

# Truro Trails

October 2003



**HAPPY FALL!!**

# TRURO HOMES ASSOCIATION

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**\*\*\* SPECIAL DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER TRURO TRAILS: 18<sup>th</sup> \*\*\***

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## DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER

*Truro Trails* articles are due one week early in October only.

Please get all input to Michelle by October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## OCTOBER MEETINGS/EVENTS

All are welcome!!

TCC, Tuesday, October 7th at 7:30pm

THA BOARD, Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm

ACC, Tuesday, October 14th at 8:00pm

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Truro Halloween Party!**

Sunday, October 26th (Parade starts at Wakefield Forest at 1:45pm)

*\* Meetings are held at the clubhouse unless otherwise stated.*

BOOOOO!!!

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Truro Halloween Party Sunday, 10/26**



*By Diane Miller & Sue Chandler, Party Committee*

Welcome, my pretties, to this year's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Truro Halloween Party. Scratch this date into your calendar: Sunday, October 26th, 2:00-4:00pm (Rain Date is November 1, 1:30-3:30pm).

### *A Spooky Parade!*

Our Halloween Party begins with a parade. The monsters, witches, elves, princesses, and super heroes should gather at Wakefield Forest Elementary School on Iva Lane ready to march at about 1:45 p.m. Accompanied by a fiendish Fairfax police officer, we'll be making tracks to the Truro clubhouse. The parade of costumed children is a spectacle not to be missed so bring a camera, line the parade route, and watch with fright as we slither, glide, stalk, skip, and fly to the Truro Clubhouse.

### *Come if you dare!*

When ghosts and goblins come out to play, they expect to be entertained in grand style. Your gaggle of ghouls will then enjoy a fun-filled party, organized by a coven of neighborhood witches. There'll be lots of hoots and screams of delight from your children as they enjoy the otherworldly and always favorite **moon bounce**, the amusing but ghastly games, and spooky crafts for all! Add some freaky, but delicious, food, and we have the makings for a terrifically delightful two-hour children's clubhouse event.

### *Mummy made it!*

Your little monsters will, of course, be ravenous. So we'll have scads of scary, but delicious, stuff for them to eat including lip-smacking satisfying snacks and delectable desserts. We need donations

of cupcakes and chili from the good mummies of our community. If you can donate, call Sue Chandler at 703-xxx-xxxx.

### **Raffle-icious!**

Bats and broomsticks, ghosts and gravestones - everything you need to make wicked fun will be at the party, including a spine-tingling raffle! For only a buck a ticket, your child can be mesmerized into silent anticipation as they take a chance to win some sneaky prizes. If you have a fun prize to donate, please let us know. The kids love to win and we love to let them. The more the merrier! Or in this case, the more the scarier! Call Diana Miller at 703-xxx-xxxx if you have a treat to add to our raffle-icious party-ending event.

### **Hexes removed for \$7!**

To remove the spell placed on your family, you will have to pay! It's \$7 per family and that gets you a day of party fun (and a non-refundable, non-transferable, no-guarantee no-scare Halloween de-hexing from the coven of witches organizing this event). Make it \$10 and you'll get entry for the whole family plus three raffle tickets.

If you can help out in any way, please call Sue at 703-xxx-xxxx.

- Donate a dozen cupcakes!**
- Make a pot of chili!**
- Donate your time and talents!**
- Send your teens to volunteer!**



## **Isabel Hits Home**

*By Michelle Lucas, Editor*

Thursday, September 18, 2003 was my son's first birthday. I took a vacation day from work to spend the day with him. A petting zoo was the planned destination, though with the coming storm this was no longer an option...it was closed. Option two was swimming at Wakefield Recreational Center but it was already closed when we tried them at 8am. Malls closed early, schools were closing, and not many choices were left. So instead of having a fun adventurous day, we spent it taking walks close to home, waiting for Isabel to wreak havoc across the Washington area, and our beautiful and very much wooded Truro neighborhood.

The wind was strong and the entire family slept in the basement guest room in the event one of our many backyard trees decided it might want to join us in our bedroom. After seeing the unfortunate damage to houses on Friday morning, I'm glad we made that decision. Thursday evening we watched from our window as the huge oaks and maple trees, usually standing so tall and stout, were being tossed around like straw in a windstorm. The rains came down, beating on our roof like a herd of buffalo. The wind roared like a lion when the gusts become strong. It was quite an evening for everyone, I'm sure.

On Friday morning our house was fine, thank goodness. People throughout Truro emerged from their homes, assessing damage to their own as well as their neighbors. Then they headed out to explore the area to see how other neighbors and friends made out. There were many homes with trees uprooted, trees laying on top of houses, trees across roads, chimneys knocked off-center, power lines down, and debris scattered everywhere.

