

truero trails

NOVEMBER 1990



"Lend me a heart
Replete with thankfulness"

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Messages may be left at any time on the Truro business phone...978-0859

Members' Input for New Truro Directory Lagging

By Marj Bridgman

Response to the call for input to the new Truro Directory has been extremely disappointing, to put it mildly. By the deadline of October 25, I had received directory information forms from only 78 Truro families--less than 20% of Truro's approximately 400 families.

If Truro is to have a new, up-to-date directory in 1991, it is imperative that we get the necessary information from the families involved. We have a few volunteers

standing by to call those families who don't respond, but to ask them to call 300-plus families is unreasonable. All it takes to be sure your family is included in the directory is one minute to fill out the form and either 25 cents for a stamp to mail it in (Truro Homes Association, 4146 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, VA 22003) or five minutes to deliver it to the Truro Community Center.

For those who haven't responded, the THA Directory Information Form is reprinted on page 5 of this issue. Please take the time right now to fill it out and get it in. We'd appreciate receiving it by November 10. Then we can get on with the job of filling in the gaps, checking data and putting the directory together.

We need your support on this. So let's hear from you soon!

If you're interested in having an ad in this new directory, call me at 323-8571. Rates are as follows:

- Full page (cover).....\$150
- Full page (inside).....\$125
- Half page (inside)..... \$75
- Quarter page (inside).. \$40
- Eighth page (inside--
business card size).. \$25

That's a lot of exposure for a long time at very little cost.

Meeting on School Issues Set

By Jane Zivic

The Wakefield Forest Elementary School PTA has surveyed parents again on the question of pyramidal preference--the Frost/Woodson pyramid versus the Poe/Annandale pyramid. Frost/Woodson was preferred by 86% and Poe/Annandale by 7%. The remaining parents expressed no preference. These figures are virtually identical to those in previous surveys. This information has been forwarded to the appropriate officials.

I would like to call on each family in Truro to send one member to a public meeting on Thursday, November 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Poe Intermediate School cafeteria to discuss details of the proposed attendance areas. Poe School is at 7000 Cindy Lane in Annandale.

This meeting is being held by our area Superintendent of Schools, and we need to demonstrate just how interested we are. So please attend this critical meeting! You don't need to speak; just come and show your support.

Accompanying this issue of Truro Trails are two letters providing more information on this issue.

THE COVER

This is the month in which we set aside a special day to give thanks for all the bounty we've enjoyed during the year. Our cover drawing this month was done by Thorina Rose for The Washington Post. The accompanying quotation is by William Shakespeare, who of course wasn't around for even the first Thanksgiving Day.

Gypsy Moth Egg Mass Survey Shows Extent of Threat Here

By Catherine Bergstrom

To be or not to be--that is the question on the minds of concerned Truroites. Will we be included in Fairfax County's anti-gypsy moth spraying campaign next spring?

The answer isn't in yet, but the Truro community has done its best to alert the county to our major infestation. A total of 182 brochures (questionnaires), indicating 39,417 egg masses, were filled out by Truro residents and hand-delivered to the county's Gypsy Moth Program office. Many others in Truro mailed in the brochures.

The responses to the survey indicate that Truroites were almost unanimous in saying yes when asked if they would support private aerial spraying if that became necessary. I say "almost" because some renters did not wish to respond (perhaps feeling that this was the owner's option) and some homes were in the process of being sold. Four families either objected to the cost or wanted it limited to \$25. There were also approximately 20 homes that for one reason or other (no answer, no contact) were not surveyed.



What can we do while we wait for the answer from the county on next year's spraying? We can destroy all those egg masses by scraping them into soapy water, remembering that each egg mass contains 500 to 1,000 potential caterpillars. Those egg masses that Truroites counted translate into 39 million caterpillars. Yes, that's 39 million!

Fairfax County officials stated that they would provide a progress report by late November.

