

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 14, 2018

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

- Please continue to enjoy the beaches and [practice shark safety](#). Although there are less seasonal staff present to identify and report shark sightings, there are still white sharks in our waters. We had a sighting this week at Coast Guard Beach that resulted in a one hour swimming closure. Shark sightings can be reported to the Truro Police Department at 508-487-8730.
- Staff are continuing to prepare for the End of Summer Town Beach Party at Corn Hill Beach. Please save the date of **Saturday, September 22, 2018** from 4 pm until dark (weather permitting). This is a family friendly, alcohol-free event featuring: music, dancing, a tailgate, picnic, food trucks, games and a bonfire on the beach at dusk. Please, no pets. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.
- Please join us for one of two community forums regarding the Town of Truro website on either Wednesday, September 26 at 6 pm or Thursday, September 27 at 10 am at the Truro Town Hall. We are requesting your feedback so we can make improvements to user experience. If you can't make the meeting and still want to provide feedback, please email [ksclark@truro-ma.gov](mailto:ksclark@truro-ma.gov) with the subject line "Website Feedback" by September 30, 2018.
- The Planning Board continues to work on a marijuana bylaw that reasonably regulates time, place and manner of marijuana businesses. It is anticipated that the bylaw will be presented to a fall Special Town Meeting in early November.

### ***Upcoming Meetings:***

- Monday, September 17, 2018-Truro Board of Assessors @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00pm.
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018-Truro Cemetery Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am.
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Community Center at 4:30pm.
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018-Truro Water Resources Oversight Committee @ Truro Community Center (Joint Mtg with Board of Health) at 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, September 19, 2018-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm.

### ***Department News:***

#### Police Department

- The application period for entry level police officer remains open through September 28, 2018. A part-time dispatcher position is also available. If you know of anyone interested, please direct them to the police department website at [www.truropolice.org](http://www.truropolice.org) for more information.
- Chief Calise and Fire Chief Collins attended a symposium at the National Fire Protection Association that discussed proactive, integrated response strategies for public safety officials in hostile/active shooter events. Governor Baker, Public Safety Secretary Daniel Bennett, and Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey were also in attendance.
- With the school year underway, Truro Police Department has resumed traffic control duties at the Truro Central School crossing. We wish all of the students a wonderful school year!

#### 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.
- Paving on Longnook Road, Depot Road, and Collins Road was completed. Roadway maintenance will continue on Benson Road and Twine Field Road in the coming weeks.
- DOT will continue cleaning the drainage system next week on Highland Road. Additional work in the area is scheduled for late September.
- Beach breakdown continued this week with the removal of signs from bay side beaches. This will continue into next week.
- Routine cleaning of catch basins and waterways continues this week as we prepare for the upcoming winter and fall season. DPW will then begin brush cutting the sides of the roads.

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- DPW is preparing to remove and replace the tide gate on the Little Pamet culvert next week. The new tide gate will allow for increased drainage for the water shed area.

### Harbor Master

- The Harbor Master was busy over the weekend with many boaters launching and hauling.
- With the big tides we had several people clamming and catching their limits.
- We assisted several boats who hauled their boats out for the season.

### 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.
- Recreation-Activities this week
  - Preparing for youth soccer season.
  - Preparing for End of Summer Party to be held at Corn Hill on Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 from 4:00 pm – dark.
- Beach
  - 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 shark sightings 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.
    - 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.

### Council on Aging

- Edward Gorey House Trip-We will be going to the **Edward Gorey House on Wednesday, September 26th** from 10:00-3:00pm for the "Murder Mystery" exhibit. The artwork in this exhibit features the *Awdrey-Gore Legacy* (1971) which is, among other things, a dissection of the components of a murder mystery as well as homage to the genre. This trip also includes going to Grumpy's Restaurant in Dennis.
- Fuel Assistance Program-The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin its 40th year of providing heating assistance to Massachusetts low-income households. Applications are being accepted now for processing. For people who have received assistance in the past, pre-filled applications have been sent out already. The heating program year is from **November 1-April 30**. It should be stressed that this is an assistance program and is not intended to cover the entire heating costs of eligible households. It is also a program that is contingent upon the availability of funds and therefore cannot be guaranteed, even if a household meets the eligibility requirements.
- Update on MySeniorCenter-We have issued **197** MySeniorCenter scan cards at the Council on Aging. Please stop by and pick up your card today. We are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, 7 Standish Way, North Truro.

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**Library**

- During a September 13, 2018 library staff meeting, Truro Library Trustees furnished a delicious luncheon for the staff, as a way to express appreciation for their professionalism and hard work over the busy summer.
- On Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anastasia and Chad Kidd, co-pastors of the First Parish Truro UCC will hold a free workshop on how to prepare for your end-of-life. Please sign up ahead of time because attendance is limited. A light lunch will be served.
- Local garden guru Dave Dewitt will speak at the Friends of the Truro Public Library program on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- Mary T. Prenon will read from her first book, *I'm Lazy and I Love to Eat* on Wednesday, September 19th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.