

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 27, 2021

Announcements:

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

Town Hall is 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:

- *We are thrilled to report that Truro's current case count reflects 0 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. The Board of Health's recent revision to their Mask Order (press releases related to these amendments are [here](#) and [here](#), and to view the Order, [click here](#)) and the excellent work of the Truro Health Department in monitoring cases, educating the public, working with local businesses and providing recommendations to the Board of Health, surely helped in containing the increased viral load in our community. Most importantly, the work that our community members and local businesses are doing to utilize personal protective measures, get tested, and follow public health protocols, is arguably the most impactful way that Truro has curtailed the recent spike in cases in our community. Our community is working very hard to keep each other safe and for that, we should all be proud.*
- *Several Select Board members and Town staff members attended the Cape Cod Commission's virtual OneCape summit. Topics addressed at the summit focused on the critical challenges of water quality, climate change and housing.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 30, 2021-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee at 10:00am.
- Wednesday, September 1, 2021-Planning Board Work Session at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, September 2, 2021-Select Board Work Session at 10:00am.
- Thursday, September 2, 2021-Climate Action Committee at 10:30am.
- Saturday, September 4, 2021-Historical Commission Site Visit-72 Depot Road at 11:00am.

Department News:

DPW

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

- Harbor Master Jackett prepared the Harbor for the tropical storm by doubling mooring lines and tying down garbage containers, bathrooms, etc.
- Placed and assisted disabled boats onto trailers.
- There was a lot of activity with boats hauling out with the threat of the storm.
- Several people were clamming, primarily off of Corn Hill Beach.

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- On August 31st from 2:00-3:00pm Jennifer Stratton will demonstrate how to make temporary henna tattoos. For ages 10 and up.
- A new STORYWALK will be set up at the CCNS Bike Trail during the month of September.
- The Friends of the Truro Library Board will re-convene on September 8th at 9:30 a.m. New members are very welcome to attend.
- The book choice for the September book group is *Akin* by Emma Donoghue.

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 the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month beginning August 13. Registration is required.
- 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.
- COAST (COA serving together) group sharing virtual programming across all cape towns, September/October – see upcoming newsletter for details.
- 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 – call the COA if interested in joining.
- 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.

Assessing

- At the Tax Classification Hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 on Tuesday August 24, 2021, the Select Board voted to continue the Residential Exemption for Fiscal Year 2022 and increased the exemption amount from 20% to 25% of the Average Residential Value of a parcel in Truro.
With this vote, the NEW EXPANDED RENTAL RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION will go into effect for FY2022 as well. This assists in creating more year-round rental housing for residents of Truro and incentives owners to do so. This permits owners to receive an exemption off their tax bill provided they rent their home to a tenant on an annual basis and the tenant establishes the property as their primary domicile as of the Jan 1 prior to the Fiscal Year. There must be a Year-Round Lease signed by both parties in effect annually. 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.
- 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.
- All Exemption Applications are due by April 1, 2022, however those received by August 31, 2021 will receive reductions on the October tax bill.