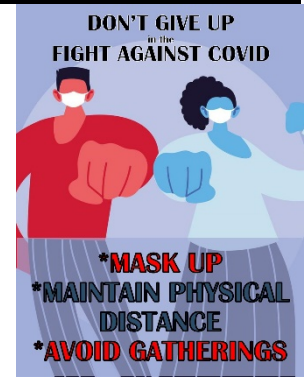


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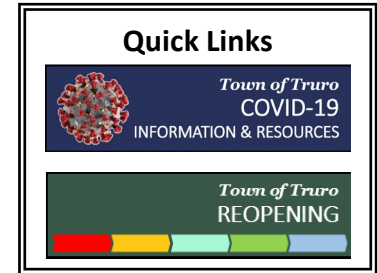
Announcements:

- *Effective Monday, the Governor rescinded the Stay-at-Home Advisory between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am and the order requiring certain businesses to close by 9:30 pm. Capacity limits of 25% for most industries and gathering limits will continue until **at least February 8, 2021.***
- *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.*
- *COVID-19 cases continue to creep up in the Commonwealth and in our region. Truro has nine active COVID 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:

- *Don't give up! Wear your mask! As a reminder, the Town of Truro and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have masking requirements for the public. If you are in a public space--indoors or outdoors, and even if you can stay six feet from others--you must be masked. A printable flyer is available [here](#).*
- *Select Board members and staff members virtually attended parts of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Conference. The Conference is a great opportunity to learn about municipal trends, dialogue with counterparts in other communities, and obtain legislative, legal, and funding briefings.*
- *Budget Task Force Meetings continue Monday, January 25th with Finance, Admin, and IT budgets. Login information for the meeting is available on the Town website.*



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, January 25, 2021-Select Board/Finance Committee Budget Task Force Remote Meeting @ 1:30pm.
- Monday, January 25, 2021-Charter Review Committee Remote Meeting @ 4:00pm.
- Monday, January 25, 2021-Zoning Board of Appeals Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm.
- Tuesday, January 26, 2021-Select Board Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, January 27, 2021-Planning Board Work Session Remote Meeting @ 2:30pm.
- Thursday, January 28, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:00am.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station will be closed every Wednesday and Thursday, November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.
- As a reminder, the Transfer Station will be closed on February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents Day.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 Reopening Phase 4.
- The Walsh property survey and structural evaluation will begin next week. We anticipate receiving a final report in March.
- The Cloverleaf water main installation project has been posted on the Town website. The bid opening is scheduled for February 11, 2021.
- The DPW has landscaped a small area for Police and Fire equipment to be stored at the Safety Facility. This will free up parking spaces and facilitate snow removal.
- DPW Cabral had preliminary talks with Charge Point regarding installation of a two-port car charging station to be located at Town Hall. We expect a proposal early next week for purchase and installation.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett took water samples throughout Pamet Harbor with State official.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett had a Zoom meeting with the Barnstable County Shellfish Advisory

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Committee and discussed shellfish activities and prices for the upcoming season.

- Shellfish Constable Jackett moved shellfish stock and cultch to other areas in Pamet Harbor.
- There was a strong turnout for shell fishing over the weekend despite the cold and windy weather conditions.

Health and Conservation

- Effective Monday, January 25th at 5:00 AM, Governor Baker's "Stay at Home Advisory" for the hours between 10pm – 5am is rescinded.
- The Mandatory Early Closure of Businesses Order requiring certain businesses to close by 9:30 PM will be also be rescinded, as of Monday, January 25th. This applies to restaurants, liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol, and many other sectors. A complete list of affected sectors can be found on the DPH website at:
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information>
- Gatherings may go beyond 9:30 PM.
- The 25% capacity and gathering limits remain in place until 5AM Monday February 8.
- Phase 3, step 1 remains in place, and phase 3 step 2 businesses must remain fully closed.
- The Select Board appointed 2 new members to the Board of Health last week, and they attended their first meeting on Tuesday. The Board welcomed Helen Grimm and Brian Koll. At this meeting, alternate Meredith Goff announced that she was moving out of Town and made her farewells to the Board. Although her tenure was short, her contribution was significant. Mark Peters and Peter Van Stratum left the Board in December, and we appreciate the opportunity that this report provides to express our gratitude to each of them for their years of service to the Town. Each brought unique perspectives and experience to the process and deliberations of the Board.
- Vaccination planning is in high gear as we anticipate standing up clinics on the Outer Cape possibly for phase 2 populations. We will work under the Barnstable County Health Department and are meeting together frequently to advance the initial site selection process. We will continue to provide updates on the process as the enormous task of vaccinating gets underway in large scale.
COVID-19 Vaccine Information : Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment
(barnstablecountyhealth.org)
The Barnstable County Health Department has launched a COVID-19 Help Line:
(774) 330-3001. Callers are able to speak with Medical Reserve Corps volunteers Monday through Friday, 8am – 4:30pm to get answers to questions regarding COVID-19 general info., testing sites, vaccine rollout information and more.
- Favorite snappy mask up message of the week:

PLEASE DON'T MAKE US ASK-WEAR 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
- **Budget** – Director Clements presents department budget to the Budget Task Force via virtual meeting.
- **MMA Annual Conference** – Director Clements attends the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual Conference via live stream.
- **Easter** – Department is in the initial planning phase for a community Easter event.
- **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

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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.
- All other programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Suspended Activities

- Walking Group
- Indoor Walking
- Zumba Fitness
- Community Indoor Pickleball
- Adult Indoor Soccer
- Community Volleyball

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 staff working to develop plan for providing updates and information on current COVID-19 vaccine plan from Barnstable County Department of Health.
- COAST (COAs Serving Together) group sharing virtual programming across all cape towns. Information can be found on the town website, COA "stay connected page", on Facebook and in current newsletter. Interested participants can also call for more information.
- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays starting November 10 from 1-2pm.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry starting Thursday, December 10 from 10-11am.
- COA hosting virtual seasonal craft programs. Please contact COA for information and registration.
- 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 Fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- COA staff calling residents to offer friendly support to help reduce social isolation.
- COA Transportation available for essential medical rides with new transportation and safety protocols in place.
- COA staff participating in no costs virtual training opportunities through MCOA.
- 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 @ 10:00 am.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online Psychoeducational Support Group via Zoom.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBT group via Zoom. If interested call the COA to register- 508-487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution. Next date is January 22 and then will be every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30 pm for pick up at 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 to Cape Cod's older adult population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Library

- Please be aware that in the Truro Library "Library of Things" we have an LED Light Therapy lamp that is available to be checked out to our patrons. We are hoping that using the lamp will make a difference

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during these days of both winter and isolation.

- Truro's Mock-Caldecott winner is *Lift*, illustrated by Dan Santat and written by Minh Le, a lovely work about an elevator that will lift your spirits as it lifts your body. The "real" Caldecott winning picture book will be announced on January 25. As in previous years, our Truro kids may be as discerning as the professionals.
- On January 27, 2:00 p.m., the Truro Library book group will meet virtually to discuss *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout. February's book choice is *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich.

Attachments

