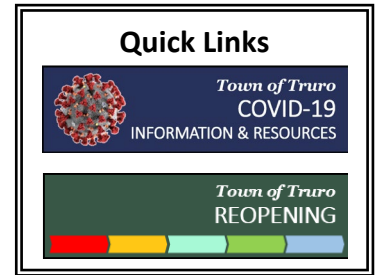


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Announcements:

- 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](#).
- Town Offices are closed on July 3, 2020 in observance of Independence Day. The Beach Office and Transfer Station remain open.**



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

- We received word this week that the Cape Cod National Seashore will not have lifeguards assigned to their side of Head of the Meadow and they will not be collecting fees at their entrance to Head of the Meadow.
- 2019 Annual Town Reports are available by request at the Library's curbside pick-up operation.
- Beach stickers are required at Town beaches. The Beach Office is open, but we encourage everyone to purchase beach and Transfer Station permits online if possible. [Click here](#) for more information.
- The Annual Town Election will be held on June 30th from 7 AM to 8 PM at the Truro Community Center.** COVID safety measures will be in place for those wishing to cast their ballots in person. Early Voting Ballots may be returned by mail (P.O. Box 2012, Truro, MA 02666) or at the Town Hall Drop Box (24 Town Hall Road, Truro) by the close of business on June 30, 2020.
- Make Truro Count! Complete the 2020 US Census online at [here](#) or by phone 844-330-2020. It's fast and easy and it is crucial to secure necessary funding and to be represented in Boston and in Washington. If you are completing the Census online and did not receive a 12-digit Census ID in the mail or at your door, you can click on the link at the bottom that says, "If you do not have a Census ID, click here."
- Pamet Harbor facilities are **no** longer restricted to use only by vehicles registered in the Commonwealth of MA.
- Updated Guidance to the Cape & Islands Seasonal Community is available now [here](#).
- As the weather warms up, we remind beachgoers to practice shark safety.
- The ORV Corridor at Fisher Beach is closed due to shorebird nesting.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, June 29, 2020-Council on Aging Remote Meeting at 11:00AM
- Monday, June 29, 2020-Historical Commission Remote Meeting at 11:00AM
- Tuesday, June 30, 2020-Board of Health Remote Meeting at 3:30PM
- Wednesday, July 1, 2020-Climate Action Committee Remote Meeting at 1:00PM
- Wednesday, July 1, 2020-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting at 3:00PM

Department News:

Police Department

- Nationally, there has been a significant uptick in unemployment fraud, whereby persons are using stolen personal information to file fraudulent unemployment claims. If you believe someone has applied for unemployment benefits by using your personal information, please visit <https://www.mass.gov/forms/unemployment-fraud-reporting-form> for further information and to submit a report. You may also contact the police department to file a local report.
- With the holiday just around the corner, the Truro Police Department would like to provide an

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informational summary of the Massachusetts law on fireworks.

- **What does the law prohibit?**
 - It is illegal for private citizens to use, possess, or sell fireworks in Massachusetts, or to purchase them legally elsewhere and then transport them into the state. The law prohibits any article designed to produce a visible or audible effect.
- **Sale of fireworks.**
 - Penalty: Fire or imprisonment or both, and confiscation.
 - Fine: \$100 to \$1000.
 - Imprisonment: Maximum of 1 year.
 - Seizure of fireworks: Mandatory.
 - Who can arrest? Any officer qualified to serve criminal process.
 - Must an officer arrest? No. Statute says the officer may arrest without a warrant.
 - Must an officer seize the fireworks? Yes, the statute says the officer shall seize any fireworks.
- **Possession, use, cause to explode of fireworks.**
 - Penalty: Fire and confiscation only.
 - Fine: \$10 to \$100.
 - Seizure of fireworks: Mandatory.
 - Who can seize? Any officer qualified to serve criminal process.
 - May an officer arrest? For possession, no. The statute only provides for a fine upon conviction and automatic confiscation of fireworks.
 - Must an officer seize the fireworks? Yes, the statute says the officer shall seize any fireworks.
- **Seizure.**
 - Can people get their fireworks back? No. If convicted, the fireworks are forfeited to the state.
 - What does an officer do with confiscated fireworks? During business hours, contact the State Police Bomb Squad at (978)567-3310. Notify them immediately for large quantities, commercial grade, or deteriorated materials. After hours, call (508)820-2121 and ask for the Troop Duty Officer in your area. An on-call Bomb Squad Officer will arrange for pick-up.

