

TRURO PATCHWORK

Looking south from Ryder Beach Road over the "patchwork quilt." PHOTO / KAIMI ROSE LUM

TRURO UPDATE

Planning board opening: A vacancy on the Truro Planning Board will be filled by a joint vote of the selectmen and the planning board. The person appointed will serve until the next Annual Town Election in May 2017. Those interested in serving should complete a one-page application that can be found on the home page of the town's website and submit it to the selectmen's office at Town Hall.

municipal offices at Town Hall, the Community Center, the harbor master's office, the beach office, the library and the transfer station are getting a new phone system this week. All phone numbers will remain the same. If you have trouble getting through, e-mail Noelle Scoullar at nscoullar@truro-ma.gov or Nicole Tudor at ntudor@truro-ma.gov and tell them about it.

adolescents and adults on the Outer Cape will run a training session for facilitators from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at the library. This nationwide program serves adolescents and adults with a variety of disabilities (Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, epilepsy, mental health issues, etc.) at many reading levels. The emphasis is to "read to learn," rather than "learn

Malone to receive Herron Memorial Award

TRURO — The 2016 Caroline Herron Memorial Award will be presented to Provincetown businessman Ted Malone at a ceremony at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at Montano's restaurant, honoring his work in affordable housing on the Outer Cape. "Ted Malone's generosity and commitment embodies the spirit of Caroline Herron," said Kathleen Henry, president of Highland Affordable Housing, in a press release. Herron was a major force in Truro for many years working for affordable housing in the community.

Malone established Community Housing Resource Inc. (CHR) in Provincetown in 1996. Since then, CHR has completed 150 residences and 55 art studio spaces that are deed-restricted affordable housing developments. They represent more than three quarters of all CHR's development work, an unusually high percentage, according to Henry. Malone also offers his time and experience as a consultant to non-profit groups and has provided technical assistance to the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and the Cape Cod Commission.

Caroline Herron was a longstanding member and president of Highland

Affordable Housing of Truro and "a force to be reckoned with," according to Henry.

"Highland Affordable Housing lives on and thrives due in large part to the hard work, dedication and light of Caroline Herron," said Mary Abt, past president and current treasurer of the organization. Herron, known for her quick wit and ready stories of growing up in Truro, died last year.

Highland Affordable Housing was created in 1996 to save two Coast Guard cottages from demolition. Two working families with children now own those houses. Since 2008, Highland Affordable Housing has added four new rental units to Truro's affordable housing stock; one is for a senior and is handicapped accessible. A 2017 joint project between Highland and Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod is planned.

"Highland helps Truro preserve its vibrant character while working with Truro neighbors to promote decent affordable housing on the Outer Cape, where the average family median income hovers around \$82,000 and median home prices range above \$570,000," according to the group's statement.