

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 25, 2017

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

- Pat Pajaron, Health & Conservation Agent, completed her last day with the Town of Truro today. Pat's knowledge, skills and "get it done" attitude has made her an integral part of our team. All of us that have had the pleasure of working with Pat will miss her and wish her the best in her retirement.
- Great White Shark sightings have been plentiful in Truro this week. On Monday, all four Town ocean side beaches had closures due to multiple shark sightings. Sightings from lifeguards, the spotter plane and the tagging vessel prompted more closures throughout the week. We would like to remind the public to remain vigilant while swimming on both ocean and bay beaches and to heed verbal and posted warnings about recent shark activity.
- Council on Aging Director Travers and I met with Dr. Barry Bluestone to discuss the Senior Needs Survey.
- The Board of Selectmen voted to approve a residential tax exemption of twenty percent. If Truro is your primary residence and you wish to receive the exemption, you must apply for it. You can come into Town Hall for an application or go to the Town Website under the Assessor's Department for the application. Here is the link: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/assessors-office/pages/residential-exemption-forms>.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 28, 2017-Board of Assessors at Truro Town Hall at 2:00 pm.
- Monday, August 28, 2017-Zoning Board of Appeals at Truro Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- On Monday, August 21, 2017 at approximately 6:35 P.M., the Eastham Police Department received a report of an armed robbery that had occurred at a residence in Eastham. The incident reportedly involved an illegal narcotics transaction within a vehicle in the driveway of that home, and resulted in one individual showing a firearm. The Eastham Police Department obtained a search warrant for the residence as well as an arrest warrant for a suspect on charges of armed robbery and intimidation of a witness. Truro Police Sergeant Jeremiah Valli, along with other members of the Cape Cod Regional Tactical Team, assisted with serving the warrants due to a likelihood of the presence of a firearm within the residence. At approximately midnight, both warrants were served. Several individuals were removed from the residence. After further follow-up investigation, a second suspect was placed under arrest on charges, including armed robbery and assault with a dangerous weapon.
- On Monday, August 21, 2017, Truro Police K-9 Sergeant Steven Raneo, his K-9 partner "Ella", and Officer Thomas Roda attended the Truro Farmers Market. Sergeant Raneo and "Ella" presented a live demonstration of their narcotics detection capabilities.
- A Truro resident and business owner, who wishes to remain anonymous, generously donated over 100 new Teddy Bears to the Truro Police Department. They have been distributed to Department members and placed in all of our cruisers. Officers will give the Teddy Bears to children who witness or are involved in situations that might be frightening or traumatic to them, such as car accidents, rescue calls, domestic violence calls, other calls for service, or to those small children who occasionally stop by and visit the Department. The members of the Truro Police Department would like to thank the anonymous donor for giving us another tool to bring comfort and happiness to the most vulnerable members of our community. (See attached photo)

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 14 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 11 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 28 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Firefighter Sean Ferguson has completed his two week orientation and will begin his rotational shift starting Sunday, the 27th of August.
- The Department has seen a steady call volume over the past week and has been tasked with requests for

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mutual aid by area communities.

- Chief Collins attended the monthly Barnstable County Chiefs meeting in Hyannis. Discussed at the meeting was the upcoming Lower Cape skills day in the fall for area departments, as well as a regional water supply drill to be conducted in Provincetown. Adjustments were also made to the mutual aid response cards to better allocate assets aimed at enhancing regional coverage and improving multi-agency response to incidents on the lower Cape.

Department of Public Works

- Due to the unusual heavy rain over the weekend, all beach areas were immediately inspected for safety and security. In addition, all town roads and waterways were examined with an emphasis on checking for washouts and debris.
- Associated Alarms has completed the installation of the new key fob system for Town Hall and the Safety Facility. The Town Library is scheduled to be completed next week. The key fob system will enable selected DPW personnel to activate, or deactivate, key fobs as well as secure buildings from a secure website or personnel cell phone.
- The new single stream compactor for the Transfer Station has been installed and will be operationally tested over the next few days.
- 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

- The Elder Services Cape Cod and the Islands Board of Directors voted to continue rollover funding for year 2 of our Title III grant for transportation which is \$4500 for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.
- Director Travers and the Provincetown COA Director conducted two final interviews to fill the Program Coordinator position in Provincetown.
- John Fuller, the Grant Manager for Cape Cod Regional Authority met with the Director to discuss future transportation needs for seniors.

Recreation/Beach

- Activities this week at the Summer Rec Youth program:
 - Yoga and Drama classes.
 - Community Gardening at the Truro Public Library.
 - Online registration for Fall Youth Sports is open at www.activityreg.com<<http://www.activityreg.com>> Registration deadline is Monday, August 25th, 2017.
 - The Summer Rec Season Program has moved to the Truro Community Center as of 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](#).
- Activities at the Beach Office:
 - 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 permits may be obtained online at www.activityreg.com<<http://www.activityreg.com>> under Massachusetts and Truro Recreation.
 - A beach clean- up for the ocean side beaches is scheduled for September 9, 2017.

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Harbor Master

- Most of the charter fleet trailered their boats to Chatham to fish for bass.
- Met with the Shellfish Committee and discussed getting softshell seed for the harbor and activity in the ADA.
- Squid, mackerel and bluefish have been the targeted fish this week for recreational boaters.

Library

- Julie Stepanek will conduct a ukulele class for all ages on Aug. 28 at 1:00 p.m.
- The September artist whose work will be on display in the Library's Anne H. Brock Community Room is Kay Cassill. The name of the show is "Birds of a Feather".
- Library Director Tricia Ford has completed one of the yearly reports that are required by the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners and is now in the process of completing the second report. The first report focuses on Library holdings and circulation, while the second report focuses on financial support for the Library by each community.

Assessing

- Prepared for and attended FY18 Classification Hearing on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at the Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Continuing to work with Finance Team on FY18 Recap submission.
- Continuing preparation for Residential Exemption.
- Statutory Exemption and Residential Exemption applications continue to be accepted until April 1, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

Attachments

1. Police Department photo of anonymous donation



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