

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 28, 2018

Announcements:

Please continue to enjoy the beaches and [practice shark safety](#).

- Don't swim where seals are present.
- Don't swim too far from shore.
- Avoid swimming early and late in the day (when sharks tend to feed).
- Swim in groups.
- Avoid wearing shiny jewelry or other accessories (which look like fish scales to a shark).
- Avoid surfing alone.
- Avoid areas with signs of baitfish or fish feeding activity – watch for diving seabirds.
- Be aware that sharks may be present between sandbars or near steep drop offs.

Shark sightings can be reported to the Truro Police Department at 508-487-8730.

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

- The Town will hold a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6PM at Truro Central School.
- LT Governor Karen Polito called to talk with me about assistance that State might provide as we work with the CCNS and Outer Cape towns on shark issues.
- Town staff and I met again with school officials to discuss afterschool childcare. We are confident that these ongoing discussions will help us identify long term solutions for the childcare needs of Truro families.
- We held two community forums regarding the Town website as part of our process for making the website more citizen-friendly. Participants provided very helpful feedback.
- We are looking for Neighborhood Captains to facilitate communication between their neighborhoods and Town Officials in an emergency. No special skills or experience are required. For more information or to volunteer, [click here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, October 1, 2018-Part-Time Resident Advisory Committee Meeting @ Truro Town Hall at 9:00am.
- Monday, October 1, 2018-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- Tuesday, October 2, 2018-Board of Selectmen Executive Session @ Truro Town Hall at 4:00pm.
- Tuesday, October 2, 2018-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm.
- Tuesday, October 2, 2018-Bike and Walkway Committee Meeting @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 6:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Officer James Bragdon is set to complete a comprehensive Command Training Series course on police supervision at Roger Williams University on Friday, September 28, 2018. Great job Officer Bragdon!
- The application period for police officer recruitment closes on Friday, September 28, 2018. The next step will be a written examination during October.

Fire Department

- Over the past two weeks the Department responded to 12 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 6 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 18 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Assistance to Firefighters Grant program has opened and the Department will be applying for grants to replace our current thermal imaging equipment as well as some extrication equipment.
- Fire Chief Collins is currently working with representatives from FEMA to potentially recover costs incurred from the storm in March.
- Firefighter Chute has attended his orientation program at the Massachusetts Fire Academy. He will be starting the career Recruit Training program in November.

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Department of Public Works

- Volunteer shifts to staff the Swap Shop are currently available. Please visit the Swap Shop to sign up. Shifts are available in two hour increments; no shifts have been filled.
- Crack fill and sealcoating of Benson Road has been completed. Twine Field Road is next on the schedule to be completed this month, along with paving repair work at the Transfer Station.
- Routine cleaning of catch basins and waterways continued this week as we prepare for the upcoming fall and winter seasons. The DPW will then progress into brush cutting the sides of the roads.
- DOT will complete the cleaning of the drainage system on Highland Road this Monday, October 1st. Cleaning is expected to last two days.
- DOT began the survey of the Highland Road area this week, this will continue through mid-October.
- Seasonal beach break down continued this week. Warning signs regarding shark activity will be left up at all beach locations.

Harbor Master

- The soft shell seed which was picked up in Plymouth last week was planted this week by Shellfish Constable Jackett.
- Preparation of similar gear for additional quahog and oyster seed was also worked on this week and will continue into next week.
- Three new tidal moorings were assigned by the Assistant Harbormaster from the existing wait list.
- Staff has been assisting with mooring holders hauling out their boats and skiffs for the end of the season.
- The harbor was busy over the weekend with boaters fishing primarily for tuna fish.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - 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.
 - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - Youth Soccer
- Recreation-Activities this week
 - The department attended Truro Central School's Open House.
 - The department attended the Town of Wellfleet's forum on sharks.
- Beach
 - All Oceanside beaches have been open to swimming.
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is currently closed. Beach stickers are not required to park at town owned beach parking lots.
 - To report a shark sighting please call the Truro Police Department at (508)487-8730.
 - To purchase ORV stickers visit the Licensing Desk at Town Hall, located at 24 Town Hall Road.
 - For inquiries about the beaches please call (508)487-1632.
 - Beach fire permits for September 5, 2018 or later are issued at the Truro Fire Department.
 - Warning – Recent shark sightings at ocean side beaches, practice shark safety.
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Council on Aging

- Open House-Please join us at the **Truro Council on Aging OPEN HOUSE**-7 Standish Way, North Truro on Friday, September 28th from 10:00am-3:30pm. Sign up and receive a new MySeniorCenter card. Refreshments all day. Come and meet our staff and learn about our new programs. Feel free to bring a friend – all are welcome!
- Art Class-White Line Printmakers Open Studio FRIDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 28 FROM 1:30 pm-3:30 pm in Activities Room at the COA, 7 Standish Way, North Truro. Any questions please contact us at 508-487-2462.
- COA Café-Please join us for lunch at 12:30 pm at the Council on Aging on Tuesday, October 2nd. Chicken Marsala with Orzo Pilaf, Sautéed Garlicky Green Beans will be served. Reservations for seated AND “to go meals” are required and must be made on Mondays by 12:00 pm by calling 508-487-2462. Meals include coffee, tea, juice, and homemade dessert \$7.50 per person.