

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

December 8, 2017

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

- **Town Offices will close at 1:00 p.m. on Friday December 15th for the Employee Holiday Potluck.**
- Analysis and review of department budgets continues as the calendar turns and we march toward the beginning of the budget process and Town Meeting preparation.
- Staff is working on emergency plans for weather and unusual events and beginning an update of the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director Tim Collins and Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark are spearheading the efforts.
- Congratulations to Truro Library for being one of 85 public libraries awarded the American Library Association Five-Star Designation (read more in the Library report).
- Thank you to 3 Harbors Realty for sponsoring the lights and staff time to decorate the tree in Truro Center.
- This year we are adding wreaths to the doors at Town buildings.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, December 12, 2017-Herring River Restoration Committee @ CC National Seashore Marconi Site at 9:30am.
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017-Council on Aging Board @ Council on Aging at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017-Board of Selectmen Executive Session @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, December 14, 2017-Truro Housing Authority @ Truro Town Hall at 4:15pm.

Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 6 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 5 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 20 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and agood intent calls
- December is the peak time of the year for candle fires and half of those are a result of objects being placed too close to a candle below is a link that provides some tips on candle safety
- Candle Safety Tips
<http://www.nfpa.org/~media/files/public-education/resources/safety-tip-sheets/candlesafetytips.pdf>

Department of Public Works

- As part of a facility evaluation of the Transfer Station Swap Shop, a leach pit that has been discovered behind the Swap Shop will be removed, and magazines will no longer be permitted to be deposited. The building for the Swap Shop will be coded as a mercantile shop and associated building codes will apply. A volunteer staff sign-up sheet has been posted inside the Swap Shop as well as a list of items that can be accepted, and items that will not be accepted.
- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed a half day on Sunday the 24th of December, and a half day on Sunday the 31st of December 2017. Operating hours on those days are 7:30am-11:30am.
- Standard seasonal roadside brush clearing has been completed. All roadsides will now be evaluated for any potential full grown tree that may be dead or dying, and may be removed due to the close proximity to a Town road.

Harbormaster

- Big tides this week allowed people harvesting shellfish more access to shellfish areas.
- The dock extension proposal was approved by the Conservation Commission.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett reviewed grant applications for the Aquaculture Development Area and the Town's shellfish permit renewal.

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Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program is open for new registrations for the 2017 – 2018 season.
 - Community Pickleball – Saturdays 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - Zumba Fitness – Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center.
 - Over 40 Coed Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
- Recreation-Activities this week
 - Youth basketball practices have begun.
 - Preparing practices for youth cheerleading.
- Beach
 - The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen Saturday, June 9, 2018. Beach stickers are not required to park at the town's beaches until Saturday, June 16, 2018. Effective September 4, 2017 – June 8, 2018, all beach fire permits may be obtained at the Truro Fire Department by calling (508)487-7548.

Library

- Truro Library was one of 85 public libraries awarded the American Library Association Five-Star Designation. Statistics are taken about each library's circulation, program attendance, door count, etc., per town population. For the past few years, our neighbors Wellfleet and Provincetown have been awarded Five Stars and Truro has been awarded Four Stars. This year all three Outer Cape Libraries achieved Five Star status. 2017 marks the tenth year of this award, and the Wellfleet Library received a special honor for achieving the Five-Star designation all ten years.
- On Saturday, December 9th from 10:30 a.m. to noon, youngsters are welcome to make ornamental crafts in our Community Room.
- On Saturday, December 16th from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the film "Stick Man" will be shown and after the show, kids will be able to create their own stick people. All necessary materials will be available.

Assessing

- The Department is continuing with the FY18 Residential Exemption implementation and review process.
- Statutory Exemption and Residential Exemption applications continue to be accepted until April 1, 2018 at 4:00pm.
- The Department is beginning preparation for FY19 data analysis.

Administration

- The office has begun mailing out Transfer Station Regulation violation warning letters to people who have accessed the Transfer Station without paying or obtaining the correct permit to do so. Further violations will result in the issuance of fines in amounts that will escalate for each violation.
- Annual Shellfish Licenses continue to be a hot commodity! To date we have sold 120 annual permits.