

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 21, 2018

### Announcements:

*Please continue to enjoy the beaches and [practice shark safety](#).*

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- 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.

**Shark sightings can be reported to the Truro Police Department at 508-487-8730.**

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

- *We are all deeply saddened by the fatal shark bite in Wellfleet last weekend and extend our condolences to the victim's family.*
- *Town Managers, Administrators and staff from Outer Cape towns and National Seashore Superintendent Carlstrom met on Friday to discuss shared issues of shark incident response. This will be an ongoing conversation.*
- *We had reported shark sightings this week at Longnook Beach and Ballston Beach.*
- *Truro Treasures will be held this weekend and there is an exciting lineup of events that can be [viewed here](#). Traffic delays should be expected throughout the weekend and participants are reminded to adhere to "No Parking" signs, particularly along Shore Road. We hope you will join us at the End of Summer Town Beach Party at Corn Hill Beach on **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 note that ORV access will be limited this weekend due to the End of Summer bonfire. There will no ORV access at Corn Hill and the ORV corridor will be closed from just north of the entrance of Corn Hill Beach to the jetty.*
- *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.*

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

- Monday, September 24, 2018-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 12:00pm
- Monday, September 24, 2018- Truro Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30pm
- Tuesday, September 25, 2018-Truro Taxation Aid Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:00am
- Tuesday, September 25, 2018-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm
- Tuesday, September 25, 2018-Truro Cultural Council @ Truro Public Library at 6:30pm
- Wednesday, September 26, 2018-Community Forum Regarding Town of Truro Website @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm
- Thursday, September 27, 2018-Community Forum Regarding Town of Truro Website @ Truro Town Hall at 10:00am
- Thursday, September 27, 2018-Water Resources Oversight Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 3:30pm
- Thursday, September 27, 2018-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm

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### Department News:

#### Police Department

- The Truro Police Department would like to remind everyone to use caution with the increased traffic expected this coming weekend with the "Truro Treasures" activities. Officers will be on hand throughout the weekend, and we hope to see you there.
- We would like to congratulate Officers Thomas Roda, Kylee Larrabee and Sarah Lake who recently successfully completed a law enforcement investigations course.
- Reminder – 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.

#### Fire Department

- Over the past two weeks the Department responded to 11 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 7 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 16 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations, calls for public service assistance and a good intent calls.
- Firefighter Patrick Holmes has completed his orientation period with the Department and has now been assigned to a shift group.
- Members of the Fire Department attended presentation by the Surgeon who treated the shark attack victim from Longnook beach. The Surgeon praised Truro Emergency responders as well as bystanders for their quick action saying that their work had a direct impact on the positive outcome of the patient.
- Firefighters" Anderson, Ferguson and Souza have begun the Fire Instructor Training program at the Barnstable County Fire Academy. After completion of this five week training program they will be required to pass both a practical and written examination to become nationally certified Fire Instructors.

#### 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.
- Crack fill and sealcoating of Benson Road is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018.
- The draft bid documents for the East Harbor seaward end repair are currently under review.
- An award letter for the DPW feasibility study has been sent to Weston & Sampson.
- Snow removal assets are being inventoried and reviewed for maintenance needs for the upcoming season.
- The Library roof bid opened on Friday. Bids are currently under review.
- Cleaning of catch basins and waterways continued this week as we prepare for the upcoming winter and fall season. The DPW will then progress into brush cutting the sides of the roads.
- The 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

- Shellfish Constable Jackett picked up soft shell seed in Plymouth, prepared the bottom for seeding and worked on netting to cover seed to protect them from crabs.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett put out crab traps.
- The harbor continues to be busy on the weekend with boaters fishing primarily for tuna fish.

#### 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.

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- Youth Soccer
- Recreation-Activities this week
  - 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 a shark sighting 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.
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### Council on Aging

- **Truro Memoirs Group**-Readings from works-in-progress, Saturday, September 22nd from 9:30-11:00am at the Truro Council on Aging, 7 Standish Way, North Truro. Free and open to the public. A wonderful way to start off a fun-filled Truro Treasures day. Hosted by Rosalind Pace, who will also share more excerpts from the ongoing oral history project started a few years ago by Martha Ingrum and Rosalind Pace: "Truro As We Knew It".
- **Please join us at the Truro Council on Aging OPEN HOUSE**-7 Standish Way, North Truro on Friday, September 28th from 10:00am-3:30pm. Sign up and receive a new MySeniorCenter card. Refreshments all day. Come and meet our staff and learn about our new programs. Feel free to bring a friend – all are welcome!

### Library

- During the month of August, the Truro Library held 30 programs for kids and 15 programs for adults and had a total of 2,431 attendees.
- Truro Library Board of Trustees held their monthly meeting on Friday, September 21st at 9:30 a.m.