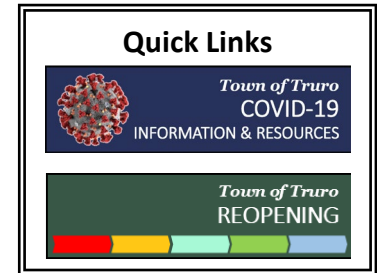


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Announcements:

- 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 now has zero active COVID cases and 16 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- It's not too late to respond to the US Census. To respond online: [click here](#) or to respond by phone, call 844-330-2020. If you 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."
- Join us tomorrow (Saturday, September 26, 2020) for Annual Town Meeting at the Truro Central School Ballfield. Check-in begins at 11 am and the meeting starts at noon. Wear your mask! Check out the Warrant, an informational guide, and a video about what to expect at Town Meeting at www.truro-ma.gov/2020townmeeting.



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

- This is my last report as Truro Town Manager. I have enjoyed my time as your Town Manager, and I wish everyone the very best. I hope to see you at Town Meeting tomorrow.
- I met with Senator Cyr, Representative Peake and my colleagues from the Outer Cape Towns to discuss the funding mechanism for the Cape and Islands Water Trust Fund. We are working on making the process to access the funds more equitable for smaller Towns without sewers.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Wednesday, September 30, 2020-Planning Board Remote Work Session @ 2:30pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- This week the DPW began breaking down the beaches by bringing in the shade structures, lifeguard stands and Mobi Mats. The Department will continue removing trash and recyclables through the end of September.
- The DPW continues with standard summer season business: mowing, beach cleanup, street sweeping, monitoring waterways, and maintaining the Transfer Station activity.
- DPW Director Cabral and Health Agent Beebe continue working with the Truro Central School to assist with school reopening.
- DPW personnel assisted the school this week by installing shade sail posts and hardware in support of developing the outdoor classroom areas. An additional plexiglass shield was custom built and installed in the nurse's office by building maintenance personnel to promote social distancing for staff and students. Next week, the Department will assist with spreading woodchips on the playground and adding additional posts for shade sails to be installed.

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- The Town Hall bell tower was cleaned, tuned and tested and the lovers were reinstalled thanks to DPW building maintenance personnel Mike Locke, Alex Reis, Kyle Halvorsen, and our Chime Master Technician. The bells are back on and ring on the hour from 11:00am – 7:00 pm.
- Preparations for Town Meeting set-up continued this week for all DPW personnel and included a final walkthrough with DPW Director Cabral, Town Manager Palmer, and Town Moderator Kraft and other town staff.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett has started putting out relay oyster stock into shellfish areas throughout Pamet Harbor which usually takes a few weeks. Water samples and quahog samples will go to the State to be tested at the State lab in preparation of opening the shellfish areas sometime after November 1st.
- Annual Shellfish licenses will go on sale October 12th. We sold 85 one-week licenses from June through September and averaged 25 people per week, mostly on weekends and more when we had big tides. Many people caught their limit, with the bulk of people shellfishing off Corn Hill Beach.

Health and Conservation

- The 2020 Truro Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 10 am to noon. It will be a drive thru clinic at the Truro Community Center for Truro residents, part-time residents and Town of Truro staff. Please note that every person in the vehicle must be masked and pets are not permitted. Pre-registration is mandatory. Register at <https://clinics.barnstablecountyhealth.org/> or call 508-413-9507 if you need assistance with registration.

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**
- We are currently researching a youth soccer instructional program for October. Visit our web site for more information. www.truro-ma.gov/recreation-beach-department
- **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.
- **Beach Pet Closures**
 - Coast Guard Beach (Truro) - CLOSED North and South of town access. NO PETS ANYTIME.
- 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.
- Shark Warning – Practice shark safety.
 - Don't swim where seals are present.

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- 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.

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 Exemptions DOES NOT have to be renewed annually. We review information and will contact you if clarification is necessary.
- 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.
- Chapter 61A applications (Parcels totaling >5.0 acres- to be classified as farmland-meeting the requirements for established by the Department of Revenue) for Fiscal Year 2022 are due in the Assessor's office on or prior to October 1, 2020.
- 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

- Truro Library Book Group will meet virtually on September 30 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss *The Unwinding – An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer.
- Story time on September 24th had a special guest, Ranger Laura.
- COMCAT, our inter-library loan system has resumed.
- Anyone hiking around the Small Swamp Trail at Pilgrim Heights will be able to peruse a book as they take the trail. Laminated book pages from *Hiking Day* by Anne Rockwell, illustrated by Lizzie Rockwell, have been placed along the trail for easy reading. Thanks to Maggie Hanelt and Ranger Laura for the idea and the execution.
- As part of Climate Preparedness Week, the library is partnering with Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW) to help our libraries and our communities better prepare for extreme weather. Library patrons will be able to access three virtual programs by going to www.climatecrew.org/prep_week.

The three programs are:

- "The Economics of Climate Change" by Madhavi Venkatesan, on Saturday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.
- "How Repair Events Can Transform Our Throwaway Culture", on Wednesday, September 29, 6:30 p.m.
- "The Linked Fight for Racial Justice and Climate Justice", on Thursday, September 30, 6:30 p.m.

Attachments

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