

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

November 30, 2018

### **Announcements:**

- Please note that effective November 1 to April 30, the Transfer Station is open Friday through Tuesday from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.

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

- The Truro Board of Selectmen and the Provincetown Select Board met on Tuesday to review the results of Matrix Consulting Group's study of "Opportunities for Sharing in the Delivery of Municipal Services." The study provided potential options for shared service provision between the two towns. The Boards agreed to develop a working group to meet quarterly to continue discussions on sharing services. The study was funded by a State grant.
- Town staff attended training on People Forms, a new software that will allow citizens to access maps and complete forms and applications online.

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

- December 3, 2018-Human Services Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 1:00pm
- December 3, 2018-Board of Assessors @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00pm
- December 3, 2018-Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm
- December 4, 2018-Cultural Council @ Truro Public Library at 6:00pm
- December 5, 2018-Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm

### **Department News:**

#### Police Department

- Truro Police Department is participating in the 2018 "Stuff-A-Bus" challenge. Last year we collected more than 700 toys – our goal is 800 this year! The "Stuff-A-Bus" challenge is a toy collection effort for Toys for Tots. The deadline is December 9, and if you wish to donate, all toys should be new and unwrapped. Donations can be dropped off at any of the following locations: Truro Public Safety Facility; Truro Community Center; Savory and the Sweet Escape; Truro Post Office; North Truro Post Office; Seamens Bank; Truro Central School; or Salty's Market.
- The police department is also assisting the Cape Cod Disaster Animal Response Team (CCDART) with its 8 week pet food drive. The deadline is January 15, 2019 and the goal is to stock the 7 pantries where the Team provides food. Donation drop off locations are as follows: Sandwich, Dennis, Wellfleet, Barnstable and Truro Police Departments, West Barnstable Fire Department, Mashpee Council on Aging, Mashpee Sun Self-Storage and the Dennis Council on Aging.

#### Department of Public Works

- DPW crews will continue seasonal roadway brush cutting through the winter months to accommodate emergency vehicles. Woodchips from roadside clearing are available at the Transfer Station for any permitted resident for personal use only. All roadsides will be evaluated throughout the entire winter season, targeting trees that are a hazard to town infrastructure and powers lines.
- The East Harbor seaward end construction project bid opening was conducted this week. All bids are under review.
- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed a half day on Monday December 24, 2018, closed all day on Tuesday December 25, 2018, closed a half day on Monday December 31, 2018, and closed all-day Jan 1, 2019.
- A kick-off meeting was held last week with Weston and Sampson for the DPW Feasibility Study. The Study will take approximately three months to complete.
- DPW Director Cabral has been researching opportunities for accepting food waste at the Transfer Station. Partnering with local farmers who could accept the food waste to generate compost would require permitting on their behalf with the Mass Department of Agriculture.

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- The DPW has received a grant from DEP for the purchase of a closed top container and free mattress recycling until Jan 31, 2021. The mattresses must be dry and free of bed bugs.

### Harbor Master

- Harbor Master Jackett pulled another section of basin moorings out of the harbor.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett cleaned shellfish nets that protect juvenile shellfish.
- The heavy rain over the weekend limited the turnout of shellfish harvesters in Pamet Harbor.
- Big tides the past week brought some people out to harvest shellfish along the bay (pictures of tide attached).

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation-Ongoing Activities
  - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
  - Community Volleyball – Wednesday evenings at the Truro Community Center.
  - Community Pickleball.
  - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00pm – 5:30 pm at the Truro Community Center.
  - Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center  
Saturdays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
  - Open Gym for basketball at Truro Central School.
- Recreation-Activities this week
  - Registration closed for Youth Basketball and Cheerleading.
  - Meeting with Truro Chamber of Commerce and Truro Vineyards about Community Holiday event.
- Beach
  - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended Shark Working Group.
  - 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, practice shark safety.
  - Don't swim where seals are present.
  - Don't swim too far from shore.
  - 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.

### Health/Conservation

- This week the Health and Conservation Department continues annual license renewals for food service establishments; septic installers; refuse haulers and cottage colonies, motels and condominiums. This process includes working with the business owners, reviewing applications and preparing the licensing documents.
- We have completed the hand-off to the Barnstable County Health and Environment for the permitting of all our semi-public bathing beaches for 2019. A "semi-public beach" is one associated with a business, such as a cottage colony, motel or condominium. In past years the Health & Conservation department handled the permitting and the Town assumed all costs associated with the sampling and analysis for the Beach Point semi-public beaches. The new permitting program will shift the payment of this program to the property owners. The Town will still play a role in communicating beach closures

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and ensuring that the facilities close as required when appropriate.

