

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

November 15, 2019

Announcements:

In recognition of her service to the community, Town Flags will fly at half-staff to mark the passing of Vice-Chair Maureen Burgess. The Select Board will pause in remembrance of Vice-Chair Burgess at their November 19th meeting.

We extend our sincerest condolences to her husband and family.

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

- *We appreciate the patience of the public on Wednesday November 13th and Thursday November 14th while Town Hall was closed due to failure of the heating system. Heat has been restored and Town Offices were reopened this morning.*
- *Thank you to everyone who participated in the Informational Cable Survey. We received 92 responses that will help inform negotiations of our license renewal with Comcast. A public hearing regarding Comcast's cable license will be held on December 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and be heard on the topic: (a) whether the current cable operator is in full compliance with its currently-existing cable license; and (b) what are the Town's future community cable-related needs.*
- *Staff is preparing for Provincetown & Truro's Housing Choice event and Truro's MassWorks event, both scheduled for November 19th. See attached invitations.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- November 18, 2019-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 2:30 pm.
- November 19, 2019-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00 am.
- November 19, 2019-Truro Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:00 am.
- November 19, 2019- Truro Climate Action Committee @ Truro Public Library at 4:00 pm.
- November 19, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- November 21, 2019-Truro Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30 pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The East Harbor culvert repair project is scheduled to be advertised for bidding in December. Permitting for this project is ongoing.
- Eagle Neck Creek permitting and final design is underway. We expect this project to be advertised for bidding in June 2020.
- DPW crews will assist Harbor Master Jackett with the seasonal removal of the floats and gangway next Monday. In the coming weeks the DPW will be working with the County dredge to prepare for the annual dredging.
- Fall brush cutting of all Town roads began in October, along with catch basin inventory and cleaning. As part of disaster preparedness, DPW will continue to take a more aggressive approach to brush cutting roadsides.
- As winter season approaches, all culverts and waterways will be evaluated for any obstructions and sediment buildup. As done last year, we will clean and jet culverts as needed.
- Annual inspection and maintenance of the Transfer Station compactors was completed this week. No discrepancies were noted.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Pamet Harbor opened this past week for shellfish harvesting with a big turn-out.
- All moored boats in the harbor have been hauled out.
- All the floats have been moved into the parking lot except the float for the Town boat.
- Harbor Master Jackett has started pulling up the channel buoys.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett met with the Shellfish Committee and briefed them on the shellfish activities from the past year.

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Council on Aging

- New Art Gallery for November – “Tribute to Veterans” was hung.
- Upcoming new activities
 - Holiday Card Making
- Ongoing Activities
 - Art Gallery
 - Chair Yoga
 - Chi Kung
 - Community Luncheon
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Mahjongg
 - Memoirs
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation
 - White Line Open Studio

Recreation/Beach

Recreation

- Youth Soccer season ended.
- Youth Basketball registration is open. Registration deadline, 11/25/19.
- Director Clements and Assistant Nunes taped Pickleball court at the Truro Central School.
- Department researches installing bocce courts at the Truro Community Center.
- Department researches replacing chairs at Truro Community Center.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center
Saturdays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
- Community Pickleball – Mondays 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center and Fridays 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Truro Central School
- Adult Indoor Soccer – Mondays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Truro Central School
- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen in 2020.
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are no longer required to access Truro beach parking lots.
- Truro ORV stickers can be purchased at the Licensing Desk at Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd.
- Truro beach fire permits can be obtained by contacting the Truro Fire Department at (508) 487-7548
- [Warning – Recent shark sightings, practice shark safety.](#)
 - [Don't swim where seals are present.](#)
 - [Don't swim too far from shore.](#)
 - [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.](#)

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Library

- Angel Tree season has begun. The Friends of the Library have a program each year to help local families give their children holiday gifts. Please stop by the library for more information.
- Wednesday, November 20th at 5:00 p.m., Truro Historical Society and Truro Library are co-hosting a night of poetry, dedicated to the theme of gratitude. Local poets Keith Althaus, Marjorie Block, John Bonanni, Elizabeth Bradfield, Rosalind Pace and Margaret Phillips will read from their works. The Library is grateful for their presence.
- On Thursday, November 21st:
 - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Meg Clark will teach a class on “Astrology Basics”.
 - 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., the children’s organic garden group will switch their attention from growing food to growing creativity. Each year they create artwork, inspired by some aspect of what they have learned from the garden. The resulting art is displayed during the month of February in the Anne H. Brock Community Room. This year the theme is *SEEDS*.
- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone from the staff of the Truro Library. The Library will be closed on both Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving (11/28 and 11/29) but will be open during normal operating hours (9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) on Saturday (11/30).

Attachments

Shell Fishing Opening Day at Pamet Harbor





Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Housing and
Economic Development



You are cordially invited to a

2019 MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant Announcement

Tuesday, November 19th | 11:30 AM
Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd, Truro

Please join Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Secretary Mike Kennealy, Undersecretary Janelle Chan, Truro Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer, Senator Julian Cyr, and Rep. Sarah Peake for an announcement relative to the 2019 MassWorks Grant Round in support of the Cloverleaf Public Water & Infrastructure project. Invited guests include municipal officials and local business and community leaders.

Please RSVP to molly.p.bourque@mass.gov.

You are cordially invited to join

*Lt. Governor Karyn Polito
Secretary Mike Kennealy
Undersecretary Janelle Chan
Senator Julian Cyr
Representative Sarah Peake
Provincetown Acting Town Manager David Gardner and
Truro Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer*

for a
Spotlight on Housing Choice

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019
10:00 AM

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**Provincetown Public Library, 2nd Floor
356 Commercial Street, Provincetown**



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