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Season's
Greetings

DECEMBER 1997

THA/TCC OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND HEADS OF ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors

President.....	Don Johnson.....	978-2641
Vice President.....	Janet Curtis.....	503-8454
Secretary.....	Jeanne Gerber.....	978-2817
Treasurer.....	Chuck Roper.....	764-9593
Director.....	Alan Fisher.....	321-8654
Financial Director.....	Chuck Roper.....	764-9593
Record Keeper/Membership.....	Marj Bridgman (leave message).....	978-0859
Clubhouse Reservations/ Rental.....	Donna Jean Garrett.....	978-3387
Architectural Control Cmte...	Donna Scott.....	978-5919
Neighborhood Watch.....	(Vacant).....	
Pool Committee.....	Jane Roper.....	764-9593
Social Committee.....	Jane Zivic.....	425-1188
	Carol Greco.....	425-9799
Park Committee.....	(Vacant).....	
Publicity Committee.....	Cathy Bostak.....	978-2408
Truro Trails.....	David Jones.....	978-3857
NEAT.....	Jim Bergstrom.....	978-6541
Traffic Task Force.....	Don Johnson (acting).....	978-2641
Swim Team.....	Marion Yanick.....	503-1315
	Sue Lamote.....	503-5393
Dive Team.....	Fred Krebs.....	280-5664
	Dave & Sandy Banks.....	280-4631
Tennis Teams/Lessons.....	Judith Rheinstrom.....	425-3315

BOARD OF DIRECTORS LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

<u>Committee/Activity</u>	<u>Liaison</u>
Neighborhood Watch.....	Janet Curtis
Social Committee.....	Janet Curtis
Pool Committee.....	
Park Committee.....	Jeanne Gerber
Architectural Control Committee...	Don Johnson
Publicity Committee.....	David Jones
NEAT.....	Don Johnson
Swim Team.....	
Dive Team.....	
Tennis Teams/Lessons.....	
Traffic Task Force.....	Don Johnson

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

'98 THA, TCC Budgets Approved As Proposed; Alan Fisher Elected to THA Board of Directors

The 1998 Truro Homes Association and Truro Community Center budgets proposed by the THA's Board of Directors were approved by the association's members at the general membership meeting on November 18. At the same time, Alan Fisher was elected to the association's board, replacing retiring board member Elaine Ferris.

Truro's U.S. congressman, Representative Thomas M. Davis III (R-11th District), was a last-minute guest at the November 18 meeting. Originally invited to the meeting, Rep. Davis had cancelled because of a scheduled trip out of the country at that time. The trip was subsequently cancelled and Rep. Davis was able to attend the meeting.

The 1998 THA budget totals about \$50,000 in total revenue and expenses, only slightly more than the budget for 1997. The THA assessment will remain at \$125 in 1998, the same as in 1997.

The 1998 TCC budget totals about \$125,000 in total revenue and expenses, again only slightly more than the budget for 1997. The TCC user fee will remain at \$295 in 1998, the same as in 1997.

Following the business meeting, Rep. Davis discussed and responded to members' questions on a variety of subjects: balancing the budget, the "fast track" legislation, the D.C. reform package, the IRS shake-up, the line item veto, and his comparison of his current Congressional position with that of his earlier position as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Alan Fisher, the newly elected member of the THA Board of Directors, is a relative newcomer to Truro, having moved here in August 1996. He currently teaches fine arts and video production at Oakton

High School, and serves on the THA Architectural Control Committee and the Neighborhood Environmental Action Team. Elaine Ferris, whom he replaces on the board, had served on the board since being elected to it in September 1994.

A total of 61 members were represented at the meeting--20 in person and 41 by proxy. Refreshments were served by the THA's Social Committee following the meeting.

Don Johnson Reelected Association's President

Don Johnson, the Truro Homes Association's president for the past five years, was reelected to that post for another year at a special meeting of the Board of Directors immediately following last month's general membership meeting.

Don, of 8712 Mary Lee Lane, was appointed to the board in May 1992. He was elected to a full three-year term on the board in September 1993 and reelected to another three-year term last November. He became the association's president in September 1992 and has been reelected to that post each fall since then.

The board also appointed Janet Curtis as the THA's vice president, replacing outgoing board member and vice president Elaine Ferris. The other association officers remain unchanged: Jeanne Gerber, secretary, and Chuck Roper, treasurer.

THE COVER

December is holiday season, so whichever one of the several holidays you may be celebrating, may it be a happy one. To all of you: Season's greetings!

FROM THE BOARD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 1997

By Jeanne Gerber

The regular meeting of the Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors was called to order at 7:34 p.m. on November 13, 1997, by Don Johnson, president. Board members present were Elaine Ferris, Chuck Roper and Jeanne Gerber. Alan Fisher, a candidate for the board replacing Elaine Ferris, was present also. The minutes of the meeting of October 16, 1997, were approved as published in Truro Trails.