- On Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Health will hold a public hearing on amendments to their local regulations. The proposed amendments include:
  - **Proposed Changes to Section 4.2 Ownership**  
*Language will be added to allow the Town(owner) to let property owners take loam/compost from the transfer station.*
  - **Proposed Changes to Section 5.7 Transfer Station Fees**  
*A fee amendment would align user fees with actual costs*
  - **Proposed Changes to Section 6: Wastewater and Septic Systems**  
*Amendments include: tightening inspection requirements to bring existing systems up to current code (such as building-up access ports which facilitates maintenance; requiring maintenance every 3 years as specified in the code and detailing the process for repairs needed during the inspection process); requiring the upgrade of non-conforming systems prior to any sale or transfer including placement of property into a trust or LLC; establishing a design flow threshold for Innovative/Alternative treatment to reduce nitrogen (this will capture flows >600 gal/day); applying the nitrogen loading limitations to all parts of Town (this is already in place where wells and septic systems are located on the same lot); Increasing the setback for septic system inspections based on proximity to resource areas (200 feet)*
  - **Proposed Changes to Section 17 Fees**  
*Fees have been adjusted to include the fee of a new (combined) Farmers Market/Ag Fair/Truro Treasures permit to streamline our special event permitting process for those vendors that we see at multiple events. The new fee for the combined permit is \$30.*
- The Board of Health meeting for December 4<sup>th</sup> has been posted.
- The Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> has been posted.

### Council on Aging

- **Medicare's Open Enrollment October 15-December 17**

#### **What Can You Do During Open Enrollment?**

- Enroll in a Medicare Part D drug plan.
- Switch from one Medicare Part D drug plan to another.
- Drop your Medicare Part D drug plan completely, perhaps because you switched to a Medicare Advantage plan that includes drug coverage.

October 15th to December 7th is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage (Part D) for 2019. If you are satisfied with your current drug plan, you don't need to do anything. Your health needs change from year to year, and your health plan may change benefits and costs each year too. That's why it's important to evaluate your Medicare choices regularly. It's worth the time to review and compare, but you don't have to do it alone....

Call to schedule an appointment for help with health insurance questions with SHINE Counselor, Elton Cutler, 508-413-9508.

- **Fuel Assistance applications are in!**

The Fuel Assistance Program provides low income households with help paying home heating bills during the heating season (November –April). Eligibility is determined by the gross income of all family members, as well as family size. If you have applied in previous years and need help filling out your recertification or are new to applying, please call Elton Cutler at 508-413-9508 for more information.

### Library

- Todd Schwebel will host a program on "How to make your own hula-hoop" at the library on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m.
- The Truro Library Lego club has completed their Hogwart's project. It is on display at the library.
- On December 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be an opportunity for kids to create holiday cards and ornaments. Stop by

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the Anne H. Brock Community Room anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

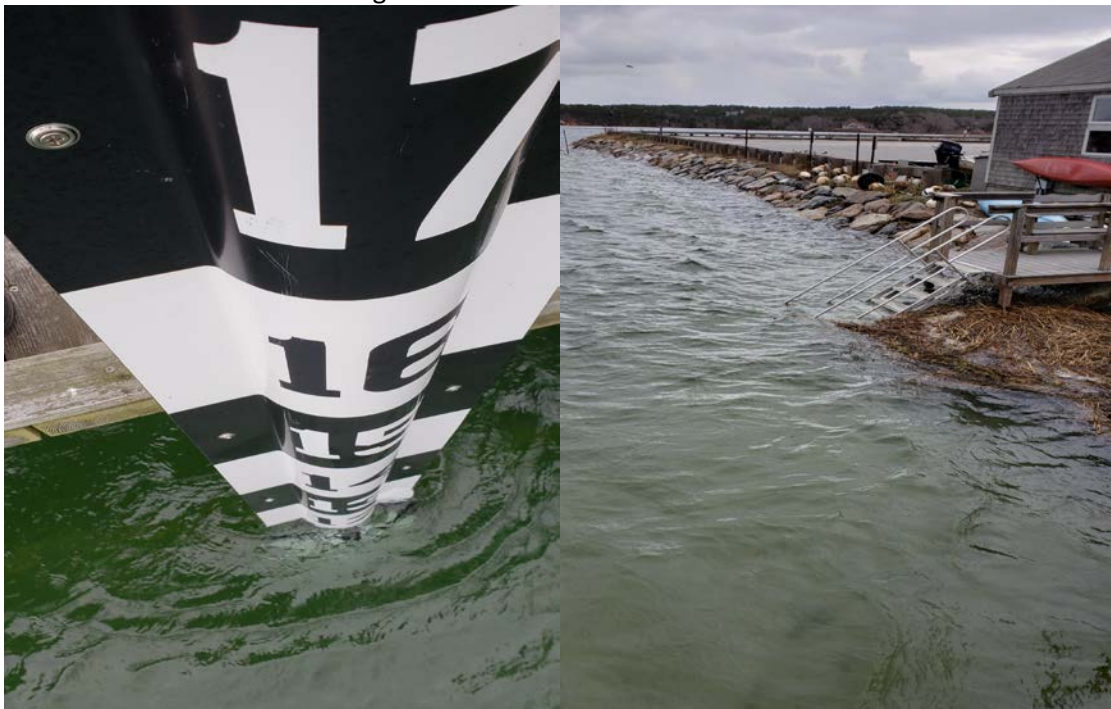
- For the month of December, Truro resident Will Oxtoby will hang his photographs in the Anne H. Brock Community Room. His opening will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> is the final day to drop off the gifts purchased for local kids through our "Angel Tree" program.

## Attachments

Lego Hogwarts at Library



High Tide Photos at Pamet Harbor



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