

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 23, 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:

- *Staff met virtually with a coordinator from Pan Massachusetts Challenge to discuss this year's ride. The event is scheduled to be held August 7th and 8th and riders will come through Truro on August 8th. This year approximately 1,500 riders are expected; less than the usual 4,500 riders that come through town. Staff highlighted challenges of past rides and requested resources to help address these challenges. We ask that Truro residents and visitors prepare for traffic delays and event activity on August 8th, especially on Castle Road and Route 6.*
- *Truro's current case count reflects 20 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 climbing case counts in the recent days are indicative of the climbing 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:

- Tuesday, July 27-Select Board at 5:00pm

Department News:

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

- Shellfish Constable Jackett worked the afternoon tides checking for shellfish licenses as people with one-week licenses continue to have success off Corn Hill Beach.
- Checked the flats in Pamet Harbor for growth and survival and added green crab traps for predator control.
- A number of transients have booked moorings and a place on the small boat line.

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- Charter boats and local fishermen report good fishing throughout July despite many days of dense fog and rainy weather.

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 continues the 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. 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. The program currently operates through the Truro Summer Rec Youth Program and the Truro Public Library.
- **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** – Due to the presence of nesting shorebirds, the National Park Service, the MA Audubon, and the Truro Conservation Department have prohibited pets (dogs) at various Truro beaches. To view the closures, click [HERE](#).



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. If you have any questions as to whether or not pets are allowed, feel free to call (508)487-6983.

- **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 is open 7 days / week from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Beach stickers are required starting Sat., June 19, 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 or call (508)487-1632.

Suspended Activities

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

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 9am in the Activity Room.
- Director Briscoe is developing a new community lunch program that is tentatively starting in August. More information to follow.
- 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, which shares virtual programing across all Cape towns is 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 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 Friday 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.