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	Jane Roper.....	764-9593
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Messages may be left 8 a.m.-9 p.m. on the THA business phone...978-0859

A PUBLICATION OF THE TRURO HOMES ASSOCIATION

Public Hearing on Gypsy Moth Control Tax April 7

By Catherine Bergstrom

A Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proposal to levy a special gypsy moth control tax on real estate in the county comes up for a public hearing on April 7.

Under this proposal, the county would establish a "special service district" (the entire county) in which real property would be taxed at the rate of \$.0028 per \$100 of assessed valuation to finance the county's continuing gypsy moth control program. It is estimated that the proposal, if adopted, would add about \$5.20 to the average real estate tax of a county homeowner.

The public hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on April 7 on the "A" Level of the Massey Building in Fairfax.

When Truro became inundated with gypsy moths (first the caterpillars) in 1990, I served as chairman of the ad hoc Gypsy Moth Committee, gathering as much data as possible to call the attention of county officials to our plight. Truroites responded and our community was sprayed in April 1991. Exit the gypsy moths for the time being, although they will no doubt be back.

During that "campaign" I learned that the county has done a good job with its gypsy moth suppression program and had the county not been involved our Truro problem would have been an administrative nightmare--collecting money for private aerial spraying, defining boundaries of the spraying and, of course, the matter of insurance liability. I also learned that many homeowners had called in private tree services to have their trees sprayed, some more than once. And I learned that the county was using the most environmentally sound insecticides in far smaller quantities and at sig-

nificantly less cost than private companies.

From all of this, it appears that the county's involvement and the \$5-6 cost per homeowner are reasonable.

What we don't yet know are matters such as what happens to the tax money if the moths don't reappear and spraying becomes unnecessary, and whether this is intended to be a one-time or a continuing multi-year tax.

The April 7 public hearing is intended to give county taxpayers an opportunity to have these and other such questions answered, and to express their views on this tax proposal, which is being advanced as a part of the county's efforts to balance its budget.

Truroites who have concerns about the county's proposed gypsy moth control program or the financing of it are encouraged to attend the April 7 public hearing. Citizens wishing to speak on the proposed ordinance may call 246-3151 to be placed on the speakers list.

Meanwhile, the county has informed me that burlap strips to put around tree trunks for gypsy moth caterpillar control are available, along with instructions for their use. This is a good deterrent for spring; it helps keep the little pests out of the treetops. Anyone who wants some of these burlap strips can call me at 978-6541.

THE COVER

The 1992 summer programs are now being cranked up at the Truro Community Center. One of these is the tennis program. So Judith Rheinstrom, who oversees tennis activities for the community, has supplied us with the ingredients for this month's cover. For more on this and other sports in Truro this summer, see pages 8-10.

FROM THE BOARD

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 1992

By Alannah Coshow

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association was held on February 27, 1992, at the Truro Community Center. The meeting was requested by homeowners on the NEAT Committee for the purpose of discussing questions of architectural control that have been raised due to the construction of a fence at the corner of Aunt Lilly Lane and Ann Fitz Hugh Drive--specifically, the rationale behind fence approvals and the philosophy by which the Planning Guidelines are being interpreted.

Present were board members Janice Armstrong (president), Art Wells (vice president), Alannah Coshow (secretary), Mike McKinley and Keith Thomas. Also attending from the Architectural Control Committee were Ralph Kennedy (chairman), Pat Halpin and Joe Beausoleil.

To questions about the approval process of the fence, Ralph responded:

■ Yes, the approval of the fence was made by a committee.

■ Yes, the request and approval were in writing.

■ Yes, the guidelines pertaining to fence height were complied with as the operative word "should" allows for committee discretion.

■ Yes, the guidelines pertaining to a solid structure were complied with as there are other solid fences and the guidelines do not prohibit their approval.

■ No, he did not seek neighbor approval, for which he took full responsibility; however, he was under the impression that the home-

owner had sought that approval from his neighbors.

Several homeowners expressed their different interpretation of the guidelines as to height and openness requirements. A discussion of the possible need to tighten the wording of the document ensued.

Comments and requests from the participants followed:

■ For 25 years the committee has interpreted "should not" to mean "don't" approve fences more than four feet high.

■ We don't want a boxed-in community with several fences impairing the view from homes.

■ All those who will be able to see a new construction should have the right to approve or disapprove the proposal.

