

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 16, 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:

- On Tuesday, July 13, 2021, the Truro Select Board voted to dissolve the Truro Water Resources Oversight Committee (WROC), recognizing that WROC had achieved its purpose and that the function of the committee had already been absorbed by the Board of Health. [More here.](#)
- 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, July 19<sup>th</sup>-Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Site Visit-8:00am
- Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>-Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Meeting-6:30pm
- Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>-Planning Board Site Visit-2:30pm
- Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>-Board of Health Meeting-4:30pm
- Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>-Planning Board Meeting-5:00pm
- Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>-Climate Action Committee Meeting-10:30am
- Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>-Housing Authority Meeting-4:15pm
- Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>-Community Preservation Committee Meeting-12:00pm
- Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>-Charter Review Committee Meeting-4:00pm

### Department News:

#### Police:

- Truro Police Department welcomed its newest officer, Christopher Dickey. Officer Dickey graduated from the Cape Cod Police Academy in May 2021 and he is a longtime Cape Cod resident. He is currently assigned to the department's field training program, where he is working alongside another officer. We wish Officer Dickey well in his new career with the Truro Police Department.

#### DPW

- **Reminder** Residents can check their Transfer Station license plate status on our 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

- Coast Guard Auxiliary took coordinates of our channel buoys, as they do annually.
- Heavy rain caused excess water in the dinghies and some of the boats moored that needed pumping and bailing.
- Assistant Harbormaster Dan Traub attended a permitting software meeting and our staff at the Harbor is beginning the process of modifying our applications with the help of Town Hall staff and DPW Director Cabral.

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### Recreation and Beach

- **COA, and Recreation**, 7 Standish Way: Beginning July 2, 2021, COA/Rec will offer in-person programming and appointments to the public, Tuesday-Friday, 8-4. Virtual programming will be available on Mondays- please contact COA/Rec respectively to schedule. COA/Rec staff will 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 starts Be Shark Smart program at Head of the Meadow Beach on July 2 to educate the public about the presence of sharks in the waters around Cape Cod. Program will run at Head of the Meadow on Fridays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm until Labor Day.
- **Food 4 Kids** – Director Clements continues search for a Site Supervisor to expand the Food 4 Kid program in Truro.
- **Beach Fires** – Beach Fire Permits are available online. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Currently only working Truro residents are eligible for the program. For more information click [HERE](#). The program will run from July 6 – August 20.
- **Pet Closures** – Updated 7/11/21. QR Codes have been added to Pet Closure signs. This QR Code will direct individuals to the department web page with details pertaining to 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. Below is a detailed description of Truro Beach Pet Closures. If you have any questions as to whether or not pets are allowed, feel free to call (508)487-6983. Click [HERE](#) for an update to date listing.

- **SOLaware** – Director Clements continues to seek sponsors for UV Display Stations. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **ORV** – Director Clements purchases new signs for the ORV corridor, informing users that 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). Due to nesting shorebirds both access points at Corn Hill and Beach Point are closed.
- **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 stations for all Town of Truro beaches.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal job application deadline was extended until they are filled. Click [HERE](#) to view postings. The Town posted a vaccination bonus for seasonal employees, click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) The office will be open 7 days / week from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Beach stickers will be required starting Sat., June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open and new picnic tables have been installed.
- **Programs** – Director Clements is working to bring back programs like these and new ones to the Community Center.
  - **Zumba Fitness** – The following classes have started back up:
    - **Zumba Fitness with Julie**: Tues., Thur., Sat. 9:00 am -10:00 am at the Truro Community Center

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- **Zumba Dance Fitness with Naya:** Weds., starting, 7/21/21, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.
- **Zumba Strong Nation with Naya:** - Weds., starting, 7/21/21, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm.
- **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](mailto:dclements@truro-ma.gov) or call (508)487-1632.

### Suspended Activities

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

### Library

- Vinny the Bubble Guy is coming to the library on Sat., July 24 at 2:00 p.m.
- There is a new StoryWalk for the book *SEEDS MOVE!* by Robin Page going up in the large field near the Truro Post Office. The goal of StoryWalk is to build an interest in reading for children while encouraging healthy outdoor activity for the entire family. The dates for this StoryWalk are July 14 through Aug. 4.
- The library is creating a new mini-collection of materials for caregivers. It is a combination of picture books, large print books, and conversation and activity ideas targeting to adults with cognitive difficulties.
- The Farmers' Market "branch" of the Truro Library will open at the June 21 market and will continue at every market.
- Every Tuesday in July and August, the library, along with SustainableCAPE, will host opportunities for kids to learn how we grow delicious fruits and vegetables with Farmer Sarah.
- 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.

### 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 welcomes back our Strength Training class Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 am in the Activity Room.
- COA Outreach offering home visit program. Call the Outreach Department to schedule.
- COA Director collaborating with Recreation Director to offer intergenerational programs.
- COA offering indoor and outdoor games on Tuesdays, 1-3. All ages are welcome.
- COAST (COA serving together) group sharing virtual programing across all Cape towns-taking the summer off but will be back in the Fall.
- COA staff calling residents to survey them for input regarding programing at COA.
- **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 continuing Dialogue with the Director in person on Friday at 10 and Live on Facebook, Wednesdays at 10.
- Director Briscoe facilitating virtual Psychoeducational Support Group.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBT group. If interested call the COA to register; 508-487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution **every other Friday**

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**until further notice. Times remain 11-12:30 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, 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.