This being Elaine's last board meeting as a member, Don expressed the appreciation of the other board members for her contributions to Truro.

Financial Business

Chuck Roper gave the treasurer's report. He said we will probably end 1997 with a small surplus since some of the bills have not been presented for payment and one line item in the present budget was not used. Our account at George Mason Bank is drawing interest and almost all of the other money is invested in T-bills. Approximately \$6,000 is deposited at Riggs Bank for the remainder of this year's bills. The board approved the report.

Don Johnson has not received any comments concerning the proposed 1998 budgets published in the November Truro Trails. These budgets will be presented to the membership for approval at the general membership meeting on November 18.

Contract Business

NVPools was sent the 1997 evaluation report of their performance. A fax was sent asking to them to clean and level the light fixtures in the clubhouse prior to the general membership meeting.

Extensions of the Gate Keeper and Record Keeper contracts through 1998 were approved.

A letter was sent to Craig's Lawn Service thanking them for their past work in the parkland. The trails in the parkland will be cleared of leaves by year's end.

Committee Reports

There are no unresolved problems pending for the Architectural Control Committee.

Leaves were removed from the tennis courts, and leaf removal will be added to the existing grounds contract. Repair work on court #3 was not performed satisfactorily; the contractor was notified and will correct it.

The Traffic Task Force met on November 9 and agreed with the Little Run Civic Association vote by its officers concerning configuration of the stop signs along Stark Road. The changes they recommended are in keeping with VDOT's goals to reduce cut-through traffic. The only changes resulting from their recommendations are to remove the stop signs on Stark at Willow Woods (west) and install stop signs on Stark at its intersection with Willet. The board approved the draft of the letter to be sent to Supervisor Sharon Bulova's office stating Truro's position.

Old Business

Work on the tennis gazebo has not been completed. Don has called the contractor and asked that the work be completed so that it can be paid for out of this year's funds.

On Monday and Tuesday, November 10-11, Don Johnson and Jeanne Gerber met with some of the NEAT members and two landscape architects to walk the areas surrounding the clubhouse, pool, and tennis courts where NEAT wants to improve the landscaping. Each architect was given a request for proposal to

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prepare a multi-year plan. The board authorized Don to award a contract if there is a proposal that is within our budget of \$500 and is acceptable to NEAT and him. If one or both of the proposals are acceptable but exceed the budget, they will be presented to the board at its December meeting.

New Business

The board approved the agenda for the general membership meeting on November 18.

Don received a letter from NV-Pools dated November 4 containing recommendations for work at the clubhouse. The board reviewed each item and made a decision on each. Don was requested to respond to NV Pools with our acceptance or non-acceptance of each item.

Routine furnace maintenance was completed by Richards Heating & Air Conditioning, and necessary repairs were made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1997

By Jeanne Gerber

The general membership meeting of the Truro Homes Association was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on November 18, 1997, by President Don Johnson. A quorum was established with 16 family members, four board members and 41 proxies present.

Don Johnson announced that Congressman Thomas M. Davis III would be able to attend the meeting. The minutes of the May 1997 general membership meeting were approved as published in Truro Trails. Don then summarized significant contract and repair actions completed this year. These were renovating the clubhouse kitchen; repairing the fence around the pool; replacing the clubhouse interior lights; replacing the divider on tennis courts #1 and #2

and other repairs; replacing decks on Rainbow Bridge, one of the Twin Bridges, and London Bridge, plus making structural repairs to Rainbow Bridge; and combining into one contract the clubhouse grounds and parkland maintenance. This new grounds and parkland maintenance contract was awarded for 1998 to Professional Grounds, the current grounds contractor. All remaining contracts have been awarded for 1998. The reserves study and data base were updated for use in 1998 budget preparations.

Other Business

Elaine Ferris was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Don Johnson for her service on the THA Board of Directors from 1994 to 1997. Don also recognized Ralph Kennedy and Ron Olesch, and Certificates of Achievement will also be presented to them. Ralph served from 1991 to 1997 as chairman of the Architectural Control Committee and Ron from 1987 to 1997 as chairman of the Park Committee. Both of them have volunteered immeasurable hours of work for this community. The membership applauded their efforts.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Jeanne Gerber (chairperson), Colleen Blessing, Sue Lamote, Margaret Procaccino and John Brennan, chose Alan Fisher as its candidate to replace Elaine Ferris, retiring Board of Directors member. His name was placed in nomination. Fred Becchetti then moved that Alan be unanimously approved as the new board member. The motion passed.