FROM THE BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 1990

The Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association met at 8 p.m. on October 18, 1990, at the Truro Community Center. Present were board members Art Wells, Keith Thomas, Alannah Coshow, Mike McKinley and Janice Armstrong. Catherine Bergstrom, head of Truro's ad hoc Gypsy Moth Committee, was also present. The board took up the following items of THA/TCC business:

Gypsy Moth Control in 1990

Catherine Bergstrom provided an update on committee activities. Before doing so, Art noted that Catherine has been serving as acting chairman of the committee and, in view of the importance of the committee's efforts, he proposed that she be appointed chairman. The board agreed. Catherine then highlighted recent committee activities [see adjoining column]:

- A total of 32 surveys were conducted.

- All streets were included and all but about 20 homes covered.

- The response was overwhelming in favor of general spraying. There were four comments expressing concern about the additional cost to homeowners.

- The egg mass search resulted in 182 responses with a total of about 39,000+ masses.

- If Truro contracts for spraying, there are legal and budget implications which the board will have to address. Catherine has contacted a knowledgeable individual willing to advise on the contract aspects of spraying.

The board expressed its appreciation for Catherine's continued volunteerism in a major community

project. Art informed the board that a letter had been sent to the Fairfax County Executive commending Carol Belew for her highly professional presentation during the September general membership meeting. A copy was sent to Sharon Bulova, who responded with a letter offering assistance if needed. [Both letters accompany this issue of Truro Trails.]

Parkland Maintenance

Mike McKinley discussed the Park Committee's input to Keith Thomas's update of the Repair and Maintenance Schedule. Parkland requirements had not been included when the schedule was developed in 1983. Provisions have now been made for major park facilities such as playgrounds, bridges, paths, benches, trash holders, etc. The board thanked Ron Olesch and Mike for this timely input to the updated schedule.

Mike also discussed the work of the Park Committee in mulching a lot of dead limbs and piles of brush which had accumulated along the path between the clubhouse and the Pappas Way park entrance. The committee appreciates those who volunteer to clean the parkland of this natural debris. The committee does request that in doing so the debris not be placed in piles, because of the difficulty in later disposing of it.

Repair and Maintenance Schedule

Keith Thomas informed the board that with the inputs from the Park and TCC Committees the update is now complete and available for developing the 1991 THA and TCC budgets. The update calls for an annual contribution to the fund of about \$28,000, which, assuming no unforeseen contingency, will occur this fiscal year. This development bodes well for Truro, in that the \$28,000 target was not available (nor were the parkland projects) when the 1990 budgets were developed a year ago. The board has yet to

determine whether the amount presently reserved for repair and maintenance is sufficient to support future requirements in the updated schedule. If not, the board would increase the appropriations from the operating income to the reserve fund in the coming years.

Pool Management Contract for 1991

Janice Armstrong reported that the TCC Committee is reviewing all current contracts in preparation for renewing them for 1991. Clearwater has submitted its proposed contract for pool management in 1991. The proposal calls for an increase from \$33,250 to \$36,854, based upon overtime incurred this past summer and opening and closing costs which were not part of the 1990 contract. The board will review the proposal and make a decision during its November meeting.

Answering Machine

The board approved \$25 for the purchase of an answering machine to be used by the person taking calls for reservation of the clubhouse.

Closing of Ann Fitz Hugh Gate

Janice reported that the TCC Committee had considered a number of alternatives during its meeting on October 10. The basic issue is the closing of the gate when people are using the facilities after 9:30 p.m., the time the contract calls for the gate to be secured. If cars are in the area at that time, the gate remains open. Janice reported that two nearby residents have volunteered to lock the gate after 11 p.m. As an additional measure, the Neighborhood Watch will check the gate during patrols and lock it if it is open after 9:30 p.m. and the users have departed. The TCC Committee recommended that rental contracts for the clubhouse contain a clause about closing the gate upon leaving, and that failure to do so would result in a forfeiture of \$25 of the deposit. The board approved the recommendations but deferred implementing the \$25 forfeiture

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provision, preferring to first try an explanation to those using the clubhouse of their responsibility to close the gate upon leaving. The board expressed its appreciation for the TCC Committee's efforts in working out these arrangements.

