

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

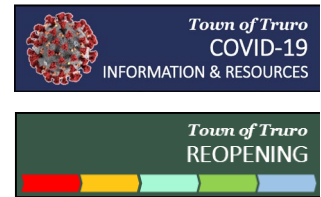
October 30, 2020

Announcements:

- Masks continue to be 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

- Department Heads and I met to discuss the FY22 Budget process. I also met with Town Accountant Brazil, DPW Director Cabral and Assistant Town Manager Clark for a preliminary discussion of FY22 capital needs.
- 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.
- In-person early voting at Town Hall ended today. 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. In-person Election Day voting will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Truro Community Center.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, November 2, 2020-Conservation Commission Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, November 3, 2020-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 3:30pm.
- Wednesday, November 4, 2020-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Thursday, November 5, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Cloverleaf 40B Remote Hearing @ 5:30pm

Department News:

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Due to required retesting of shellfish and water samples, Pamet Harbor will remain closed until the State approves opening the shellfish beds to the public. The bay beaches remain open.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett removed shellfish nets and gear that were up the river for summer propagation.
- Harbor Master Jackett replaced mooring lines by splicing rope to mooring balls.

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
- **Pumpkin Carving Contest. CANCELLED**
- The department is researching bringing back indoor recreational activities.

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- **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.
- Except as indicated, 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 Goody Bag Halloween Giveaway on Friday, October 30, 2020.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, and all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- 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 @ 10:00am.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online Psychoeducational Support Group via Zoom.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution every other Friday through November. November 6 drive up from 11-12:30pm for food bag distribution. November 20 is the annual turkey distribution day from 10-noon.
- 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

- Our Halloween children's activities of monster-making, tricks, and treats are all full. Halloween will be unusual this year, but still fun for the little ones.
- For our next Footnotes newsletter, library staff included a few reading recommendations. Check them out if you are looking for a new reading ideas.
- The large Truro-themed quilt created for the opening of the library 20 years ago has been taken to a specialist in textile repair. It is still in good shape and a little work on the fabric will help it remain so for

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many years in the future.

- Thanks to Lori Meads at Seamen's Bank for the donation of their beautiful large bags to use for curb-side pickup. The strength and size of the Seamen's bags are especially useful for kids books and our heavy-duty readers.

Assessing

- FY2021 tax bills were mailed Friday, October 9th and are due November 10, 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 November 9th @ 4pm. If you have a question on your assessment, please contact the Assessor's Office or see the information on our website.
- 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 x116 and we will be happy to assist.

Attachments

