

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

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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 All industries will be permitted open May 29th, capacity limits will be lifted, and the gathering limit will be rescinded.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 re-openings, 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 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 \(revised May 25, 2021\)](#)
As a reminder, the Select Board's Policy on Masks and Social Distancing is still active:
Truro Select Board's Policy Memorandum #64 Masks and Social Distancing for the Town of Truro
- 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:

- I am pleased to announce the appointment of Kaci Fullerton to Truro's Town Clerk position. Ms. Fullerton is completing her dissertation for her Master of International Public Policy degree through the University of London, previously graduated with a Master of Education from Strayer University, and has extensive leadership, personnel and records management experience. Her education, skills and experience will be a great addition to our Town of Truro team.
- Truro is recruiting for a Finance Director (Treasurer/Collector). **This posting was recently updated and will remain open until June 15, 2021 at 4 pm.** Information on this posting and other open positions in the Town of Truro are available [here](#).
- 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 is offered for vaccinated individuals applying for a seasonal position with the Town of Truro. Please contact jobs@truro-ma.gov for more information.**
- The incremental reopening of in-person service hours was announced for various Town offices and facilities. [Please click here to view the full press release outlining hours that these offices and facilities are open to the public.](#) We look forward to seeing your (masked) faces!
- 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.

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Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, June 1, 2021-Truro Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021-Climate Action Committee remote joint meeting with Climate Action Committees from Wellfleet and Eastham @ 4:00pm.
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021-Planning Board remote work session at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, June 3, 2021-Climate Action Remote Meeting @ 10:30am.
- Thursday, June 3, 2021-Remote Pre-Town Meeting/Candidates Night/Finance Committee Public Hearing at 5:30pm
- Thursday, June 3, 2021-Charter Review Committee remote public hearing @ 5:30pm.
- Thursday, June 3, 2021-Finance Committee remote public hearing @ 5:30pm.
- Thursday, June 3, 2021-Select Board with Finance Committee and Charter Review Committee remote public hearing @ 5:30pm.

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 continued this week. In addition, the watermain connection to Fire House Road continued south up Route 6 to the north portion of the Cloverleaf.
- Truro Central School siding project bid opening has been completed and all bids are currently under review.
- Director Cabral has been in contact with DOT officials to request a stop sign be installed at the intersection of Stotts Crossing and Shore Road.
- A team meeting was held this week to review the Truro Center Road Culvert preliminary design draft report. Representatives from the USDA/NRCS, DER, NPS The Woods Hole Group, Cape Cod Conservation District and Director Cabral provided comment to develop the final draft report.
- A team site visit was conducted at Eagle Neck Creek to review construction sequencing and potential staging areas. Representatives from the USDA/NRCS, DER, NPS, The Woods Hole Group, Cape Cod Conservation District, and Director Cabral were in attendance.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett moved boat in the tidal mooring field that Nauset Marine launched at low tide to the correct moorings at high tide.
- Applications are being processed in software system.
- Several people were shell fishing during the weekend off of Corn Hill, harvesting quahogs and surf clams.
- Harbor Master Jackett is taking a Coast Guard approved boating course.

Recreation and Beach

- The Recreation Department will be open to the public during the hours of 8:00am-12:00pm on Mondays and on Fridays from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Virtual programming will be offered throughout the month of June. In addition to 6 feet of physical distancing, all public must be masked upon entering any Town Building and at the entrances/exits of Town beaches. The Town will continue to assess the public health

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environment and make recommendations for changes to public access to Town facilities prior to July 1st.

- **Online Sticker Sales** – Director Clements and Chelsea Micks, Office Assistant, have been processing online sticker sales. To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **Beach Commission** – Director Clements attends meeting of the Truro Beach Commission.
- **Youth Softball** – Season is still going, and the combined 4th, 5th, and 6th grade team of Truro and Wellfleet is doing well under the coaching of Kirsten Anderson and Jason Kew.
- **Beach Fires** –For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Pre-registration opened for the Summer Rec Youth Program on Friday, 5/21/21, with a closing date of 5/28/21. This pre-registration will be used as a registration screening tool to ensure working Truro residents have childcare for the summer. Currently only Truro residents are eligible for the program. For more information click [HERE](#). After reviewing the Pre-Registrations, online registration will open for the Summer Rec Youth Program.
- **Select Board Meeting** – Director Clements attends meeting of the Truro Select Board to update them on the seasonal hiring process and the effect on programming.
- **Beach Managers Meeting** – Director Clements attends meeting for Beach Managers to discuss the upcoming season.
- **SOLaware** – Director Clements is seeking 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**: Work continues to bring this program to life. Ellery Althaus has secured funding and created sponsor signs. Director Cabral continues the construction of storage containers.
- **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. The office will open to the public on Sat., June 12th, 2021, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Currently beach stickers are not required to visit Town of Truro beaches or park in Town of Truro beach parking lots. Beach stickers will be required starting 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. Truro beach fire permits are currently managed by the Truro Fire Department (508)487-7548.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open and new picnic tables have been installed.
- 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

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Library

- The library will offer both curbside service **AND** in-person service beginning June 1st. Here is the schedule:
- Monday-10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tuesday-2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wednesday-10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thursday- 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday-10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday-10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ****PLEASE NOTE:** Schedule may change, depending on staffing; masks must be worn; social distancing will be observed; Mr. Frog must not be teased.

Council on Aging

- COA will offer on-site outreach appointments Mondays, 8-12 and Fridays 12-4 beginning on June 4.
- 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 hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2.
- COA hosting Coffee and a Pastry Thursday June 17 and 24 from 10-11 outside on the patio. Call to register.
- COA staff calling residents to survey them for input regarding programing at COA.
- COA transportation available for essential medical rides on Mondays and Thursdays with transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA staff participating in no cost virtual training opportunities through MCOA.
- COA offering virtual programing 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 @ 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 at 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 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.

Attachments

None