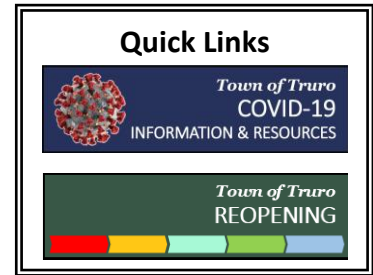


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Announcements:

- *After reviewing guidance from the State of Massachusetts and the CDC, we have determined that we will not be able to safely operate the Summer Recreation Youth Program.*
- *The Transfer Station will remain closed on Wednesday and Thursday through the end of June. We will re-evaluate the operation at that time. Swap shop permit sales are suspended until the Swap Shop reopens. As always, individuals wishing to recycle are required to purchase a Transfer Station Annual, Seasonal or Weekly Permit.*
- *Masks are required in public areas where social distancing is not possible (per Governor Baker's Order) and in public areas of Town at all times (per Truro Board of Health). Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. View the Truro Board of Health Order [here](#). View the Governor's Order [here](#). Keep an eye out for "Wear a Mask, Do Your Part" signs on Town property (see photo).*
- *Citizens can view virtual meetings on Channel 18 in Truro and on the web on the "Truro TV Channel 18" button under "Helpful Links" on the homepage of the Town of Truro website. Click on the green "Watch" button in the upper right of the page. Please note that the meetings are held remotely, and you may only hear audio. For more information on remote meetings, please [click here](#).*



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

- *As a career public administrator with police department experience in an inner city, I am saddened and horrified by the murder of George Floyd. The actions of the police officers involved are not consistent with policing principals and I am certain do not reflect the practices of the Truro Police Department.*
- *On Monday Town Accountant Trudi Brazil, Fin Com Chair Bob Panesitti and I participated in a bond rating review with Standard & Poors (S&P). I am pleased to report that the Town's AA+ Bond Rating was confirmed and that we received a very favorable report. This will positively influence borrowing.*
- *I participated in a biweekly conversation with the CCNS Superintendent and my counterparts from the Towns with CCNS in their boundaries. We are working to align beach policies and continue to share ideas.*
- *The "Elbow Up" group of Towns; Chatham, Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown managers/administrators continue to meet virtually every other week. This is proving to be a useful tool for all of us as we plan for reopening and recovery.*
- *Recreation & Beach Director Clements, Assistant Town Manager Clark and I met virtually with Superintendent Brian Carlstrom and Chief Ranger Leslie Reynolds to discuss this season's beach operations and modifications due to COVID-19.*
- *Beach Parking areas and beaches remain open for all Town and CCNS beaches. Please continue to social distance and please do not litter. The Cape Cod Reopening Task Force developed uniform signs for Covid-19 beach safety that we are in the process of installing.*
- *As the weather warms up, we remind beachgoers to practice shark safety.*
- *Assistant Town Manager Clark and I virtually attended this week's Municipal Briefing featuring Lieutenant Governor Polito. This week focused on the reopening of camps, restaurants and lodging.*
- *Please remember: **Short-term rentals of any kind are non-essential and are not presently permitted (unless the rentals are for healthcare workers or other essential workers).** This is actively being enforced. Non-compliance will result in issuance of a Cease and Desist Order, non-criminal violation citations and fines. See Health Dept guidance [here](#).*

Upcoming Meetings:

- *Tuesday, June 9, 2020-Truro Select Board Remote Call-In Meeting @ 5:00PM.*
- *Wednesday, June 10, 2020-Truro Planning Board Remote Call-In Work Session @ 10:30AM.*

Department News:

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Police Department

- The members of the Truro Police Department are saddened by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We denounce the actions of the officers involved. As an agency, Truro Police embraces the 2015 report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. We believe that professionalism in policing and credibility with our community remain cornerstones of public safety. Any actions that are inconsistent with fairness and equity, or which harm the public's trust, have no place in law enforcement.
- Truro Police continues to monitor the developing situation related to statewide demonstrations. Please visit our Facebook page for any updates or information on events that could impact us locally.

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 12 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 8 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 18 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Fire Department responded to a reported building fire on Avocet Road. Arriving companies found a small electrical fire from an outside wall outlet was the source of the problem. There was minimal damage and no injuries.
- The Truro Fire Department responded to the Town of Wellfleet for a reported building fire on Gull Pond Road. Initial company reporting light smoke condition in the basement but no fire.
- As we transition into warmer air temperatures the Department would like to remind you that water temperatures are still dangerously cold and when undertaking part in any on-water activities always wear appropriate personal floatation devices and dress appropriately for the water temperature.

Department of Public Works

- In response to the circumstances related to the CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19 we have developed a response plan to maintain modified operations implemented at the Transfer Station.
- **The Transfer Station will remain closed Wednesday and Thursday until July 2020.**
- **Transfer Station Phased opening will consist of the following drop off opportunities five days a week:**
 - **May 22, yard waste**
 - **May 29, Metal, Oil filter**
 - **June 5, Soft Furniture, mattresses and box springs**
 - **June 12, Tired, propane tanks**
 - **June 19, Toilets, food waste, and TV's (e-waste)**
 - **June 26, Remaining operational components, Haz Waste, Batteries, water tanks, etc.**
- **The Swap Shop opening will be evaluated once we enter the Governor's new normal Phase.**
- **Please note: To avoid large crowds, we recommend avoiding the Transfer Station during the following peak hours of Traffic. Weekdays from 11AM to 2PM, and Weekends from 11AM to 2PM.**
- All signage related to COVID-19 has been installed at all beach locations and Pamet Harbor.
- Ryder Beach and Beach Point access areas have been widened to accommodate social distance while entering and exiting the beach areas. The Beach Point area will remain open for ORV use.

Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, and beaches and that Governor Baker has instructed all travelers to Massachusetts to self-quarantine for 14 days and limit gatherings to 10 people or less.
- After reviewing guidance from the State of Massachusetts and the CDC, we have determined that we will not be able to safely operate the Summer Recreation Youth Program.
- The Truro Community Center is closed but staff are still in the office. Staff can still be reached by phone (508) 487-1632, email dclements@truro-ma.gov, or via Facebook, and Twitter.
- Director Clements and Assistant Director Nunes met with Beach Supervisor Gonsalves to review

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seasonal employment applications.

- Director Clements continues to work with DPW Director Cabral to discuss beach parking lots, beach portable restrooms, and beach accesses for the Truro beaches.
- Puma Park Playground is currently closed to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Per State Guidelines, possible opening in Phase 2.
- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and is scheduled to reopen on June 20, 2020.
- Truro Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased by clicking [HERE](#)
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are not currently required to access Truro beach parking lots. Beach stickers will be required starting June 20, 2020.
- 2019 Truro ORV stickers can be purchased by calling (508)487-1632.
- Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- Shark Warning - 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.
- All programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Per State guidelines, possible opening in Phase 2 and Phase 3, depending on activity.

Suspended Activities

- **Walking Group**
 - Tuesdays 9:00 am
- **Indoor Walking**
 - Various times at the Truro Community Center
- **Zumba Fitness**
 - Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center
 - Saturday 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
- **Community Pickleball**
 - Mondays: 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Truro Community Center
 - Thursdays: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Truro Community Center
 - Fridays: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Truro Central School
 - Saturdays: 10:30 am – 1:30 pm, Truro Community Center
- **Adult Indoor Soccer**
 - Monday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, Truro Community Center
- **Community Volleyball**
 - Wednesday 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm, Truro Community Center

Council on Aging

- COA staff continuing to handle all incoming calls and emails remotely and from the office which is staffed with one person daily.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, all older adults in the community, and responding to all requests for help/information/referral as well as SHINE appointments via telephone.
- Director Briscoe is coordinating with participants and instructors to offer programming online through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website and broadcast on local TV.
- COA staff continue to collaborate with Good Neighbor-Truro volunteer group for food, prescriptions, mail etc.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00AM.

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- Director Briscoe developing online psychoeducational support group via Zoom.
- Director Briscoe continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution weekly through June. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per week.
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director Briscoe conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, SHINE, and CCRTA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population.
- COA staff working with Community Kitchen to provide hot meal to older adults now on Tuesday evenings. More than 320 meals were provided each week.

Health and Conservation

- We have received numerous reports from neighbors about the rentals happening in their neighborhoods. We do investigate these complaints. Some of them are long term and meet the requirements but the vast majority do not. We are pursuing these with the property owners, and also Del Mar vacations, who is renting for homeowners in Truro.
- The Conservation Commission met on Monday June 1 and held a public hearing on the Notice of Intent filed for the culvert replacement and associated Salt Marsh restoration at Eagle Neck Creek. The project was presented by Woods Hole Group and the MA Department of Ecological Restoration. The Commission has continued the hearing until the July meeting to vote on the matter, which will give us time to develop a draft of the special conditions for that hearing.
- This week the Board of Health was unable to hold their scheduled public hearing on the Truro Motor Inn on June 3 as the applicant did not notify abutters as required. The 2020 operating permit, housing violations and the variance hearing for the proposed septic system still need to be heard; the Board moved the date of the public hearing to June 30.
- On Friday we received guidance from the State as a preview of the safety standards and checklists for lodgings and restaurants opening under phase II. Pursuant to the preview, we have been on numerous calls with DPH this week for further clarification on how these establishments apply the guidance. We anticipate a press briefing tomorrow, 6/6, from Governor Baker announcing the time frames for commencement of Phase II. In the wake of receiving these guidance documents I have been able to lean heavily on the skills of Nicole Tudor and Noelle Scoullar to help me reach out to our business establishments quickly, and also to be available for their questions. They have provided tremendous support for which I am most grateful!
- This week, we held "Coffee with a Health Agent", which was a call-in Q&A session with Wellfleet Health Agent Hillary Lemos and me. The session was well attended, and productive. We have decided to offer this again on Wednesday at 11:00am. These sessions are taped and will be available on the public access channel.
- On Thursday, our Outer Cape Conservation team and the Center for Coastal Studies hosted a public presentation of phase 1 of our Coastal Resiliency project funded by CZM. This project to improve Coastal Resiliency across the region has helped us develop a management framework we will use for the development of a regional Shorefront management plan. The presentation included a description of phase 1 and a preview of where phase II is projected. We are currently preparing the phase II application to submit to CZM next week.
- This week we have submitted documents to the Cape Cod Commission for an MVP grant we are applying for with Wellfleet to address low-lying roads.

Harbor Master

- All basin mooring floats are in.
- Channel buoys, no wake buoy, rock buoy are in, and "no swimming in the channel" sign is in.
- Shellfish Constable Jakkett moved the remote set oyster bags from the Dennis DPW to the ARC Hatchery.

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- Most of the boating activity are boats going into the water for the season, and fielding calls for the status of launching at Pamet.
- More signage has been added to alert people to masks and social distancing.
- A helpful conference call with staff, Town Manager Palmer, and Assistant Town Manager Clark, was held to discuss guidelines, current issues,

Library

- At this writing, the library has been open for curbside service for two days. The staff has been separated into 2 teams in case of Covid 19 exposure. Each team alternates work days. So far the new routines are working very well, and it feels great to be back supplying physical materials, instead of supplying e-materials.