■ Two homeowners urged the committee to exercise the authority to refuse requests cited in paragraph I.A.3. of the guidelines:

"The committee must refuse permission for a proposal which, in its opinion, would, if constructed, have a detrimental effect on the neighboring properties or the community as a whole...."

■ This urging was followed by a homeowner statement that "when the committee said 'yes' to this person's individual desires it said 'no' to the rest of the community."

■ Another comment was that these guidelines have served this community for 23 years and that no other chairman has had trouble with interpretation.

■ One homeowner stated that the surveillance of the ACC by the THA Board of Directors has not been satisfactory.

■ Another said "I have not heard anything tonight that assures me that these same rationales won't be followed again."

■ An architect in the group stated that the guidelines are binding on those who buy into Truro.

■ Another architect stated that they [the guidelines] are upheld in courts of law, and an association can take action against violators.

■ The suggestion was made that it would help educate people about the rules if the ACC published all requests for property changes along with the decision to approve or not approve.

■ It was announced that the THA Covenants require the board to appoint the members of the committee. Interested parties should contact the board.

In addition to those named above, contributing to the discussion were Marj Bridgman, George Philipps, Jim and Catherine Bergstrom, George Coshow, Mary and Don Johnson, Lou Ann Macchiaroli, Tom Beber, Judith and Gordon Rheinstrom, Joe Tranchini, Evan Kwerel, Bruce Zivic, and Bob Molseed.

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ADDITIONAL SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors met again on February 29, March 2 and March 12 to discuss complaints about an Architectural Control Committee fence approval and the resolutions requested by members concerning ACC policies and due process procedures. Because of space limitations, only summaries of those meetings will follow. All official minutes have been reviewed and approved by those attending the meetings. They are available to members by calling Alannah Coshow at 425-6459. The following summaries were written by Janice Armstrong (president), Alannah Coshow (secretary) and Don Johnson (acting recording secretary).

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 29, 1992

All board members were present. Minutes were taken by Don Johnson.

With the fence complaint unresolved and with increasing member complaints concerning the ACC's and board's interpretation and implementation of the Guidelines and the Covenants, the board voted, 5-0, in favor of seeking advice from the association attorney, David Mercer.

(Janice Armstrong met with David Mercer at the TCC on March 3 and gave him all the documentation on the issue.)

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 2, 1992

All five board members were present. Also in attendance were Catherine Bergstrom and George Philipps. Minutes were taken by Alannah Coshow.

This meeting was called for the purpose of voting on a set of resolutions submitted by the membership on due process for ACC decisions.

Before the board began its consideration of the resolutions, Catherine and George reiterated some of their concerns from the February 27 meeting:

■ They expressed their concern about the board's divided position on the interpretation and implementation of the Guidelines.

■ George asked what the board's position was on the validity of the Guidelines. Art Wells and Mike McKinley expressed their concerns about interpretation problems with the current wording of the documents, while Janice Armstrong and Alannah Coshow commented that for the previous 23 years the documents have been interpreted the same way. Alannah stated that the problems are with the interpreter, not with the documents.

■ Catherine and George further commented that there is a feeling in the neighborhood that if the ACC chairman does not understand his position he should be replaced.

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After Catherine and George left, Janice stated the resolutions submitted by members. [Those resolutions are on pages 5-6].

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 12, 1992

Present were Janice Armstrong, Keith Thomas, Art Wells and Donna Alexander. Minutes were taken by Don Johnson. Also attending the meeting was David Mercer, association attorney.

Mr. Mercer began the meeting by stating that he practices only homeowner association law and can handle all association problems. He made it clear that he may be hired by the board but represents the association members. All his opinions and comments that follow are on behalf of the members.

On matters of ACC disagreements, he recommended that "communities avoid court actions, settle and compromise. Legal actions are very expensive."

The following quotes from the minutes of Mr. Mercer's remarks answer many questions raised by members at the February 27 open meeting:

- "Covenants on fences are generally very enforceable."
- "Shall or should" in the Truro Guidelines "carry the same weight. Neither word authorizes discretion to ACC. Interpret documents in relation to environment and intent."
- "Architectural harmony exists in Truro and the fence [in question] stands out as an aberration."
- "Actions by the ACC were and should be subject to additional scrutiny."
- "It is the fiduciary responsibility of the board to maintain community aesthetics."
- "The board has legal responsibility for ACC actions."

- "Appoint an ACC to serve at the board's pleasure; remove if ACC does not follow policy."