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 open 7 days a week until November 1, 2020. All operational parameters (apart from the Swap Shop) are now available.
- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 reopening phase 4.
- To assist with social distance, a new Dutch door has been installed at Pamet Harbor. This will be followed with an exterior credit card reader for daily sales to be contactless.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Shellfish Constable Jackett drove to Dennis to pick up quahog seed at the Aquaculture Resource Corporation.
- Quahog seed is now in a nursery system in Provincetown where they will grow-out to field plant size.
- Boating activity has increased, and summer staff is in place.
- Dutch door was installed, and credit card reader is being prepped to go in early next week.
- 80% of the mooring holders have paid, and a big thanks to staff at Town Hall.

Health Department

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- Step Two of Phase II of the Commonwealth's four-phase re-opening process began on Monday, June 22. Restaurants may now offer indoor-table service conditionally as specified in the State guidance documents. Other openings include a 50% increase in office space, close-contact personal services and use of retail dressing rooms by appointment, all with conditions.
- We continue to have twice weekly calls with DPH/DLS and their partners to clarify the conditions, requirements and interpretations of the guidance.
- Weekly calls with Barnstable County Health are offered once a week and serve as a solid Q & A bridge on guidance provided at the DPH calls that bookend the week.
- The Department of Elementary and Secondary education issued their Fall school re-opening guidance on Thursday June 25. I will be meeting with the Superintendent and the TCS re-opening team this afternoon to discuss what the school year will look like. They are really looking forward to welcoming the students back to their school safely. I will report on this process as it develops.
- This week the Truro Select Board voted to execute the 4 town Memorandum of Agreement to pursue the development of an Inter-Municipal Shoreline Management Plan. This document is the final deliverable of phase 1 of the planning process.
- The Board of Health is scheduled to hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 on the title 5 variance requests for the Truro Motor Inn, and also to discuss issuance of their 2020 operating permit.
- As the week draws to a close, we await re-testing results after receiving notification on Wednesday from the Barnstable County Health Department Water Quality Lab that some results from routine sampling of bathing beaches on Beach Point showed elevated bacteria levels. These water quality exceedances were at 7 semi-public bathing beach locations and re-sampling was done yesterday – results are pending today. The beaches were closed by the managers and shall remain closed until a clean analysis result has been obtained. At this time, we are unsure if those beaches will be able to open for the weekend. The water quality standards for marine environments use Enterococci as the indicator organism to determine if harmful pathogens may be in the water. Causality of the exceedance is very difficult to assign in these cases; the water quality changes almost constantly and certainly does change with the tides. Some possible sources may be "contributions" from birds, pets, or from debris in the water column in proximity to the sample location – at the moment of sampling. We employ an automatic re-test scenario to allow us to take another look at the water quality relatively soon after the failing test was taken. We will report more on this next week.

Recreation and Beach

- The Truro Beach Office is open 7 days a week, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, with limited public access. We are asking the public to order their beach stickers online if they are able. Truro Resident & Non-Resident Beach Stickers can be purchased by clicking [HERE](#)
- 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.
- The Department is currently working with the Town Manager and Health Agent to open Puma Park Playground. The Department anticipates the playground will open soon.
- 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 attended a video meeting concerning shorebirds.
- Director Clements attended a meeting of the Shark Working Group.
- Director Clements is working with Food 4 Kids to provide meals at the Community Center during the summer. The curbside distribution will begin on Monday, 6/29/20, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Staff from the Recreation, COA, and Library Departments are assisting with the distribution.
- For inquiries about the beaches, please call (508)487-6983.
- Beach stickers are now required to access Truro beach parking lots (effective Saturday, 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.

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- 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 working from the office and remotely. Staff available M-F; 8-4 by phone and email.
- 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.
- COA Outreach Coordinator providing SHINE appointments via telephone.
- 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 continues to work with Good Neighbor-Truro volunteer group for food, prescriptions, mail, and Farmer's Market pick-up and delivery.
- Director Briscoe continuing Live Facebook Dialogue with the Director M, W, F @ 10:00AM.
- Director Briscoe facilitating online psychoeducational support group via Zoom.
- Director Briscoe continues participating in Lower Cape Outreach Council Food Pantry distribution now every other Friday through August. July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, and August 21st from 11-12:30pm. 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 and develop reopening plans with respective towns.

Library

- We are all pleased that book delivery amongst CLAMS libraries has begun. This is one more step toward normalcy that will allow us to improve service levels.
- Maggie Hanelt has begun virtual story times. Parents sign up for the program and are given a Zoom access code.
- Courtney Francis has created a series of instructional short films that present visual instruction on various aspects of the CLAMS database.
- Truro Library Trustees held their monthly meeting via Zoom on Friday, June 19. It was the final meeting for Jim Kyed who chose not to run for re-election. Jim worked as an academic librarian during his professional life, and he served as a Truro Library Trustee for 21 years.

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