

Town of Truro

Town Manager's Weekly Report

July 9, 2021

Announcements:

- **Town Offices Adding 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.

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

- *The Emergency Management Team convened in advance of Tropical Storm Elsa's arrival. Emergency Management Director Collins provided the team with updates as models changed and coordinated with Eversource. Public safety staffing was increased and DPW pre-positioned assets around town and at the beaches. Recreation & Beach and Counsel on Aging adjusted their programs due to the storm. High winds may continue through this evening.*
- *Town Staff prepared the first official orientation for new Select Board members. Department Heads and I presented information to the incoming Select Board members regarding departmental organization, budgets, and challenges and opportunities. We look forward to continuing this in the future for incoming Select Board members.*
- *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, July 12-Conservation Commission at 5:00pm.
- Tuesday, July 13-Select Board at 5:00pm.
- Wednesday, July 14-Planning Board Work Session at 5:00pm.
- Thursday, July 15-Energy Committee at 4:30pm.
- Friday, July 16-Finance Committee at 8:00am

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.

Harbor Master/Shellfish Constable

- Harbor Master Jackett spent Thursday checking the boats and doubling up lines in the mooring fields for added security in the event of gusty winds due to the upcoming storm.
- Toilets, garbage containers, and other items have been tied down and secured around the building.
- Reflective tape has been added to the channel buoys and numbers have been added to the new ones. Even numbers go on the red buoys and odd numbers go onto the green.
- It was busy at the Harbor, particularly the holiday Monday when the boat traffic was the highest for returning boats.

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- On Monday, July 12, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, author Steven Pinker will talk about his upcoming book *Rationality: What it is, Why it Seems Scarce, Why it Matters* in a virtual event that is co-hosted by the Truro Public Library and the Truro Meeting House.
- On Thursday, July 15, Anna Sobel from *Talking Hands Theater* will present "Whale Tales", a musical puppet show of all creatures that live in the sea, including a walrus, a seahorse, a giant Beluga whale and many more. NOTE: This program is supported in part by a grant from the Truro Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.
- On Friday, July 16, the Truro Library Board of Trustees will begin the new fiscal year with an 11:30 a.m. meeting on the back deck of the Library.
- On-going events/programs:
 - The Farmers' Market "branch" of the Truro Library opened at the June 21st market and will continue at every 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.
 - Outdoor story times are every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. behind the Library. After the program, the library will be an "open" site for **Food 4 Kids**. Lunch will be delivered and served to any child. For families that cannot attend story time, the meals are available to be taken home.
 - CapeAbilities members help in our Children's Community Garden twice a week.

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.
- COA Welcomes back our Strength Training class Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 am in the Activity Room.
- COA Outreach offering home visit program. Call the Outreach Department to schedule.
- COA Director collaborating with Recreation Director to offer intergenerational programming.
- COA offering indoor and outdoor games on Tuesdays, 1-3. All ages are welcome.
- COAST (COA serving together) group sharing virtual programming across all Cape towns-taking the summer off but will be back in the Fall.
- COA staff calling residents to survey them for input regarding programming 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 staff participating in no cost virtual training opportunities through MCOA.
- COA offering virtual programming 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 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 until further notice. Times remain 11-12:30 for pick up at Community Center.**
- COA staff responding to emergency food needs throughout the week.
- COA Director conferencing with COAST (Councils on Aging Serving Together), Barnstable County Human Services, Elder Services, EOEA to coordinate efforts to meet the needs of Cape Cod's older adult population through virtual programming and to develop reopening plans with respective towns.

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Assessing

- Beginning July 1, 2021, the Assessor's Office will begin accepting applications for the Residential and Statutory Exemptions for the Fiscal Year 2022.
- If you are already receiving the Residential Exemption, there is no need to reapply. The Assessor's Office will notify you if requirements are not met.
- All Statutory Exemptions (Senior, Veterans, Blind, etc.) must reapply annually, and applications will be mailed out next week to recent Statutory Exemption recipients.
- Applications received by August 31, 2021 will receive reductions on the October Tax Bill.