- "ACC member cannot authorize chairman to act for member."

- "Unhealthy situation exists where it appears unilateral decisions are being made."

- "ACC must review requests as a committee and vote."

- "Cannot have ACC action without minutes and written record of what was done."

- "Four feet height, open, are reasonable [fence] guidelines."

- "Limit discretion of ACC. Do not allow variances to be approved by ACC."

To reassure the community, he said the board should:

"1) Make residents more comfortable by providing board resolution on due process.

"2) Go on record by publishing directives.

"3) Give to ACC to follow.

"4) Describe all procedures.

"5) Set up working committee of experts to review guidelines.

"6) Publish ACC directives in the Trails."

Other business conducted by the board during the past month:

- Approved \$836 to repair cracks and an act of vandalism in the tennis courts.

- Approved \$5,500 drawn from the reserve fund to replenish the pool furniture inventory.

- Approved \$200 for ACC to purchase a file cabinet and folders.

- Mike McKinley announced that

a park clean-up day is not needed as the work has been covered under contract.

■ Received notification from our insurance company that payments for bodily injury and medical costs are excluded for athletic events.

The next board meeting will be at 8 p.m. on April 9, 1992, in the TCC. The agenda for this meeting will include the appointments to the Architectural Control Committee as well as appointments to a spec-

ial ad hoc committee to review the Guidelines. If you would like to be appointed to one of these committees, contact Art Wells, ACC liaison from the board, or Janice Armstrong, president.

The May general membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. in the TCC. David Mercer, association attorney, will be present to answer members' questions on the laws governing homeowner association management and the rights of the members.

PROCEDURES FOR THE SUBMISSION
AND
APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL CHANGES

The following procedures comprise the mandates of the Covenants and resolutions of the Board of Directors as voted on written ballot dated March 22, 1992. They remain in effect, as do the ACC Guidelines (revised 1986), until the board or the membership votes to change them through due process. The items followed with (C) are mandated in Covenant Article VI.

Request Submission

- 1) Requests for property changes must be submitted in writing to the ACC. They must include the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials and location of same. (C)
- 2) Requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to commencing work. NOTE: Architectural controls are generally very enforceable in court. Any homeowner who proceeds without written approval does so at his own risk.
(David Mercer, Association Attorney)

- 3) Should the board or the designated committee fail to act within 30 days of the dated request, approval will not be required. (C)

Request Approval

- 1) All requests will be considered at a duly called meeting of three or more committee members appointed by the board. (C)
- 2) The ACC will approve all requests considered to be in harmony of external design and location in relation to surrounding structures. (C)
- 3) The ACC will seek written approval from all neighbors who will see the property changes from their lots before permission is granted.
- 4) The ACC will respond to all requests in writing within 30 days of receiving a written request. (C)
- 5) The ACC response will include the rationale for the decision.
- 6) The ACC will report all requests for architectural changes in Truro Trails, including the committee decision to approve or deny.

Additional Committee Procedures

- 1) The ACC will hold regular/periodic open meetings in the TCC.
- 2) The ACC will keep factual minutes of all meetings and actions on behalf of the community.
- 3) Copies of all committee minutes will be kept by the board liaison.

Additional Resolutions

The following resolutions are effective March 22, 1992, until the September 1992 general membership meeting when revised Guidelines are presented to the membership.

- 1) The ACC will not approve any fence design that exceeds four feet in height.
- 2) The ACC will not approve any fence design that is not at least 50% open.
- 3) The board will appoint at its April 9, 1992, meeting an ad hoc committee to study and make recommendations for the ACC Guidelines to be ratified at the September 1992 general membership meeting.

The board reaffirms its complete support for ACC's enforcing the above provisions.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Janice Armstrong

Due Process = Fairness

DUE PROCESS: The course of proceedings established to protect individual rights.

I hope you will thoughtfully consider all the material provided by the Board of Directors in this month's Truro Trails. The concerns addressed happen to center on the activities of one THA committee, but the real issue is the management of the association as a whole.

As is often the case in society, a subject doesn't come up for discussion until something happens to precipitate a complaint--until one incident focuses attention on an unaddressed issue. To turn such a complaint into a benefit for the community, we must concentrate on the larger issue rather than on the details of the incident or the per-

sonalities involved. In this case, the larger issue is that of a due process not being clearly defined.

