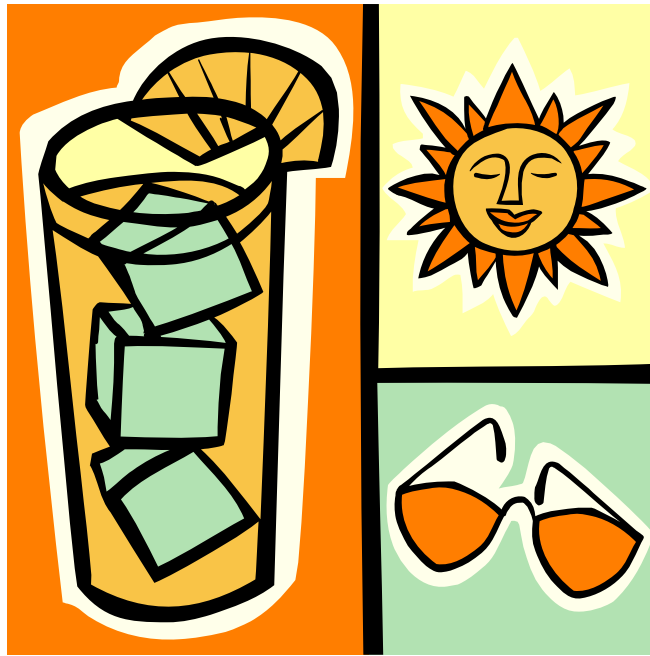


Truro Trails

August 2006



Summer...enjoy it while it lasts...

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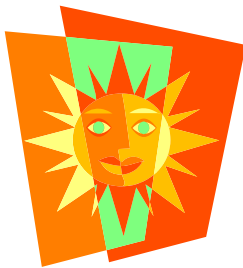
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*** August Meetings/Events**

All are welcome!!

TCC: Tuesday, August 1, 7:30pm
TENNIS: Monday, August 7, 7pm
ACC: Tuesday, August 8, 8:00pm
THA BOARD: Wednesday, August 12, 6:30pm

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING: Monday, August 14, 7pm (see “Committee News” for details)

** Meetings are held at the Clubhouse unless otherwise noted.*

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THA Board of Directors Meeting July 19, 2006



By Julia Ruskin, THA Secretary

Call to order 6:30pm – Members present: Dave Watts, Thom Goertel, Bob Grey, Julia Ruskin, Patty Vinall, Chuck Roper (Treasurer), Raychel Bartek (Record Keeper), and Marion Yanick (Pool).

1. **Open forum for comments**, questions, and communications from THA and TCC members.
2. The Board approved the **minutes of the June meeting** as published in the *Truro Trails*.
3. **Financial Report:** Total assets equal \$410,924.27. Chuck Roper explained that weather related damage in the parkland has led to unforeseen expenses. The Board approved the adoption of standard operating procedures composed by Roper for committee financial proceedings.
4. **Pool Committee:** Marion Yanick reported that the new umbrellas have been installed, and that the repair of the basketball backboards is in the works. The lifeguards will be locking the parking lot gates at 9:00pm, pool closing time.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Clubhouse renovation:** Because of unforeseen expenses on heaters and fans (required by Fairfax County to avoid pipes freezing), the final cost of the renovation is likely to run 10 to 15% over the original estimated cost. There will be a cessation of work from the end of July to the middle of August.
2. **Status of lawsuit regarding shed on Yerkes:** The trial is set for October. On a related note, the sheds on Pappas and Elizabeth Lane have been removed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Traffic calming studies:** Truro requested the installation of two speed tables and one raised crosswalk on Wakefield Drive; we will be allowed

one speed table and one raised crosswalk. Once again, sincere thanks to Roy Whitehurst for tackling this important issue.

2. The Board approved the purchase of a solar-powered, motion-activated security light to be installed in the gazebo next to the tennis courts. Hopefully, it will serve as a deterrent for late-night trespassers in the clubhouse parking lot.
3. Sarah Schultz and Heather Davies discussed the worsening situation of nighttime trespassers in the tennis court area and the parklands. A discussion ensued about various security measures the association should pursue. Sarah will research the costs and feasibility of hiring private security, and the Neighborhood Watch Committee will solicit community support for a watch program manned by volunteers.
4. Dave Watts reported that the cost to rebuild two parkland bridges destroyed by storms is \$15,000.
5. **Tennis program:** Heather Davies reported that the cracks on the courts as well as the damaged nets have been repaired. A women's team is in the process of being formed. The Board expressed its appreciation to Heather for her part in reinvigorating our tennis program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.



Block Captain Update –Thanks/Help!

A special thank you goes out to the Holberts for delivering the Truro Trails on Ordinary Way for the past several years. As a note, Grant & Elizabeth Crowder of 8620 Ordinary Way will take over as the new Block Captains on Ordinary Way.

We are still seeking a Block Captain to replace Dick Yates on Pappas. If interested, please contact Anne McKenzie at 703-978-2121.



