

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

September 27, 2019

Announcements:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was detected in mosquitos collected from Truro. Please see [this press release](#) from Health & Conservation Agent Emily Beebe and her report (below) for more information. Truro's risk level has been elevated to "moderate."

To reduce public exposure to mosquitoes carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, Truro has suspended issuance of beach fire permits at Town beaches until further notice.

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

- I attended a meeting of the Cape & Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board, as Truro's representative. The establishment of the Fund is part of the legislation expanding the Short-Term Rental tax. I was notified that the first installment of funds from the tax is \$2,900,000.
- Truro was bustling last weekend with Truro Treasures events, including a new North Truro Block Party and a new location for the End of Summer Bonfire. Thank you to all of the organizers, Town staff and community members who helped create another successful Truro Treasures Weekend.
- Health & Conservation Agent Beebe provided an informative report at Tuesday evening's Select Board meeting on rats, EEE and the Truro Motor Inn. The meeting is available at Truro TV and information is available on the Health Department webpage: <https://www.truro-ma.gov/health-agent>.
- The Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services certified the tax rate this week. The residential tax rate is \$7.33, and the commercial tax rate is \$7.07.
- The tagged shark detection buoy off Head of the Meadow Beach is very active. During the buoy test period, staff receives an email each time the buoy detects a tagged shark. It appears that two or three sharks are frequent visitors to the area. Please use caution if you venture into the water.

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 28, 2019-Historical Commission @ Truro Public Library at 10:00am.
- October 1, 2019-Truro Planning Board Work Session @ Truro Town Hall at 2:30 pm.
- October 1, 2019-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Town Hall at 4:30 pm.
- October 1, 2019-Shellfish Advisory Committee @ Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies at 5:00pm.
- October 2, 2019-Truro Select Board and Truro Planning Board ADU Ad Hoc Subcommittee Work Session @ Truro Town Hall at 11:00 am.

Department News:

Police Department

- Although the seasonal traffic has begun to decline, there is still considerable pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Please use caution when traveling on side roads, especially during dusk or dawn hours.
- Chief Calise attended the FBI-LEEDA Command Leadership Institute. Following his participation in the course, he was awarded the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. This is given to law enforcement members who successfully complete the Executive, Leadership and Supervisory Institutes.

Department of Public Works

- The Puma Park project is moving along. We expect the new surface and equipment to be delivered next week. Installation is scheduled to be completed October 11th.
- All snow removal assets are currently being inventoried and prepared for the winter season. We have also contracted with Morton Salt as our supplier for this year.
- Fall brush cutting of all Town roads will begin in October, along with catch basin inventory and cleaning. As part of disaster preparedness, we will continue to take a more aggressive approach to brush cutting roadsides.
- As we head into the winter season all culverts and waterways will be evaluated for any obstructions and sediment buildup. As done last year, we will clean and jet culverts as needed.

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Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett continued to broadcast more oyster spat in and around the harbor to help with future shellfish propagation.
- More boats continue hauling out for the season with Harbor Staff leading assistance to people that need help with trailers, sailboat masts, dinghies, etc.
- Good weather on the weekends have made the harbor very busy with boaters from out of town launching out of Pamet.
- Charter Boats and Season Launch Holders are successfully catching tuna during the week.
- All waitlists have been updated, exiting mooring holders fees/regulations have been checked and final new mooring holders assignment is complete for 2019-2020.
- Harbor Master Jackett participated in two recent meetings
 - DMR meeting about the public hearing to get public feedback on the MSI strategic development plan on September 18th.
 - Cape and Islands Harbormaster Association in conjunction with the Bay State Harbormasters hosted a leadership talk given by Admiral Dean Lee, USCG (ret) on September 23rd in Plymouth, MA.

Council on Aging

- Presentation on Consumer Fraud
- Upcoming new activities
 - Card Making / Rubber Stamping
 - Presentation on Our Adventures in Retirement on Cape Cod
 - Presentation on Identify Theft for Seniors
- Ongoing Activities
 - Chair Yoga
 - Chi Kung
 - Community Luncheon
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Mahjongg
 - Memoirs
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation
 - White Line Open Studio

Recreation/Beach

Recreation

- Assistant Director Nunes attended Truro Treasures Block Party to provide a Bouncy House and Face Painting.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes attended a meeting to organize and plan events for Truro 400.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes continued maintenance on the soccer field at Snow's Field in preparation for youth soccer games.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- 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

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- Community Pickleball – Mondays & Fridays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center
- Adult Indoor Soccer – times and days to be determined
- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen 2020.
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are no longer required to access Truro beach parking lots.
- Truro ORV stickers can be purchased at the Licensing Desk at Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd.
- Truro beach fire permits are not being issued at this time.
- [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

- On Wed., Oct. 2, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., The Truro Public Library is proud to present a screening of the documentary *Evanston's Living History*. *Evanston's Living History* a documentary film produced by Craig Dudnick, explores memories of African American citizens who migrated to Evanston during the early 20th Century after lynchings in the south. Following the film will be a discussion of why and how the film was made.
- Thurs., October 24, is Friends of the Truro Library night at Montano's Restaurant. The Montano family will donate a portion of that evenings "take" to the Friends. This is a win-win. Everyone gets a chance to enjoy an awesome dinner with other community members AND you get to support our hard-working Friends group.