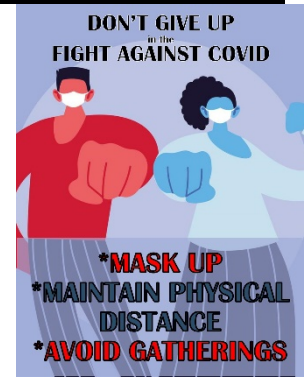


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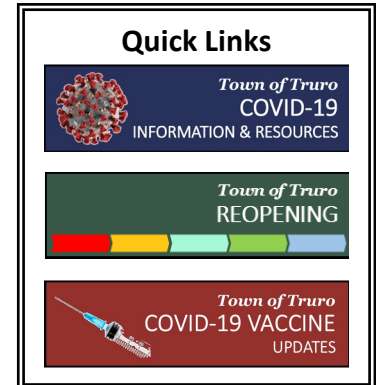
Announcements:

- 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:

- Warrant preparations continue for the June 26, 2021 Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Truro Central School Ballfield.
- I attended a webinar on Police Reform and Building a Culture of Diversity in Police Departments sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Key points of the recent Police Reform bill were highlighted and programs and techniques for addressing systematic racism were discussed.
- I attended the fourth 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.
- We are heartened to see COVID-19 vaccine clinics announced at Barnstable County Fairgrounds and Cape Cod Community College. We will continue to post registration announcements for upcoming clinics as they are received. Please sign-up for E-Alerts (on the home page of the Truro website) and select "Town News and Announcements" under "News and Announcements" to make sure you get an email when News & Announcements are posted.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, March 29, 2021-Select Board Remote Special Meeting and Executive Session @ 4:00pm.
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021-Planning Board Joint Remote Meeting with Highland Affordable Housing @ 5:00pm
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021-Planning Board Remote Executive Session @ 6:00pm.
- Wednesday, March 31, 2021-Walsh Property Community Planning Committee Meeting @6:30pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday, November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- The Re-opening of the Swap Shop is currently under review with the Health Agent and DPW Director.
- DPW staff repaired the beach landing at Great Hollow Beach this week. Repair and maintenance consisted of transplanting beach grass, removing/replacing fencing, and re-installing all existing benches. In addition, another 5' entrance/exit was added to facilitate social distancing.
- DPW Director Cabral met with the Division of Ecological Restoration and the USDA to establish a scope of work for the Mill Pond culvert initial engineering services.
- DPW Director Cabral attended a kickoff meeting with GHD Engineering Services to review the scope of work to develop a long-term pavement management plan. Our goal will be to establish a 10-year plan with annual updates to the plan.

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- A tentative schedule for installation and site work for the Cloverleaf watermain has been established. Work will begin April 5, 2021 for installation of the turtle protection fencing on the Cloverleaf site. Watermain installation on Highland Rd. is tentatively scheduled to be completed May 7, 2021.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett started preparing for the oyster remote set at the Dennis Transfer Facility where shell stock and supplies are stored. Annually around this time of year, shell bags are assembled and spread onto pallets. There will be 125 bags that will be trucked to the Aquaculture Resource Corporation Hatchery when they are ready to be deployed into their tank. Water temperature is manipulated to induce adult oysters to spawn. The spat will seek the substrate and attach to the shells secured into the bags.
- Harbor Master Jackett is entering information from application renewals for the upcoming boating season into the online system, as some of the information is incomplete or incorrect.
- Springtime temperatures brought out some 80 or so shellfish harvesters over the weekend. The increasing turnout has added pressure on the resource. We are closing the shellfish area for harvesting quahogs and oysters at the end of the month. We will allow the harvesting of soft-shell clams until April 11.

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](#)
- **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](#).
- **PACER's Virtual Run, Walk, Roll Against Bullying** – Director Clements creates a team for community members and staff to join. This is a month-long virtual event, from April 1 – April 30, with the goal of collectively reaching 24,901 miles—the circumference of the earth. Members join the team to contribute miles to help reach the goal of circling the world to make it kinder, more accepting, and more inclusive for all. For more information or to sign up click [HERE](#).
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Director Clements receives the State's "Recreational Camps and Programs Health and Safety Standards for Reopening" and prepares for Summer Rec Youth Program.
- **Beach Stickers** – Beach sticker online sales will open on April 1st, 2021. For more info. click [HERE](#).
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags**: Work continues to bring this program to life.
- **Trainings** – Director Clements attends webinars:
 - High-Velocity Service Management: Delivering Constituent Services Better, Faster and Cheaper
- **MRPA State Conference & Trade Show** – Director Clements attends sessions:
 - Special Events: The Do's, The Don'ts, The Maybe's
 - Making it Happen: Safe and Healthy Camp Operations
 - Awards Ceremony
 - Annual Meeting
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements continues correspondence with past staff in preparation for the 2021 season.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal job application deadline was extended to 4/30/21. 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 first new eNewsletter was published for March 2020. To view the eNewsletter 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.

