

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

January 5, 2018

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

- The State has closed all shell fishing in Massachusetts waters due to the storm surge. We expect it to reopen on Monday. Please watch the Town website for updates.
- Provincetown Town Manager David Panagore, Assistant Town Manager Kelly Clark and I met with Matrix Consulting this week to review initial results from the employee survey on shared services and to hear the firm's initial findings. The community survey is now active (link below) and Matrix will compile the results while they continue to work on their report.
- Community input is needed for a **town-wide housing size cap survey** ([available here: https://www.truro-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/town-house-size-cap-survey](https://www.truro-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/town-house-size-cap-survey)) and a **shared services study** that is being completed by the Towns of Truro and Provincetown ([available here: https://www.truro-ma.gov/town-manager/pages/towns-of-truro-and-provincetown-shared-service-survey](https://www.truro-ma.gov/town-manager/pages/towns-of-truro-and-provincetown-shared-service-survey)). Postcards with links to two surveys were sent out this week.
- Thursday's winter storm with high winds, rain and high tides caused an over wash at Ballston Beach, flooding of Truro Center, the Pamet Harbor parking lot and Mill Pond Road. Mill Pond Road is closed until Monday because Friday's mid-day high tide caused more ice and flooding. The road will require some repair in the spring.
- I met with Wellfleet Town Administrator Dan Hoort this morning to discuss program sharing and issues of mutual concern.
- The second Budget Task Force meeting for the FY19 budget will be held on Monday January 9 at 8:00 am at Truro Town Hall and is open to the public. Recreation & Beach, Council on Aging and Building/Inspections budgets will be reviewed.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, January 8, 2018-Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee (Budget Task Force Meeting) @ Truro Town Hall at 8:00am
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018-Truro Council on Aging @ Truro COA at 10:00am
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018-Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018-Truro School Committee @ Truro Central School Media Center at 5:15pm
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018-Community Preservation Committee @ Truro Public Library at 6:00pm
- Tuesday, January 9, 2018- Bike and Walkway Committee @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 6:00pm
- Wednesday, January 10, 2018-Herring River Restoration Committee @ Cape Cod National Seashore Marconi Site at 9:30am
- Thursday, January 11, 2018-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm
- Friday, January 12, 2018-Cable and Internet Advisory Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 12:30pm
- Friday, January 12, 2018-Truro Commission on Disabilities @ Truro Council on Aging at 3:00pm

Department News:

Police Department

- During the recent record cold temperatures, the department partnered with the Truro COA to conduct increased wellbeing checks of senior citizens and residents with special medical concerns.
- Truro's newest Police officers, Andrew Starboard and Sarah Lake have successfully completed field training and are on solo cruiser patrol. Both Officers are currently working patrol shift assignments under the direct supervision of department Sergeants.
- The 2017 – 2018 New Year's Eve "Operation Safe Ride" was a great success. The number of passengers transported doubled.

Fire Department-2 week operational period 22 Dec-5 Jan

- The Department responded to 9 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 8 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 32 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance,

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alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.

- Truro Fire Department provided mutual aid to the Town of Wellfleet for a reported structure fire. Engine 482 and Car 471 responded. There was no fire; an issue with the home's electrical system was the cause of the call.
- Heating our homes in the winter is the second leading cause of U.S. home fire, deaths and injuries with December, January and February being the peak months with space heaters accounting for 2 out of every 5 fires followed by wood stove and chimney fires. A reminder that when using alternative heating sources:
 - Never use your oven as a heating source
 - Turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed
 - Test and maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
 - Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer
 - Keep anything that can burn at least 3' (feet) away from heating equipment (furnace, fireplace, wood stove and portable heaters)
- Remember, Carbon monoxide (CO) is often called the invisible killer; Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that results when fuels (gasoline, coal, wood, natural gas, propane, oil and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn these fuel types can be sources of carbon monoxide:
 - Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to manufacturer's instructions
 - In the event of a snowstorm, make sure vents for dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow build up
 - A generator should only be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
 - Gas and Charcoal grills can produce CO-only use outside
 - If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors and make sure everyone is accounted for. Call for help from the fresh air location.

Department of Public Works

- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.
- As part of the East Harbor Culvert project the Woods Hole Group has completed the boring and test pits between Route 6 and Shore Rd. Two additional boring sites on the seaward side of Shore Rd. are scheduled to be completed next week.
- A kick off meeting regarding Eagle Creek restoration and construction has been tentatively scheduled for the 18th of January.
- The Green Community grant award project for the Safety Facility has been completed and is fully operational.
- DPW Director Cabral has completed a roadway paving and maintenance plan with Arrowhead Rd. scheduled to be paved this spring.
- The Transfer Station scale is tentatively scheduled to be installed next week, beginning on the 10th of January.

Harbor Master

- Several days of very cold weather has created ice in much of the harbor.
- Winter storm Grayson, described as a bomb cyclone or bombogenesis, hit the Outer Cape with severe winds and took much of the ice out of the harbor.
- The cold weather limited the number of people actively shell fishing, but because the harvest has been strong, the people who did come out were able to gather them quickly.

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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: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Recreation Lounge.
 - 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.
- Activities this week
 - Director Clements met with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, and Town Accountant to review the budgets for the Recreation and Beach Department.
 - Director Clements participated in a meeting to discuss the StickerTracker software.
 - Youth basketball practices.
 - Youth cheerleading practices.
- 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

- Zoe Lewis will be performing at the Winter Music Series on Saturday, January 7th.
- Thursday afternoon "Junk Drawer Science" programs will begin on Thursday, January 19th. Kids will learn about demonstrating science concepts by using every day household items.
- There will not be an artist showing in the community room for the month of January because the room will be painted. In February, the kids who till on the Children's Garden all summer will display their artwork.
- The January Friends of the Library meeting will be a potluck soup luncheon on Wednesday, January 10th.

Council on Aging

- VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED- Do you ever want to devote some time to a volunteer activity but your circumstances don't allow you to commit to a regular schedule? If you have a valid driver's license and a car in good working condition, you may want to consider becoming a Truro Council on Aging Volunteer Driver. Coordinated through the COA Transportation Office, volunteer drivers are used to bring seniors to medical appointments, shopping, to the COA for lunch on Tuesdays or to visit friends or relatives in the hospital or rehab centers. If you are interested in helping out with this critical service, please contact Shawn Grunwald, Transportation Coordinator at 508-487-2462 extension 320. An application may be completed in person or over the phone. Acceptance as a volunteer driver is dependent on a successful background check and evidence of a valid driver's license, current car registration, car inspection and insurance. All volunteer drivers are reimbursed for their mileage at the IRS rate.
- THE AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY- Call the COA at 508-487-2462 to be placed on an appointment list and we will schedule your appointment in February. We can mail, email or you may drop by to pick up:
 1. Special Intake Form
 2. Check list of items to bring to your appointment, including bringing your 2016 tax return to your scheduled appointment.

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Administration

- Annual shellfish permit sales continue. 139 permits were sold to date vs 115 last year at the same time of year.
- The Administration Department has received a few road race applications for the spring of 2018 which are in the approval process.

Attachments

1. Photos of Ballston over-wash by Chief Collins

