

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

June 28, 2019

Announcements:

- Town Offices will be closed **Thursday July 4th** and **Friday July 5th**. The Transfer Station and Beach Office will remain open on those days.

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

- *The Cape Cod National Seashore and town managers/ administrators from Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, and Chatham are holding a press conference on Tuesday July 2 at 9:00 am to discuss ocean safety, unified messaging, emergency response and research related to public safety and sharks in advance of the July 4th holiday.*
- *I attended the Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board Meeting on Wednesday evening in Barnstable. The establishment of the Fund is part of the legislation expanding the Short-Term Rental tax.*
- *The Fire Department's new tender was delivered yesterday and should be in service soon. Thank you, Truro voters! (photo attached)*
- *Thank you to all of the community members who attended the Walsh Property Community Forum. The event was well-attended and kicked off a community-wide conversation about the property that will continue in the coming months. Stay tuned for more opportunities to share your input. (photo attached)*
- *There will be no weekly report next week due to the holiday. Stay tuned for the July 12th report. Have a safe and happy Independence Day!*

Upcoming Meetings:

- June 29, 2019-Truro Energy Committee@ Truro Public Library at 11:00am
- July 1, 2019-Truro Conservation Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00pm
- July 2, 2019-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30pm

Department News:

Police Department

- The Truro Police Department will again be participating in the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. This event will be held on July 17th from 12:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Truro Community Center, 7 Standish Way. The Truro Police are teaming up with Cape Cod Healthcare and other local police departments to promote blood donations that stay here on Cape Cod! Depending on your preference, you can walk-in or make an appointment for your blood donation. For more information, please visit www.capecodhealth.org/giveblood or call 508-862-5663.

Department of Public Works

- Beginning July 1, 2019 commercial yard waste will no longer be accepted at the Transfer Station. Residential homeowners can continue to deposit yard waste for free.
- Volunteers are needed to staff the Swap Shop for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. The hours are 730am-300pm. Contact the DPW office at (508) 214-0400.
- The East Harbor Project is winding down. Stairway construction, jobsite cleanup, and snow fence installation at the toe of the dune are the last remaining tasks.
- An extension to the library garden has been completed to allow for wheelchair access.
- The solid waste contract with Covanta Seamass is currently under review in anticipation of our contract expiring December 31, 2019.
- Draft construction plans are complete for Eagle Neck Creek, and are currently under review by staff.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- First week of Commercial Bass Fishing. Next Monday should be very busy as word travels.
- Many boat owners are coming in with motor issues, sailboat mast issues, etc. so staff is lending assistance to get boaters in safely without damages.

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- Staff tracking people giving up moorings, current mooring holder payments, seasonal launch fees and other mooring rentals. The payment deadline is June 30th.
- Shellfish Constable continues to patrol the ocean beaches to check permits and monitor recreational shell fishing catches.

Recreation/Beach

- Recreation
 - Director Clements attends Select Board meeting on Goals and Objectives.
 - Start of Summer Childcare: June 24 – June 28 from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.
 - Preparing for Summer Rec Youth Program.
 - 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 3:00 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 attends presentation by Dr. Skomal for lifeguards to deal with sharks.
 - Beach Office hours are 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, daily.
 - For inquiries about the beaches please call (508) 487-1632.
 - 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.

Assessing Department

- Beginning July 1, 2019, the Assessors Office will begin accepting applications for the Residential and Statutory Exemptions for the Fiscal Year 2020.
- If you are already receiving the Residential Exemption, there is no need to reapply. The Assessors office will notify you if requirements are not met.
- All Statutory Exemptions (Senior, Veterans, Blind, etc.) must reapply annually, and applications will be mailed out next week to recent Statutory Exemption recipients.
- Applications received by August 15, 2019 will receive reductions on the October Tax Bill.

Council on Aging

- Senior Municipal Work Program- Panel met to assign applicants to positions.
- Newsletter for July/August was printed, folded, and mailed
- Ongoing Activities
 - Transportation
 - Chi Kung
 - Strength Training
 - Pen & Ink Workshop
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Chair Yoga
 - Community lunch

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Library

- We are pleased to announce that patrons are now able to check out a telescope from the library. In addition to the telescope, our "Library of Things" contains a sewing machine, a ukulele, gardening tools, an iron, a CD-player, and more.
- For the month of July, The Truro Group collective will display their creations in the Anne H. Brock Community Room and on the lower level of the library.
- Friday, July 5th is a busy day at the Library:
 - At 10:30 a.m., ages 6 and up can use their creativity and knowledge to create their own diorama with art educator Jennifer Stratton.
 - At 1:30 p.m., Lucy Gilmore will host "Fun with STEAM", with activity-based stations geared for children ages 3 to 8.
 - At 5:00 p.m., we will host the first book party for Karen Dukess' new book, *The Last Book Party*. Karen's book is set in the publishing word of 1980s New York city AND in the timeless beaches of Truro.
- On Tuesday., July 9, 6:30 p.m., Elvis will be in the (library) building. Join us for an exploration of quasars and black holes with Center for Astrophysics/Harvard & Smithsonian Senior Astrophysicist Martin Elvis.
- On Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 p.m. actress Judith Kalaora will perform a one-woman immersive performance of Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who lost her life in the 1986 Challenger explosion. This is a great activity for the entire family.



Walsh Property Community Forum participants discuss "Wishes and Worries"



New Fire Tender delivered Thursday