We weren't able to check out the entire neighborhood on our Friday morning walk, but Elizabeth Lane and Old Hickory seemed to get rocked by the storm more than others. Willow Woods, Stark Road and Chippendale Court had some big problems, too. As we all watched in awe at the size of the trees sitting on our neighbor's houses, the sense of community was stronger than ever. It was similar to last year's blizzard.

Once everyone started creeping out of their homes, crowds gathered not to stare at the demise of our neighbor's homes, but to be there as a support mechanism knowing that it just as easily could have been our own. There were people everywhere. Adults taking pictures, neighbors meeting each other, kids staring in awe at all the huge tree removal equipment like it was the most amazing thing they had ever seen. People shared coffee they had boiled on the grill, no one had showered since we had little to no water and no electricity at that time, and everyone was feeling the pain of those who were less fortunate in the storm. However the positive vibes that came from everyone, young and old and even those who had damage to their homes, was quite overwhelming.

Vivian Watts, Truro resident and member of the Virginia House of Delegates, was seen sizing up the damage to the neighborhood. Braddock District Supervisor, Sharon Bulova, was also out and about assessing the damage to our area. Sharon Bulova's office advises the following in regard to tree and debris pickup:

1. AAA will work overtime to pick up the leaf bags and properly tied bundles of sticks and limbs.
2. If they can't get to your home on the 24th, the yard waste will be picked up the following Wednesday.
3. Around two weeks from now (early October) AAA will make a "special trip" through THA. AAA will pick up all the other items (i.e., cut tree limbs, brush, and leaves) including all the DEBRIS that is NOT TIED OR BUNDLED.
4. AAA will NOT pick up stumps and trunks from trees. These are homeowner responsibilities under the AAA paradigm.

Some folks have suggested that Truro might want to make a contract with a tree company or disposal company to pick up the stumps and trunks to see if we can get a competitive rate for the various affected homeowners. The Board is interested in this possibility. Do we have a volunteer to take the lead? If so, please contact Dave Watts.



## Truro Homes Association Board of Directors Meeting September 21, 2003



*By Julia Ruskin, THA Secretary*

(The scheduled meeting of 9/18 was cancelled due to the hurricane.)

Call to order 11:05am – Members present: Dave Watts, Thom Goertel, Bob Grey, Julia Ruskin, Patty Vinall. Chuck Roper (Treasurer) and Elaine Ferris (Record Keeper) also in attendance.

1. **Open forum for comments**, questions, and communications from THA and TCC members – no others present.
2. The **minutes of the last meeting** as published in the *Truro Trails* were changed to reflect five proposed by-law changes as opposed to the reported four changes.
3. **Financial Report:** Total assets equal \$444,008.49.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. **Pool deck:** NV Pools will start work on resurfacing the deck and replacing the lifeguard chairs when weather permits.
2. Chuck Roper signed new **Treasurer contract**, making him Treasurer through 2005.
3. We have received payment from the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the damage at the TCC incurred last spring.
4. **Parklands:** Playground equipment has been ordered, except for the area by the pool. We are awaiting bids to renovate that area. Other work contracted out will include the renovation of bridges and the repair of the steps leading down from Ann Fitz Hugh Drive.

5. **The Nomination Committee** of Brennan, Watts, and Smith is happy to announce that illustrious Board member Patty Vinall has agreed to serve another term.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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1. **Hurricane Damage:** Watts reported that around 20 trees are down in the parkland area, and that the “Natural Bridge” has been destroyed by a fallen tree. The Parks Committee will look into bidding out the repair/clean up work necessary.
2. **Tennis Program:** The contract with RJ Tennis, which automatically renews 12/31/2003, will be reviewed at the November Board meeting.
3. The Board has received applications for the positions of record keeper and gatekeeper but not for clubhouse reservations chairperson. Applications close at the end of September. The October *Truro Trails* will contain another appeal to the community re: the clubhouse reservations position.
4. The **November General Membership Meeting** will be held Wednesday, November 5, and the November Board Meeting the following evening, November 6. Among the items on the agenda will be a presentation of a proposal for the renovation of the clubhouse.
5. **Stop sign on Ann Fitz Hugh Drive:** The county has informed us that the intersection of Ann Fitz Hugh and Charles Hawkins does not qualify for a stop sign because Charles Hawkins is a cul-de-sac. We will discuss the placement of a stop sign at Ann Fitz Hugh and Starr Jordan at the General Meeting in November. Community endorsement is a prerequisite for adoption by the county.
6. A resident on Footstep Court has offered to donate the easement at the end of Footstep Court to the THA, for THA maintenance. The Board directed Watts to decline the offer.

7. The Board approved the continuation of THA’s membership in the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens’ Associations.
8. The next Board Meeting will be held on October 9, 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.



