

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 15, 2021

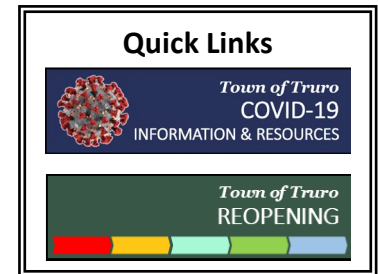
Announcements:

- Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- The Governor extended his rollback of the capacity limits in most industries and gathering limits to **at least January 24, 2021** in response to the increasing positive case numbers, and rising hospitalizations.
- 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 or join the meeting using the phone number/ link included on the agenda.
- COVID-19 cases continue to creep up in the Commonwealth and in our region. Truro has seven active COVID cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.



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

- I urge all community members to continue to practice physical distancing and mask wearing. It is so important that as individuals we combat "mask fatigue" and pandemic burn-out and that we adhere to safety protocols. Massachusetts is seeing its highest infection rates since the start of the pandemic, and now, more than ever, it is important to mask up, avoid gatherings, practice good hand hygiene and keep at least six feet of distance from others.
- Meetings with staff members, officials and community members continued this week. Additionally, Assistant Town Manager Clark and I attended the Cape Managers Meeting where discussions covered the impact of COVID on local receipts, vaccine rollouts, and spring town meeting plans.
- Budget Task Force Meetings continue Tuesday, January 19th at 10 am with the Building/ Inspections, Health/ Conservation, Recreation & Beach and Council on Aging budgets. Login information for the meeting is available on the Town website.
- Members of the police and fire departments received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as part of the Commonwealth's vaccine roll out. Staff will continue to monitor the vaccine eligibility phases and timeline.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, January 19, 2021-Select Board with Finance Committee/Budget Task Force Remote meeting @ 10:00am.
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021-Board of Health Remote meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, January 20, 2021-Planning Board Remote meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Thursday, January 21, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote meeting @ 10:00am.
- Thursday, January 21, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote meeting @ 5:30pm.
- Friday, January 22, 2021-Commission on Disabilities Remote meeting @ 3:30pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday from November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed on January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 Reopening Phase 4.
- DPW Director Cabral met with consultants from Weston & Sampson to discuss options for solar to be installed at the Transfer Station. Since the Town has completed its post closure process with DEP we can once again revisit the possibility of installing solar panels at this location.
- Through DPW Director Cabral, the Bike & Walkway Committee has requested an Administrative Review

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with the Conservation Commission to install bike repair stations at Head of the Meadow Beach and Veterans Park. Once purchased by way of a grant with the Cape Cod Commission, and approved by the Conservation Commission, the repair stations will be assembled and installed by the DPW.

- Single stream recycling continues to rise. This time last year we had a total of 206.47 ton through December 31st. So far this year, we are ahead of last fiscal year with a total of 336.66 ton through December 31st.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- There was a strong turnout for shell fishing over the weekend.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett moved shellfish stock and cultch to other areas in Pamet.
- Harbor Master Jackett started scraping and cleaning debris from the town docks.

Recreation and Beach

- **COVID-19** - 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](#)
- **Bike Stations.** Director Clements attended meeting of Truro Bike & Walkways Committee to discuss the installation of bike repair stations.
- **Easter** – Department is in the initial planning phase for a community Easter event.
- **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.
- All other programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Suspended Activities

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

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.
- COAST (COA Serving Together) group sharing virtual programming across all Cape towns. Information can be found by calling the COA or by visiting the Town website, the COA "stay connected" page, Facebook or the current newsletter.
- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays starting November 10 from 1-2pm.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry starting Thursday, December 10th from 10-11am.
- COA hosting virtual seasonal craft programs. Please contact COA for information and registration.

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- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, 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 staff calling residents to offer friendly support to help reduce social isolation.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA staff participating in no-cost virtual training opportunities through MCOA.
- 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.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBT group via Zoom. If interested call the COA to register; 508-487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution. Next date is January 22nd and then every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30pm for pick up at Community Center.
- 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, and 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

- Maggie Hanelt has moved her Thursday morning weekly story time event outside, weather permitting.
- On Friday, January 15, 11:30 a.m., Truro Library Trustees will hold their virtual monthly meeting.
- Voting in our mock-Caldecott competition will end on January 16th. Our winner will be announced on January 19th and the "real" Caldecott winning book will be announced on January 25th. Check out the library website to take a look at the six contending picture books:
<https://trurolibrary.org/youth/kids/outer-cape-mock-caldecotts/the-outer-cape-mock-caldecott-2021/>
- The Truro Library Book Club will be meeting virtually on January 27th at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the book ***Olive, Again*** by Elizabeth Strout. The book is a sequel to Strout's 2008 award-winning book ***Olive Kitteridge***.

Attachments



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