Lighting of the Clubhouse Area

The board asked if the TCC Committee had any recommendations concerning lighting the TCC parking area as an extension of the security concerns about the gate. The board also expressed concern over the possibility of someone falling in the darkness and being injured. Janice reported that nearby residents who attended the committee meeting oppose lights in the vicinity of the clubhouse. Art said the board would continue to look into this issue, especially in view of potential liability implications.

TCC Manual Changes

Janice reported that the TCC Committee is completing its review of the TCC Manual. She advised the board of changes she had received from a homeowner. The board voted not to change one of the rules as suggested, and made some wording clarifications to the others. The new wording will be included in the next issue of the manual.

Additional Pool Equipment

Janice reported that the TCC Committee had received requests for a fiberglass ping-pong table and grills for use near the pool. The board disapproved these requests on the basis of safety, space and decor.

Neighborhood Watch

Art reported on behalf of Dave Barton that patrols have begun--although not with the frequency he would like because of the low level of staffing. Dave and Art attended the Fairfax County Neighborhood Watch Recognition Dinner at the McLean Hilton on September 28. Some

highlights:

■ The dinner has been sponsored annually since 1982 by the Board of Directors of Neighborhood Watch and Crime Education, Inc., and by the Fairfax County Police Department. Some local businesses have contributed to the support of the dinner.

■ There are now more than 750 watches encompassing some 35,000 volunteers within Fairfax County. Within the West Springfield District, there are 134 watches (including Truro's).

■ Since the formation of the Neighborhood Watch program in Fairfax County in 1979, property related crimes have decreased sharply; reported instances of vandalism were reduced 50% in a two-year period. Overall, there has been a 22% reduction in crime in the past year due to the combined efforts of the police department and the many Neighborhood Watch programs.

■ Attesting to the importance of the Neighborhood Watch and the significance of the occasion, speakers were Audrey Moore, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Robert Horan, Commonwealth's Attorney; Col. John Granfield, Chief of Fairfax County Police; and Col. Robert Southard, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety. A number of other county officials also attended.

Tennis Court Repairs

Art presented a status report from John Brennan, who continues his volunteer work in Truro as the chairman of the ad hoc Committee for Tennis Court Repairs. John has examined the proposals received and discussed the project with one contractor. He will continue to evaluate the proposals and will make his recommendations to the board in the near future. He has received no response to the call in the October Truro Trails for a volunteer with civil engineering background to assist in reviewing the proposals and the condition of the courts.

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Uncivil Action

Art reported the occurrence of another uncivil act toward a member of the THA/TCC staff--the third such instance this month.

Letter of Thanks

The president of Congregation Olam Tikvah sent a letter of thanks to Truro for the use of the TCC parking lot during the celebration of Rosh Hashanah. The board noted that this is a good example of local cooperation.

County Utility Tax Rate

Art reported receiving a letter and questionnaire from the Fairfax County Office of Assessments that provided information on eligibility of homeowners' associations for the lower residential utility tax rate versus the higher commercial rate now being assessed. Keith Thomas will look into the issue and respond to the questionnaire.

1989 Independent Audit

Art reported that Jim Tew, Audit Committee chairman, had been in contact with Goldklang, Cavanaugh

and Associates, who are conducting the audit of the 1989 THA/TCC financial records. Jim and Art will meet with Kevin Cavanaugh on October 23 to review the second draft of the audit report.

Update of Truro Directory

The board noted with appreciation that another long-time Truro volunteer, Marj Bridgman, is heading the effort to update the Truro Directory. Art suggested that the new directory include a section on "Truroites Temporarily Away." This section would list homeowners who are currently residing elsewhere. The family information would be the same as if they were living in Truro, with the addition of their current addresses.

Compendium of Truro Legal Documents

Along with the directory update, Art suggested that all documents pertaining to the functioning of the THA/TCC be consolidated and professionally printed in one booklet. This would provide a single source of information and guidance to current and prospective homeowners. The aim is to foster more awareness of the rules established

THA DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

WIFE'S NAME _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES _____ YEAR OF BIRTH _____

HUSBAND'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

WIFE'S PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____

"ODD JOBS" LISTING FOR CHILDREN?
YES _____ NO _____

BABYSITTER LISTING FOR CHILDREN?
YES _____ NO _____

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PARTICIPATION (THA ONLY)?
YES _____ NO _____

TCC-ONLY MEMBER?
YES _____ NO _____

over the 20-plus years of Truro's existence to provide for an attractive, "alive" community and a consistency in its appearance and management.

THA Stationery and Business Cards

Art suggested the purchase of THA letterhead stationery and envelopes for official correspondence. He also felt that each director should have THA business cards for use in the conduct of THA matters. For example, in attending functions such as the Neighborhood Watch dinner, there are often opportunities to make contacts on matters requiring follow-up. Providing an appropriate business card establishes Truro's identity and relationship professionally.

January General Membership Meeting

Art recommended that the board set the date for the winter general membership meeting now, to increase the likelihood of being able to arrange for speakers (e.g., Sharon Bulova to discuss local issues). The board agreed, and scheduled the winter general membership meeting for Thursday, January 17, 1991.

School Boundary Changes

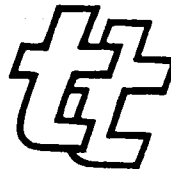
Art reported that there have been no known developments since Jane Zivic's report at the September general membership meeting. However, some activity is expected shortly. Jane continues to follow the issues closely, and any new information will be reported to members as quickly as possible.

1991 THA and TCC Budgets

The board will be focusing on the 1991 budgets for the rest of this year. A number of "big ticket" projects need to be considered--tennis court repairs, air circulation in the clubhouse, contingency for gypsy moth spraying and an increase in parkland maintenance are examples. A "first cut" will be made at the November board meeting, followed by working meetings at Ken

Anderson's office, as was done last year. The recommended budgets will be published in the January 1991 Truro Trails.

The next board meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 1990, at the TCC. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



this and that . . .

Hey, Neighborhood Watch, Anybody?

In addition to grumping about the World Series (page 7), T. Homer Aargh, Truro's old-timer, has been helping a little with the new Truro Directory. He was grumping the other day about the lack of interest in Neighborhood Watch participation indicated on the information forms. "Of the first 27 THA folks responding, only six said they'd help," he complained. "Okay, a few have spent a bunch of time on the Watch. But if everyone knew how little time it really takes, lots more would likely say yes. Then we'd have patrols on our streets more often. Those folks who haven't filled out their forms yet oughta pitch in and help. Make 'em feel real good, I figure."

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Fairfax Choral Society Says "Nuts"

It's almost time for holiday baking, and one important ingredient in most recipes is nuts. So Truro's members of the Fairfax Choral Society are busy selling fresh Georgia pecans to help support the FCS's music programs and educational services. They'll be available before Thanksgiving, and can be purchased from any of the three Truroites who sing with the FCS: Toni Breiter (978-2872), Helen Prange (978-2925) and Bill Hodges (978-8527)--or by calling the FCS office (642-0862). A one-pound bag is \$5--partially tax deductible.

World Series: Hitting and Spitting

By T. Homer Aargh

After hearing all the commotion about the guy who cussed out the umpire in that Red Sox game a while back--Roger Clemens, wasn't it?--I though mebbe I oughta tune in the World Series this year and find out a little more about baseball. Never paid much attention to it before. Always seemed too pokey. Sorta like golf.

So I put a couple brews in the fridge to cool and turned on the TV to see what it was all about.

First thing I found out was the Oakland Athletics, being the world champs last year, were gonna cream the Cincinnati Reds. Everyone said so. The TV announcers said so. In four games, mebbe. Put your money on the A's, they kept saying.

