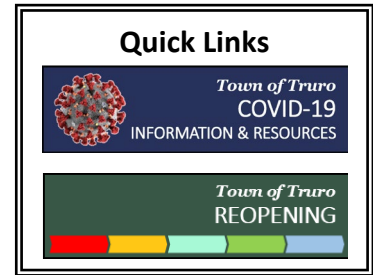


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Announcements:

- 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 Regulation [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](#).
- Massachusetts is in Phase III of the Governor's Reopening Plan. Learn more on [Truro's Reopening page](#).
- Please remember to practice shark safety when visiting the beach.



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

- I am pleased to announce that the Town of Truro was awarded \$382,777 from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The award is funded through the CARES Act in order to prepare for, prevent and respond to COVID-19. We are grateful to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Department of Housing and Community Development for this award.
- Recreation & Beach Director Clements, Health Agent Beebe and I met virtually with Cape Cod National Seashore Superintendent Carlstrom and Deputy Superintendent Leslie Reynolds to discuss Head of the Meadow beach concerns.
- Credit cards are now accepted (and encouraged) at Pamet Harbor to limit contact. Thank you for your patience as staff familiarizes themselves with the credit card process and the new system that will allow online transactions in the future.
- 2019 Annual Town Reports are available by request at the Library's curbside pick-up operation.
- Beach stickers are required at Town beaches. The Beach Office is open, but we encourage everyone to purchase beach and Transfer Station permits online if possible. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Make Truro Count! Complete the 2020 US Census online at [here](#) or by phone 844-330-2020. It's fast and easy and it is crucial to secure necessary funding and to be represented in Boston and in Washington. If you are completing the Census online and did not receive a 12-digit Census ID in the mail or at your door, you can click on the link at the bottom that says, "If you do not have a Census ID, click here."
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, July 21, 2020-Truro Board of Health Virtual Meeting @ 4:30pm
- Wednesday, July 22, 2020-Truro Cultural Council Virtual Meeting @ 3:30pm
- Wednesday, July 22, 2020-Truro Planning Board Virtual Meeting @ 6:00pm

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- The Transfer Station will remain open 7 days a week until November 1, 2020. All operational areas, apart from the Swap Shop, are now available. The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening, Phase 4.
- The Safety Facility Parking lot sealcoating and line painting project has been completed.
- The new sales database for Pamet Harbor has been operational since last week. Staff training will continue through next week.
- A \$200,000 grant award application was submitted this week to the USDA. This will enable the Town to review all culvert final design alternatives for Truro Center Road.

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- The Woods Hole Group continued field work this week for both Little Pamet River and the Truro Center Road culvert projects. We expect both projects to continue into August, followed by a team meeting and final report.
- Solid waste generated during FY20 has declined again for the third year in a row. This is the lowest tonnage amount since FY13.
- Single Stream recycling has increased by 59 tons for a total of 469 tons for FY20. This represents the highest recycling amount the Town has recorded.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- The credit card reader is in place and operating. Full staff was on hand for preliminary training by DPW Director Cabral and DPW Staff Peterson.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett drove to Marstons Mills to pick up 20,000 large oyster seed and put them into the upweller in Provincetown. When they reach a field plant size, they will be deployed into Pamet River in early Fall.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett inspected the flats to check areas where quahogs had been deployed and spread some out to other areas.
- We have received our Coastal Zone Resiliency Rain Gauge to better assist DMF in assessing rainfall closures.

Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, and beaches and wear a face covering when in public.
- The Truro Beach Office is open. The hours are 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, with limited public access. We are asking the public to order their beach stickers online if they are able. Truro Resident & Non-Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#) . For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983.
- Looking for Yoga?
 - [TruroYoga](#): Wednesdays. 9:00 am – 10:00 am. Truro Community Center Green, 7 Standish Way, N. Truro (located between the Truro Public Library and Truro Community Center)
 - [RJ Yoga](#): This summer due to COVID 19 we will be holding all classes outdoors on the green between the Truro Library and the Community Center. Preregistration is required. Please see the [class information page](#) for details. We look forward to seeing you!
- Puma Park Playground is open. We remind the public to practice social distancing and wear a face mask in public. Hand sanitizing stations are available.
- 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.
- 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.

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Council on Aging

- COA staff are available M-F; 8-4 by phone and email.
- COA 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 work with Good Neighbor-Truro volunteer group.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00AM.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online psychoeducational support group via Zoom.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution now every other Friday through August. July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, and August 21st from 11-12:30pm. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per 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 and develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Assessing

- **Fiscal Year 2021** began on July 1, 2020. The Assessor's office is now accepting applications for the FY21 Residential and Statutory Exemptions. As a reminder the Residential Exemption DOES NOT have to be renewed annually. We review information and will contact you if clarification is necessary. We accept applications for the Residential Exemption however the program is subject to renewal by an annual vote of the Select Board at the Classification Hearing usually held in September. For Statutory Exemptions (Seniors meeting strict Income and Asset guidelines, Disabled Veterans, and the Blind), we must receive an application annually and supporting documentation must be presented with the application. The Deadline for FY21 is April 1, 2021 for exemptions however we advise you return ALL applications early so we can get the exemptions on the October tax bill. Please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office with any questions at 508.349.7004 x 116 and we will be happy to assist.

Library

- Virtual children's programs are going well, and virtual adult programs will begin very soon.
- Patrons seem to be pleased with the curbside service that we are providing. Some have made a special effort to thank us for providing them with new authors that they would not have tried had they been browsing for themselves.
- CLAMS has ended its fiscal year by giving up the leased office space that they have occupied since 2002. On a permanent basis, CLAMS staff will work largely virtually, and they will periodically lease space from CapeSpace in Hyannis. CLAMS membership and board meetings will rotate among libraries.

Attachments

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