

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 25, 2021

Announcements:

- **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**
Governor Baker lifted all COVID-19 restrictions at the end of May and the State of Emergency will end June 15. All industries are permitted to be open, capacity limits are lifted, and the gathering limit is rescinded. Face-coverings will no longer be required by the Commonwealth in most settings. For a link to the Governor's press release, [click here](#).
The Select Board, the Board of Health and Town staff continue to update policy and procedural recommendations for re-openings, masking, and open meetings in Truro. The Town of Truro is committed to managing this transition deliberately, thoughtfully, and carefully and will spend the coming weeks analyzing data, reviewing guidance, and considering the specific needs of Truro. Policies, orders, or procedures that are updated are/will be included on the Town of Truro website.
On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, the Truro Board of Health amended Rule and Order Requiring the Use of Masks and Other Protective Measures:
[Click here to view the Board of Health's Rule & Order Requiring the Use of Masks and Other Protective Measures \(revised May 25, 2021\)](#)
On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, the Truro Select Board revised Policy 64: Masks and Social Distancing for the Town of Truro:
[Truro Select Board's Policy Memorandum #64 Masks and Social Distancing for the Town of Truro](#)

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

- Please join us for the outdoor Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10 am (check in at 9 am and rain date on June 27, 2021). You can view the Official Town Meeting Warrant at: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/2021townmeeting>
- Hiring of seasonal staff has proved to be very difficult this season. Currently, the Recreation Department Summer Youth Program has only enough staff to offer the program to residents. Applicants are desperately needed for the Summer Youth Program, the Lifeguard program, and the Beach EMT program. Information and applications for these positions and other open positions in the Town of Truro is available [here](#). **A sign-on and stay-on bonus of up to \$500.00 is offered for vaccinated individuals applying for a seasonal position with the Town of Truro. Please contact jobs@truro-ma.gov for more information.**
- [Rental Registration Applications](#) are available for compliance with the Renting or Leasing Buildings Bylaw (GNL BYLAW, Ch II, §1-1) if you are renting your house, condominium, cottage, or any portion thereof for 120 days or less. Please remember that compliance with this bylaw is REQUIRED. Beach permit sales are limited to Truro property owners, residents, and their authorized renters (as registered with the Town of Truro) and guests.
- 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:

- Saturday, June 26, 2021-Annual Town Meeting at 10:00am.
- Monday, June 28, 2021-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday, June 29, 2021-Annual Town Election from 7:00am-8:00pm.

Department News:

DPW

- **Reminder** Residents can check their Transfer Station access status by entering their license plate at <https://truro.townhall247.com/PlateChecker/> . If your access is expired or will be expiring soon, you can renew your permit online [here](#).

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Recreation and Beach

- **Online Sticker Sales** – To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **Bike & Walkways** – Director Clements attends video meeting for Bike & Walkways Committee.
- **Food 4 Kids** – Director Clements begins search for a Site Supervisor in order to expand the Food 4 Kid program.
- **TCS Parade** – Director Clements assisted parents to organize a vehicle parade to celebrate the Truro Central School's 5th graders.
- **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](#). Registrations opened Wed., 6/23/21 and will close on 6/27/21.
- **Pet Closures** – Updated 6/22/21. 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.

- Head of the Meadow Beach: NO PETS ALLOWED - Beach closed to pets traveling north and south of beach access path.
- Coast Guard Beach, Truro: NO PETS ALLOWED - Beach closed to pets traveling north and south of beach access path.
- Longnook Beach: Beach Closed to pets traveling approximately 1/8 mile north (left) of beach access path. Beach Closed to pets traveling approximately 1/4 mile south (right) of beach access path.
- Ballston Beach: Beach Closed to pets approximately 1 mile south (right) of the beach access path. Beach Closed to pets traveling north (left) approximately 1/2 mile of beach access path.
- Bound Brook (Ryder Beach): Beach Closed to pets travelling to the south (left) of beach access path. Beach Closed to pets travelling to the north (right) approximately 1/2 mile of beach access path.
- Fisher Beach: Beach Closed to pets approximately 1/2 mile north (right) of beach access path.
- Beach Point: NO PETS ALLOWED
- **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).
- **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 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.

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- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) opened on Sat., June 12, 2021. The office will be open 7 days / week from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Beach stickers will be required starting Sat., June 19th, 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

Suspended Activities

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

Library

- Summer Reading Season begins on Saturday, June 26 with a “Make & Take a Slingshot” crafting kit available to take home. Kids may pick up their reading logs and lists.
- There will be two sessions of a presentation on Wampanoag history and culture by Tim Turner, Plimoth Patuxet’s Indigenous Museum Educator on Wednesday, June 30. The first session is 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and the second session is 11:00 a.m. to noon. Please sign up ahead of time since space is limited.
- Also on Wednesday, June 30, the Truro Library Book Group will meet to discuss the Paul Brodeau’s book *The Scouts Accounts: In the Shadow of the Mayflower*.
- 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.
- On-going events/programs:
 - The Farmers’ Market “branch” of the Truro Library will open at the June 21 market and will continue at every market.
 - 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 staff developing a re-opening plan and welcome back activities. Watch July/August newsletter for details.
- Director Briscoe met with VNA to collaborate on future programs at the COA-details can be found in upcoming newsletter.
- COA Outreach will be starting in person home visit program in July.
- Senior Municipal Tax Program FY22 will begin in July. Applications still available on the Town website or call COA for assistance.
- COAST (COA Serving Together) group sharing virtual programming across all Cape towns. Information can be found on the Town website, COA “Stay Connected” page, as well as on Facebook and in current newsletter. Or call for more information.
- COA transportation available for essential medical rides on Mondays and Thursdays with transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA offering virtual programing through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page as well as

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- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ new time of 11:00.
- 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 **every other 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 programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Assessing

- FY22 PRELIMINARY VALUES are currently available for review until next Wednesday June 30, 2021.
- The Truro Board of Assessors is currently undergoing the Recertification Process with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for our Fiscal Year 2022 values. This Recertification process occurs by statute every five years. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 56 requires us to assess at full and fair cash value as of January 1, 2021, based on sales in calendar years 2019 & 2020. The Revaluation resulted in typical value increases of approximately 4% to 8%.
- These FY22 Preliminary assessments will be available on the website www.truro-ma.gov . The review period is Wednesday, June 23, 2021, through Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Revisions to parcel data may be made during the public disclosure period. After that time, values will be set and submitted to the Department of Revenue for final certification and these values will be on the October 2021 tax bills.
- Taxpayers may contact the Assessors Office with questions or additional information regarding their proposed values by phone (508)349-7004 x 117 Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by email at jnahas@truro-ma.gov .