**THA General Membership  
Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm**

***Please plan to join your  
neighbors for some very  
important topics of  
discussion.***

***Your input matters!***



## Committee News

### HELP! HELP! HELP!

*By Dave Watts, THA President*

#### CLUBHOUSE RESERVATION CHAIRPERSON

Carol Goertel has performed this task remarkably well for the last two plus years and has the operation down to a "science." Just check out the Truro web page [www.trurohomes.org](http://www.trurohomes.org) to see how well she has set up the Truro Community Center Club House rental arrangements. The job has one draw back. You can only be the Chairperson for two years. This is a job whose responsibilities and obligations need to be shared with the Truro community over the years. No prior experience is required...just patience on the telephone.

Apply in writing (THA 4146 Elizabeth Lane) or electronically ([davewatts@cox.net](mailto:davewatts@cox.net)) by September 30, if you are interested.



### TRURO DIVE TEAM ALL STARS!!

*By Fawn & Bill Horr, Dive Team Chairmen*

Last month in my long letter to our community about how well our team did this summer, I forgot to mention our team members who went to All Stars and we are so proud of them!

We sent six divers to All Stars. Melissa Vinall came in eighth place for Freshman Girls. Paul Matioli came in seventh place for Freshman Boys. Preeya Fozdar came in sixth place for Intermediate Girls. Shane Miller came in sixteenth place for Intermediate Boys. Stephanie Daly came in First for Senior Girls and Andrew Kranstover came in at number twelve for Senior Boys. Daniel Martin qualified for All Stars as an Intermediate Boy but couldn't attend and Chris Rauer was an alternate to go to All Stars for Senior Boys. Congratulations for such great diving!

## Truro Swim Team

*By Marleen Richlak, Swim Team Committee Chairman*

The Truro swordfish Swim team is looking for swimmers! We would like your children to join our team. We are a summer swim team that participates in the Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL), an organization of over 100 community pools dedicated to developing a love for the sport, advanced aquatic skills, teamwork and the principles of good sportsmanship. The swim team is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people in the neighborhood.

Please note that while we want to encourage swimmers of all ages and abilities, a swimmer must be able to swim the length of the pool. If you have questions, the coach can assess the swimmer's abilities and provide recommendations.

The **winter swim program** begins on Sunday October 26th and will be held every Sunday evening 7:30 - 8:30pm. It will be held at the JCC, located on Little River Turnpike and Guinea Road. The cost is \$140 per swimmer.

A schedule of holidays and closings will be handed out at first practice. For additional information you can call Patty Vinall, Sue Chandler or Marleen Richlak.

Registration can be sent to Truro Swim team, 8622 Ordinary Way, Annandale, VA 22003. Please include the following:

Name of Swimmer / Age  
Address / Phone  
Amount enclosed \$\$

The following our the swim dates

October 26  
November 9, 16, 23  
December 7, 14  
January 4, 11  
February 1, 8, 22, 29  
March 7, 14, 21, 28  
April 18, 25  
May 2, 16, 23



## Truro Swim Team Thank You

**Carol Greco:** We want you to know that the Truro Swordfish swim team has received a generous donation from Carol Greco. As in the past Carol has always been very kind towards the swim team. Many of you knew that this summer we were faced with the purchase of new lane lines and a reel. Carol donated the money for the new reel. Thanks Carol, we appreciate your generosity.

**Baja Fresh restaurant:** (Truro Swim Team sponsor located at Pan Am Shopping Center) Laurie Mattioli wants to thank Baja Fresh for donating 100 meals to Truro pool patrons on August 31st! What a grand surprise to have wonderful chicken burritos, cheese quesadillas, chips, and FRESH salsa for all to enjoy poolside! Their marketing manager called me to thank me for all the business Truro families had brought them over the summer, and said Baja Fresh would like to do something special for us before summer ended. Thanks again to a great local restaurant for a fabulous grand finale to summer!



## ACC News

*By Pat Halpin, Committee Chairman*

The Architectural Control Committee met September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Clubhouse. Present were Donna Scott, Don Lummis, Judy Rumsey, and Mary Johnson, Assistant Chairman.

The Committee reviewed eight requests, four of which were incomplete and could not be approved because of lack of information.

The Committee must have specific and sufficient detail to completely understand how the finished project will look. Please check the ACC Guidelines submittal procedures found on page 25 of the Truro Directory or the on-line document.

The Committee approved a color selection for decking on Yerkes Place, a new roof, fascia, and

soffits on Elizabeth Lane, removal of a diseased tree on Burbank Drive, and removal of two diseased trees on Pappas Way.



