

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 20, 2021

Announcements:

- **Town Offices Add More In-Person Service Hours**

Town Hall is now open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm. Town Hall will remain closed to the public on Mondays, but will continue to provide virtual, remote and online services.

The Public Library offers browsing and other library services for the public from 12 pm to 6 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 am to 4 pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Contactless pickup continues to be available.

The Community Center is open for in-person programming and appointments to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm but are available by phone and email on Mondays.

Masks are required in all public buildings until further notice.

Masks are no longer required outdoors on Town property.

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

- *Truro's Emergency Management Team is monitoring Hurricane Henri. Police and Fire/ Rescue have increased storm coverage staffing and DPW is prepared to assist public safety as needed. High sustained winds are expected and the community should anticipate and prepare for widespread power outages. More information is available on the [Town of Truro website](#) and information will be updated as needed.*
- *The Truro Board of Health amended their Mask Order to require masking in all businesses and places of assembly regardless of vaccination status and provided clarifying information for specific industries. You can read the press releases related to these amendments [here](#) and [here](#). To view the Order, [click here](#). The Board of Health also provided guidance on meetings of Town Boards/ Committees/ Commission during their August 6th meeting. The Board of Health does not recommend indoor meetings at this time. Outdoor meetings are recommended in spaces that are accessible for individuals with disabilities, where the meeting is recorded, and where the board members and the public can maintain adequate space between each other. Continued use of remote meetings is encouraged.*
- *Truro's current case count reflects 3 positive antigen or PCR test results from tests administered by a healthcare provider. This count is representative only of people who have been tested and only those who have reported that they are residing at an address in Truro. We know that a portion of these cases are linked to the "Provincetown cluster" or are linked to contacts of the cluster. The case counts in the recent weeks are indicative of the viral load in our community. Please be safe and utilize personal protective measures as appropriate, even if you are vaccinated. If you are experiencing symptoms, even if you are vaccinated, please get tested. Outer Cape Health Services offers testing and vaccination appointments at their locations. <https://www.outercape.org/services/covid-information/> Please note, if you test positive for COVID-19 you will need to isolate for 10 days even if you are vaccinated.*
- *The **2020 Truro Annual Town Report** is available on the [Town Website](#).*
- *The Walsh Property Community Planning Committee is looking for a high school Committee member. For more information on applying please complete the [Application to Serve](#).*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 23, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals at 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021-Truro Cultural Council at 12:00pm
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021-Select Board Joint Executive Session with Truro Board of Health at 4:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021-Select Board at 5:00pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station is open seven days a week, May 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021.

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- **Reminder** Residents can check their Transfer Station license plate status on the Town website by viewing News & Announcements under the DPW/Transfer Station website and clicking Transfer Station Access – License Plate lookup. Just enter your plate number and view your expiration date.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Several people were shell fishing off Corn Hill Beach during the week.
- Harbor Master Jackett assisted a disabled boat onto its trailer.
- A faulty power cord attached to winch has been replaced.
- It was busy over the weekend with reports of good fishing off the back side.

Recreation and Beach

- **Hurricane Henri** – We anticipate that beaches will be closed to swimming on Sunday, August 22, and Monday, August 23. Dangerous rip tides are expected. Lifeguards will not be on duty. Ballston Beach parking lot may be closed due to overwash and barriers are staged at Long Nook Beach in case the dune becomes unstable during the storm. Beach Fires will not be permitted Saturday 8/21, Sunday 8/22 and likely Monday 8/23.
- **COA, and Recreation**, 7 Standish Way: Beginning July 2, 2021, COA/Rec offer in-person programing and appointments to the public, Tuesday-Friday, 8-4. Virtual programing is available on Mondays-please contact COA/Rec respectively to schedule. COA/Rec staff continue to be available by phone and/or email on Mondays.
- **Online Sticker Sales** – To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **Be Shark Smart** – Atlantic White Shark Conservancy continues their Be Shark Smart program at Head of the Meadow Beach to educate the public about the presence of sharks in the waters around Cape Cod. The program runs at Head of the Meadow on Fridays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm until Labor Day.
- **Beach Fires** – Beach Fire Permits are available online. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Youth Soccer** – The Department is preparing to open registration for the youth soccer season.
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – The program ended on Friday, August 20th. Activities this week included Sports Day, Science Day, and an Ice Cream Party.
- **Pet Closures** – Truro Beach Rules and Regulations state: All Animals Are Prohibited Between the Hours of 9:00 am And 6:00 pm, from the third Saturday in June through Labor Day. In addition, beach restrictions for pets may be increased due to the presence of shorebirds. The QR code provides a detailed description of Truro Beach Pet Closures. If you have any questions as to whether pets are allowed, feel free to call (508)487-6983. Click [HERE](#) for an up- to- date listing.
- **ORV** – The purchase of an O.R.V. Beach Sticker grants access to the O.R.V. Corridor on beaches owned by the Town of Truro ONLY. The Town of Truro can neither grant nor prohibit access to beach areas owned privately. Entry onto private land may subject O.R.V. drivers to a claim of trespass by the property owner(s).
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags**: Thanks to the efforts of Ellery Althaus this program concept has become a reality. Two Beach Clean-Up Bag stations have been installed by the DPW: one at Head of the Meadow Beach and one at Corn Hill Beach. As more stations are built, they will be installed. The goal is to have a station for every Town of Truro beach.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) The office is open 7 days / week from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Beach stickers are required starting Sat., June 19th, 2021 – Labor Day. 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.
- **Programs** – Director Clements is working to bring back programs like these and new ones to the Community Center.



