

# Town of Truro

## Town Manager's Weekly Report

December 21, 2018

### **Announcements:**

- Town Offices close at 12:00pm on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 31<sup>st</sup>. Town Offices are closed on Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Transfer Station will be closed a half day on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 31<sup>st</sup> and closed all day on Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Please note that effective November 1 to April 30, the Transfer Station is open Friday through Tuesday from 7:30 am- 3:30 pm.
- The East Harbor Phase I Outfall Pipe Repair and Dune Restoration project is underway. Staging for construction will begin Friday December 21, 2018. Staging will include the following:
  - Closure of Noons' Landing parking lot from December 21, 2018 through mid-May 2019.
  - Closure of Beach Point parking lot from December 21, 2018 through mid-May 2019.
  - Closure of Noons' Landing Beach access from December 21, 2018 through mid-May 2019. Beach Point beach access will remain open.
  - Traffic control consisting of signage, barricades and temporary traffic lighting will be installed in the area of Noons' Landing and south to the Beach Point parking area.
  - No long-term road closures will be required during construction.
  - Temporary road closures and lane reductions may be needed only during offloading of materials and equipment.
  - Work is scheduled to be completed, and access restored to all affected areas, in mid May 2019.

Please be aware of signage in the area. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this project.

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

- Our first Budget Task Force meeting was held on Monday and the Public Works and Council on Aging department budgets were presented, as was the Capital Improvement Plan. The next Budget Task Force meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 am at Town Hall and will feature the Recreation & Beach department, the Health/Conservation department, and the Building department. As a reminder, these meetings are open to the public and are available on Truro TV.
- Town Hall staff enjoyed a performance from the Truro Central School Carolers on Tuesday. This annual performance is always a highlight of our holiday season.
- There will be no weekly reports next week (December 24-28) or the following week (December 31-January 4). The next weekly report will be published January 11, 2019.
- **We wish everyone a joyous holiday and a happy New Year!**

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- None

### **Department News:**

#### Police Department

- The Truro Police Department members would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. A special thank you to all of our community members who have reached out with holiday wishes or dropped off delicious treats!

#### 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.

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- The DPW, in collaboration with the Board of Health and Health Agent Beebe, have adopted new regulatory guidance for the Transfer Station. The changes are as follows:
  - Beginning July 1, 2019, the Transfer Station will no longer accept commercial yard waste.
  - Single Stream Commercial tipping fee increase from \$72.00 per ton to \$90.00 per ton – Beginning January 4, 2019.
  - Toilets will be accepted from residents (not commercial entities) for a fee of \$15.00 each –Beginning January 4, 2019.
  - Food waste will be accepted at the Transfer Station beginning January 4, 2019. Flyers indicating acceptable food waste will be available at the Transfer Station and can viewed by [clicking here](#).
  - Loam/compost may freely be removed from the Transfer Station by any permitted resident (not to be used for commercial use) – Beginning January 4, 2019.
- A pre-construction meeting was held this week with MIG Corporation for the East Harbor seaward end construction and dune restoration project. Over the next few weeks, construction equipment, temporary traffic control lighting and mobile office trailers will be set up at the Noons' Landing parking area.

### Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett is preparing to remove netting from the shellfish areas in Pamet Harbor before the threat of any ice formation is created by intense cold temperatures.
- Harbormaster Jackett worked on the annual budget and submitted it for review.
- We continue to get strong turnouts for weekly shellfish harvesting.

### Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
  - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
  - Community Volleyball – Wednesday evenings at the Truro Community Center.
  - 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.
  - Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended the Holiday Event at Truro Vineyards on Saturday, December 15, 2018.
  - Mrs. Claus visited the Pamet After-School program.
- 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, 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.

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### Council on Aging

- **Elders of Special Concern Program** Upon returning home from the hospital or rehabilitation center, be sure to contact our Outreach Department for any support or resources you may need, such as medical equipment, meals on wheels or in-home supports. Also, you can be added to our Elders of Special Concern Program list. Participants of the Program will be contacted to determine if they have adequate supplies in preparing for possible power outages, etc. If you live alone, are disabled, use oxygen or other special medical equipment or feel you could benefit from this program please call 508-413-9508 to sign up.
- **Inclement weather policy** If the Truro Central School is closed, the Truro COA activities and programs (including transportation) are CANCELLED. The Truro Community Center will remain open and COA staff will be on duty unless town offices are closed.

### Library

- At the close of 2018 the staff of the Truro Library would like to thank our friends and colleagues for the support given to us during the year. We couldn't provide the level of service that we do without your efforts and goodwill.
- **Holiday Hours:** The library will be open until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. On December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> holidays, the library will be closed. Normal hours will resume the day after the holidays.
- On Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., Bert Jackson Quartet will kick-off our Winter Music Series with their Jazz and Latin standards and their own original work.
- **Library Game Nights** begin on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., during January and February, a night of cribbage will alternate with a night of trivia. Cribbage is January 8<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>. Trivia will be January 15<sup>th</sup>, January 29<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>. Snacks will be provided.
- On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., the Friends of the Truro Library will host their fifth annual Crock Pot-Luck.

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Attachments

Food Waste Composting Flyer



**Town of Truro Transfer Station  
Will begin accepting food scraps**

**For FOOD COMPOSTING**

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 4, 2019**

**Do's**

**Vegetables**  
**Fruits**  
**Flowers**  
**Breads/Cereals**  
**Coffee/Filters**  
**Tea Bags**  
**Egg Shells**  
**Meat/Bones**  
**Paper Napkins**  
**Pasta**  
**Corn Cobs & Husks**  
**Dairy Products**  
**Egg Shells**  
**Fish**  
**Grease Drippings**  
**Nut shells (peanuts & Pistachios, NO WALNUT)**



**Don'ts**

**Bags/Plastic bags**  
**Dog/Cat Waste**  
**Diseased Plants**  
**Trash**

**Bring your table and food scraps in a separate container to dispose of in the recently established food waste containers. If you are interested in recycling your food waste at home, you may also purchase a composter at the Transfer Station, along with a blue recycling container.**



**BONES ARE WELCOME !**



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Beginning of East Harbor Seaward End Project



The Transfer Station will begin accepting food waste effective January 4, 2019

