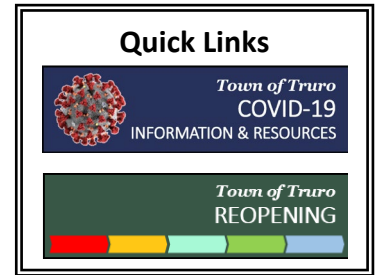


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Announcements:

- Masks are required in public areas where social distancing is not possible (per Governor Baker's Order) and in public areas of Town at all times (per Truro Board of Health). Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. View the Truro Board of Health Regulation [here](#). View the Governor's Order [here](#). Keep an eye out for "Wear a Mask, Do Your Part" signs on Town property ([see photo](#)).
- 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. Please note that the meetings are held remotely, and you may only hear audio. For more information on remote meetings, please [click here](#).



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

- With the Governor's announcement on Saturday that Phase 2 of the Massachusetts Opening Plan would begin on Monday, staff and I have spent much of the week familiarizing ourselves with the Phase 2 guidance, particularly regarding lodging and restaurants, and answering questions from the public.
- Pamet Harbor facilities are **no** longer restricted to use only by vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of MA.
- As Phase 2 allows for hotel, motel, inn, and short-term stays, non-resident beach permits and Transfer Station weekly and monthly permits are available for sale. More information is available [here](#).
- Updated Guidance to the Cape & Islands Seasonal Community is available now [here](#).
- Beach Parking areas and beaches remain open for all Town and CCNS beaches. Please continue to social distance and please do not litter.
- As the weather warms up, we remind beachgoers to practice shark safety.
- Assistant Town Manager Clark and I virtually attended this week's Municipal Briefing featuring Lieutenant Governor Polito. This week focused on indoor and outdoor group sports and fitness, as well as guidance on swimming pools.
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, June 16, 2020-Select Board Remote Executive Session @11:00 am
- Tuesday, June 16, 2020- Select Board Remote Re-Opening Task Force @ 12:00pm
- Tuesday, June 16, 2020-Truro Board of Health Remote Call-In Meeting @ 4:30pm.
- Tuesday, June 16, 2020-Truro School Committee Virtual Meeting @ 5:15pm.
- Wednesday, June 17, 2020-Truro Planning Board Remote Call-In Meeting @ 6:00pm.

Department News:

Department of Public Works

- In response to the circumstances related to the CORONA VIRUS/COVID-19 we have developed a response plan to maintain modified operations implemented at the Transfer Station.
- The Transfer Station will remain closed Wednesday and Thursday until July 1, 2020.
- Transfer Station Phased opening update:
 - ✓ May 22, yard waste
 - ✓ May 29, Metal, Oil filter
 - ✓ June 5, Soft Furniture, mattresses and box springs
 - ✓ June 12, Tires, propane tanks
 - ✓ June 19, Toilets, food waste, and Tv's (e-waste)
 - ✓ June 26, Remaining operational components, Haz Waste, Batteries, water tanks, Etc.
 - ✓ The Swap Shop opening will be evaluated once we enter the Governor's new normal Phase.

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- Please note: To avoid large crowds, we recommend avoiding the Transfer Station during the peak hours 11AM to 2PM.
- The Transfer Station has begun receiving payment for fee items with an exterior credit card swipe. This is helpful for the staff and public as it is a contactless method of payment.
- All beach access points have been prepped for social distancing. In some cases, beach access points have been widened, and pathways delineated to accommodate enter and exit only areas.
- As the state progresses through the phased opening approach, the Beach Office will receive an additional exit door to comply with social distancing parameters if sales are to take place inside the building in the future.
- The Pamet Harbor office will be receiving a new front door and an exterior credit card swipe for contactless transactions. We hope to have the new Dutch door style entrance in stock by the end of next week.

