

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

April 5, 2019

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.
- Save the Date: Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Truro Central School. The Annual Town Election will be held Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Truro Community Center.
- The Finance Committee's Budget Public Hearing will be held on April 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the Truro Community Center. Please join us to learn about the Fiscal Year 2020 budget that will be voted on at Annual Town Meeting.

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

- I received word this week that the State will be providing \$383,000 to Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham to fund shark response efforts that include emergency communications equipment and medical response equipment/ supplies. We are especially grateful to Representative Peake and Senator Cyr who facilitated the request for this funding and worked with the Governor/ Lieutenant Governor's Office to provide this funding.
- The 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant was sent to the printer. While the Warrant will officially be posted on April 16, 2019 in accordance with the Town Charter, you can view the final draft version by [clicking here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- April 8, 2019-Truro Board of Assessors @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00pm.
- April 9, 2019-Truro Council on Aging @ Truro Council on Aging at 10:00am.
- April 9, 2019-Truro Board of Selectmen @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00pm.
- April 11, 2019-Herring River Restoration Committee @ CC National Seashore Headquarters at 9:30am
- April 11, 2019-Truro Board of Selectmen and Truro Finance Committee @ Truro Community Center at 6:00pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Please join members of the Truro Police Department this evening, April 5th, for the second annual Tip-A-Cop event at Montano's restaurant. Officers will be there from 4:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and all proceeds raised are donated to the Special Olympics.
- Congratulations to two veteran Truro Police officers on their promotions this week. Lieutenant Craig Danziger was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police, and Sergeant Scott Holway was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. A formal pinning ceremony will be scheduled later this spring. We wish them the best in their new roles.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 8 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 4 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 12 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Fire Department hosted its first public offering of "Stop the Bleed". We will be offering this program on a monthly basis. Interested parties should contact the Truro Fire Department or you can email the Fire Chief tcollins@truro-ma.gov.
- Open burning season ends May 1st. Residents wishing to conduct open burning must first come to the Fire Station to obtain a permit and a copy of the rules that govern open burning in Massachusetts.
- As the air temperature warms as we head further into spring please remember, if conducting water activities, that the ocean temperature is still very cold so be careful when out on the water.

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Department of Public Works

- DPW crews have started the seasonal spring clean-up of roadsides and parking lots. During the next couple of weeks, the street sweeper will be out daily, beginning in South Truro.
- The Farmers Market lawn area, Conservation Trust area, and Concert Park area have been top dressed with loam, and will be seeded in the coming weeks with conservation seed mix. The split rail fence has also been extended, and a decorative gate will be added due to vehicles accessing, and parking, in the grass area.
- A new sign has been installed at the entrance to the Community Center and Library complex. The sign was built by DPW staff members Kyle Halvorsen and Mike Locke. Within the next couple of weeks, the same area will be planted with native plants, trees, and remaining open space will be planted with conservation grass seed mix.
- The Swap Shop is on schedule to be opened May 4, 2019. We are still looking for volunteers to staff the hours of operation Saturday through Monday from 7:30-3:00pm. Please contact the DPW at (508)214-0400 for details.
- Centerline painting of all Town roads has been completed. DPW crews will begin painting public parking lots next week.
- Beginning July 1, 2019 commercial yard waste will no longer be accepted at the Transfer Station. Residential home homeowners can continue to deposit yard waste for free.
- In collaboration with Harbor Master Jackett, and the DPW, the floats were launched at Pamet Harbor.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Signs were put in place and notices indicating the Shellfish areas in Pamet river have closed for the season.
- Harbormaster Jackett started working in the tidal mooring field replacing chain and shackles.
- The County dredge pipe was buried off of Corn Hill beach, as has been done in the past.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Assistant Director Nunes attended a training on leadership skills.
 - Spring Youth Sports registration has closed, and teams are currently being created.
 - The softball field at Snow's Field received some maintenance in preparation for the 2019 season.
 - Pamet After-School celebrated Autism Awareness.
 - Assistant Director Nunes planned and organized a softball clinic to start the season off.
 - Adult Indoor Soccer – Tuesdays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Truro Central School.
 - Community Volleyball – Wednesdays evenings at the Truro Community Center.
 - Pamet After-School program: Monday – Friday 3:00 pm – 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
- Beach
 - Director Clements worked with DPW Director Cabral to prepare for summer 2019.
 - Evackart-emergency transportation carts were ordered.
 - New signs warning about sharks were ordered.
 - "Be Shark Smart" brochures were ordered.
 - The Beach Office, located at 36 Shore Road is currently closed and will reopen for the season on June 8, 2019. Beach stickers are not required to park at town owned beach parking lots until the 3rd Saturday in June.
 - 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.

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- 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.

Library

- For the month of April, local artist Elizabeth Lazaren will have her works displayed in the Anne H. Brock Community Room.
- On Friday, April 5th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. NASA Ambassador Don German will bring his 5.1-inch reflector telescope and share his vast knowledge about the night sky. The event will happen regardless of weather.
- Feeling stressed? Come to the *Managing Stress in Difficult Times* program, taught by Judy Marsh. Learn how to identify and measure stress and learn helpful and easy strategies for managing it. Program is offered on Fridays: April 19, May 17, June 21, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Come to one or all sessions. No charge.
- Friends of the Truro Library are sponsoring a bus trip to the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on May 8. The cost for transportation and admission is \$55.00 per person and does not include lunch. Space is limited, so please reserve your spot by calling or stopping by the library.

Council on Aging

- Planning is underway for the COA's Annual Volunteer Luncheon.
- The Truro Council on Aging will be providing transportation to the Annual Town Meeting on April 30, 2019. To make a reservation, please call the Council on Aging at (508)487-2462 no later than Friday April 26, 2019. When making your reservation, please have the rider's name, address, phone number and if any special accommodations will be needed such as a wheelchair lift. Once the route is planned, we will be in contact for approximate pick up time.
- A new Bereavement Support Group will be meeting every second and fourth Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm at the Truro Council on Aging. This group is facilitated by Nancy Higgins, LICSW of VNA Cape Cod and is free and open to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Please contact Nancy Higgins at (508)957-7715 for more information and to register.
- A Pen and Ink Workshop will begin on April 4 from 9:15-12:15 and will be held for six sessions on Thursdays through April and May. Led by Kathryn Smith, students will have a comprehensive study in ink wash techniques, utilizing gestural studies and value studies culminating in several wash drawings, both wet and dry. Contact the COA for more information and for a materials list.
- AARP Foundation – is providing tax assistance and preparation for low-income Truro Residents through its Free Tax-Aide program. Contact Kate at (508)487-2462.
- Sugar Blues-Free workshop to share experiences and get together with other people to learn new skills that are proven to make a big difference in the way diabetes affects your life. Tuesday 4/2/19-5/7/19 from 10am-12:30pm. Space available.
- Cape Cod COPD Support Group-for people with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Join Pat Lafrate from Cape Cod Healthcare. Next Meeting Wednesday 4/10/19 from 2pm-4pm at the Orleans Senior Center, 150 Rock Harbor Road, Orleans. All are welcome.

Attachments:

Placement of Docks at Pamet Harbor

