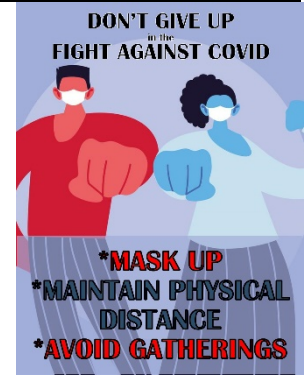


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Announcements:

- Effective Monday, the Governor rescinded the Stay-at-Home Advisory between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am and the order requiring certain businesses to close by 9:30 pm.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.
- 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](#).



Quick Links



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

- The COVID Team met this week to discuss vaccine distribution plans. Staff is fielding many calls regarding vaccines and has posted an important announcement from Barnstable County clarifying the COVID-19 Vaccination Process which explains that "although residents seventy-five years and older will be the next group eligible (Phase 2) to receive a COVID-19 vaccination beginning Monday, February 1, most will not find an available appointment immediately on Cape Cod. The reasons for the delay in the timeline are twofold: we are still in the process of vaccinating the initial eligible groups in Phase 1, and we do not yet have an adequate supply of the vaccine." [Click here](#) to view the full announcement. Barnstable County also offers a Vaccine Helpline, Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm for questions related to the vaccine and the roll out. Barnstable County Vaccine Helpline: 774-330-3001.
- The Truro Emergency Management Team met in advance of the expected snow event in Truro today. Plows and emergency personnel are on standby. The Team also has an eye toward a storm that may be developing early next week. To stay up-to-date on Town of Truro notifications, please register for ALERTruro [here](#).
- Budget Task Force Meetings continue Monday February 1st with the School and Library budgets. Login information for the meeting is available on the Town website.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, February 1, 2021-Select Board/Finance Committee Budget Task Force remote meeting @ 1:30pm.
- Monday, February 1, 2021-Conservation Commission remote meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, February 2, 2021-Board of Health remote meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Wednesday, February 3, 2021-Planning Board remote meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Thursday, February 4, 2021-Climate Action Committee remote meeting @ 10:30am.

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 for Presidents Day.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 Reopening Phase 4.
- The Walsh Property structural evaluation site visit was completed this week. We estimate to see a final report in March.

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- DPW Director Cabral has completed a site visit with Charge Point for installing a two-port car charging station at Town Hall. Charge Point will submit a revised proposal early next week.
- Solid waste totals continue to trend upward. We expect to approach 1,900 ton by the end of the fiscal year (June 30th). This is 237.69 ton above last year's solid waste total and is 204.32 ton above our three-year average.
- Recycling is also on the rise. We expect to approach 600 ton by the end of the fiscal year. This is 131 ton above last year's total and 165.73 ton above our three-year average.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- The Harbor Master boat was serviced at Bay Sails.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett is working on the town shellfish permit regarding types of shellfish and areas to be seeded.
- There was a good turnout for shell fishing over the weekend despite very windy and cold conditions.

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](#)
- **MA Recreation & Park Association** – Director Clements attends a virtual meeting to organize and plan for the MRPA State Conference & Trade Show.
- **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 [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 working to clarify vaccine information and will continue to update as information becomes available.
- COAST(Councils on Aging Serving Together) group sharing virtual programming across all cape towns- information can be found on the town website, COA stay connected page as well as on Facebook and in current newsletter. Or call for more information.

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- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry Thursdays from 10-11.
- 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 all SHINE and fuel assistance appointments via telephone.
- 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 @ 11:00.
- 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. Dates are every other Friday until April. Times remain 11-12:30 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 of Cape Cod's older adult population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Library

- Join an "Artsy Crafty February Workshop", a 4-week, Zoom class for all ages. Create your own mandala, art journal, collage, and linocut stamp. Each class is 45 minutes and all the supplies are provided. There is no charge for the class or the supplies, but you must sign up beforehand. Call 508-487-1125.
- Assistant Director Maggie Hanelt, embodying the spirit of old-school New England continues to hold outdoor story times on Thursday mornings. For less-hardy souls, each story time is accessible by Zoom.
- We are continuing to limit building access to one staff person at a time, but we have not cut back on services to the public. Our wonderful staff is rising to the challenge. The only thing that the patrons should notice is that they must leave phone messages more frequently and wait for a call back.
- Library Director Tricia Ford will meet virtually with the three other Outer Cape Library Directors on Tuesday, February 2nd, and will meet with Cape-wide Library Directors on Wednesday, February 3rd.

Attachments

