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Star of the Sea Church, Hawaii

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Results: Lights Favored on Most Truro Streets

By Jim Bergstrom

With the circulation of street light petitions completed, the official results show that the majority of the Truro households involved favor the installation of street lights. Of the Truro families voting in the petition action, 58.9 percent opted for the lights. The outcome by streets was 17 for and 11 against--a majority of 61 percent favoring the lights.

A tabulation of the results by street, showing how many households voted for and against the proposal, is on page 2. This tally has been reviewed and verified by Catherine Bergstrom and Marj Bridgman.

The completed petitions have been submitted to Fairfax County officials for appropriate action--presumably approval and eventual installation of the lights. The type of light scheduled for installation

in Truro is the colonial style sodium vapor lamp (orange color) on a black fiberglass pole.

Here are some comments on the results reported on page 2, by way of explanation and analysis:

- A total of 332 families in Truro responded to the petition action --94 percent of the Truro homes involved.

- Homes on some Truro streets (Ordinary Way and Guinea Road, for example) were not involved in this petition action because they already have street lights.

- The street lights programmed for Truro are available for installation only on streets having curbs and gutters. Thus the number of "Total Homes" shown for a particular Truro street (Starr Jordan Drive, for example) may be less than the number of Truro homes actually on that street.

- A majority of Truroites living on the major through streets in the community (Elizabeth Lane, Wakefield Drive, Burbank Road/Pappas Way and Ann Fitz Hugh Drive) approved the installation of lights. Those on the shorter connector streets generally voted for lights (Old Hickory

Board Names Ron Olesch As Chairman of Park Committee

Ron Olesch, of 4314 Ann Fitz Hugh Drive, has been appointed chairman of the Truro Homes Association's Park Committee, the THA Board of Directors announced last month. He replaces John Brennan, who was appointed to the board and became THA president in October of this year.

Ron is an engineer with the U.S. Department of Energy. The Olesch family--Ron, wife Sue, THA's secretary from January 1984 to August 1986 and now a member of the board, and their three daughters, Elizabeth, Emily and Heidi--came to Truro from Germany at the end of 1983.

THE COVER

For our "cover church" this year we go all the way to Hawaii, and look in on the little white clapboard Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Though younger than most of the local area churches we've featured in past Decembers, this one has its own unique history (see page 6).

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Road, Bonnie Drive, Newdale Drive, Ardfour Lane and Iva Lane); exceptions were Chapel Drive and Starr Jordan Drive. By contrast, those living on cul-de-sacs more often voted against the lights than for

them; the count was nine streets against, seven in favor.

Progress reports on the street light issue will be published in future issue of Truro Trails.

Truro Street Light Petition Results

	<u>Majority Decision</u>	<u>Total Homes</u>	<u>Total Voting</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Ann Fitz Hugh Drive	For	27	26	15	11
Appleton Court	For	9	9	7	2
Aunt Lilly Lane	Against	12	10	1	9
Ardfour Lane*	For	1	1	1	0
Battailles Court	Against	12	12	3	9
Bonnie Drive	For	3	3	3	0
Buffalo Trace	For	9	9	8	1
Burbank Road	For	31	30	16	14
Chapel Drive	Against	2	2	1	1
Charles Hawkins Way	Against	11	11	4	7
Chippendale Court	For	11	11	10	1
Elizabeth Lane	For	62	59	38	21
Footstep Court	Against	15	14	4	10
Hepplewhite Court	For	4	3	3	0
Iva Lane	For	3	3	2	1
Kenwyn Court	Against	10	10	5	5
Lorene Lane	For	6	6	4	2
Mary Lee Lane	Against	10	9	1	8
Necostin Way	Against	5	5	2	3
Newdale Drive	For	5	4	4	0
Old Hickory Road	For	4	4	3	1
Ossian Hall Lane	Against	17	14	4	10
Pappas Way	For	26	24	20	4
Rucker Court	For	3	3	3	0
Starr Jordan Drive	Against	3	3	1	2
Turkey Creek Court	For	9	8	7	1
Wakefield Drive	For	32	30	22	8
Yerkes Place	Against	11	9	3	6

*Only one house on this street

FROM THE BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 1987

By Sue Olesch

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 1987

By Diana Kendall

The fall general membership meeting of the Truro Homes Association was held on October 1, 1987, at the Truro Community Center, with Steve Barber presiding.

Use of the clubhouse and pool after 9 p.m. was discussed. Steve informed the membership that the TCC was allowed six uses yearly; other use is until 9 p.m. The members discussed this restriction. The Board of Directors agreed to look into this matter further.

An option was given to the membership with regard to going ahead with the street light petitions. The members voted to proceed with the petitions. (Jim Bergstrom subsequently provided an update on the petition results in the November issue of Truro Trails.)

The Nominating Committee nominated Paul Towner and Brooke Mahlstedt to fill the two vacant positions on the Board of Directors held by Steve Barber and John Gratchner. The membership voted to approve these nominations.