Chuck Roper presented the 1998 THA and TCC budgets by stating that the THA assessment and the TCC user fee would be the same as last year, \$125 and \$295, respectively. This was possible in part for several reasons: We did not spend money on vandalism; the landscaping money budgeted was not used and that surplus moved into 1998; we were able to rebid our insurance coverage at a lower rate; and budgeted legal fees were not spent.

During discussion of the 1998 proposed budgets, George Philipps commented that the board had made a commitment to allocate money for landscaping and to work with NEAT, but that the board had not cooperated. The contract presented to the landscaper of choice for NEAT was not acceptable to him, and George wanted to know why. Don Johnson responded that since the two chosen companies did not accept the proposal for a multi-year plan, NEAT was working with two other firms. So far there has not been much progress in getting any landscaping begun, and the board did not think it was necessary to ask for more money from the membership for next year, since the 1997 money was not used, but was carried over to 1998. From the \$3,000 allocated for 1998, a small amount will be used for developing the plan and the remainder for first-year plantings. Don said that the board has been working with NEAT to get the multi-year plan in place. Jim Bergstrom, NEAT chairman, noted that he is working with the board and two new landscape architects to get a working plan so that work can begin. Don then pointed out that in addition to the \$3,000 already mentioned, an additional \$2,000 was available from reserves, so that the three main concerns could be taken care of: the juniper bed at the entrance to the pool near the diving boards, the island at the entrance to the clubhouse, and the entrance on Ann Fitz Hugh Drive. There was no further discussion and Don called for a motion to accept the 1998 budgets. A motion was made, seconded and carried, with one dissenting vote. All proxies voted in favor of the budgets.

Committee Reports

Don Johnson thanked Jane Zivic, Social Committee chairman, for the refreshments to be served after the meeting.

Dave Banks, Dive Team representative, thanked the community for its support this past season; the team was the winner in Division I.

For the Traffic Task Force, Don Johnson said that they met November 9 to consider correspondence received from Supervisor Sharon Bulova. Some Little Run Civic Association members had not accepted the decision of VDOT on its choice of stop sign locations on Stark Road. The officers of LRCA recommended the removal of stop signs on Stark at Willow Woods (west) and the installation of stop signs on Stark at Willet. The Traffic Task Force had no objection to these changes. The board agreed at its November 13 meeting, and a letter was sent to Supervisor Bulova so stating.

Jim Shivar told the members that he had had a good response from Virginia Power--within two days--when the streetlights in front of his home began blinking.

Guest Speaker

There being no further business, Don introduced Congressman Davis. He spoke of many issues as chairman of the House D.C. Subcommittee, and of things accomplished and not accomplished this past congressional year, including the balanced budget legislation; help to D.C. with its budget; attempts to better the D.C. tax base; and the "fast track" legislation that failed to pass. Rep. Davis then entertained questions from the floor, which covered such subjects as the line item veto, the personal property tax in Virginia, Virginia's transportation needs and how his own life has changed after being in Virginia politics and now in Congress. Rep. Davis received a round of applause for his remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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The new Board of Directors--Don Johnson, Jeanne Gerber, Chuck Roper and Alan Fisher--convened after the general membership meeting to elect officers for the coming year. Don Johnson was elected president, Janet Curtis vice president, Jeanne Gerber secretary, and Chuck Roper treasurer.

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By Marj Bridgman

Regarding the upcoming Truro Directory, all cover advertising space has been sold. However, space is still available in the "inside yellow pages" and the prices are:

- Full-page ads.....\$100
- Half-page ads.....\$ 75
- Quarter-page ads.....\$ 50
- Business card-size ads.....\$ 25

This is a wonderful and effective way of advertising at very moderate prices.

And, yet again, a word of caution: All advertisements must be provided in camera-ready form. To place an ad, call either Carol Greco at 658-1600 or Paul Sears at 764-1431.

To date only about 50 THA/TCC members have updated their directory listings. Those of you with children to add to or delete from the babysitter or odd jobs lists should update your directory information to reflect this.

So please check your current directory listing to see that it is correct. And we need this information in writing, preferably through your block captain--or on the form below, deposited in the mail slot at the TCC. If I receive no change, the information in the present directory will remain the same--mistakes and all!

We hope to have the new directory to the printer in late December or early January so that it can be delivered to THA members with their February Truro Trails--if all goes well.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Cathy Bostak

Welcome, New Neighbors

PORTA, Giulio and Martha
4414 Ossian Hall Lane
978-0004

Northern Virginia Community
College (Giulio)
Inova Fairfax Surgery Center
(Martha)
Children: Maria (1986)

TRURO DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____ OCCUPATION _____

NAMES AND BIRTH YEARS OF CHILDREN _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____

Include Names on Lists: Babysitter _____

Odd Jobs _____

Please check the following: Own _____ Rent _____

Neighborhood Watch Participation: Yes _____ No _____

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

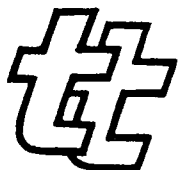
By Donna Scott

The Architectural Control Committee met at the Truro Community Center at 8 p.m. on November 11, 1997. Members present were Donna Scott (chairman), Pat Halpin, Jane Arabian and John Joiner.

