions will continue over the coming weeks.
- Assistant Town Manager Clark and I attended the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association's Budgeting in the Unknown virtual meeting. Known and potential budget impacts due to the pandemic were discussed.
- Early voting begins tomorrow (Saturday 10/17) at Town Hall. Please [click here](#) for a complete list of days and times for early voting. To request a ballot by mail, simply [apply](#). Don't forget that in addition to mailing early voting and absentee ballots, you can also drop them in our new [Official Ballot Drop Box](#) at Town Hall. Questions may be directed to 508-349-7004 x126.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Monday, October 19, 2020– Bike and Walkways Committee Remote Meeting @ 6pm
 - Tuesday, October 20, 2020-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm
 - Wednesday, October 21, 2020-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm
 - Thursday, October 22, 2020-Human Services Committee Remote Meeting @ 11:00am
 - Thursday, October 22, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Cloverleaf 40B Remote Hearing @ 5:30pm

Department News:

DPW

- The Town has received the original post closure certification documents from DEP and the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds. The Town can move onto future endeavors and explore solar energy options for the Transfer Station.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- Trash and recyclable containers will be removed from the beach locations over the next couple of weeks. The Department will leave behind a container for dog waste at the commonly used dog walking locations: Cold Storage, Great Hollow, Ballston and Corn Hill beaches.
- As the fall approaches, the DPW will begin to inventory and service all snow removal assets and review Department call-in procedures.
- DPW Director Cabral and Health Agent Beebe continue working with Truro Central School to assist with school reopening.
- We have scheduled the bell technician to adjust, and test, the bells along with the DPW at the end of October.

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Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett finished putting out the oyster remote set.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett took water and shellfish samples and will repeat sampling next week.
- Harbor Master Jackett started pulling moorings as boats are steadily pulling out for the season.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett is working on shellfish gear for quahog seed to be deployed next week.

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. For more information concerning COVID-19 click [HERE](#)
- **Youth Soccer Instructional Program** will start in October. For more information or to sign up click [HERE](#).
- **You Trick, We Treat: A Reverse Halloween Experience.** As a collaboration between Provincetown and Truro, community members can participate in a reverse trick or treating event "You Trick, We Treat" on October 29, 2020. Due to the current pandemic, Provincetown's and Wellfleet's 'Trunk or Treats' have been cancelled and replaced with this safe, yet fun alternative. Community members that live in either of the two towns will be required to sign up online and on October 29th will have a treat bag delivered to their household by the Fire and Police Department. Deliveries of treat bags will be contactless, so please provide a treat bucket or an area clearly marked where you would like us to leave the treats. Although we are requiring drop off to be contactless, we encourage all to get dressed up in their costumes and wave to the first responders upon drop off from a safe distance!

For more information or to sign up, please visit: www.trurorec.com

As a reminder people will be asked to follow the guidelines and recommendations of Governor Baker and the CDC, one of them being maintaining a safe social distance of six feet from others not in your household.

- **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.

COVID – 19 Beach Safety Rules:

- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Practice social distancing. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between you and others.
- Practice beach distancing. Maintain at least 12 feet of distance from your nearest neighbor in any direction.
- Masks are required when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained for ages 2 and up. Masks are not required to be worn while swimming or sunbathing.
- **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.

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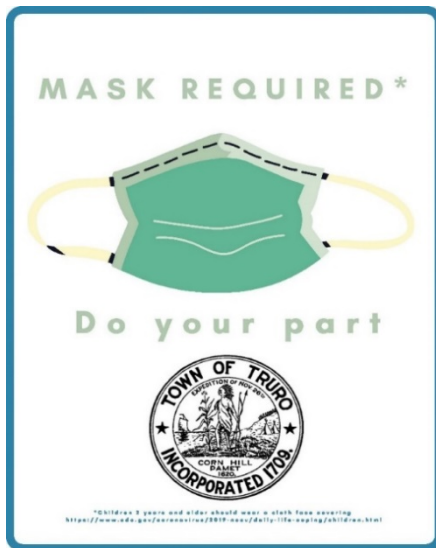
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- Avoid areas with signs of baitfish or fish feeding activity – watch for diving seabirds.
- Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.
- Except as indicated, programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Library

- Library Director Ford met with Health Agent Beebe on Wednesday, October 14th to go over the library's plans to resume partial indoor service.
- The Library is distributing craft bags for kids to participate in virtual crafting lessons. Among the choices are a Sensory and Engineering kit and a kit for Little Engineers, Builders, and Inventors.
- Truro Library Book Group will meet virtually on 10/28 to discuss *Bend in the Stars* by Rachel Barenbaum.
- Halloween, like everything else, will be different this year, but the library staff is determined to celebrate. We will be contributing books and crayons to the 3-town "Reverse Halloween" put on by the Truro Rec. Department and also distributing our own gift bags filled with Halloween activities, crafts and snacks to children on October 31.

Attachments



Oyster Remote Set