## WASTE REDUCTION & REUSE TIPS



*By Leah Dela Cruz and Zoraida Verkaik,  
Recycling Committee*

### Waste Reduction Saves Resources

- Practice backyard composting.
- Reduce junk mail.
- Call toll-free numbers in unwanted catalogs and ask to be removed from mailing lists.
- Do not accept a bag when buying one or two items at a store.
- Buy the largest possible container to get the best “product to package ratio” (e.g., buy toothpaste in a 6.4 ounce size rather than 4 ounces or less).
- Avoid buying disposable items when durables ones are available (e.g., disposable vs. reusable razors).
- When you have a choice, buy a product that has less packaging than its competitors.
- Look to buy concentrates in smaller packages, rather than diluted products in larger containers.
- Use the Internet to receive news, catalogs, stock reports and other information that usually comes to your house in a paper format.
- Avoid single-serve containers if possible (e.g., buy juice in large recyclable bottles and divvy up smaller portions in reusable, washable containers).
- Buy only what you need and use what you buy, especially when it comes to paint and various chemicals (e.g., cleaners, strippers, pesticides, herbicides, etc.).



## Reuse Saves Resources and Keeps Stuff Out of Landfills

- Donate reusable items to Goodwill, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and other charitable outlets.
- When purchasing items, check Goodwill and similar outlets before purchasing new.
- Hold a yard sale. If you don't have enough stuff for your own, combine with other families.
- Call your county recycling/solid waste office to see if it runs a "swap shop" at any of its recycling centers.
- Use reusable cloth gift bags and/or save reusable paper for wrapping gifts.
- Use washable cups or travel mugs instead of disposables (e.g., most fast food restaurants will fill your reusable mug).
- Use washable napkins.
- Wash and reuse plastic food storage bags and plastic utensils.
- Use washable cotton diapers. Check the yellow pages to see if there is a diaper service in your area. If you use velcro diaper wraps, reusable diapers are just as convenient and often cheaper than disposables.
- Use canvas or cloth bags when shopping so you don't have to make the choice between "paper or plastic."



## This-N-That

### What's Up at Wakefield Forest

Want to help support your local school but don't have anyone in school? It's easy! Wakefield Forest Elementary School is selling Sally Foster quality gift wrap and receives 50% profit from each order! If you know someone who attends Wakefield Forest, ask to see the Sally Foster catalog OR you can simply go to [www.SallyFoster.com](http://www.SallyFoster.com) and place an order online. Once you select the products you wish to order, the checkout screens will give you the opportunity to give Wakefield Forest credit by entering the school account number, **503987**. WFES will get 50% profit from each order. Stock up on holiday gift wrap, gifts, and chocolate! If you have any questions, please call Sandy Barron or Chris Hoover. Thank You!

FYI...this offer is available at school until mid October but online sales can be made any time of the year and WFES will get credit. Also, online sales are mailed directly to the purchaser----they don't have to pick the order up at the school.



### **OY!** **October 22nd – November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Center Company presents comic relief at the Jewish Community Center with the October 22<sup>nd</sup> opening of *OY!*. The show is a comic revue in a cabaret setting. It is a collection of funny and touching vignettes, each based on a Yiddish word. You don't have to know Yiddish and you don't have to be Jewish to love it. For tickets and information, call 703-323-7965. November 16<sup>th</sup> is already sold out.



## Mature Drivers Improvement Class, November 15th 8am – 4pm

Each year, many people are injured or killed in traffic accidents. These accidents are the results of many different factors, with a majority being a direct result of driver error. These human errors can be attributed to many different factors, including age. The two most over represented age groups involved in traffic crashes are teenagers and mature drivers. Each year the data shows that age has a significant role to play in traffic injuries and deaths. Inexperience in our youth and reduced capabilities in older drivers are only some of the possible causes of these accidents. Virginia residents, age 55 and older, can now learn about the issues surrounding the mature driver, and how this age group can cope with the demands they face behind the wheel. The Fairfax County Police Department is offering enrollment in a Mature Operators Driver Improvement Program, which is sanctioned by AAA and is taught by a certified Police Officer at the West Springfield District Station Community Room. This class will highlight safety behind the wheel for the mature driver. Completion of this class entitles the participant to a Virginia state-mandated insurance premium reduction. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of the book.

For more information or to register for the class, contact:

MPO Jayne Woolf, Crime Prevention Officer  
jayne.woolf@fairfaxcounty.gov  
West Springfield District Station  
6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152  
Direct 703-644-5026 station 703-644-7377



## Classified

### LOOKING FOR A SITTER?

- ❖ Experienced babysitter, certified in CPR and babysitting by INOVA. Honor roll middle schooler. Very responsible. If you're interested please call **Jackie White** at 703-426-2721.

### GARAGE SALE

- ❖ **HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am - 1:00pm; Necostin Way (off Elizabeth Lane).



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