Two requests were considered. A request for the removal of an unstable tree on Battailles Court was granted provided that pruning was not an alternative. Approval was also granted for a change in trim color on a home on Pappas Way.

Also considered by the committee was a written complaint regarding four residences. A review of the records showed that the items mentioned in the complaint had either been specifically approved or were well within the ACC Guidelines.

The next ACC meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on December 9 at the TCC.



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As expected, Truro's incumbent delegate to the Virginia General Assembly, Vivian Watts, handily won reelection to her assembly seat in last month's election. She received 61 percent of the vote.

In one of her first comments to the press after the election, Vivian, a Democrat, offered her views on Republican Governor-elect James Gilmore's "No Car Tax!" campaign slogan. "The mandate on the sign can't be done," she said. "We have to find the responsible course between what was on the sign and what Gilmore proposed"---that is, between eliminating the car tax totally and Gilmore's actual proposal to exempt eventually (by 2003) the first \$20,000 of a vehicle's value

from that tax.

Later, in a phone-in message to the "Soundoff" column of the Fairfax Journal, a Springfield resident complained about Vivian's campaign signs. Vivian, he said, "has a picture on her sign that must be 20 years old"---so that she was almost unrecognizable in person. "Let's get the campaign laws changed so that we require candidates to upgrade their pictures periodically," he said.

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Here are the current W.T. Woodson High School activities of interest to Truro parents:

■ Woodson Athletic Boosters are once again selling official 1997 White House ornaments. The cost is \$15. Checks should be made out to the W.T. Woodson Athletic Boosters. The booster club supports the athletic teams and clubs, plus the Cavalier Cruise and Baccalaureate. Call Bernadette Themak at 978-4417 for information or to purchase ornaments.

■ The Capitol Steps, a musical political satire show, will be presented at the Woodson auditorium on Sunday, March 1. Tickets are \$17 if purchased in advance, or \$20 at the door (considerably discounted from Georgetown prices). Proceeds will benefit the senior all-night graduation party and the band. Call 280-4197 for information or tickets.

■ The W.T. Woodson Crew is teaming up with the Honeybaked Ham Co. in a fund raiser to buy a new boat. Crew members will be taking orders for various sizes of spiral sliced ham, sliced and glazed smoked turkey breast, whole smoked turkeys (frozen) and gift certificates. Orders are being taken December 1 through 15, with delivery to your home on December 22. Orders can be placed with Marcia Nicolai (323-6162) or Jane Roper (764-9593).

You're never a loser until you stop trying.
--Mike Ditka

Talking Trash: Bids for Removal Being Sought

By Fred Becchetti

Support for the new Truro Trash Group is growing. More than 15 percent of the community has joined the group, which is working to introduce the element of competition into our trash removal.

We have made telephone contact with most of the 27 trash removal companies that operate in Fairfax County, and followed up with requests for bids--asking them their price to each householder for trash removal under each of the following four pickup schedules:

Schedule A: One pickup per week of everything, on Wednesday.

Schedule B: Two pickups per week of everything, on Monday and Thursday.

Schedule C: A pickup of food waste on Monday and a pickup of everything else on Thursday.

Schedule D: A pickup of food waste on Monday, a pickup of yard waste on Wednesday and a pickup of food waste and recyclables on Thursday (AAA's present pickup schedule).

The deadlines for the companies to submit their bids is January 9.

After the deadline, we'll evaluate the bids and select the company which would best serve our community. Then we'll make our recommendations.

Truro residents will always be free to choose how they want their trash removed, but with this study of the 27 available trash removal companies they'll have a greater number of options.

Hopefully, this study will reveal the advantage of having only one company serve all 375 Truro

residents--a company willing to adapt to their needs and desires because of the constant threat of the group's rejection in favor of another company.

With 27 companies competing, something good may come from this!

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FOR SALE--Rose colored custom fabric vertical blind; fits Truro window 80" wide by 81" high. \$25. Call 323-6729.

FOR SALE--1987 Chevy Eurosport wagon: automatic transmission; power steering, doors, locks and windows; 3rd seat for extra passengers or can be flat for extra loads; A/C; AM-FM stereo; luggage rack; rear window defroster/defogger. One family owner. 91,000 miles. \$2,000. Call 764-1798.

FOUND--Century stroller in parkland play area. Call 978-2734.

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Fame is a fickle food upon a shifting plate. --Emily Dickinson

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