As our community ages it becomes most important that the visions and goals of its members be clearly documented. The mandates of our By-Laws, Covenants, and Guidelines need to be combined with board resolutions into a single document that establishes how association business is to be conducted. This document then becomes the statement of due process that protects the rights and responsibilities of all members.

In the present dispute within the THA, several members have submitted suggestions for procedures to be followed in the future. The association's attorney has reviewed them on your behalf and endorsed them. The board has put them in the form of resolutions and has voted on them. The results are published above.

The need for a clearly defined due process for all of the associa-

tion's business is being addressed by the board. You can do your part by supporting the board as it seeks to carry out your collective will.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

By Ralph Kennedy

Since our last report, there has been one request to the Architectural Control Committee for home modification. It involved "glassing in" an existing screened porch and was approved.

In an effort to be as informative as possible to the Truro community, beginning in April the ACC will conduct its meetings at the Truro Community Center and will be open to all who wish to attend. Homeowners who are planning projects that require ACC approval are encouraged to submit their plans so that they may be considered during the meetings when a quorum is present. The meeting for April is scheduled for the 14th at 8 p.m. in the TCC. In the future, meetings will be held every month.

Joe Beausoleil has again provided some valuable information for you lawn enthusiasts. Even though it has been chilly lately, it's time to think lawn maintenance.

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Cultural Practices That Keep Your Lawn Well

By Joseph Beausoleil

If you want to have the nicest and greenest grass, here are some helpful hints gleaned from Jerry Baker's Talk to Your Plants:

■ First of all, don't rely entirely on your friendly lawn service. They're good for weeding and feeding, but they don't put much elbow grease into the effort.

■ If crabgrass was a problem, it's time to use a preemergent control.

■ As soon as the weather turns nice, rake the whole lawn area with a flexible bamboo rake. It's all right to use a flexible steel or wire rake for this if you want to. But be careful not to pull up any grass by the roots. This is easy to do if the ground is damp.

■ Follow this with some feeding to stimulate spring growth.

■ If you haven't seeded, early April is still time for this, but don't forget that you don't want to apply emergent crabgrass killer at the same time. Weed control can prevent grass seed from germinating.

■ April is the time for your first dethatching and aerating of the year. After dethatching, shampoo. Then mow the dried grass down to one inch.

■ As May approaches, think of weeding and feeding. If you do it yourself, be sure to read the directions and follow them carefully.

Good luck, and remember that the grass doesn't have to be greener on the other side.

TCC COMMITTEE

By Janice Armstrong

At the spring meeting, the TCC Committee discussed plans for getting the programs started for the 1992 summer season. We emphasized the importance of weekly communication with parents and the management staff. Each team will provide families and players with a handbook of rules and policies. We discussed supervision and safety at practices, as well as the procedures for parties and activities. We stressed the importance of starting the season with a team meeting including parents and athletes. We also stressed the importance of publishing in Truro Trails all

closings and late openings for the benefit of the membership.

For information call:

- Janice Armstrong (978-0429)...
...TCC Committee Chairman
- Judith Rheinstrom.....Tennis
- Jane Akl, Jane Roper.....Swim
- Pat Stafford.....Dive
- Sue and Ron Porter.....Social
- Donna Alexander (978-0859)...
...Membership
- John Brennan (978-2622)...
...Reservations

These program leaders will be available at the May general membership meeting to answer questions and explain their programs.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

SWIM TEAM

By Jane Akl (280-9730)
and Jane Roper (764-9593)

Come Swim with the Truro Swordfish

Spring is upon us and we're jumping right into things. Registration is in May, but we're busy preparing now. Remember, our main goal is to promote the love of the sport of swimming through team play and good sportsmanship. Our children learn many values by being a team member and working hard together. They're all winners! We welcome all children who want and love to swim. Make it a point to join the Swordfish this summer.

**BE COOL IN THE POOL
AND GET IN THE SWIM**

SUNDAY, MAY 24
(Rain Date Monday, May 25)

POOL OPENING PARTY AND SWIM TEAM
BAKE SALE/FUND RAISER

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a family picnic, and buy a delicious dessert to support our Truro swim team. Mark your calendar and don't miss the fun. See next month's Truro Trails for details.

Now Some Important Team Information

We will be able to use our jazzy suit, the Speedo "Laser," again this year. To the best of our knowledge, the prices will be the same as last year: Girls' suits will range from \$35 to \$39 and boys' suits from \$17 to \$20, plus tax.

