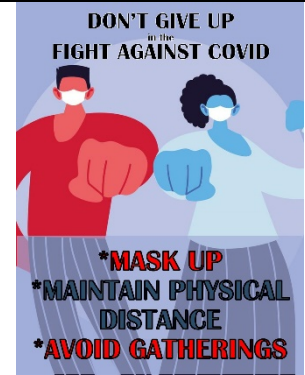


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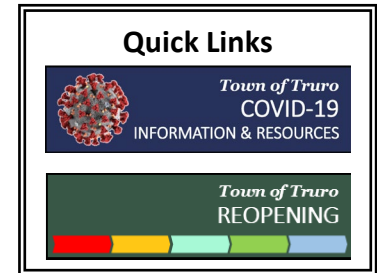
Announcements:

- 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 nine 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](#).



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

- Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine 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.
- As a reminder, citizen-petitioned Town Meeting articles are due by February 26th at 4 pm.
- Staff and I are exploring short-term rental compliance products to assist with enforcement and revenue collection of rental registration applications and fees.
- I attended the Lower Cape Housing 101 virtual training hosted by the Community Development Partnership. It provided information designed specifically to address barriers to housing production on the Lower Cape.
- The first meeting of the Walsh Property Community Planning Committee is scheduled for February 24, 2021 at 6 pm.
- The Town of Truro submitted District Local Technical Assistance funds requests for technical assistance for Truro's Local Comprehensive Plan and Economic Development Plan and for assistance with a regional fire and rescue services analysis. A letter was also sent to request that the Cape Cod Commission prioritize a population study of new and second homeowners on Cape Cod.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, February 22, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, February 23, 2021-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 2:30pm.
- Wednesday, February 24, 2021- Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm.
- Thursday, February 25, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Work Session @ 10:30am.

Department News:

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett reviewed a shellfish application in preparation for the Shellfish Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for March 4.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett walked the flats and continued to spread shellfish stock to areas along the river.
- Harbor Master Jackett worked on moorings and checked chains for wear as some will be replaced.
- There were early tides this week with a solid turnout of 30 people shell fishing over the weekend.

Health and Conservation

- The Outer Cape Regional Vaccination Clinic in Eastham opened last week and had a very successful "test drive" at the CCNS Little Creek staging area in Eastham, across from Doane Rock. About 375 doses were

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administered.

- Yesterday Governor Baker opened the eligibility for individuals 65 and older as well as eligibility for folks with 2 or more comorbidities (as listed on the DPH website), effective today. Additionally, a companion or caregiver accompanying a senior 75 and older may register to be vaccinated at the same time as their senior. As I write, we are unsure whether the caregiver policy will extend to any other eligible group.
- Within yesterday's announcement expanding eligibility, the State also announced their intention to prioritize vaccinations as Mass sites. Planning discussions are underway about establishing a Mass vaccination site at Cape Cod Community College likely run by Cape Cod Healthcare. Further, the State has added criteria to their rules for distribution that may impact our regional clinics.
- HOWEVER-The Outer Cape Agents continue to work together and with County staff and with our COA's in planning more Outer Cape clinics, with our fingers crossed that we can keep whittling away at completing vaccinations for folks that can't travel, etc. Little Creek will open again next week. Details will be finalized shortly and announced as an Alert.

Please stay Safe!
#vaccinatecapecod

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](#)
- **MA DPH** – Director Clements attends weekly update on youth sports.
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags** – Director Clements organizes and attends meeting with Ellery Althaus, owner of Salty Market and DPW Director Cabral to discuss implementing beach clean-up bag dispensers.
- **The Last Mile in the Race to Vaccinate America: The Citizen and Patient Experience** – Director Clements attends webinar.
- **LCRL Meeting** – Director Clements attends meeting of the Lower Cape Recreational League to discuss future activities.
- **Easter** – Director Clements organizes a meeting between Truro Vineyards, TEEA, Truro Library and Recreation & Beach Department 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.
- **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.

Suspended Activities

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

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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 department 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. Call for more information.
- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2pm.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry 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, all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE, 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, Facebook page, as well as Channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director Monday, Wednesday, Friday 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 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

- Spring is close by and the Truro Library is re-stocking the Seed Library. For the next week, we are taking requests or suggestions for our seed purchases. Just thinking about spring gardens is enough to brighten the spirits. Looking for rainbow radishes? Cherokee chocolate tomatoes? Black Turtle Bush Beans? Let us know...
- Don't forget about our "Library of Things" during these winter days. Among the things available from the Truro Library is a ukulele, a sewing machine, an easel, a LED Light Therapy lamp, a CD-player... Check it out.
- Join an "Artsy Crafty February Workshop", a 4-week Zoom class for all ages. Create your own mandala, art journal, collage, and linocut stamp. Each class is 45 minutes and all the supplies are provided. There is no charge for the class or the supplies, but you must sign up beforehand. Call 508-487-1125.

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Attachments

