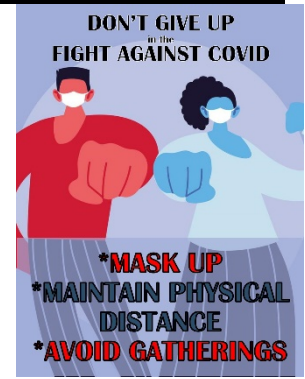


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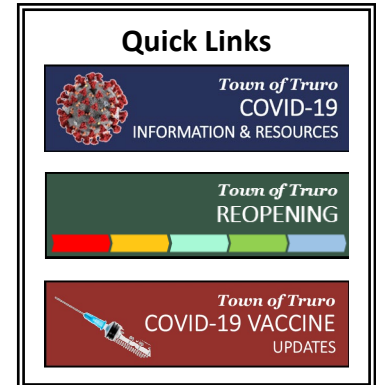
## Announcements:

- 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 be identified in our area. 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.



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

- I received word that the Cape Cod Commission awarded the Town District Local Technical Assistance funds in response to our two grant requests: technical assistance funds to complete our Local Comprehensive Plan and funds for a regional analysis of fire and rescue services.
- I attended the second of five Friday online sessions of MMA and Suffolk University's Municipal Finance Management Seminar. The seminar will be held every consecutive Friday in March and the first Friday in April.
- Town Accountant Brazil, Assistant Town Manager Clark and I attended the Finance Committee meeting to present the proposed FY2022 budget and to provide information on 2021 Annual Town Meeting financial articles. The budget was also presented at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting.



## Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 16, 2021-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:00pm
- Wednesday, March 17, 2021-Planning Board Remote Work Session @ 2:30pm
- Thursday, March 18, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:30am
- Friday, March 19, 2021-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting @ 3:30pm

## Department News:

### DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday, November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 Reopening Phase 4.
- DPW staff repaired the eastside roadway area directly above the Mill Pond Road culvert this week. As part of this repair, the guardrails were removed and reset in place. In kind material (rip rap stone) was also added to armor the roadside more effectively. Next week we will move to the westside location of the culvert.
- DPW Director Cabral met with the School Committee this week to give an overview of the school siding project that will be part of the capital plan for 2022.
- DPW Director Cabral attended the Finance Committee meeting this week to request a reserve fund transfer to cover increased tipping fees for solid waste and single stream recycling. Solid waste tonnage has increased this year by 150 ton when compared to this same time last year. Single stream has also increased by 67 ton when compared to last year.
- Solid Waste-Last year's total: 1662.31 ton. This year's projection: 1900.00 ton
- Single Stream-Last year's total: 469.00 ton This year's projection: 600.00 ton

### Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- More than 50 people turned out to shellfish and were successful in harvesting the allowed amounts

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even as some areas are being thinned out.

- Good size tides during the week allowed for survey of tidal moorings and inspection of the chain and shackles.
- A steady flow of mooring and waitlist applications are being processed.
- Harbor stickers for boats and trailers and daily launch permits have been ordered for the upcoming boating season.

### 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 and vaccines click [HERE](#)
- **Directors Meeting** – Director Clements and Director Briscoe hold a weekly meeting.
- **MA DPH** – Director Clements attends weekly update on youth sports.
- **MRPA State Conference** – Director Clements attends video meeting for Massachusetts Recreation & Park Associations to organize the state conference and trade show.
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags** – Director Clements continues to work with DPW and Ellery Althaus of The Salty Market to create beach clean-up bag stations.
- **MRPA State Conference & Trade Show** – Director Clements attends sessions:
  - Consideration for Safety Training & Resources - Red Cross
  - ADA Update - Enforcement Methods & Trends in 2021
- **St. Patrick's Youth Scavenger Hunt** – Online registration opened for the St. Patrick's Scavenger Hunt. Between 3/10 and 3/16, participants will follow clues around town in search for the pot-o'-gold. For more info. or to register click [HERE](#).
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements continues correspondence with past staff in preparation for the 2021 season.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal jobs were posted on the town's web site. Click [HERE](#) to view.
- **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 first new eNewsletter was published for March 2020. To view the eNewsletter click [HERE](#).
- **Easter** – Director Clements continues to plan for an Easter event with Truro Vineyards, the TEEA, and the Truro Library. This event will be held outside on Sat., 4/3/21. For more info. or 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](mailto: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.
- **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

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- Community Volleyball

### Health/Conservation

- The Outer Cape Regional Vaccination site at Little Creek in Eastham has operated several clinics and will continue to provide second doses weekly until assigned first doses. First dose clinics will be held at the 4C's gymnasium on March 16 and 17<sup>th</sup>. The County continues to support opening a clinic at Pilgrim Springs at such time as the vaccine allotment increases, however they continue to receive 1100 doses/week, being distributed (mostly) as second doses.
- Educators, childcare workers and school support staff became eligible for the vaccine and join phase-1 eligible individuals, individuals 65 and older and individuals with certain medical conditions in the hunt for available vaccine appointments.
- On Tuesday March 9, I attended the Wellfleet Wastewater Committee meeting to commence our work on the Watershed permit for Chequessett lens. The Town has developed an article for their ATM to fund subsidies to support installation of Innovative alternative (I/A) wastewater treatment systems for residences within their most critically impaired sub-watersheds. BoH regulations are also being developed to support the watershed work by requiring installation of I/A systems.
- On Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>, I attended the quarterly meeting of the Barnstable County Water Protection Collaborative as the Truro representative. The meeting included a report on the update of the Cape Cod Pond Atlas and demonstration of the data portal developed by the Commission depicting the marine water quality sampling station across the Cape.
- The Board of Health has scheduled a Public Hearing for their April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to review and approve proposed amendments to sections of our local regulations regarding fees, title 5, and private wells. Final versions of those changes will be reviewed at their next meeting, to be held at 4PM on March 16.

### Assessing

- The deadline for Exemptions for FY21 is Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 4pm. This includes all Residential (Truro is your Primary Domicile as of January 1, 2020) and Statutory Exemptions (Seniors meeting strict Income and Asset guidelines, Disabled Veterans, and the Blind) as of July 1, 2020.
- As a reminder, if you have already been approved for the Residential Exemption you do not have to reapply annually. The Assessor's office will notify you if clarification is needed. Statutory Exemptions must reapply annually regardless of the situation.
- Please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions at 508.349.7004 x 116 and we will be happy to assist.

### Attachments

None