Registration will be held at the clubhouse on May 5, 6 and 7 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. each day. Swim suit sizing will also be available at that time. You will need to bring/wear an old suit (the new suit can be tried on over the old) and bring a separate check for swim suit purchases. We will also have available for purchase team bags and team shorts (nylon type) with the Truro Swordfish logo on both. Sample shorts will be available for trying on at registration, and orders will be taken then. Some bags will be available for purchase on a

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM FOR SWIM TEAM

Parents' Name	Address	Phone
Child's Name	Birth Date	

Make checks payable to Truro Swim Team. Mail to Jane Akl, 3700 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003

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first-come, first-served basis. Additional bags can be ordered after the initial stock is sold.

Registration fees this year will be \$25 for the first swimmer and \$50 maximum per family. If you prefer to register by mail, use the mail-in registration form (page 8.)

The Social Committee has been hard at work planning a fun-filled activities schedule this year. Some activities planned will need to be parent supervised, so please make every effort to volunteer as often as you can. Some of the activities planned are a pot-luck dinner in conjunction with Raft Night, a trip to Cameron Run, an overnight camp-out on the pool grounds, a trip to Kings Dominion for ages 13 and up, movies, miniature golf and our various pep rallies with craft activities included. These activities cannot be undertaken if there is not sufficient parental support. You will be asked at registration time to commit to volunteer for these activities. Please donate your time so that your children will have a summer to remember.

Summer Swim Team Schedule

- May 5, 6, 7--Registration at clubhouse, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- May 30--Referees & Starters Clinic at Annandale, 8 a.m.
- June 6--Officials Clinic at Annandale, 8 a.m.
- June 13--Practice Meet at Truro, 9 a.m.
- June 14--Officials Clinic at Virginia Hills, 9:30 a.m.
- June 14--Pot-Luck Dinner, Meet the Coaches, 4-6 p.m.
- June 20--Dual Meet.
- June 27--Dual Meet.
- July 4--Dual Meet.
- July 8--Division Relay Carni-

val at Truro.

- July 11--Dual Meet.
- July 15--All-Star Relay Carnival at Ilda.
- July 18--Dual Meet.
- July 20--I.M. Carnival, place to be determined.
- July 24--Lillipop Meet at Rutherford.
- July 25--Divisionals at Donaldson Run. Awards party.
- August 1--Individual All-Stars at Waynewood.

(Remember: There are developmental (B) meets on Monday nights.)

Practice Schedule

- May 26-June 17, Monday through Friday:
 - 13 and over...3:15-4:15 p.m.
 - 9 to 12.....4:15-5:15 p.m.
 - 8 and under...5:15-6:00 p.m.
- June 18-end of season, Monday through Friday:
 - 13 and over...8:00-9:00 a.m.
 - 9 to 12.....9:00-10:00 a.m.
 - 8 and under..9:45-10:30 a.m.

Workers Needed for Meets

Parents, we need your help to make the team function this summer. We need stroke and turn officials, timers, table workers, clerks of course, and concession workers. We will need and use each and every one of you. So step right up; you won't be turned away. Phone numbers of the team representatives are at the beginning of this article and sign-up sheets will be available at registration.

If there are new families out there, we invite you to join us. It's easy to meet new friends, get lots of exercise, and have fun!

TRURO BUSINESS PHONE.....978-0859

JUNIOR TENNIS

By Judith Rheinstrom (425-3315)

Attention, Junior Tennis Players

This year, all who sign up are entitled to four hours of lessons a week!

Registration is on Tuesday, April 21, from 7:30-9 p.m. at the TCC clubhouse. Come register and meet our pros, Robert and Janine. The cost is \$65 for 7-and-older, \$45 for 6-and under, for 45-minute lessons. The fee includes a T-shirt, a participation trophy and great fun!

Lessons will start June 18--possibly on May 26 (Robert or Janine will let you know). Lessons will be given by Robert, Janine and one or more assistants. The schedule:

Monday.....9:30-11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday....9:30-11:30 a.m.
 Wednesday...3:30-5:30 p.m.
 Thursday... 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Junior team matches begin Wednesday, June 24.

Don't forget the Boys' 14-and-Under Open Invitational Tournament at Truro on Monday, April 13, to Friday, April 17. The cost is \$10. Make your check out to Truro Tennis. Register with Robert Carvajal, Jr., 978-9467.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By David Barton

A meeting of block captains and residents interested in Truro's Neighborhood Watch program was held on March 5, 1992, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Truro Community Center. Although announced in the March Truro Trails and by flyer to the block captains, attendance numbered 13, five being block captains.

