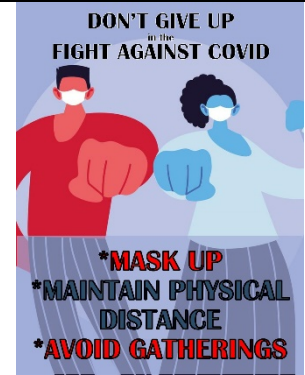


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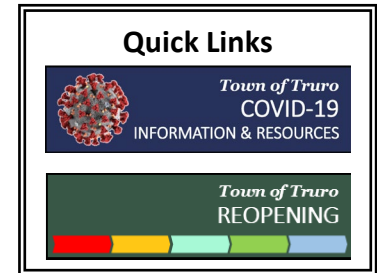
Announcements:

- Citizens can view virtual meetings on Channel 18 in Truro and on the web on the "Truro TV Channel 18" button under "Helpful Links" on the homepage of the Town of Truro website. Click on the green "Watch" button in the upper right of the page or join the meeting using the phone number/link included on the agenda.
- COVID-19 cases continue to creep up in the Commonwealth and in our region. Truro has six active COVID cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.
- Don't give up! Wear your mask! As a reminder, the Town of Truro and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have masking requirements for the public. If you are in a public space--indoors or outdoors, and even if you can stay six feet from others--you must be masked. A printable flyer is available [here](#).
- **Town Offices and the Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, February 15th in observance of Presidents Day.**



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

- Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine and clinics changes rapidly. We have added a COVID-19 Vaccine Updates page ([click here](#)) to the Town of Truro website. The page is updated as new information is available.
- Staff combed through the budgets and alternative funding options all week to try to finalize and find savings in the proposed FY22 budget. On Tuesday, February 16th at 10am, the Budget Task Force will meet to review the overall budget and recap and to items requiring further discussion. Login information for the meeting is available on the Town website.
- The first meeting of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2021 at 6 pm.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, February 15, 2021-Charter Review Remote Meeting @ 4:00pm.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021-Select Board Remote Joint Meeting with Finance Committee @ 10:00am.
- Tuesday, February 16, 2021-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, February 17, 2021-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Thursday, February 18, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:30am.
- Thursday, February 18, 2021-Taxation Aid Committee Remote Executive Session @ 1:00pm.
- Friday, February 19, 2021-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting @ 3:30pm.
- Friday, February 19, 2021-Community Preservation Committee Remote Meeting @ 4:15pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday from November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed on February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents Day.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 Reopening Phase 4.
- The Town Hall bell louvers have been removed and testing continued this week to ensure compliance with DEP regulatory guidance.
- Sanding and snow removal took up the better part of the week for the Department, followed by the clearing of waterways.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- There was a good turnout of about 30 people harvesting shellfish despite snow and slick conditions on

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Superbowl Sunday.

- Shellfish Constable Jackett moved shellfish and cultch to other areas in Pamet.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett walked the beach and picked up debris along the way.
- One of our Aquaculture grant holders has opted out of his license, opening up a spot in the ADA.

Health and Conservation

- The Outer Cape Regional Vaccination Clinic in Eastham opens tomorrow, with thanks due to our planning partners from Barnstable County Health, Phil Burt and Andy Platt. The clinic in Eastham is at Little Creek in Eastham, (off Doane Road), and 300 doses have been allotted.
- Next week, a clinic will be open in Orleans. 800 doses of vaccine will be available. Registration under the State website commenced on Friday 2/12.
- The clinic in Truro at the Pilgrim Springs area off Route 6 will open in the next 2-3 weeks. Registration for future Outer Cape clinics for step 2 group 1 will be taken by hand so the public need not endure using the Prepmo software. It is quite possible that future Outer Cape Clinics will be "private", for the residents of Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet and Eastham. Meanwhile, Outer Cape Health is working with the Town to develop a plan to vaccinate our fragile and homebound residents; they also can vaccinate the balance of our seniors 75 and older at any of their clinics.

Please stay Safe!

Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, playgrounds, and beaches and wear a face covering when in public. For more information concerning COVID-19 click [HERE](#)
- **Directors Meeting** – Director Clements and Director Briscoe.
- **Walk With Ease** – Director Clements completes online training for the [Walk With Ease](#) program offered by the Arthritis Foundation.
- **1st Aid/CPR/AED** – Director Clements completes online training.
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags** – Director Clements works with Ellery Althaus, owner of Salty Market and DPW Director Cabral.
- **Shark Smart Beaches** – Director Clements has a phone conversation with Atlantic White Shark Conservancy to discuss setting up Shark Smart Beaches, an educational initiative, in Truro for the summer of 2021.
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements corresponds with past staff to return in 2021.
- **Food 4 Kids** – Director Clements volunteers to pack food for distribution.
- **eNewsletter** – Director Clements creates landing page through Constant Contact for the public to sign up to receive department updates.
- **Online Workshops** – Director Clements attends online workshops "Is it Time to Up Your Branding Game?", "Vetting & Training Youth Coaches: Are Recreation Departments Falling Behind?"
- **Easter** – Director Clements facilitates a meeting between Truro Vineyards, TEEA, and Truro Library to plan for a community Easter event.
- **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 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.

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- **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 are present. Portable restrooms are no longer available.
- All other programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Council on Aging

- COA staff continue to work from the office and remotely. Someone is always available M-F; 8-4 by phone and/or email.
- COA staff working with town and county health departments for updates and information on COVID-19 vaccine.
- 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 starting November 10 from 1-2pm.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry on Thursdays from 10-11am.
- COA hosting virtual seasonal craft programs. Please contact COA for information and registration.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, and all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE and fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA staff calling residents to offer friendly support to help reduce social isolation.
- COA transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA staff participating in no cost virtual training opportunities through MCOA.
- COA offering virtual programming through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, our Facebook page, as well as channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe continuing live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F at a 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 at 508/487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution **every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30pm 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.

Library

- Last month was the first month that the Truro Library patrons read more e-books than physical books.
- Artsy-Craftsy Workshop for all ages continues each Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., during the month of February. All supplies are provided by the Library and may be picked up during operating hours. This program is for all ages.
- The Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting virtually on February 18th at 11:30 a.m.
- Truro Library Book Club will meet virtually on February 24th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss **The Night Watchman** by Louise Erdrich.