After the general membership meeting, the Board of Directors held a brief meeting and appointed John Brennan as THA president, Sue Olesch as vice president, and Brooke Mahlstedt, Jim Connally and Paul Towner as board members. Roy Alexander will continue as treasurer and Diana Kendall as secretary for the coming year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at the Truro Community Center on October 29, 1987. Present were John Brennan, Sue Olesch, Jim Connally, Paul Towner, Brooke Mahlstedt and Roy Alexander.

Old Business

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Paul Towner contacted and met with personnel from Audrey Moore's office concerning the Fairfax County restrictions requiring very limited use of community centers after 9 p.m., as reported in the August 1987 Truro Trails. After a check of several county sources, it appears that these restrictions may not apply to the TCC and are contrary to the provisions granted in the initial 1968 Board of Zoning Appeals approval of the TCC and a subsequent amendment. However, further investigation is required and, hopefully, the THA will be able to obtain a letter from the county allowing the THA to continue using the TCC facility as it has been used in the past.



Jim Connally will be following up on the purchase of a computer system and the several recommendations that were previously presented to the board.

The park maintenance has been given to a contractor, who has already begun clean-up, trash removal, etc. However, the position of Park Committee chairman remains vacant. Anyone interested in becoming chairman of this committee should contact John Brennan.

The board received a recommendation from Ed Armstrong, who has made a thorough and comprehensive review of the liability insurance coverage of JACO and the THA. Ed's expertise and time spent on this is very much appreciated by the board. These recommendations are being considered, and appropriate increases in coverage will probably have to be made.

The community's appreciation is extended to Cynthia Weller and her staff for their assistance with the dive team. New co-representatives for the team are Neal and Donna Cramsey, assisted by Pat Stafford.

Brooke Mahlstedt will be parliamentarian at future general membership meetings and will be reviewing procedures for board consideration.

New Business

THA committee chairmen presented their 1988 budget requests to the board. Jim Baker attended this part of the meeting to present JACO's budget and its projection for future maintenance, repair and purchases for the TCC facility and tennis and basketball courts. Roy Alexander will now prepare a proposed budget to be reviewed by the board within the next several weeks.

The next board meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on November 19, 1987, at the home of John Brennan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 1987

By Diana Kendall

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at the home of John Brennan on November 17, 1987. Present were John Brennan,

Sue Olesch, Jim Connally, Paul Town-er, Brooke Mahlstedt, Roy Alexander and Diana Kendall.

The minutes of the previous meet-
ing were read and approved.

Bill Ulman provided the board with data on the cost of each item required for the personal computer system for the Truro Trails editor and his staff. The community had previously approved this expenditure in the 1987 budget. The board directed Bill to proceed with the purchase of the system.

Marj Bridgman provided an update on the Truro Directory. Donna Reistetter and Marj worked many hours updating the directory and hope to have it published in time for distribution with the December Truro Trails. The community wishes to thank Marj and Donna for their dedication and hard work.

Sue Olesch provided an update from Jim Bergstrom on the street light petitions. Jim will provide an article on this for the December issue of Truro Trails.

Reinhard Olesch has volunteered to take over the position of Park Committee chairman. Many thanks!

Roy Alexander distributed copies of the proposed THA and TCC budgets for 1988. These were discussed in detail, and changes were made and approved by the board. Roy will have a final copy of these budgets ready for the December 10 meeting of the board. After approval, the budgets will be published in Truro Trails.

The next board meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 1987, at the home of John Brennan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Neighborhood Watch

By Dick Yates

Two Burglaries in Truro

You may have read about the "Piggy Bank Burglar" in the Washington Post (and also a burglary alert in last month's Neighborhood Watch article). He struck in Truro in the daytime on November 4, and got money. I immediately put up notices on some stop signs to alert you. Fortunately, he was caught by Fairfax County police on November 10, after almost one burglary every weekday for more than six weeks. This points out how successful a daytime burglar can be, when there are very few people at home. We do have an occasional daytime Watch patrol, but we need more volunteers. And if you can't volunteer, then certainly keep your eyes open on any days when you are home in the daytime. Keep your doors and windows locked. If you would like an expert to look at your home security, call the West Springfield station of the Fairfax County police and request a survey. A second burglary in Truro involved the theft of some silver, and there has been an apprehension. An alert Truro resident noticed a piece of the silver in the parkland, and it was turned over to the police.

Holiday Security

When you are away from your home overnight or longer, let your neighbors know so that they can keep a special eye on your home. Put your inside lights on timers. Arrange to have your mail and newspapers picked up. In short, do everything possible to make your

"TRURO'S HEAVENLY AROMAS"

The current edition of the THA cookbook, "Truro's Heavenly Aromas," is still available for sale. Copies can be purchased from Marj Bridgman (8834 Burbank Road, 323-8571) or Jane Rule (4306 Kenwyn Court, 978-2645) for \$5 each. These make great Christmas/hostess gifts. Make checks payable to "THA."

home look lived in.

Vandalism

A vehicle window was shot out with an air gun, and there were also some Japanese stone lanterns removed from a yard.