Art Wells, Board of Directors liaison for Neighborhood Watch, opened the meeting by reviewing the program and the decentralization of

scheduling to the block level in July 1991. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was 1) to review procedures so that any revisions can be in place by July (the start of the second year of decentralized scheduling), and 2) to review and approve the Neighborhood Watch portion of the block captains' position description.

David Barton discussed the conduct of the program since his appointment as Neighborhood Watch coordinator in July 1990. He pointed out that with only a relatively small group of volunteers he experienced difficulty in scheduling patrols. Following the community's approval of a resolution of general support for an effective Neighborhood Watch program at the May 1991 general membership meeting, it became necessary to take a fresh look at how to improve patrol scheduling. This reassessment led to recommending that the scheduling and conduct of patrols be decentralized to block level.

Art pointed out that this concept is recommended by the Fairfax County Police Department in its Neighborhood Watch Guidelines. An extract was distributed to attendees, as was the concept as presented to the board, scheduling procedures provided to block captains, information on the conduct of patrols, and the recommended Neighborhood Watch portion of block captains' position description. Art also stated that there were mixed feelings among board members about asking block captains to take on this additional task.

A number of points were discussed by the attendees:

- Alternate scheduling possibilities.

- Cellular phones versus old radio and base stations (easier to handle and operate; reduce patrols from three to two persons, making scheduling less of a problem).

- Difficulty of scheduling pat-

rols even at block level.

■ Perhaps maintaining a standby pool of volunteers who will fill patrols on short notice when block captains have a scheduling problem.

■ Frequency (willingness to schedule patrols once a year).

■ Possibility of publishing the schedule to block level quarterly rather than annually.

Following discussion of the Neighborhood Watch position description, and since only five block captains were present, it was decided to distribute the position description to all block captains by flyer, requesting their review and approval.

Art summarized the points raised during what he considered to be a positive meeting, and thanked those attending for their interest and participation. He expressed the hope that a majority of the block captains will approve the Neighborhood Watch position description, as the decentralized approach has resulted in major improvement in the scheduling and operations of patrols within Truro.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CLASSIFIED

BABYSITTER TO SHARE--I have a wonderful babysitter who comes to my home Monday through Friday to care for my 6-month-old baby. We are looking to share our babysitter with one other baby or toddler. Please call Judy Short at 764-3987.

FOR SALE--Brighten up your porch/sun room with forest green canvas "drapes." Four drapes, each 7'9" x 7'9" with all hardware, \$75 for set. Miscellaneous kitchen bottom cabinets, double sinks, countertop. Call Richard or Donna, 4177 Elizabeth Lane, 764-2638.

SUMMER BABYSITTER WANTED--Care for 9-year-old girl in my home throughout summer, 3 days a week, 8-4:30. Enjoy Truro pool as part of your job. Call Judy evenings/weekends at 764-1745.

WANTED--New or used barbecue grill needed for donation to Swim Team. Contact Jane Akl (280-9730) or Jane Roper (764-9593).

PROM AND WEDDING DRESSES--Also evening gowns. I can alter your clothes to any size. Let me help you create the perfect fit (enhance your figure) and style for you. Call Noemi at 241-8824.

FOR RENT--4-bedroom, 3-bath fully furnished Truro Gardenview. 2-car garage. June, July and August. \$1,200 per month. 4171 Elizabeth Lane. Call Marge Fallon, 323-8073.

FOUND--Set of keys in front of TCC clubhouse. Call 978-6541.

I CUT GRASS, trim hedges and detail cars. I am a Truro resident and would appreciate the work. Call Rob Sewell at 425-6454.

WANTED TO RENT--Truro home for attractive young couple with 2 children. Call 978-6541.

FOR RENT--2-bedroom mt. condo, Wintergreen, VA. Golf, tennis, skiing, hiking. Call for details: Brennan (978-2622) or Vernon (978-8603).

THE RIGHT TOUCH--Stressed out? Suffering from back pain, headaches, tired feet, tennis elbow? Need some tender, loving care? I specialize in Swedish, deep tissue and sports massage. Reasonable rates. Gift certificates available. Call Marge Fallon at 323-8073.

DECORATING--Free estimate from Noemi's Creations. Give your home a fresh look. I will work with you personally to devise the look you want. I specialize in custom drapes and coordinating entire rooms. Call 241-8824

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