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- **Zumba Fitness** – The following classes have started back up:
 - **Zumba Fitness with Julie:** Tues., Thur., Sat. 9:00 am -10:00 am. Truro Community Center
 - **Zumba Dance Fitness with Naya:** Weds., 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Truro Community Center.
 - **Zumba Strong Nation with Naya:** - Weds., starting, 7/21/21, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm. Truro Community Center.
 - **Iyengar Yoga with Karin Stephan:** Classes to begin in August. More details to follow.
 - **Indoor Pickleball:** We are searching for volunteers to be Program Supervisors for our indoor Pickleball program. For more info. or to volunteer, contact Damion Clements at dclements@truro-ma.gov or call (508)487-1632.

Suspended Activities

- Walking Group
- Indoor Walking
- Community Indoor Pickleball
- Adult Indoor Soccer
- Community Volleyball

Library

- The Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting on Friday, August 20, 3:30 p.m. on the back deck of the library (weather permitting).
- A new STORYWALK will be set up at the CCNS Bike Trail during the month of September.
- Outdoor story times are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. behind the Library. After the program, the library will be an “open” site for **Food 4 Kids**. Lunch will be delivered and served to any child. For families that cannot attend story time, the meals are available to be taken home.
- CapeAbilities members help in our Children's Community Garden twice a week.
- The Friends of the Truro Library Board will re-convene on September 8, 9:30 a.m. New members are very welcome to attend.

Council on Aging

- COA open to the public Tuesday-Friday 8-4. Virtual programing available on Mondays. Staff available by phone and/or email on Mondays 8-4. **Masks are required in all town buildings.** If you need one, just ask. We will gladly provide one for you.
- COA launches new drive through, take-out lunch program on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month beginning August 13. Registration is required.
- COA community lunch on 8/13 was a huge success. The scallop rolls were a big crowd pleaser.
- COA and Rec. departments collaborating on an Ice Cream Social for all ages. Stay tuned for more details.
- COA Outreach offering home visit program. Call the Outreach Department to schedule.
- COA offering indoor and outdoor games on Tuesdays, 1-3. All ages are welcome.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides now on Tuesdays and Thursdays with continued safety protocols in place. Masks are required for driver and all passengers.
- COA offering virtual programing through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page as well as Channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe facilitating virtual Psychoeducational Support Group.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBT group. If interested call the COA to register at 508-487-2462.
- Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry will resume regular operations September 8, 2021. Contact LCOC for more information.
- COA Director conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human

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Services, Elder Services, EOEA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population through virtual programing and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Assessing

- The Assessor's Office is accepting applications for the Residential and Statutory Exemptions for the Fiscal Year 2022. Applications are due April 1, 2022.
- If you are already receiving the Residential Exemption, there is no need to reapply. The Assessor's Office will notify you if requirements are not met.
- All Statutory Exemptions (Seniors-meeting strict income & asset guidelines, Disabled Veterans, Blind, etc.) must reapply annually, and applications have already been mailed out to last year's Statutory Exemption recipients.
- **NEW** is the EXPANDED Rental Residential Exemption. It was passed at Town Meeting 2019, signed into law by the MA legislature in Feb 2021 and takes effect for FY2022. This assists in creating more year-round rental housing for residents of Truro and incentivizes owners to do so. It permits owners to receive an exemption off their tax bill provided that they rent their home to a tenant on an annual basis and the tenant establishes the property as their primary domicile as of the January 1st prior to the Fiscal Year. There must be a Year-Round Lease signed by both parties in effect annually. The expansion is based upon the Residential Exemption. If the Select Board elects to implement the Residential Exemption, the Expanded will be enacted and at the same rate. Each parcel may only qualify for either the Residential or the Expanded Residential Exemption and not both. Please contact the Assessor's Office for more information.
- All Exemption Applications received by August 31, 2021 will receive reductions on the October Tax Bill.