

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

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Announcements:

- **Town Offices Add More In-Person Service Hours**

Town Hall is now open to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm. Town Hall will remain closed to the public on Mondays, but will continue to provide virtual, remote and online services.

The Public Library offers browsing and other library services for the public from 12 pm to 6 pm on Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 am to 4 pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Contactless pickup continues to be available.

The Community Center is open for in-person programming and appointments to the public Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 am to 4 pm but are available by phone and email on Mondays.

Masks are required in all public buildings until further notice.

Masks are no longer required outdoors on Town property.

- *The Annual Pan Massachusetts Challenge event is scheduled to be held August 7th and 8th and riders will come through Truro on August 8th. This year approximately 1,500 riders are expected; less than the usual 4,500 riders that come through town. We ask that Truro residents and visitors prepare for traffic delays and event activity on August 8th, especially on Castle Road and Route 6.*

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

- *Truro released two new press releases related to COVID-19 and our increased local case counts. A press release on the availability of COVID testing at Veterans Memorial Community Center (in Provincetown) and Outer Cape Health Services for individuals and Truro Health Department's distribution of test kits to local businesses can be found [here](#). A second press release regarding the CDC's newest recommendation that vaccinated and unvaccinated persons wear masks in public indoor settings and an announcement about the Truro Board of Health's public hearing about masking to be held on August 3rd is available [here](#).*
- *Truro's current case count reflects 25 positive antigen or PCR test results from tests administered by a healthcare provider. This count is representative only of people who have been tested and only those who have reported that they are residing at an address in Truro. We know that a portion of these cases are linked to the "Provincetown cluster" or are linked to contacts of the cluster.*
The climbing case counts in the recent days are indicative of the climbing viral load in our community. Please be safe and utilize personal protective measures as appropriate, even if you are vaccinated. If you are experiencing symptoms, even if you are vaccinated, please get tested. Outer Cape Health Services offers testing and vaccination appointments at their locations.
<https://www.outercape.org/services/covid-information/>
Please note, if you test positive for COVID-19 you will need to isolate for 10 days even if you are vaccinated.
- *The **2020 Truro Annual Town Report** is available on the [Town Website](#).*
- *The Walsh Property Community Planning Committee is looking for a high school Committee member. For more information on applying please complete the [Application to Serve](#).*

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, August 2, 2021-Local Comprehensive Plan Committee at 10:00am
- Monday, August 2, 2021-Conservation Commission at 5:00am
- Tuesday, August 3, 2021- Board of Assessors at 2:00pm
- Tuesday, August 3, 2021-Board of Health at 4:30pm
- Wednesday, August 4, 2021-Planning Board Work Session at 5:00pm
- Thursday, August 5, 2021-Climate Action Committee Meeting at 10:30am
- Friday, August 6, 2021-Select Board Work Session at 10:00am

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Department News:

DPW

- **Reminder** Residents can check their Transfer Station license plate status on our Town website by viewing News & Announcements under the DPW/Transfer Station website and clicking "Transfer Station Access – License Plate lookup." Just enter your plate number and view your expiration date.
- The Transfer Station is open seven days a week May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021.
- DPW Director Cabral attended a site visit in support of the Pond Road water line extension and storm water retrofits. Attendees included Cody Salisbury, Provincetown Water Superintendent, and our consultants from Horsley Witten Group.
- The Swap Shop is now open from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Sunday through Monday when qualified volunteers are present. All volunteers must complete all required administrative taskings- online ethics training, acknowledgement of Select Board Policy #54 and #19, and completion of a background check. Please remember that everyone entering the Swap Shop must be wearing a mask in accordance with the Board of Health's Rule and Order and that physical distance from others must be maintained.
- This week all DPW personnel have completed their annual policy reviews and bi-annual ethics training.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Transient moorings were moved to create more space between them.
- Several licensed people were shell fishing off Corn Hill Beach during the week.
- Dock line and broken deflated bumpers along the floating dock were replaced.

Recreation and Beach

- **COA, and Recreation**, 7 Standish Way: COA/Rec offers in-person programing and appointments to the public Tuesday-Friday, 8-4. Virtual programing is available on Mondays-please contact COA/Rec respectively to schedule. COA/Rec staff will continue to be available by phone and/or email on Mondays.
- **Online Sticker Sales** – To purchase a beach sticker online click [HERE](#).
- **Be Shark Smart** – Atlantic White Shark Conservancy continues the Be Shark Smart program at Head of the Meadow Beach to educate the public about the presence of sharks in the waters around Cape Cod. The program runs at Head of the Meadow on Fridays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm until Labor Day.
- **Food 4 Kids** – Director Clements continues search for a Site Supervisor to expand the Food 4 Kid program in Truro. The program currently is part of the Summer Rec Youth Program at this time.
- **Beach Fires** – Beach Fire Permits are available online. For more information click [HERE](#).
- **Summer Rec Youth Program** – Currently only working Truro residents are eligible for the program. For more information click [HERE](#). The program will run from July 6 – August 20. Activities this week included Multicultural Day, Science Day, and Water Day.
- **Pet Closures** –QR Codes have been added to Pet Closure signs. This QR Code will direct individuals to the department web page with details pertaining to pet closures.

