

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

August 23, 2019

Announcements:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that West Nile virus (WNV) was detected in mosquitos collected from Truro. Please see [this press release](#) from Health & Conservation Agent Emily Beebe for more information.

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.

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

- Staff and I are preparing for an upcoming forum on storm preparedness. Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th at 6 pm for a "Community Conversation about Storm Preparedness." This event will feature information about how the Town of Truro prepares and responds to storm events and how citizens can prepare themselves. There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and offer suggestions.
- The closing on the Walsh property is delayed by the sellers but is still under contract. The Phase 1 Environmental Review was completed and no issues were reported.
- The Center for Coastal Studies has started their research on sharks and their habitat. We will keep you posted as we learn more.
- The real time tagged shark tracking buoy has not been deployed at Head of the Meadow due to equipment issues.

Upcoming Meetings:

- August 26, 2019-Climate Action Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 2:30 pm.
- August 26, 2019-Zoning Board of Appeals @ Truro Town Hall at 5:30 pm.
- August 27, 2019-Recycling Committee @ Truro Town Hall at 11:00am.
- August 27, 2019-Select Board @ Truro Town Hall at 5:00 pm.
- August 29, 2019-School Committee @ Truro Central School Media Center at 5:15 pm.

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- DPW Director Cabral met with the Woods Hole Group, Fuss & O'Neil, and the Department of Ecological restoration to review draft construction plans for the Eagle Neck Creek culvert project. Weekly progress meetings will take place leading up to the bid announcement. The Town is now moving steadily into the permitting phase, as well as contacting abutters.
- Phase two of the East Harbor Culvert repair is moving along into the local permitting phase. DPW Director Cabral and the Woods Hole Group will be filing to be heard at the October 9th Conservation Commission meeting.
- The Army Corps of Engineers will be submitting the final report on the Pamet River at the end of August.
- The DPW is preparing for the annual break down of beaches following the holiday weekend. Soon after the department will swing into catch basin cleaning and street sweeping to prepare for fall roadside brush cutting, and tree removal.

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Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable

- The harbor continues to have many transient and Rule #26 rental moorings this season.
- Revenue to-date for rental moorings is up 63% compared to 2018 total mooring rentals, however daily launches are down due to spotty Striped Bass fishing.
- A boat in the shallow mooring area came off its mooring one evening and floated into the salt marsh. Staff put an anchor out at low tide the following morning and put the boat back onto the mooring at high tide. There was no damage to the boat. Photos were sent to the owner and mooring holder and they were very appreciative to staff for getting the boat secured so quickly. (photos attached)
- People are continuing to obtain shellfish licenses and go clamming off Corn Hill to Great Hollow. Staff continues to monitor and patrol.

Council on Aging

- Upcoming new activities
 - Card Making / Rubber Stamping
 - Presentation on Consumer Fraud
 - Presentation on Our Adventures in Retirement on Cape Cod
 - Presentation on Identify Theft for Seniors
- Ongoing Activities
 - Chair Yoga
 - Chi Kung
 - Community lunch
 - Core & More
 - Dr. Campo Foot Care Clinic
 - Mahjongg
 - Men's Exercise Class
 - Move & Stretch
 - Strength Training
 - Transportation

Library

- Over the summer 32 kids participated in the Truro Library program. The number of kids participating was significantly fewer than in previous years, but we were heartened to learn that they read a highly impressive 869 hours in total.
- On Tuesday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. Journalist and best-selling author Stephen Kinzer will tell the astonishing story of secret mind-control experiments by the CIA during the 1950s and 1960s.
- On Thursday, August 29th Truro Library 20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY. Truro's "new" library opened its doors 20 years ago. To mark the occasion, the Library community will party like its 1999, with music, crafts, cake and lots more.

On Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m., Pete Elman, pianist, record producer, and composer will talk about the music that influenced Bob Dylan and the influence Bob Dylan has had in turn.

Recreation/Beach

Recreation

- End of Summer Daycare: 8/18 – 8/23. Program ends 8/27/19.
- Preparation for the Fall soccer season.

Ongoing Activities

- Walking Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am
- Iyengar Yoga with Karin – click [HERE](#) for schedule
- Zumba Fitness: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30 am – 9:30 am at the Truro Community Center
Saturdays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center

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Fridays and Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Truro Community Center

Beach

- Center for Coastal Studies set up an informational tent at Head of the Meadow on Wednesdays.

General Beach Updates

- Corn Hill Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time south of beach access due to shorebirds.
- Fisher Beach
 - ORV: Corridor Closed
 - No dogs allowed at any time north of beach access due to shorebirds.
- Head of the Meadow Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds
- Coast Guard Beach
 - No dogs allowed at any time due to shorebirds

Swimming Closures – 2019

Date	Beach	Closure Time
7/13/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
7/13/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
7/13/2019	Head of the Meadow	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
7/14/2019	Longnook Beach	12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
7/16/2019	Ballston Beach	10:55 am - 11:55 am
7/16/2019	Head of the Meadow	11:45 am - 12:45pm
7/24/2019	Head of the Meadow	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
7/25/2019	Head of the Meadow	10:30 am - 11:30 am
7/25/2019	Head of the Meadow	11:35 am - 12:35 pm
7/25/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
7/25/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	11:35 am - 12:35 pm
8/1/2019	Longnook Beach	12:50 pm - 1:50 pm
8/3/2019	Ballston Beach	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
8/3/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	12:45 pm - 1:45 pm
8/3/2019	Longnook Beach	1:15 pm - 2:15 pm
8/5/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	1:35 pm - 2:35 pm
8/5/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:40 pm - 2:40 pm
8/7/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:45 pm - 2:45 pm
8/7/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
8/7/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:50 pm - 3:50 pm
8/12/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
8/12/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	1:20 pm - 2:20 pm
8/12/2019	Head of the Meadow	1:20 pm - 2:20 pm
8/13/2019	Ballston Beach	7:30 am - 8:30 am
8/16/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
8/16/2019	Coast Guard (Truro) Beach	3:15 pm - 4:15 pm
8/18/2019	Ballston Beach	11:50 am - 12:50 pm
8/18/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:15 pm - 3:15 pm
8/19/2019	Head of the Meadow	2:09 pm - 3:09 pm
8/19/2019	Head of the Meadow	3:20 pm - 4:20 pm
8/21/2019	Head of the Meadow	10:40 am - 11:40 am

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Attachments

Photos of boat which came off mooring