Well, right off, I could see why. The A's have this guy called Jose Canseco, which is one great name for a ball player. Jose Canseco--has a real nice ring, don't it? Anyway, he was the A's "big stick" as they call it. And sure enough, before too long he hit a home run, like he was supposed to. All the Oakland fans liked that. Trouble was, he never hit a thing except for that. Ten other times up and zip! Nothing. Still a nice name, though.

One thing I noticed was all baseball players spit all the time, right there on TV. Real close up, so that you can see it's tobacco juice they're spitting. Not very outh, I decided. The missus thought it was--well, I can't repeat what she said. Then I saw something that really surprised me. Some of the guys in the dug-out were chewing huge wads of bubble gum and blowing these big awful sticky bubbles, like kids do. Grown men--imagine!

And the pitchers were something else. They stood there--every one of them--fiddling with their caps and pawing the dirt with their shoe and glaring--and I do mean glaring--at the batter, like they were mad at him or something. Then when they got good and ready, they'd throw the ball. Then they'd fiddle and paw and glare some more. And throw.

Once in a while the batter or the catcher would say something to the umpire behind home plate, like they didn't agree with him. But I noticed nobody got very nasty with him. Don't wonder, after that Clemens thing. Anyway, cussing a ump is sorta dumb, I think. Get him mad enough, he might deck you. They're pretty husky fellas, seems to me.

Well, I kept watching, 'cause I was expecting the A's would explode any time and that would be it. So did everyone else. Except the Reds, who just kept on scoring and winning. Didn't matter that the A's had Canseco.

Four games and it was over, as you know. The Reds won. There was this big celebration in the locker room right after that, with lots of reporters. Every fella they asked about the series would say something like, "Well, y'know, I just, like, did the best I could, y'know. Important thing is, the team won. Don't matter what I did, y'know." Real modest like. (Bet when contract time comes round they say something different. Big bucks there, y'know.)



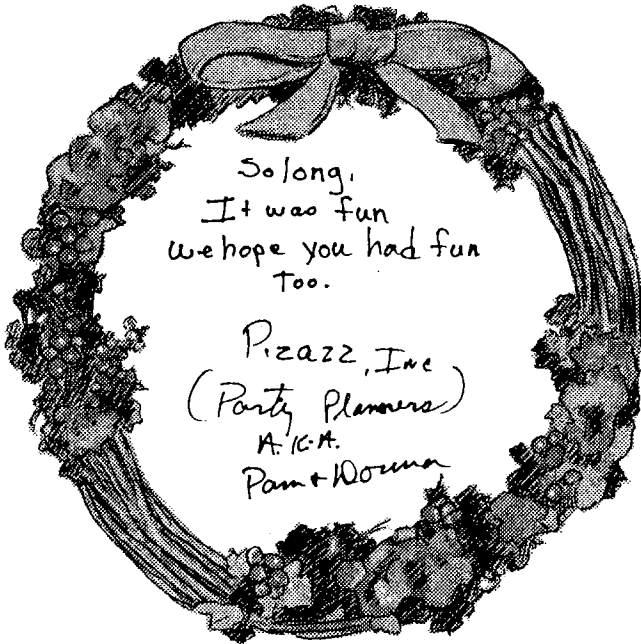
Afterwards, I got to wondering. I didn't see any women reporters there in the locker room, like the Cincinnati football team's manager was grumping about earlier. Guess they didn't want some guy spitting tobacco juice on their skirts. Can't say I blame 'em.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Pam Henderson and Donna Cramsey

From Your Outgoing Co-Chairmen



TCC COMMITTEE

By Janice Armstrong (978-0429)

At the TCC Committee meeting on October 10, the group agreed to try some new procedures to help assure that the parking lot gate will be locked more often. Among the procedures agreed to were emphasizing to all users that they must lock the gate if they leave after 9:30 p.m. and asking the present contractor to lock the gate at dark on weekends instead of 10 p.m. Two neighbors also volunteered to back up the contractor should they find the gate open late at night. The group also asked the Board of Directors to consider withholding part of renters' deposits if they neglect to lock the gate.

