

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

October 18, 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 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:

- The Outer Cape Shark Mitigation Alternatives Analysis is now available on the Town of Truro website and a community meeting was held last night at the Nauset Regional High School. Much of the week was spent reviewing the report and answering questions from the media. For those of you that could not attend, we expect the recording of the meeting to be available on Lower Cape TV.
- The Town of Truro requests your feedback in preparation for negotiations of our license renewal with Comcast. A survey is [available here](#) and should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Respondents are not required to provide their name to participate. The survey will remain open until November 15, 2019.
- We welcomed Town Planner, Jeffrey Ribeiro, on Tuesday this week. Please stop in and introduce yourself to him. It is wonderful to have him on board.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 22, 2019-Truro Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:00 am.
- October 22, 2019-Climate Action Committee @ Truro Public Library at 4:00 pm.
- October 22, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- October 22, 2019-Truro Board of Health @ Public Safety Facility (lower level conference room) at 5:30 pm.
- October 22, 2019-Truro Bike and Walkways Committee @ Truro Safety Facility (upstairs meeting room) at 6:00 pm.
- October 23, 2019-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Truro Police is gearing up to participate in the "No Shave November" fundraiser. The goal of the program is to raise funds for assisting veterans and their family members in their healing journey with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress. The department will post a link on its Facebook page to the Home Base website where you can find more information.
- Due to the high winds of the recent storm, the department received an increased number of house alarm calls. In order to assist in determining that an alarm is weather related, it is helpful to have someone available to contact. If you have a designated person you would like the department to contact in your absence in case an alarm is received, please forward that information to the police department.

Department of Public Works

- Due to this week's storm events DPW crews have been out clearing roads and waterways on a daily basis.
- This year, while we inspect and empty catch basins, you'll notice orange marks on the grates indicating which ones have been completed and which ones may still need attention.

Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- Floats are being pulled as boats haul out for the season.
- In spite of the powerful gusty winds, Pamet Harbor and its remaining fleet of boats remained intact with the exception of one boat which ended up hanging from its stern line. Harbormaster Jackett was able to

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launch the harbor boat and properly secure the vessel to the float.

- Shellfish Constable Jackett collected oyster grow cages that washed up on the beach and notified the owner and will continue to patrol the beach and look for gear.

Council on Aging

- Upcoming new activities
 - Presentation from Barnstable Sheriff's Office – Technology Capabilities
 - Flu Clinic – 10/23/19 at the Truro Community Center
- Ongoing Activities
 - Art Gallery
 - 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

- Youth soccer games.
- Preparing for Youth Basketball season.
- Working to offer Pickleball at the Truro Central School.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes have scheduled to meet with Truro After-School Coordinator.

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
- Community Pickleball – Mondays & Fridays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center
- Adult Indoor Soccer – Mondays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Truro Central School
- Community Volleyball – Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

Beach

- Department attends community presentation by the Woods Hole Group – Outer Cape Shark Mitigation Alternatives Analysis.
- 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 can be obtained by contacting the Truro Fire Department at (508) 487-7548.
- [Warning – Recent shark sightings, practice shark safety.](#)
 - [Don't swim where seals are present.](#)
 - [Don't swim too far from shore.](#)

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- [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

- Tuesdays, September 24 – December 17, at 1:00 p.m., The Next Chapter Book Club continues and is a program that provides the fun and focus of a book club to members of our communities who often lack opportunities to explore written works in a relaxed, engaging, and constructive setting.
- Thursdays, October 17 – December 12, at 4:00 p.m., The Children's Community Garden Program resumes with planting, harvesting, outdoor observations, and art making and is open to Outer Cape children grades K – 6th. Limited enrollment, please sign up by calling the library at 508-487-1125 and dress for outdoor fresh air activity.
- Thursday, October 24, from 4:30 – 9:30 p.m. is the Friends of the Truro Library night at Montano's Restaurant. The Montano family will donate a portion of that evening's "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.
- Wednesday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m., The Truro Library Book Group will meet to discuss *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf.