

truero trails

JULY 1995

TRURO'S
BUBBA GUMP
SHRIMP BOIL!

"Mama always said life is like a bucket of shrimp,
turn up the heat and watch'em scream."

*July
15th*



Hey, Y'all: Bubba Gump Shrimp Boil July 15

By Pam Henderson

Hey, y'all, it's time to take off that tie and slip outta those heels--time to get rowdy!

What's up? It's Truro's ninth annual shrimp boil, that's what!

Braddock District Council Honors Truro's Art Wells

Long-time Truro resident Art Wells, of 8707 Pappas Way, was honored last month by the Braddock District Council for his service as chairman of the council.

At the council's annual picnic at the Chapel Square Center on June 14, a resolution was introduced commending Art for "the excellent leadership he provided the past two years as Chairman of the Braddock District Council." The resolution was passed unanimously. In recognition of that service, the council designated June 14 as "Art Wells Day."

Art has been the Truro Homes Association's representative to the Braddock District Council since 1990. In April 1992 he was elected vice chairman of the council. The following year he became its chairman. The council consists of representatives of several dozen community associations within the Braddock magisterial district.

Art has also served as a THA Board of Directors member and officer for many years. He was elected to the board in September 1988. He served as the association's vice president from September 1989 to September 1990, and as president from then until September 1991. He continued on the board until last September. Art and his family--wife Bonnie and their two children, Joy and Mark--have been Truro residents since July 1978.

This time it's the big Bubba Gump Shrimp Boil, named after Forest Gump and Bubba Blue. (You saw the movie, didn't you?)

Our big Bubba Gump Shrimp Boil is set for Saturday, July 15, from 7-12 p.m. on the Truro pool deck. There'll be more Cajun boiled shrimp than you can shake a stick at; hot sweet corn on the cob; spicy new potatoes; ice cold drinks; your kinda music; and hanging out with old and new neighbors and friends.

It seems that some of the Bubba Gump Shrimp Boil registration flyers missed the mail boat last month. But they're here (those real bright red ones) with this month's issue of Truro Trails. So to get in on the fun, hurry and get the registration form at the bottom of the flyer in by July 7. The cost is \$25 a person.

Some of the Bubba Gump shrimp cap flyers (the real bright yellow ones) also missed the mail boat, so you'll find those with this issue, too. Get them back in by July 7, too, if you'd like a cap to wear while you're eating your shrimp. They're \$8.50 each.

Remember what Forest Gump's mama sometimes said: "Forest, go where it's fun, son."

THE COVER

Truro's annual summer seafood feast has become our most enduring social tradition. It started back in 1975 as the Shrimp Feast. In 1980 it became the Crab Feast, and the next year the Shrimp and Crab Feast. In 1987 it became the Cajun Shrimp Boil, which it has been ever since. The art for this year's shrimp boil cover was provided by Truro's Chance Henderson of 4140 Elizabeth Lane.

FROM THE BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JUNE 8, 1995

By Jeanne Gerber

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Truro Homes Association was called to order at 8:01 p.m. on June 8, 1995, by President Don Johnson. Other board members attending were Elaine Ferris, Chuck Roper, Nick Nicolai and Jeanne Gerber. Marj Bridgman and Bill Ulman, THA record keepers, and Jim Bergstrom from NEAT sat in on a portion of the meeting.

The minutes of the May 11, 1995 board meeting were approved as published in Truro Trails.

Financial Business

Chuck Roper gave the treasurer's report and it was approved. Chuck said there were no real surprises in the budget; the big expenditure last month was for insurance, and because we changed carriers we saved about \$1,000. The first installment for pool maintenance was paid, and about one-third of the grounds maintenance fee has been paid. There is some excess money in the checking account at this time, and Chuck will buy short-term T-bills with that cash. The status of THA assessments and TCC user fees was discussed by Marj Bridgman. Collection of user fees has been better than in the past; all THA assessments for 1995 are current. Those who still owe TCC fees have been contacted and collection is expected soon.

Contract Business

This is the third year for both the pool management and facility maintenance contracts. They will be put out for bids. Mid-August is the target date for the requests for proposal (RPFs). Don Johnson proposed that we solicit from team representatives two or three names of

companies which might be interested in bidding the RPFs, in addition to Clearwater. The board agreed to consolidate the pool and facility contracts into a single contract. There is no problem with the gate-keeper contract. The board agreed that the Grounds Keeper contract would be completed with a deadline of August 15. Jim Bergstrom is monitoring this contract; he calls them each Monday to see when they will be out, and in the future, if a tree (or limb) needs to be removed, he will request them to do the work. Jim will also ask them to use proper pesticides to take care of the clover and to eliminate the bees. In the new RFP we will ask for proof of insurance and for the use of approved weed applicators.