Outside Lights

Leave your outside lights on, preferably on timers so that they will go on about 5 p.m. and stay on until sun-up. This is one of the best moves you can make to contribute to the overall security of Truro.

Be Suspicious

If you see a person or vehicle and are suspicious, do not hesitate to call the police (691-2131). Let the professionals check it out.

Volunteers Needed

Can you spend three hours every two or three months on patrol? Make Truro more secure. We will try to keep patrols on a regular schedule throughout the holiday season, but it becomes more difficult when there are not enough volunteers. If you care about the security of Truro, give me a call at 978-8318.

Join neighborhood watch...take action against crime.

TRAVELERS' NOTEBOOK



STAR OF THE SEA

By Dave Jones

Back in March of this year, I wrote of our trip to Hawaii, making a passing mention of the Star of the Sea Catholic Church at Kalapana, on the "Big Island." Here's the story of that unique church and its noted progenitor.

The first Catholic priest to live in the Kalapana area was Father Damien deVuester, a Belgian missionary who later won fame as the apostle of the Molokai Leper Settlement. He arrived in Hawaii shortly after his ordination in May 1864, establishing himself about two miles from Kalapana, where he lived in a grass hut and conducted a school for the Hawaiians.

His successor, Father Clement Evarard, built a stone church on the site of Father Damien's bamboo structure. In 1906 that church was abandoned in favor of a new one closer to Kalapana.

In 1927-28, Father Evarist Gielan caused the present Star of the Sea church to be built. It was he who painted the upper part of the church, working at night by light from an oil lamp. Later, in 1964, George Heidler, an artist from Athens, Georgia, found his way to Kalapana; he conceived the idea of painting the unfinished lower panels and the altar section in the dramatic trompe l'oeil design of vaulted arches that decorates the church today. He also fashioned the 14 Stations of the Cross around the interior of the sanctuary, and an outdoor shrine of beach glass.

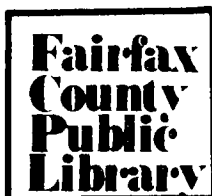
Swim Team

Need a House Sitter?

The Quinn family, Truro members for the last three years, have been assigned to the Philippines. In order that their 3 children may continue their participation with the Truro swim team, they need housing from the end of June to early August. If you would like this meticulously clean and neat family to house-sit for you next summer, please contact Janice Armstrong at 978-0429.



Davin Quinn would like a movie or still pictures of the 12-year-old boys All-Star relay win at Mansion House last summer. Please contact Janice Armstrong at 978-0429 if you have some she can send.



WHAT'S DOING AT KINGS PARK LIBRARY

By Suzanne Rehder

After a flurry of activities at the beginning of December, things are slowing down considerably later in the month. Here are a couple of events of interest, however:

- Toys for Twos. This is a story and activity series scheduled for Friday, December 11 and 18, at 10:30 a.m. It's for two-year-olds accompanied by parents or guardians. Registration is required.

- Holiday Feature Film. Children six or older are invited to see the classic "Secret Garden" on Tuesday, December 29, at 1 p.m. No registration is required.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Bob and Valerie Sutter

Welcome, New Neighbors:

BONGARA, James P. & Jane N. Arabian
4147 Elizabeth Lane
764-1838

Engineering Psychologist (James)
Research Psychologist (Jane)

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE--Twin extra-long mattress and box spring in excellent condition. Perfect for guest bedroom, growing child or home away from home. \$90. Call 978-0251.

FROM BETTY'S OVEN--I am now taking orders for Christmas cookies and Bourbon Pecan Fruit Cake. As always, I will make any baked goods or desserts you need--and help in your kitchen with the food preparation for your holiday parties or dinners. Betty Cox, 978-3814.

FOR SALE--Ice skates, black, sizes 5, 8, 10 and 11. Near perfect condition. \$8 for sizes 5 and 8, \$10 for sizes 10 and 11. Vick's, 978-2623.

HELP WANTED--Part-time secretarial work, approximately 10 hours a week, afternoons. Must know word processing, minimal typing. Close-by in Fairfax. For further information please call 573-6100.

GUITAR LESSONS for young and old. Reasonably priced. Classical to folk guitar. Learn to read notes or chords. Call Janet at 323-6152.

THA/TCC BUSINESS PHONE: 978-0859

FROM THE EDITOR

The primary purpose of a community newsletter such as this is to inform--to let residents know what is going on. The current problem of street lights for Truro serves to illustrate how Truro Trails approaches this mission of informing.

Each time the street light issue has arisen in Truro, we have reported the activities of the THA Board of Directors and those appointed by the board to work on the problem. We have provided background information on the issue. We have opened our LETTERS column to all who cared to comment on the matter--and many of you availed yourself of this opportunity.

What we have not done is take an editorial position on the issue. There are two reasons for this. For one thing, you readers are, in the main, a captive audience; you don't have the option of canceling your subscription to Truro Trails and getting your money back if you were to gag on an editorial opinion. For another, the views of the editor are not necessarily any more valid than yours, and ultimately get expressed in the same way as yours--by his individual vote.

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