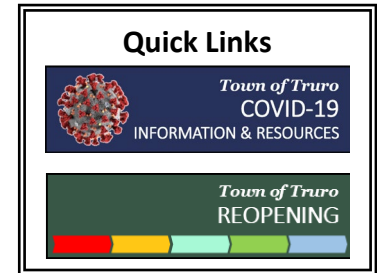


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Announcements:

- 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](#).
- 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](#).
- Massachusetts is in Phase III of the Governor's Reopening Plan. Learn more on [Truro's Reopening page](#).
- Truro now has one active COVID cases and 15 resolved cases. Please remain vigilant. Wear a mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.



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

- On this 19th Anniversary of 9/11 please join me in remembering all the lives lost and the families left behind to find their way forward and to also recognize all the brave police, firefighters, volunteers and workers who participated in rescue and recovery operations and have since succumbed to illnesses related to the cleanup.
- The Towns of Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet and Truro completed negotiations with Comcast for a cable license renewal. Licenses are being prepared and will be presented to the Select Board for approval. The new license will have a density factor of 15 houses per linear mile, above ground wires, and 20 houses per linear mile, below ground wires. This is down from 25. If a street does not have cable and it meets the density requirement, Comcast will have to install the cable.
- The Cape and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board met this week to discuss the proposed regulations for funding distribution. I participated in the Rules and Regulations Committee for a year and I believe that the regulations as proposed will make it very difficult for a Town like Truro, without big sewer projects, to access the funds.
- The CCNS working group consisting of the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent and the six Town Managers from Towns in the seashore met for the last time this season. We all concluded that even with all the challenges and necessary accommodations this year presented, we had a successful season. I extended the Town's gratitude to the CCNS for their unprecedented closure of the parking lot at Head of the Meadow. As a reminder, we still have about six weeks of peak shark season ahead.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Monday, September 14, 2020-Conservation Commission Remote Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Tuesday, September 15, 2020-Board of Health Remote Meeting @ 4:30pm
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020-Commission on Disabilities Remote Meeting @ 3:00pm
- Wednesday, September 16, 2020-Planning Board Remote Meeting @ 6:00pm

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Department News:

Fire Department

- The Department responded to 22 requests for medical assistance, resulting in 12 transports to the hospital. In all we responded to a total of 38 calls that included inspectional services, general assistance, alarm activations and calls for public service and good intent calls.
- The Fire Department was dispatched for a report of a brush fire off the bike path near the seashore parking lot. Arriving crews found a moderate area involved. Due to the location and conditions found, mutual aid was requested from Provincetown and they dispatched an Engine for assistance. The fire was extinguished without incident or injuries.
- The Truro Fire Department provided mutual aid to the Town of Wellfleet for a building fire. Arriving crews found the fire located in a woodshop that was attached to the house. Crews contained the fire to the woodshop which sustained heavy damage as a result of the fire with no damage to the home. Truro provided a mutual aid tender and a command vehicle. There were no injuries.

Department of Public Works

- The opening of the Swap Shop will be evaluated at COVID-19 reopening phase 4.
- This week DPW began breaking down the beaches by bringing in shade structures, lifeguard stands and mobi mats. The Department will continue removing trash and recyclables through the end of September.
- DPW continues with standard summer season business, mowing, beach cleanup, street sweeping, monitoring waterways, and maintaining the Transfer Station activity.
- DPW Director Cabral and Health Agent Beebe continue working with the school to assist with school reopening.
- DPW personnel continue assisting the school with assembling 38 outdoor classroom benches. Next week the Department will install shade sails over various outdoor classroom locations.
- The Town Hall bell tower received a makeover by DPW building maintenance personnel Mike Locke, Alex Reis, and Kyle Halvorsen. The louvers will be reinstalled next week.
- Facility annual maintenance components have been scheduled for the first week in October. This will include, but not be limited to, generators, boilers, Community Center kitchen appliances, HVAC mini split filter change/cleaning, and Beach Office end of season deep cleaning.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- The harbor was busy over Labor Day weekend with the parking lot being challenged for open spaces.
- Several people were clamming off the bay beaches, many of them had full buckets and all had licenses.
- Harbor Master Jactett secured a boat back to its mooring when it was discovered aground, away from the mooring field. The clasp had broken free and we added a second line.
- Harbor Master Jactett aided the Center for Coastal Studies in freeing a sea turtle entangled in a buoy line.

Recreation and Beach

- We would like to remind the public to continue to practice social distancing while visiting parks, trails, and beaches and wear a face covering when in public. For more information concerning COVID-19 click [HERE](#)
- The Truro Beach Office (36 Shore Rd) is closed 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.
- **COVID – 19 Beach Safety Rules:**
 - Stay home if you feel sick.
 - Practice social distancing. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between you and others.

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- Practice beach distancing. Maintain at least 12 feet of distance from your nearest neighbor in any direction.
- Masks are required when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained for ages 2 and up. Masks are not required to be worn while swimming or sunbathing.
- 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.
- Beach Pet Closures as of 8/30/20.
 - Head of the Meadow Beach – Open North of town access only due to shorebirds.
 - Coast Guard Beach (Truro) – Closed North and South of town access. NO PETS ANYTIME due to shorebirds.
- 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. All programming/activities are suspended to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.
- 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.

Library

- Could you use an extra mask? The Library has been gifted with a significant number of professionally made masks. Just give us a call at 508-487-1125. We are happy to share.
- Two yearly reports, the ARIS and the Financial Report have been extended until mid-October.
- During the month of August, over 1,000 e-books and e-audiobooks were borrowed by Truro Library patrons.
- Library Trustees will hold their monthly meeting virtually on Friday, September 18, at 11:30 a.m.
- Book Club choice for September is *The Unwinding: The Inner History of the New America* by George Packer. The group will meet virtually on September 30, 2020.

Attachments