Lap swimming revisions were as follows: In 1991 there will be a

third lap lane from 11-12 a.m and 8-9 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available during the rest of the day if needed. It is expected that up to two swimmers may use a lane. The lap lanes are for all serious lap swimmers, with priority given to those age 17 or over. Swim and dive team members do not have priority use of the lap lanes.

Some minor suggestions were submitted for improving the already excellent services provided by Clearwater Management. The committee also asked that the board discuss adding more speed bumps, not installing lights in the parking lot, getting an adjustment to the water bill if we are charged for water lost during a recent leak, and rewording some rules in the TCC Manual.

Dollars and \$ense

By Donna Alexander

THA Disclosure Packet

On July 1, 1989, the Property Owners' Association Act went into effect. Briefly, this act provides that when a homeowner sells his home he is responsible for having inserted into the sales contract language to the effect that the property is located within a development that is subject to the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act. The act also requires that the property owners' association provide the seller, within 14 days of a written request and payment of an appropriate fee, a disclosure packet which the seller, upon written request by the purchaser, will in turn provide to the purchaser. Failure to insert the required disclosures shall be grounds for voiding the contract by the purchaser.

In the case of Truro homeowners, the written request must be sent to the Truro Homes Association, 4146 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, VA 22003, along with a check for \$60 payable to the THA. Note that the

act requires that that the association provide the packet to the seller within 14 days of a written request. The 14 days begin at the moment the letter is received, not when it is written. We process the requests immediately, with a return normally made within one week.

The above information was originally published in the June 1989 issue of Truro Trails. It is being republished for the information of all Truro homeowners.

Committee Questionnaires/Forms

Committee chairmen are advised that the collection of mail from the TCC box during the off-season (September through January) is not done daily. Therefore, any questionnaire or form that must be returned by a specific deadline should be required to be sent to the committee chairman's home address rather than to the TCC.

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FOR SALE--Palm Beach Co., FL, 2-BR, 2-bath waterfront condo w/glassed & screened balcony. Sweeping view of Intracoastal Waterway. Furnished or unfurnished, \$97,000. Call 323-0730 for further information.

FOR SALE--Heintzman piano--grand piano in vertical form. Furniture--MBR king bed w/matching men's/women's dresser, end table in antique pine. Also box spring and mattress. Call 425-7231.

PIANO FOR SALE--Wurlitzer spinet, excellent condition; antique reproduction adjustable stool; metro-nome. \$650. 978-7296.

\$165 ROUND-TRIP, non-stop to Florida. Valid through 12/18/90. Restrictions apply. Call Bill Ulman, 323-6496.

GET A HEAD START on the holidays and receive free toys by hosting a Discovery Toy party (educational toys, books and games). For infor-

mation, call Patty Vinall at 764-0381.

FOUND--On tennis court #1, a good racquet. If you can identify manufacturer, grip size, color of wrapping, head size, or any reasonable combination of these, please call (323-6952) or fax (323-9045) information to us to claim racquet. We didn't want to leave it on court for weather or passers-by to harm.

FOR SALE--Sears Craftsman vacuum-shredder-bagger. Cost \$299.95, sell \$100. Call 978-2855.

THE RIGHT TOUCH--Reduce pain and relieve stress. Treat yourself to a complimentary one-hour Swedish Massage from a budding Potomac Massage Training Institute student. Call Marge Fallon for an appointment. 323-8073.

FROM THE EDITOR

By now you've no doubt discovered the new innovation we're trying out this month. At the suggestion of the THA Board of Directors, we're providing the names and phone numbers of key THA and TCC personnel on the inside of the front cover (the same as last month except for location.) It's for the convenience of all those who've had to call Donna Alexander or me to find out whom to call about this matter or that. We hope it may save all of us some time and effort.

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