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- **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. New tire swing and repairs were made by DPW. 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 will be available starting April 17th.
- 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

Health/Conservation

- Working with Outer Cape Health Services (OCHS), Truro completed delivery of COVID-19 Vaccinations to our homebound population at the end of last week. These residents were administered the J&J single-dose vaccine on Friday. They will be considered **fully vaccinated** next Friday after the 2-week period has passed. This effort was the result of collaboration between Town staff and OCHS; the list and appointments completed by the CoA, the vaccine administered by an Outer Cape Health nurse, and vaccine support provided by the Truro Fire Department. **Excellent teamwork!**
- The Outer Cape Regional Vaccination site at Little Creek in Eastham will continue to operate as the sole Outer Cape regional clinic. The primary focus for clinics on Cape will continue to be at the 4C's gymnasium. There is discussion about a possible walk-in clinic in Truro or Provincetown when vaccine doses increase, but the County has re-evaluated the scenario for a drive-through clinic at Pilgrim Springs. They have determined it is no longer a likely site for the future; this is largely due to the site being open to the public. The lack of a gate to close the site makes it not suitable for overnight and multi-day secure storage of the generator/dumpster/portable buildings/portable toilets, and that makes this a "set-up/breakdown" site. At this site, a clinic day would begin early with the mobilization of all of the required operational pieces, and at the end of the day will require a complete breakdown and demobilization of all equipment taken off site. Compare this to the Little Creek site, which is closed to the public, a feature that supports secure storage on-site of all the components needed for the clinic. Setup is basically turn-key, and the layout of the site allows a large throughput of participants.
- Vaccine eligibility expanded March 22, to include certain workers including restaurant and café workers, meat packing, beverage, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, or food service workers; grocery and convenience store workers, and food pantry workers/volunteers.
- The Cape Cod Regional Vaccine Consortium has expanded its focus to include these certain workers, and Barnstable County Health has developed a survey to identify the individuals eligible within this group. The survey will be issued to their employers, using our licensing lists and ultimately, once they take the survey, their employees will be able to schedule an appointment for the vaccine.
- The Board of Health has scheduled a Public Hearing for their April 6 meeting to review and approve proposed amendments to sections of local Board of Health regulations regarding fees, title 5 and private wells. Due to a compressed meeting schedule, the final review of these regulations will be held on April 6, and the public hearing moved forward to April 20.

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Council on Aging

- COA staff continue to work from the office and remotely. Someone is always available Monday-Friday, 8-4 by phone and/or email.
- COA welcomes new driver for our transportation program.
- 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 or call for more information.
- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2pm.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry on Thursdays from 10-11am.
- 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 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, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at new time of 11:00am.
- Director Briscoe offering LBGT 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 is every other Friday until further notice. Times remain 11-12:30pm for pick up at the 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

- Prep work in the Children's Garden has begun in full force, bringing improvements and some expansion.
- The nonprofit group Accessible Provincetown generously awarded the Library a grant to install an automatic door opener for our back entrance. Since we expect the use of the back deck to greatly increase this summer, we are very grateful to them. This has been a project that we have been wanting to do for some time. Thanks to Steve Roderick and Town Manager Darrin Tangeman for their guidance.
- Thursday morning outdoor story times continue, and since the weather is much-improved the attendance is growing.
- Library staff will be attending the virtual yearly conference of the American Library Association in late June.
- Are you tired of having old magazines around the house? Access magazines like The New Yorker, The Economist, or Soap Opera Digest electronically through the Library app. Library staff will walk you through the process.

Assessing

- The Deadline for Exemptions for FY21 is **THIS** Thursday April 1, 2021 @ 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. If we do not receive your application by April 1st, by statute we cannot extend the deadline for any reason and we will be forced to deny.

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- 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

