

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 18, 2017

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

- I met with members of the Concert Committee this week to discuss membership concerns that they have and the future of the Committee and the concerts. I will bring this issue for discussion to the Board of Selectmen in early fall.
- The Center for Coastal Studies is working with the Cape Cod National Seashore to map part of the bottom of Pilgrim Lake. As part of the Town's work on East Harbor, we will join the effort in order to map the entire bottom. The Center will provide the Town a proposal in the near future.
- Staff is working together for a smooth transition of responsibilities when Health and Conservation Agent Pat Pajaron retires. Her last day is Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. I know many of you will join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement!
- I expect to interview the finalists for the Town Planner and Beach and Recreation Directors next week.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Tuesday, August 22, 2017-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00 am.
- Tuesday, August 22, 2017-Shellfish Advisory Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 3:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 22, 2017-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- Tuesday, August 22, 2017-Truro School Committee @ Truro Central School Media Center at 5:15 pm.
- Thursday, August 24, 2017-Herring River Restoration Committee @ CC National Seashore Marconi Site at 9:30 am.

### **Department News:**

#### Police Department

- Officer Roda, Sergeant Holway and Chief Danziger, were invited to meet with residents at the Truro Council on Aging. It was a great opportunity to discuss what the Department has been working on. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you to COA Director, Susan Travers, and COA Outreach & Resource Coordinator, Cutler, for providing us with the opportunity.
- Officer Tom Roda and Officer Kylee Larrabee participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Shop with a Cop. This annual event helps families and children prepare for the upcoming school year by providing clothes and school supplies generously donated by local agencies. Mya Alon and Evaluna Hobart were treated to new backpacks, pizza and a shopping spree at Old Navy. The members of the Truro Police Department wish Mya and Evaluna a great upcoming school year. (see attached photo)
- K-9 Sergeant Steven Raneo, his K-9 partner "Ella" and Chief Danziger attended the Orleans Police Department Block Party. As usual, "Ella" was a hit. The event featured classic cars, entertainment, food and dancing. (see attached folder)

#### Fire Department

- The Department responded to 12 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 11 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 25 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Firefighter Sean Ferguson has started with the Department. He will be working 2 weeks of day shifts to give him the opportunity to meet staff and orient to department operations. FF Ferguson was previously a firefighter with the City of Alexandria Virginia and is a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).
- Firefighter Laytin Reis has started the Career Recruit Firefighter Training Program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy in Stow, MA. This is a 10-week training program and after completion of this program he will have met the National Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1001). Laytin is the first of our members hired this past spring to attend this program with the remainder of our permanent staff to attend over the next year.
- The Department would like to remind everyone that it is hurricane season and Hurricane Gert passed to the southeast over the past few days, and as a result generated large waves and created dangerous rip currents.

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Below is a link that helps to explain what a rip current is and what you can do should you be caught in one.

### Department of Public Works

- In collaboration with the DPW, the Truax Corporation “jet cleaned” the 500’ section of the Little Pamet Culvert located on Corn Hill Rd. In addition to jetting the culvert, a video was recorded of the interior, to determine the overall condition. The culvert was determined to be structurally sound, and clear of debris. The clapper valve located at the seaward end is functional and water is flowing at low tide. The Fire Department also provided additional support to resupply the tanker used to jet the culvert, approximately 6,000 gallons of water was used.
- Signs have been posted at the Transfer Station indicating the following changes. Beginning November 1, 2017 the new Swap Shop hours will be Saturday through Monday 7:00am-3:00pm, closed Tuesday through Friday. Also beginning November 1, 2017 the Transfer Station will no longer accept cash payments. The Transfer Station will continue to accept check and credit card payments. Additional signage has also been added indicating ownership, items not permitted to be deposited, and pricing. All signage added is in accordance with the Board of Health Regulation.
- Roadway sweeping and mowing continue, along with standard landscape maintenance along town roads and grounds. Frequency of catch basin cleaning has increased due to the amount of rain we have received this spring.
- Online sales for the transfer station permits continue with daily sales through personal computers and kiosk locations.

### Council on Aging

- Over 30 people attended the “Meet and Welcome Chief Danziger” program at the COA this week. Chief Danziger informed those in attendance of the present state of the department, staff issues, training, the assessment process and other topics pertaining to the police department.
- The Outreach and Resource Coordinator has assisted 17 older adults to date submit their paperwork for the proposed Residential Tax Exemption.
- Attorney Thomas Kosman from South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. offers free legal advice once a month to Truro residents at the COA. For more information and to make an appointment please call the Council on Aging at 508-487-2462.
- As of July 31, thirty Truro senior citizens have been transported home from Cape Cod Hospital with our “A Ride Home” program. The program provides a ride home for elders who do not have a ride, or are unable to drive themselves back home after a medical emergency. The Friends of the Council on Aging subsidizes this important program.

### Recreation/Beach

- Activities this week at the Summer Rec Youth program:
  - Field trips to Cape Escape Adventure Golf and Skull Island.
  - Yoga and Drama classes.
  - Community Gardening at the Truro Public Library.
  - Carnival Day (see picture).
- Online registration for Fall Youth Sports is open at [www.activityreg.com](http://www.activityreg.com) . Registration deadline is Monday, August 21, 2017.
- The Summer Rec Post Season Program will begin at the Truro Community Center on Monday, August 21, 2017. The program runs from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm with an option of extended care until 5:30 pm. The last day for the program will be Tuesday, August 29, 2017.
- Beach
  - The Truro Lifeguards represented Truro in the Cape Cod Lifesaving Competition held in Wellfleet.
  - The Beach Office continues to sell Transfer Station permits, beach stickers, and beach fire permits. The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road, is open every day, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Beach fire

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permits may be obtained online at [222.activityreg.com](http://222.activityreg.com) under Massachusetts and Truro Recreation.

### Harbor Master

- Harbor Master Jackett replaced the no-wake buoy with new chain and rope.
- Coastal Engineering launched their boat to survey the proposed dinghy dock area, and to take sediment samples. (photo attached)
- Pamet Harbor continues to have steady launches throughout the day due to such wonderful weather.

### Library

- On Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Clyde Watson will present on "Aldred A. Watson's *Waterfront New York*". Ms. Watson is Aldred Watson's daughter and will share her father's beautiful and historically rich collection of watercolors, based on 1920s and 1930s photographs of the waterfront and harbor of lower Manhattan and Brooklyn.
- On Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. both kids and adults can try our hand-built spin art bicycle or a smaller spin art machine and create unique, colorful designs.
- After a short summer hiatus, the Board of Friends of the Truro Library will resume their monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Library.
- Truro Part-time Resident Taxpayers Association (TPTRA) awarded the Friends of the Truro Library with an extraordinary gift of an iMac that is specially equipped to be used for creating and editing video.

### Assessing

- The FY18 Interim Certification process moves along as we received approval on Property Values from the Department of Revenue on August 11, 2017. We also received approval for the New Growth.
- Preparing for FY18 Classification Hearing being held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Continuing to work with the Finance Team on FY17 Recap submission.
- Statutory Exemption letters with applications for FY2018 were mailed out on Friday, August 11, 2017. All applications must be received in the Assessor's Office by April 1, 2018 at 4:00pm.

### Attachments

1. Shop with a Cop photographs
2. Orleans Police Department Block Party
3. Bounce house photo from Recreation
4. Coastal Engineering boat photo from Harbor

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