OFFICIAL
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NOTICE

Committee Reports

Nick Nicolai reported that he is still looking for someone to take over the Neighborhood Watch.

The Social Committee urges all who wish to attend the shrimp boil on July 15 to get their reservations in as soon as possible. There are no further social events planned at this time.

Elaine Ferris reported for the TCC Committee that a TCC calendar of events was included in the June Truro Trails; members are urged to keep it handy.

Nick Nicolai noted that Truro has been sprayed for gypsy moths, and that residents wanting to band their trees with burlap can get the burlap from Cathy Bergstrom, Gypsy Moth Committee chairman.

For the Traffic Task Force, Don Johnson reported that there will be a meeting on June 14 at Sharon Bulova's office with VDOT representatives present. Don has prepared a questionnaire based on input from various groups, our community meeting in May, and the task force's studies; it will appear in the July Truro Trails.

Elaine Ferris reported that the schedules for the swim, dive and tennis teams are ready and should not have too much impact on those swimming at night. A proposal to purchase a new tennis court backboard was accepted and it will be installed soon. Don Johnson has yet to hear from the contractor about the repair of the basketball court.

The water aerobics program announced in Truro Trails has drawn a good response. One session will be held in the afternoons and another in the evenings.

Old Business

Don Johnson is awaiting a response from Richards Heating and Air Conditioning regarding the furnace replacement. The RFP for completion of the siding and gutter work on the clubhouse will be ready by August 15. The necessary paperwork required in changing attorneys is being prepared and the change will be effected later in the year.

New Business

A Nominating Committee to choose candidates to fill the two board vacancies occurring in September has been formed, with Elaine Ferris, THA vice president, as chairman. Other members are John Brennan and Donna Reistetter.

The board discussed at length the possibility of changing the THA By-Laws regarding TCC memberships. This was prompted in part by a letter received by the board from Catherine Bergstrom. It was determined that there are two issues at stake: 1) Can a new buyer of a Truro homes be required to purchase a TCC membership at the time of purchase, providing a membership is available? 2) Can a THA member be curtailed from selling his membership? Since these are serious questions with many ramifications, the board will look into the legal aspects of the matter and discuss it further. Elaine Ferris will review the THA By-Laws, Declaration of Covenants, and Articles of Incorporation and advise the board of her findings.

On the issue of pool guests, Don Johnson will respond to letters received by the board.

The next board meeting will be on July 13 at Don Johnson's home, 8712 Mary Lee Lane, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

By Ralph Kennedy

The Architectural Control Committee met at 8 p.m. on June 13, 1995, at the Truro Community Center. Members present were Ralph Kennedy (chairman), Jane Arabian, Joe Beausoleil, Theresa Catterton, Will Davila, Pat Halpin and Donna Scott.

The committee welcomed its new member, Theresa Catterton, a recently arrived Truro resident who lives on Kenwyn Court.

The ACC considered four requests for changes to homes/property. Two residents asked for clearance to change the stain and trim colors on their homes on Ann Fitz Hugh Drive and Turkey Creek Court, respectively. The colors requested were accepted Truro colors and were approved. Homeowners on Wakefield Drive submitted plans for the conversion of their existing carport to an enclosed garage and the removal of two trees. The conversion and tree removal were approved. Another owner submitted plans for a backyard fence that would have wire fencing as the predominant feature. Under the Guidelines, the fence could not be approved; however, the ACC recommended that the owner submit the request to the THA Board of Directors for resolution.

Joe Beausoleil and Will Davila,

acting as a subcommittee of the ACC, submitted a draft of new guidelines to address the issue of satellite dishes. After discussion, the subcommittee will consolidate the comments received and present a final draft of the guidelines at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned. It will meet again at 8 p.m. on July 11 at the TCC.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Cathy Bostak

Corrections/Changes in Captains

There's one correction and one change that affected Truroites may wish to make in the area and block captains listed on page iii of the current (1994) Truro Directory:

■ The address and phone number of Peggy Barton, area captain for Okehampton, should be 8708 Pappas Way, 978-2580.

■ Replacing me as area captain for Truro I A-2 and block captain for Truro I A-2 (4020-4024 Iva Ln., 4169-4179 (odd) Elizabeth Ln., and 4100-4105 Necostin Way) is Jan Curtis. Her address and phone number: 4100 Necostin Way, 503-8454.

