

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

December 13, 2019

Announcements:

- On Friday December 20th at 1 pm, Town Offices will close for a staff holiday party. Please note that Town Offices will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24th and will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and will close at noon on Tuesday December 31st and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.

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

- Preparations are underway for the February 18, 2020 Special Town Election to fill the Select Board vacancy.
- Town Accountant Brazil, Assistant Town Manager Clark and I met with the Senior Account Executive from the Town's Insurance Association to review claims and assets.
- Please join us on Tuesday, December 17th at noon at the Truro Community Center for a Meet & Greet with new Council on Aging Director, Mary-Elizabeth Briscoe. Ms. Briscoe is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and a Certified Clinical Trauma Professional with many years of experience managing programs and working with individuals of diverse backgrounds and ages. She will join our team officially on December 16th.

Upcoming Meetings:

- December 16, 2019-Truro Board of Assessors @ Truro Town Hall at 2:00 pm.
- December 16, 2019-Truro Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30 pm.
- December 17, 2019-Truro Climate Action Committee @ Truro Public Library at 4:00 pm.
- December 17, 2019-Truro Board of Health @ Truro Public Safety Facility at 4:30 pm.
- December 17, 2019-Truro Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- December 18, 2019-Truro Planning Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- December 19, 2019-Truro School Committee @ Truro Central School Media Center at 5:15 pm.
- December 19, 2019-Truro Pamet Harbor Commission @ Truro Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Department News:

Police Department

- Officers Sarah Lake and Kylee Valli took part in the 9th Annual "Shop with a Cop" event. They accompanied two students from the Truro Central School. The day started out with a complimentary lunch from Sam Diego's Mexican Restaurant followed by a visit from Santa and then holiday shopping at Target.
- The department welcomed new full-time telecommunicator Michelle Thomas to the dispatch team. Michelle previously worked as a part-time dispatcher for Truro Police and we are very happy to have her with us full-time. We also welcomed part-time dispatcher Eric Wagner who has begun his training. Welcome aboard!
- Truro Police also took part in the Stuff-A-Bus challenge for Toys for Tots and the Homeless for the Holidays fundraiser at Savory. Thank you to all who participated or contributed.

DPW

- The Town received a contract extension for funding the Eagle Neck Creek culvert repair project with the Department of Environmental Restoration and the Department of Natural Resources Conservation Service. Bidding for this project is tentatively scheduled for June 2020.
- DPW Director Cabral met with Steve Spear of the Natural Resources Conservation Service to review and discuss potential grant funding for Little Pamet and Pamet River environmental projects. Mill Pond Road was also discussed as part of the potential project scope of work.
- The East Harbor Culvert repair project is moving along, and we hope to see draft bid documents early next week. This will be followed by a staff review and bid announcement.
- As we head into the winter season, all culverts and waterways will be evaluated for any obstructions and sediment buildup. As was done last year we will clean, and jet culverts as needed.
- Due to heavy wind, rain, and snow this week, DPW crews were out clearing waterways and catch basins

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all week, as well as clearing brush from road sides.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- There was a good turn out for shellfish harvesting over the weekend despite colder temperatures.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett picked up plastics and debris surrounding shellfish areas.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett is preparing catch reports and a summary of this past year's shellfish activities for the Town Report.

Council on Aging

- Preparing for New Director to start on Monday, 12/16/19.
- Organizing New Director Meet and Greet scheduled for Tuesday, 12/17/19.
- Upcoming new activities
 - Holiday Card Making
 - Working on Pickleball demonstration.
- Ongoing Activities
 - Art Gallery
 - December Gallery – Truro Elementary School
 - 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 Basketball practices have begun. Games will begin in January 2020.
- Department is planning for Employee Holiday Event on Friday, 12/20/19.
- Department continues to research replacing chairs at Truro Community Center.
- Assistant Director Nunes attends Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association regional meeting.

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 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center and Fridays 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Truro Central School
- 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

- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and will reopen on June 13, 2020.
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are no longer required to access Truro beach parking lots. Beach stickers will be required on June 20, 2020.
- Truro ORV stickers can be purchased at the Licensing Desk at Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Rd.

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- 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.](#)
 - [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 December 19th, at 11:00 a.m., Martha Clarke ends her 4-part series on Astrology. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. Attendance at Martha's prior classes is not necessary.
- Truro Central School students will have "Library Day" on Friday, December 20th. All students will spend time in the library on that day.
- Also, on Friday, December 20th, the Board of Library Trustees will hold their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the library.
- On Saturday, December 14 and 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Lego Club for ages 7 and up meets at the Library.