

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 3, 2018

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

- *The Board will host their annual Part Time Residents meeting on August 9th at 5:00 pm at the Truro Community Center. Light refreshments will be served.*
- *Increased shark activity has resulted in temporary beach closures this week in Truro and surrounding communities. Remember to exercise caution and do not swim near seals or at dawn or dusk.*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 6th, 2018 – Truro Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.
- Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 – Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 – Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- The Pan-Mass Challenge is scheduled to pass through Truro on Sunday, August 5th. The ride commences at 07:00 AM and concludes at approximately 2:00 PM. Truro Police Department will be assisting with traffic control as riders traverse the town. Just a reminder to use caution when driving as there are many riders expected.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 17 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 13 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 32 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- The Department responded to a report of a car fire. Arriving companies found the car fully involved and adjacent to a large garage. Crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire and prevent it from extending to the structure itself. There were no injuries but the car was a total loss.
- Summer is upon us and the Department would like to remind residents and visitors that we are in the midst of Hurricane season. These massive storms can occur anywhere along the coastal United States and can impact areas as far as 100 miles inland. Truro Fire encourages you to stay informed when it comes to these potentially devastating storms. Below is a link that can provide some helpful tips on how to prepare, deal with, and what to do after an event:
<https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes>

Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station is open 7 days a week. The Swap Shop will remain open three days a week: Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and will be closed Tuesday through Friday.
- 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.
- Hazardous Waste collection day is this Saturday from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. The DPW has additional staff to support the Barnstable County sponsored collection.
- DOT has begun repair work on the clover leaf off ramp to Highland Road to alleviate flooding. Additional work is tentatively scheduled for mid-September.

Harbor Master

- All annual mooring fees for 2018 have been paid and the 2018 wait list has been updated.
- Harbor Master Jackett set up new fresh water supply for ramp wash-down and brushed away algae at the lower part of the boat ramp.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett checked shellfish seed in the Provincetown upweller system and the seed has doubled in size.

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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
 - Summer Rec Youth program will run from July 2 – August 17, 2018 at the Truro Central School and the Truro Community Center
- Recreation-Activities this week
 - Summer Rec participants went on a field trip to the Orleans Bowling Alley and Paddleboarding.
- Upcoming Activities
 - Iyengar Yoga with Karin Stephan
 - Post Season program will run from August 20 – August 28, 2018 at the Truro Community Center
- Beach
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is open daily from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
 - Beach Fire Permits may be requested online at www.truro-ma.gov/truro-beach-office
 - All ORV corridors are open.
 - Warning – Recent shark sightings at Head of the Meadow and Coast Guard Beach.

Health and Conservation

- Our shorebird monitors finished up this week with their daily inspections of the nesting areas of listed shorebird areas on Town of Truro public beaches. Piping plover eggs that hatched in the back dune area adjacent to the North jetty at Corn Hill brought a temporary ORV and dog access closure to the south portion of Corn Hill. The chicks have successfully fledged and the ORV corridor has been restored to normal access; the dog restriction signs have been removed.
- The Health Department has had the service of a summer sanitarian from the Barnstable County Department of Health and the Environment every other week, primarily to assist with the required inspections of food service establishments. We also send the sanitarian out for semi-public swimming pool inspections, and to check the semi-public beach postings which frees up our staff for other tasks. Taryn Lipiner is our sanitarian, and is currently pursuing her master's degree in public health at BU. She will complete her service with us on August 8th.
- The Board of Health meeting on August 7th will include a public hearing on amendments to their regulations including proposed changes to the definitions that would allow business owners to haul their own trash/recyclables without the purchase of a commercial "refuse hauler" permit. The Board will also consider amending the local Title 5 regulations in section 6 to create a variance provision for proposed ADU applications that would potentially allow use of "nitrogen credit" with Innovative/Alternative (I/A) nitrogen reducing septic systems in order to create new dwelling units. Nitrogen credit is allowed in title 5, however our local regulations are more restrictive and do not allow use of I/A systems for nitrogen credit.

Library

- While aiding a patron with research, Tricia Ford happened to be looking at a copy of the Truro Town Report from 1916. At that time library trustees were pleased to announce that 5,132 books had circulated that year (an increase of 922 over the previous year). 100+ years later, the Truro library circulates well over 10 times that number.
- On Wednesday, August 8th, the Friends of the Truro Library will be holding their Annual Book Sale. The sale opens at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until 2:00 p.m. There are lots of treasures to find at extremely reasonable prices.
- On Tuesday, August 7th, James F. Simon will speak about his book *Eisenhower vs Warren*. The book covers the relationship between the President and the Chief Justice and how it shaped the era that followed. Professor Simon is the Martin Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus at New York Law School.

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- Kids will be able to make their own musical instrument on Wednesday, August 8th, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to expand their culinary horizons with "Edible Insects" with Larry Dapsis on Friday, August 10th at 10:30 a.m.
- The Summer Concerts continue on August 9th with Ted DeColo and Andy Solberg, playing some jazz, pop, blues, and the American Songbook. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

Council on Aging

- **Let's Go Green!!**
In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, we would like everyone to join us in going green. Our newsletters are published bi-monthly (every two months). Once we receive your email address the newsletter will be sent to you electronically. Please contact us to receive all newsletters and updates electronically. You may also send us an email with your email address, to Office Assistant, Kate Paradise at kparadise@truro-ma.gov
- **New COA Vehicle**
At the 2018 Annual Town Meeting the voters approved a new Council on Aging vehicle. With help from the Department of Public Works, we now have a 2018 Toyota Sienna van to transport our clients to medical appointments, errands, and social activities. For more information about our transportation program please contact Shawn Grunwald, 508-487-2462.
- **Truro's New Alert System**
Chief Tim Collins will be attending our weekly luncheon on Tuesday, August 7th from 12:30-1:30 pm to inform people about the new alert system. **ALERTRURO** is a new communications system that will provide emergency and public service alerts to your email, landline phone or cell phone.

Administration

- The office has been busy assisting Interim Planner Bardi with Public Hearing Notices, packet distribution, and scheduling outside venues for larger attended meetings.
- One-day shellfishing permits continue to be a popular item with all Truro's visitors.

Attachments:

Car Fire Photographs from Truro Fire Department

