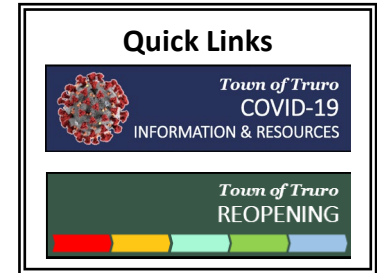


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Announcements:

- Several Executive Orders were issued by the Governor. All residents of Massachusetts are advised to stay home during the hours of 10pm and 5 am. Travel during this time may include going to work or school or for essential needs such as seeking emergency medical care, etc. Moreover, face coverings are required in all public places, whether indoors or outdoors (medical exemptions apply) for all persons over the age of 5 and recommended for ages 2-5. Please refer to the Health and Conservation section of the November 6, 2020 Weekly Report for details.
- 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 or join the meeting using the phone number/ link included on the agenda.
- Truro has two active COVID cases and 16 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.



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

- There will be no weekly report next week. Please have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.
- Please see the Health/ Conservation Agent's report below regarding special COVID-19 Thanksgiving precautions.
- Please note that Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th and Thursday, November 26th, and will be open on Friday, November 27th.
- Assistant Town Manager Clark and I attended the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association Fall Conference: Leading in Challenging Times. The keynote speaker made many key points about the impacts of COVID school closures on the workforce and on the role of the "Chief Health Officer" of organizations and how their role and responsibility has expanded and will remain expanded even as the pandemic subsides at some point. It was a great reminder of how wonderful our Health Department is in Truro and how much work they do and will continue to do. Other interesting topics discussed include what we can learn from other countries, how long to expect remote work to continue generally, and what to expect in terms of a COVID response after the Presidential Inauguration.
- Please note: The Oyster Shellfish Beds at the Pamet Harbor will be closed until further notice for retesting. Notice will be given for an opening date both at the Pamet Harbor and on the Town website.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, November 23, 2020-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:00am
- Monday, November 23, 2020-Select Board Executive Remote Session @ 1:30pm
- Monday, November 23, 2020-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Tuesday, November 24, 2020-Board of Assessors Remote Meeting @ 12:00pm

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday, November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID – 19 Reopening Phase 4.
- Resurfacing of the apparatus bay at the Safety Facility, as well as work on the decking and interior floors at Snow's Fieldhouse have been completed.
- The Transfer Station will be open the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 27, 2020

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Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- All basin floats are now out of the water and arranged in the parking lot for the season.
- Channel buoys have been removed from the approach and inner channel area.
- Harbor Master Jackett assisted the DPW in taking out the floating docks.
- The Barnstable County Dredge is due to arrive and began moving equipment into Pamet Harbor.

Health and Conservation

- The upcoming Holidays present tempting opportunities to travel; please recognize that gathering with friends and family is risky behavior if they live outside of your household. It is important to understand the risks associated with our traditional form of the celebration to give Thanks.
- We want you to remember 3 things:
 - First, **Gatherings are at the heart of community spread**, which has a new nickname: “couch spread”. To stay safe, avoid spending time indoors with people that are not members of your household; remain masked and maintain at least 6 feet of physical separation.
 - Second, the **Massachusetts Travel Restrictions** now apply to most States; only VT, and HI are “safe”, and lower-risk places to travel. **As of 12:01 AM November 21 ME and NH will no longer be low-risk states.** The requirements can found at : <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>
 - ✓ Travelers and visitors are required to complete the Massachusetts travel form prior to arrival, unless they are visiting from a lower risk state, designated by MA DPH.
 - ✓ They must also either quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 – molecular, or PCR test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to arriving in Massachusetts.
 - ✓ If the test results have not be received prior to arrival visitors and residents are required to quarantine until they receive a negative test result.
 - ✓ Quarantine means remaining in place at your property.
 - ✓ This order applies to Students returning home from college but does not apply to children who are 10 or younger.
 - ✓ Negative antigen tests must be confirmed by a negative molecular (PCR)SARS-CoV2 test result within 72 hours prior to arrival.
 - ✓ Failure to comply may result in a \$500 daily fine.
 - **Third: Please wear your mask. MASKING** or facial coverings are now **required** in **all public spaces**, and establishments **regardless of physical distancing**. This includes public spaces indoors and outdoors. Yes, this includes beaches and bike-paths. Please wear your mask.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you for wearing your mask!

Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, playgrounds and beaches and wear a face covering when in public. For more information concerning COVID-19 click **HERE**
- **Youth Soccer Instructional Program** ended this week.
- **Holiday Event.** Director Clements is researching a December holiday event.
- The department is researching bringing back indoor recreational activities.

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- Director Clements has been working on the FY22 budget for the department.
- Director Clements attends online meeting for the Massachusetts Recreation and Park Association to organize the 2021 State Conference and Trade Show.
- Director Clements attends webinar: Connecting and Collaborating in a Remote-Work World.
- Director Clements attended meeting of Lower Cape Recreational League to discuss winter youth sports.
- **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.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) is closed and beaches are no longer protected by lifeguards. Currently beach stickers are not required to visit Town of Truro beaches or park in Town of Truro beach parking lots. ORV stickers are still required to access the bayside, off-road corridor. To order online click [HERE](#). For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983. Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- **Puma Park Playground** is open. We remind the public to practice social distancing and wear a face mask in public. The playground is cleaned weekly and hand sanitizing stations are present. Portable restrooms are no longer available.
- **Shark Warning** – Great White Sharks are still active through early November. 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.

Council on Aging

- COA Staff continue to work from the office and remotely. Someone is always available M-F; 8-4 by phone and/or email.
- COA hosting Drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays starting November 10 from 1-2 pm.
- COA to host seasonal craft program. See newsletter for details or call the COA to sign up.
- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE and Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing mobile outreach outdoor home visit. Anyone wanting a visit should call to schedule.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA offering virtual programming through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page as well as Channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00am.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online Psychoeducational Support Group via Zoom.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBTZ Zoom group. For info or to join email Mary-Elizabeth: mebriscoe@truro-ma.gov
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution. Dates are as follows: **December 4, December 18, January 8, January 22 and then every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30 for pick up at Truro Community Center.**
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, EOEA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult

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population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Library

- HAPPY SOCIALLY DISTANCED THANKSGIVING TO ALL!
- Thanksgiving Weekend Library hours:
 - Wednesday, November 25: usual hours
 - Thursday, November 26: closed for Thanksgiving
 - Friday, November 27: closed
 - Saturday, November 28: open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Attachments