TRAFFIC TASK FORCE

By Judi LaMorte

This issue of Truro Trails is a most important one for our community. After two years of work, your Traffic Task Force is presenting for your review proposed measures to reach our goal of reducing cut-through traffic and speeders by 50 percent. On pages 5-6 of this issue is a questionnaire outlining all of the proposed recommendations--those of the Virginia Department of Transportation and suggestions from individuals attending the community meeting in Truro on May 17.

The questionnaire is to be completed by you, the homeowner, and

turned in to us for tabulation. IT IS ABSOLUTELY A MUST FOR YOU TO COMPLETE AND RETURN IT TO THE CLUBHOUSE MAILBOX--BECAUSE IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU, IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE VDOT MEASURES.

Additionally, it has been the position of the Traffic Task Force that the VDOT study of Route 236 to identify improvements to enhance the traffic flow on that route rather than diverting it to other neighborhoods is very important to Truro. A major recommendation of that study is to have double left turn lanes from eastbound Route 236 onto northbound Prosperity Avenue. It is important to note that Prosperity is designated a minor urban arterial road connecting two major urban arterials--Routes 50 and 236.

Prosperity residents have mounted continuous opposition to this recommendation. It is our Traffic Task Force's intent to unite with other neighborhoods to counter this opposition. This, in conjunction with implementation of the measures you, the Truro community, decide upon, will enable us to reach our goal. We realize that any proposed remedy may result in some inconvenience to the residents; however, we think you will accept some changes to improve the safety of the neighborhood.

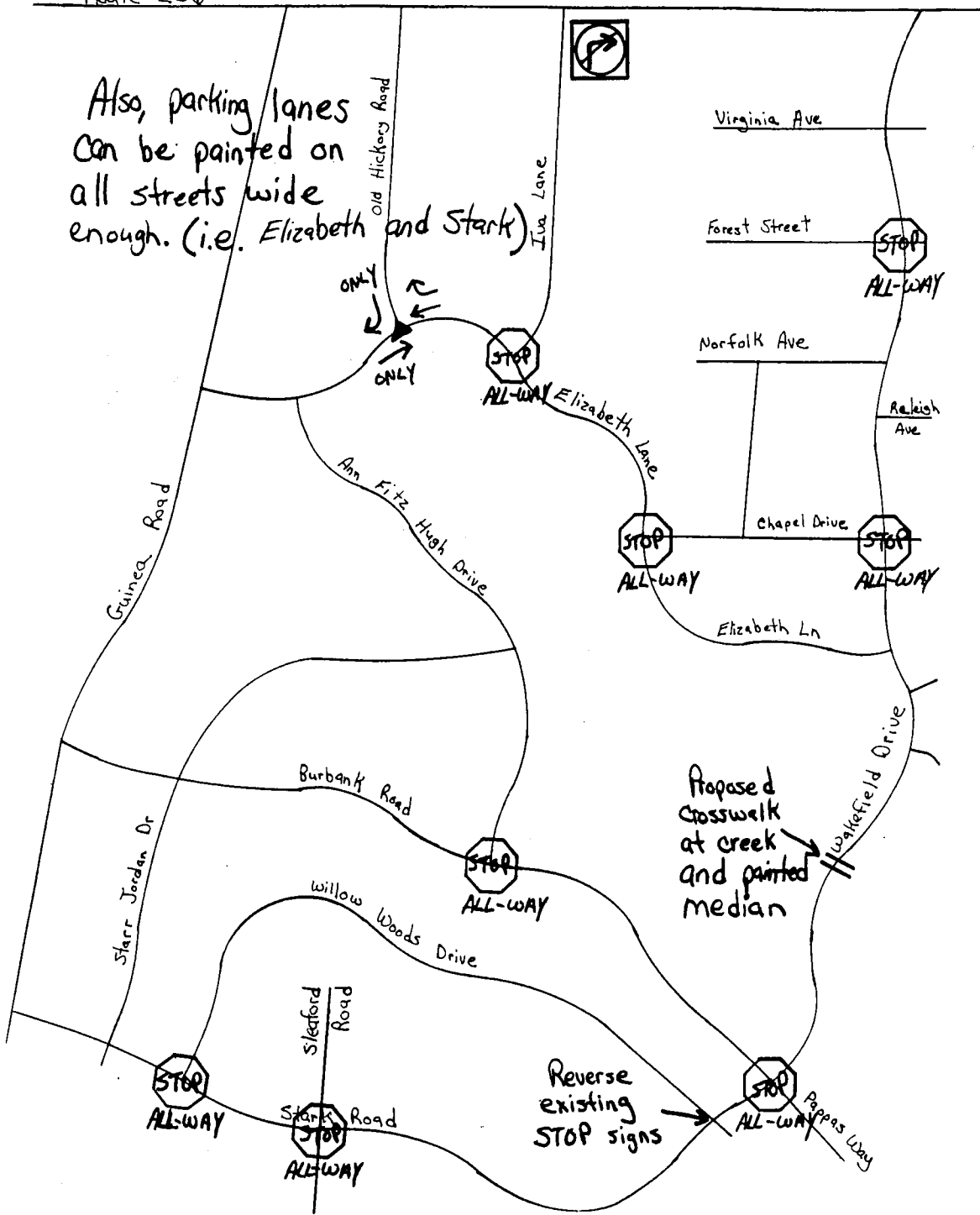
THIS DEFINITELY AFFECTS OUR QUALITY OF LIFE! Concern for safety affects every age group--children walking to school or to a bus stop (or to the pool for swim/dive practice and tennis lessons), adults on morning jogs and evening walks, and adults backing out of their driveways. Our most maddening experiences have been when we try to get the message across to slow down by driving 25 miles per hour and are greeted by rude epithets, honks and attempts to pass. This is our neighborhood, folks!