Truro Beach Rules and Regulations state: All Animals Are Prohibited Between the Hours of 9:00 am And 6:00 pm, from the third Saturday in June through Labor Day.



In addition, beach restrictions for pets may be increased due to the presence of shorebirds. The QR code provides a detailed description of Truro Beach Pet Closures. If you have any questions as to whether pets are allowed, feel free to call (508)487-6983. Click [HERE](#) for an update to date listing.

- **SOLaware** – Director Clements continues to seek sponsors for UV Display Stations. For more information, click [HERE](#).
- **ORV** – The purchase of an O.R.V. Beach Sticker grants access to the O.R.V. Corridor on beaches owned by the Town of Truro ONLY. The Town of Truro can neither grant nor prohibit access to beach areas

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owned privately. Entry onto private land may subject O.R.V. drivers to a claim of trespass by the property owner(s). Due to nesting shorebirds both access points at Corn Hill and Beach Point are closed.

- **Beach Clean-Up Bags:** Thanks to the efforts of Ellery Althaus this program concept has become a reality. Two Beach Clean-Up Bag stations have been installed by the DPW: one at Head of the Meadow Beach and one at Corn Hill Beach. As more stations are built, they will be installed. The goal is to have a station at each of the Town of Truro beaches.
- **Job Posting** – Seasonal job application deadline was extended until they are filled. Click [HERE](#) to view postings. The Town posted a vaccination bonus for seasonal employees, click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **The Truro Beach Office** (36 Shore Rd) The office is open 7 days / week from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Beach stickers are required starting Sat., June 19, 2021. 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.
- **Programs –**
 - **Zumba Fitness** – The following classes have started back up:
 - **Zumba Fitness with Julie:** Tues., Thur., Sat. 9:00 am -10:00 am at the Truro Community Center
 - **Zumba Dance Fitness with Naya:** Weds., starting, 7/21/21, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm.
 - **Zumba Strong Nation with Naya:** - Weds., starting, 7/21/21, 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm.
 - **Indoor Pickleball:** We are searching for volunteers to be Program Supervisors for our Indoor Pickleball program. For more info. or to volunteer, contact Damion Clements at dclements@truro-ma.gov or call (508)487-1632.

Suspended Activities

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

Library

- The Farmers' Market "branch" of the Truro Library will open each Monday at the Truro Farmers' Market.
- Every Tuesday in July and August, the library, along with SustainableCAPE, will host opportunities for kids to learn how we grow delicious fruits and vegetables with Farmer Sarah.
- Arts educator Philip Yenawine will explore how to look at "strange" art. He is a leading expert in classroom teaching of art, and he is famous for developing the pioneering arts curriculum for young students called Visual Thinking Strategies (Harvard University). Visual thinking strategies start by using one's own resources – exactly what any of us needs to do when encountering art that strikes us as strange. This is a virtual event, co-sponsored by the Truro Meeting House.
- The (abbreviated) Truro Summer Concert Series begins on Thursday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m. with a performance by the "Rip-it-Ups". Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, spread out on the green area behind the library, and wait for a fun evening to unfold. If raining, the event is cancelled.

Council on Aging

- COA open to the public Tuesday-Friday 8-4. Virtual programming available on Mondays. Staff available by phone and/or email on Mondays 8-4. **Masks are required in all Town buildings.** If you need one just ask, we will gladly provide one for you.
- Director Briscoe is developing a new community lunch program that is scheduled to start the second

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and fourth Fridays in August. Lunch will be served outdoors on our patio and registration is required as space will be limited. More information to follow.

- COA Outreach offering home visit program. Call the Outreach Department to schedule.
- COA and Rec. Department offering indoor and outdoor games on Tuesdays 1-3, all ages are welcome.
- Director Briscoe working with VNA-Healthy Living Cape Cod to schedule evidenced based programs for the COA.
- COA staff calling residents to survey them for input regarding programing at COA.
- **COA transportation available for essential medical rides now on Tuesdays and Thursdays with continued safety protocols in place. Masks are required for driver and all passengers.**
- COA offering virtual programing through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website, Facebook page, as well as Channel 18 and 99.
- Director Briscoe continuing Dialogue with the Director in person on Friday at 10 and Live on Facebook Wednesday at 10.
- Director Briscoe facilitating virtual Psychoeducational Support Group.
- Director Briscoe offering LGBT group. If interested call the COA to register 508-487-2462.
- COA continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution **every other Friday through August. Times remain 11-12:30 for pick up at Community Center.**