

Town of Truro Town Manager's Weekly Report

March 2, 2018

Announcements:

- Truro Center Road will be closed at 5 PM Friday in an effort to prevent severe flooding and damage to Town infrastructure. DPW staff will be placing a sand berm across the road, closing it at the corner of Old Pamet Road until the storm subsides. The Road will remain open at the other end allowing access to the Post Office.
- The Division of Marine Fisheries has closed all shellfish beds in the Commonwealth as a precaution to the upcoming storm and will remain closed until a notice from the DMF changes the status back to "open".
- Due to extreme weather conditions and the potential for flooding, Ballston Beach, Longnook Beach, Mill Pond Road, and the Pamet Harbor parking lot will be closed. Truro Center Road and Eagle Creek will be closely monitored, and may need to be closed as well. Due to erosion, high winds, and extreme high tides and flooding, all beaches are also closed.
- Due to the anticipated coastal flooding and high wind warnings the Town's Off Road Vehicle paths will be closed effective Friday, 3/2/18 through Monday, 3/5/18.

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

- Staff and I interviewed six candidates for the three vacant firefighter positions. Offers, see Fire Department news, were made and accepted by three outstanding candidates.
- The Police Chief Search Committee held an organizational meeting. The recruitment firm received forty five (45) applicants which were narrowed to fifteen (15) qualified individuals. The recruiter is completing further testing and validation prior to sending an applicant pool to the search committee. The Committee expects to have the final candidates to the Board of Selectmen by early April.
- Staff and I began storm planning earlier this week to be prepared to respond to the storm's impact.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, March 5th, 2018-Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:30 am.
- Monday, March 5th, 2018- Planning Board Work Session @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00 pm.
- Monday, March 5th, 2018-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.
- Tuesday, March 6th, 2018-Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- Tuesday, March 6th, 2018-Bike and Walkways Committee @ Public Safety Facility at 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday, March 7th, 2018-Cable and Internet Advisory Committee Meeting @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- Wednesday, March 7th, 2018-Planning Board Hearing @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- Thursday, March 8th, 2108-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.

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 12 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistant and a good intent calls.
- The Department has completed the interview process and positions have been offered to; Ms. Demi Miskiv, Mr. Michael Chute and Mr. Benjamin Bartolini.
- The Town Departments and Fire Department have been preparing for the upcoming weather event and urges residents to do the same.
- Residents should stay vigilant, report any downed wires or tree limbs in the road and remember all downed lines are considered live. Do not drive through standing or moving water. The Public Safety facility is a warming facility as well as a place that residents, if needed, can come to charge phones if they should lose power.

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Department of Public Works

- As a reminder the Transfer Station will be closed Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018.
- DPW Director Cabral is finalizing the grant application for this year's Green Community Competitive Grant award. This year the emphasis is to replace the boilers at Truro Central School and integrated mechanical parts associated with the HVAC system.
- Due to the installation of the Commercial Hauler scale for the Transfer Station, starting this week, the traffic pattern will temporarily be changed while under construction. There will be additional personnel assigned to the Transfer Station to assist residents with recycling, discarding trash, and the traffic flow. The scale is scheduled to be completed, and operational, no later than April 2, 2018.
- Solid waste totals for the fiscal year are down a total of 131 tons, and single stream recycling has increased 132 tons surpassing last year's entire recycling total by 2 tons with four months left to go for the year.
- Finishing touches on the Community Center's new office space are underway. The project will be complete by the end of next week. The new service counter on the COA side of the Community Center has been completed, and the attendant has settled into the new area.

Harbor Master

- 25 people came out in the pouring rain to harvest shellfish over the weekend.
- Water samples were taken throughout the harbor.
- Harbor Master Jackett attended a harbormaster meeting in Scituate to discuss and vote on the formation of a new Harbormaster's organization/association.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
 - The Pamet After-School program: M – F 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Recreation Lounge.
 - Youth basketball practices.
 - 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
 - Planning is beginning for the 2018 Town of Truro End of Summer Party.
 - Planning for Youth Spring Sports.
 - Planning for Summer Rec Youth Program.
- 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.

Council on Aging

- Outer Cape Health Services Navigator Program
 - COA Director Travers and Outreach and Resource Coordinator Cutler met with other town departments and the Director of Community-Based Coordinated Care to discuss the Navigator program. The program will enable the COA to make referrals to help our clients navigate services available to them in our community.
- Celtic Music at the COA Café
 - Come join us for a traditional corned beef and cabbage luncheon on **Tuesday, March 13th**, and be entertained by local musician Denya LeVine. Denya lives in Wellfleet and has been

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entertaining on Cape Cod for 35 years. With roots in classical, folk, and Jewish music, she fell in love with Irish music and culture in the 1970's. Her fiddle teacher was Master Irish Fiddler and 10 time Irish National Music champion Seamus Connolly. She has played hundreds of nights in pubs in Ireland and considers that country the home of her heart. Make your reservation by calling the COA at 508-487-2462. Cost for the lunch and program is \$7.50. Transportation is available upon request when making your reservation.

- Artist/Quilter Chris Grozier
 - Chris Grozier is our featured artist for the month of March in the COA Art Gallery. Chris' art opening is on Sunday, March 4th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Please feel free to attend the opening and view her amazing quilts.

Library

- Emmy award-winning filmmaker Allison Argo is coming to the Truro Library on March 6th to show her latest film "The Last Pig" and to discuss her motivation and her process. The film begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Board will meet at the library on Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:30 a.m.
- The Friends of the Library monthly meeting will be held on March 14th, at 9:30 a.m. After a short meeting, the two owners of the new tea bar in Provincetown, "The Captains Daughters" will give a talk about their new business.
- The Library is pleased to host an American Heart Association Heart saver course, taught by the Barnstable County Medical Reserve Corps, on Saturday, March 24th, at 9:30 a.m. In the 3.5 hour course, participants will learn the basics of first aid, the most common life-threatening emergencies, how to recognize them, and how to help, including how to determine when CPR is needed, how to give CPR, and how to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). Course books will be provided for each participant, and those serving the public – so many of us on Cape Cod – are encouraged to attend. This course is limited to 24 people, and you must pre-register.

Administration

- Last week the Administration Office emailed a few hundred citizens who had participated in our Seasonal Rental Registration last year. We have already received 42 applications back! Unless otherwise licensed, a building which is leased or rented for any period of one hundred twenty or fewer days must apply for a Seasonal Rental Registration. Applications can be found on our Town Website here; https://www.truro-ma.gov/sites/truroma/files/uploads/2018_rental_registration_application_0.pdf, at Town Hall, or by contacting us at 508/349-7004 ext. 110 or 124.