Make it a priority to complete the questionnaire and turn it in as soon as possible. (July 20 is the deadline.)

PROPOSED CUT-THROUGH MEASURES

Route 236

Also, parking lanes
can be painted on
all streets wide
enough. (i.e. Elizabeth and Stark)



APRIL 19, 1995

NOT TO SCALE

LETTERS

Thanks to the Truro Community

Many thanks for letting the Wakefield Forest sixth graders have their annual pool party at Truro. The party was a huge success, and the children and parents are deeply appreciative. It's a community like Truro that makes this such a wonderful area in which to live.

--Glenda Trimmer and Jane Roper
Co-chairmen, Planning Cmte.

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Vote "No" on Two VDOT Proposals

One of VDOT's proposals to alleviate our cut-through problem is to place a "diverter" at Old Hickory Road and Elizabeth Lane; another is to place a "no right turn" sign on Iva Lane at Route 236. Since the effect of these proposals would be to stop cars coming from Guinea Road onto Elizabeth from making a left turn on Old Hickory and to stop access to Route 236 from Iva, all cut-through traffic would be required to remain on Elizabeth. These proposals would divert all morning cut-through traffic down Elizabeth to Chapel Drive, then onto Wakefield Drive. This route is already heavily utilized as a cut-through route and is unable to absorb any further traffic. Further, the "no right" off Iva will cause all traffic leaving the elementary school during all hours to exit through our neighborhood. Since the VDOT proposals were supposed to reduce the volume of cut-through traffic, not divert it to other parts of our community, these proposals concerning Old Hickory and Iva are ill-advised.

However, we do believe that the proposed four-way stop signs are a good idea as a way to discourage cut-through traffic and to slow down all traffic in our neighborhood. With regard to the proposed painting of parking lanes on certain streets, it is believed that

such lanes are not necessary in light of the new stop signs, which will substantially reduce the speed of traffic. Further, such painting of parking lanes will negatively impact on the beauty and "feel" of our neighborhood, making the streets look like major avenues.

Finally, it is believed that the ultimate solution to all morning cut-through traffic exists through having signs stating "No right turn during rush hours" placed on Guinea Road at the streets entering our neighborhood.

--Dan and Esther Levitan
4172 Elizabeth Lane

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE--Children's bicycles. 17" wheels. Unique, one-of-a-kind bikes from Japan--not available in U.S. Unusual for children's bikes: front and rear caliper brakes, front and rear fenders, basket in front, rack in back, sturdy kickstand. Black. Used but in fine condition. Ideal for 7-19-year-olds. Two available; \$172 each. Call Mike, 425-8501.

FOR SALE--Sony CDP-C365 compact disc player. 5-disc changer; remote control; brand new. Best Buy sells for \$230+tax; yours for \$200. Bill Ulman, 323-6496.

WANTED TO RENT--Home in Truro (or nearby community) for family of five who are currently renting and must move due to landlord's return. Please call 425-1608.

MOTHER'S HELPER--11-year-old girl needing babysitting experience will watch or play with your child while you clean your home, make dinner, etc. Reasonable rates. Call Laura at 978-4417.

FOR SALE--1984 Mazda 626 4-door sedan. Automatic, AC, new tires, power sunroof, power windows. Lots of miles (120K) and a few minor dents, but still looks fine. Silver with black trim. Very clean blue inter-