Recreation and Beach

- After reviewing guidance from the State of Massachusetts and the CDC, we have determined that we will not be able to safely operate the Summer Recreation Youth Program.
- Puma Park Playground remains closed.
- 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.
- Director Clements is working with Food 4 Kids to provide meals at the Community Center during the summer.
- The Truro Beach Office is currently closed and is scheduled to reopen on June 20, 2020.
- Truro Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased by clicking [HERE](#)
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-1632.
- Beach stickers are not currently required to access Truro beach parking lots. Beach stickers will be required starting June 20, 2020.
- 2019 Truro ORV stickers can be purchased by calling (508)487-1632.
- Truro beach fire permits are currently suspended.
- Shark Warning - 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.
- All programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Per State guidelines, possible opening in Phase 2 and Phase 3, depending on activity.

Suspended Activities

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

Council on Aging

- COA staff continuing to handle all incoming calls and emails remotely and from the office which is staffed with 1-2 pe daily.
- COA staff available M-F; 8-4 by phone and email.

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- COA staff are calling all elders of concern, center participants, all older adults in the community, and responding to all requests for help/information/referral.
- Director Briscoe is coordinating with participants and instructors to offer programming online through Zoom, thumbnails for COA website and broadcast on local TV.
- COA staff continue to collaborate with Good Neighbor-Truro volunteer group for food, prescriptions, mail etc.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00AM.
- Director Briscoe developing online psychoeducational support group via Zoom.
- Director Briscoe continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution every Friday through June. Food bag distribution 35-50 bags per week.
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA staff collaborating with Rec/Beach to distribute food M-F through Food 4 Kids program.
- COA Director Briscoe conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, SHINE, and CCRTA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population.
- COA staff working with Community Kitchen to provide hot meal to older adults now on Tuesdays. More than 300 meals are provided weekly.

Health and Conservation

- Phase II of re-opening commenced on June 8, which allows conditioned openings of Retail stores; restaurants with outdoor seating; hotels, motels and other short-term lodging/rentals; playgrounds; outdoor semi-public swimming pools and public libraries with curbside pick-up.
- We continue to have twice weekly calls with DPH/DLS and their partners to clarify the conditions, requirements and interpretations of the guidance.
- This week we held our second "Coffee with a Health Agent" session. It's a call-in Q&A with members of the business community, the Wellfleet and Truro Chambers of Commerce, Wellfleet Health Agent Hillary Lemos and myself. Both sessions will soon be up on Truro TV.
- This week DPH presented their mosquito control (West Nile Virus/Eastern Equine Encephalitis) plans for this summer. Surveillance and trapping are already underway. The State is working with local Health Departments on our communication plans to inform the public of the ways to reduce mosquito populations and communicate risk awareness. Wellfleet and Truro will be working with our Spokesperson's for Health team to develop our communication plan.
- This week our Outer Cape coastal resiliency team (formerly called the Outer Cape Conservation Agent Team) submitted an application for a CZM coastal resiliency grant. Phase 2 of our inter-municipal shoreline management project was proposed to cover a two-year period. Phase 2 will continue the work we started with the Center for Coastal Studies, and the Cape Cod National Seashore will join our project team. This next grant will be administered by Provincetown's Marine Coordinator Rex McKinsey.

Harbor Master

- Harbor Master Jackett adjusted some of the basin moorings as larger boats may need more room when the wind and current turn them in different directions.
- As the payment of submitted mooring holders come in, a spreadsheet identifying the owner and boat with their mooring number was created for the purpose of mailing out the hang tags for their vehicles that park in the single spaces at the harbor.
- Starting next week, we should have our summer staff in place in time as the boating season is beginning to pick up.

Library

- The four Outer Cape Library Directors created a public service announcement to explain the current operation of libraries. The link is: <https://youtu.be/Hg1Y2YQnIW8>

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- Curbside delivery of materials is going very smoothly. The delivery system for Mass. Libraries is taking a disappointingly long time to begin again. Our Outer Cape library staff is improvising with a makeshift delivery system as staff come and go to work.
- The library newsletter, *Footnotes*, has been mailed to every post office box in Truro. It looks different from our usual summer newsletter, but we hope it is still informative.
- We are very concerned about our summer reading program. Every summer we fight the “summer slide”, but this year is even more of a concern. We have subscribed to some new software to keep students on track from a distance. If the software works, we may have a summer reading program for adults AND kids in 2021.

Attachments:

1. May Building Permits



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