

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

May 21, 2021

Announcements:

- SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

Governor Baker held a press conference on Monday to announce that all remaining COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted effective May 29th and that the State of Emergency will end June 15. All industries will be permitted open May 29th, capacity limits will be lifted and the gathering limit will be rescinded.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](#).

With this announcement, the Select Board, the Board of Health and Town staff will be preparing policy and procedural recommendations for reopenings, masking, and open meetings in Truro over the coming weeks. Additional guidance from the Commonwealth is anticipated and will help to inform these policies and procedures. 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 will be included on the Town of Truro website, but are not expected prior to June 1, 2021. We thank you for your patience as the Select Board, the Board of Health and Town staff work collaboratively to enter safely into this exciting new phase and we remind you that until such time as policies, orders, and procedures are updated, the following are still in effect:

Truro Select Board's Policy Memorandum #64 Masks and Social Distancing for the Town of Truro

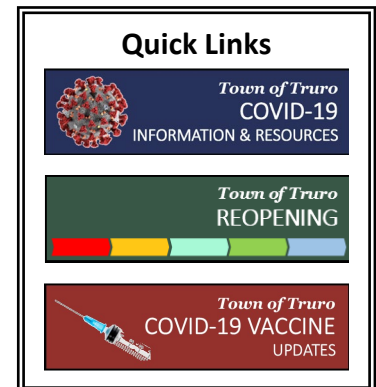
Truro Board of Health's Rule and Order Requiring the Use of Masks and Other Protective Measures

- COVID-19 cases continue to be identified in our area. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice physical distancing.



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

- 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](#).
- The Town is also recruiting for a Finance Director (Treasurer/Collector). This posting will remain open until May 28, 2021 at 4 pm. Information on this posting and other open positions in the Town of Truro are available [here](#).
- I have spent a significant portion of the week working with staff to determine the local impacts and determine the best path forward in light of the Governor's announcement regarding the end of the State of Emergency and the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.
- Pre-Town Meeting will be held virtually on the evening of June 3, 2021 and will include the FY2022 Budget Hearing, a Charter Review Committee Public Hearing, Candidates Night, and a review of warrant articles. More details to come.
- 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.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, May 24, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Public Hearing @ 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, May 25, 2021-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.

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- Wednesday, May 26, 2021-Planning Board Remote Work Session @ 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021-Beach Commission Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, May 26, 2021-Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Remote Meeting @ 6:30pm.
- Thursday, May 27, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:30am.

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](#). Beginning May 7th folks will begin receiving automatic email reminders to renew their annual Transfer Station permits accompanied by a link to the purchasing website.
- The Transfer Station will be open seven days a week, May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.
- The re-opening of the Swap Shop is currently under review with the Health Agent and DPW Director.
- As part of the watermain extension project, the clearing and grubbing of the Cloverleaf site began Thursday to support the installation of the watermain.
- Standard spring cleanup of roadways continued this week with street sweeping, catch basin cleaning and line painting.
- Truro Central School siding project bid opening has been extended to May 27th.
- In support of the preliminary engineering for the Mill Pond culvert replacement project, a survey of the area has been completed and our tide gauge was installed.
- Additional trash and recycling containers have been deployed to all beach locations this week. The large lifeguard stand and access mats have been installed at Head of the Meadow Beach.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett walked the flats to check the shellfish areas that have been seeded.
- Most of the floats that go into the basin are now in.
- We are starting to see more fishing activity—a good sign that the annual local fish have moved into the area.
- Harbor Master Jackett attended Zoom meeting with the Cape and Islands Harbor Master Association discussing group 2 and the police reform bill.

Recreation and Beach

- **Online Sticker Sales** – Director Clements and Chelsea Micks, Office Assistant have been processing online sticker sales. To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **Youth Softball** – Director Clements supervised and facilitated a youth softball game on 5/18/21.
- **Shark Working Group** – Director Clements attends a beach managers meeting to discuss sharks and the 2021 summer season.
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Pre-registration opened for the Summer Rec Youth Program on Friday, 5/21/21. This pre-registration will be used as a registration screening tool to ensure working Truro residents have childcare for the summer. At this time only Truro residents are eligible for the program. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Shorebirds** – Director Clements attends meeting with National Park Service to discuss issues pertaining to shorebirds on Truro beaches.
- **SOLaware** – Director Clements is seeking sponsors for UV Display Stations. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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- **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**— Work continues to bring this program to life.
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements continues correspondence with past staff in preparation for the 2021 season.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal job application deadline was extended to 5/28/21. Click [HERE](#) to view posting.
- **eNewsletter** – Director Clements creates landing page through Constant Contact for the public to sign up to receive department updates. To sign up, click [HERE](#).
- **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 unstaffed 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. For more information about beach fires, contact the Truro Fire Department (508)487-7548
- **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 and a portable restroom are present.
- 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

Library

- This week a Truro Library book was returned to us in the mail from someone who had checked the book out in 1965. I believe that is a record for this library.
- Tyke/PreK Creative Movement will be held on Monday, May 24, 11:00 a.m – 11:45 a.m. Join Daniela Schwartzman and a small group of children and families for songs, movement, and body awareness exercises that promote coordination, flexibility, and emotional balance. This class was developed for parents and their children, ages 2 to 5 years old.
- On Tues., May 25, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., join us on Zoom for an uplifting look at the history of the brassiere in America by mother and daughter, Ehris Urban and Velya Jancz-Urban, called “Booby Trapped: The Bra in America”. Zoom link to the program:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82916313754?pwd=Umh2U3R1SDZld1ovdGNBbE1LR1FHZz09>
- May 27, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., we offer Capoeira Classes with André Lima. This event is outdoors. Capoeira (pronounced Kah-poo-EH-ra) is an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines dance and martial art. It's a fantastic opportunity for both kids and adults.
- On Sunday, May 30, 2021 Library Directors Deb DeJonker-Berry from Eastham and Tricia Ford from Truro will talk about “Library Life during the COVID-19 Pandemic” at the weekly program at Eastham’s Chapel in the Pines Sunday program for **May 30, 2021**. Deb and Tricia will talk about “Adapting and Innovating: What's on the Horizon for Our Public Libraries?”. Meeting platform will open at 9:30 for

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informal socializing. Program will begin promptly at 10:00.

To pre-register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcuigpz0uHNxCZhJL3ykGz-tSJcUMu0A](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAkcuigpz0uHNxCZhJL3ykGz-tSJcUMu0A)

- Meetings: May 12 – CLAMS-wide Library Directors
 May 14 – Outer Cape Library Directors
 May 14 – Library staff
 May 21, 11:30 a.m. – Library Board of Trustees

Council on Aging

- COA Director working with EOEA, MCOA, COAST to develop re-opening plans.
- 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. Call for more information.
- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry on Thursdays from 10-11.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides on Mondays and Thursdays with transportation and safety protocols in place.
- 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 at new time of 11:00am.
- 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 **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.

Attachments

None