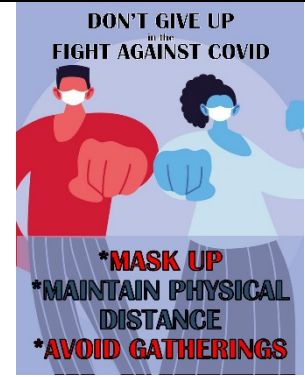


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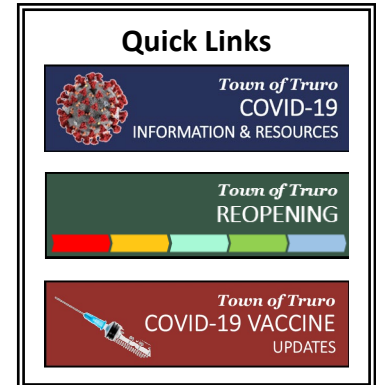
Announcements:

- 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 be identified in our area. 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.



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

- Town Meeting articles were due today at 4 pm. Staff is currently planning for an outdoor Town Meeting, to be held at the Truro Central School Ballfield on May 1, 2021 (rain date: May 2, 2021).
- I met with CCNS Superintendent Brian Carlstrom for introductions and to discuss areas of mutual concern. I look forward to regular communications moving forward.
- Members of the Truro Housing Authority and I met to review some of the current housing statistics in Truro. They also provided a brief overview of housing initiatives in Truro.
- I attended the Mid-Lower-Outer Cape Working Group on Vaccine Delivery to Homebound and Frail. Legislators led the meeting where collaborators described the consortium of entities that will work together to provide a safety net to ensure that vulnerable citizens from Yarmouth to Provincetown are able to be vaccinated.
- Town staff and I met to discuss a new Commonwealth of Massachusetts grant portal to determine which Truro projects might be eligible and competitive for the available grants.



Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, March 1, 2021-Charter Review Committee Remote Meeting @ 4:00pm.
- Monday, March 1, 2021-Conservation Commission Remote Meeting @ 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021-Select Board Remote Executive Session @ 1:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Thursday, March 4, 2021-Truro School Committee Meeting @ 10:00am.
- Thursday, March 4, 2021-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting @ 10:30am.
- Thursday, March 4, 2021-Shellfish Advisory Committee Remote Meeting @ 2:30pm.

Department News:

DPW

- The Transfer Station is 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.
- The Division of Ecological Restoration is currently reviewing all existing data regarding the Mill Pond Road culvert. This project area is currently listed as a priority project with DER and is eligible for further funding to support the engineering and design for replacing the culvert.
- The Army Corps of Engineers has completed the permitting phases for the East Harbor culvert project. We hope to have a bid announcement out in the coming weeks.
- DPW Director Cabral participated in the first Walsh Property Community Planning Committee meeting and provided the Committee with a brief review of the process and update on existing data.

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Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett took several water samples in the shellfish areas with State Official to be tested at the shellfish lab.
- There was a good turnout of approximately 30 people shell fishing over the weekend.
- Shellfish Constable Jackett roamed the flats checking the shellfish areas where there is an abundant number of soft-shell clams as a result of seeding.

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 and vaccines click [HERE](#)
- **Directors Meeting** – Director Clements and Director Briscoe.
- **MA DPH** – Director Clements attends weekly update on youth sports.
- **Clear Company** – Director Clements attends video meeting with Clear Company to research HR software.
- **MRPA** – Director Clements attends video meeting for Massachusetts Recreation & Park Associations to organize the state conference and trade show.
- **Beach Clean-Up Bags** – Director Clements has phone call with Barrel Bags to discuss purchasing their product to use Truro beaches.
- **Running Camp During COVID 19** – Director Clements attends video meeting of the MRPA.
- **Seasonal Staff** – Director Clements continues correspondence with past staff in preparation for the 2021 season.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal positions will be posted soon on Town web site.
- **eNewsletter** – Director Clements creates landing page through Constant Contact for the public to sign up to receive department updates. To sign up, click [HERE](#).
- **Easter** – Planning continues 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 unstaffed 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

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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 with town and county health department for updates and information on COVID-19 vaccine.
- COAST (COA 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.
- COA hosting drive through Sweet Treats on Tuesdays from 1-2.
- COA hosting drive through Coffee and a Pastry 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, and all older adults in the community for check-in and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing all SHINE, 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 cost 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 @ new time of 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 **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 population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Library

- Spring is coming and Librarian Courtney Francis is ordering seeds for the Seed Library. Seed donations are welcome.
- To kick-off Women's History Month, the library is hosting a virtual event, "Booby-Trapped", a social history of the brassiere on March 4, 7:00 p.m. Contact the library for the Zoom code.
- The March book to read for the Truro Library Book Group is ***Our Man: Richard Holbrook and the End of the American Century*** by George Packer. Copies are available to borrow from the Library.
- Library staff are brainstorming on ways to optimize use of our outdoor space during the Spring and Summer months.
- Artsy Crafty February programs and Outdoor Story Times continue.