Committee News



Rain Fails to Dilute Fiesta's Spirit

By Julia Ruskin, THA Board Liaison, Social Committee

Despite the uncooperative weather, over 65 Truro residents and their guests spent the evening of July 22 socializing with their neighbors while enjoying fajitas from Moe's Southwest Grill in Falls Church (Bailey's Crossroads) at the Truro Community Center. A huge gracias to Sarah Schultz and Tracy Hartmann for serving on the party planning committee. Cheryl Urban did an awesome job creating edible sculptures of fruits and vegetables, and David Ruskin was the master margarita mixer. We'd also like to thank the following folks for helping with set-up: the entire Hartmann family, Harold Schultz, David and Amy Ruskin, Hamp and Cindy Oberle, Sue LaMote, and Sue Chandler. As usual, our Truro lifeguards were terrific and graciously assisted us with whatever we asked them to do. A final thanks to everyone who stayed on to help with the clean-up afterward.

Keep your fingers crossed for a dry evening for next year's Adult Party!



Tennis Committee Meeting Minutes, July 17th

By Heather and David Davies, Tennis Committee



Attendance: Bob Grey (Liaison to THA Board); Heather Davies; David Davies; Marianne Parsons; Gaily Feddeman; Tom Allen; Robert Carvajal, Jr.

Tennis Facility Management

Crack repair and new net installation were completed in early July. New squeegees and court caddies added.

Bob indicated that the THA Board is disinclined to take on any new projects before the clubhouse renovation is completed at the end of this calendar year. The tennis courts are to be the next priority for TCC improvements.

Members of the committee indicated that the appearance of the courts has declined to the point that they are embarrassed to bring friends over to play. Gazebo is in poor condition and may require total replacement, due to the fact it was built in 1978 without a permit. It was discussed that other communities are successfully resurfacing, despite recurrent crack issues, including Little Rocky Run and Fairfax Station. Many clubs will resurface every 7-8 years in order to prevent cracks from becoming a problem. Once cracks are left open to allow moisture in and freeze/thaw cycles, the problem can worsen. It appears that the Truro courts have not been resurfaced since 1991.

Short- and long-term goals were outlined for facility repair and maintenance. For immediate consideration, the committee proposed installing a motion-sensor, solar, security light to discourage night-time trespassing in the gazebo and to install a chain and lock in order to better secure the courts. There have been problems with rollerblading and fireworks on the courts at night. It was also proposed to the Board that the Committee purchase the USTA Tennis Court Construction and Maintenance Manual. The committee also wanted to proceed with getting additional bids to replace the water fountain that has not been in service for the past couple of years. The need for a locked and enclosed bulletin board was also discussed.

Long-term planning is required to prepare for resurfacing all four courts. A geotechnical study was apparently completed over 10 years ago. The committee has asked to review this study and consider whether there is any need for further evaluation and remedy of underlying water issues. A French drain was installed across courts 3 & 4 prior to the 1991 resurfacing. The committee also asked to review the THA Facilities Plan to see how much was budgeted for court maintenance in the TCC reserve fund. The committee also discussed the need to have a Restoration and Maintenance Plan for the entire tennis complex. It would outline current conditions, restorations required, as well as seasonal maintenance, and cyclic maintenance. We will consider further the need to hire a tennis court construction firm to help with the condition assessment and plan development.

The committee identified December 2006 as the appropriate timeframe for presenting a Tennis Facility Restoration and Maintenance Plan. To bring this to fruition, a geotech consultant, if required, would need to be engaged during the fall. It was suggested that

proposals for such consulting services be presented to the THA Board in September/October. The objective would be to gain plan approval in early January 2007 and to target the fall of 2007 for resurfacing the courts.

The tennis committee is seeking anyone with an interest or background in facilities management or hydrogeology to join a small workgroup to help move this forward. Contact David Davies at 703-426-4312, if you are interested.

Tennis Programs

The Truro NVTL Junior Team has had a strong turnout. Truro fielded 3 teams: Girls 12/14/16; Boys 12/14/16; and Boys 10 and under. With the rainy start to the season, there were few days for the coaches to assess and build skills before the first two matches. As the season went on, they were able to pull more developing players into the roster. Truro's junior team is building (which means that we were defeated more often than we won). However, we were able to field completed teams more often (rather than defaulting matches for lack of players). There are opportunities for lesson in the fall on Truro courts as well as winter play indoors. If your child would like to continue playing, talk with Rob Carvajal, our Pro, regarding your options. To review the season results, visit the Northern Virginia Tennis League website is www.nvtl.org. Shelley Gebler and Nicole Smith have volunteered to help further with team.

Tennis lessons and programs have been enjoyed by many, many children this summer (95% of which are Truro residents). Safety procedures implemented through the contract with RJ Tennis have seemed to work well. Lessons were cancelled on three occasions for high heat (including July 18 when it was 106 degrees at NOVA Annandale), and for thunder once.

Marianne Parsons and Gail Feddeman have volunteered to coordinate the Truro Women's Tennis Program. They will be looking to create round robin play opportunities and maybe a competitive ladder. Truro was once well known for the quality of the women's tennis program (I think this was during the 80s).

Men's teams continue year-round, facilitated by RJ Tennis.

The tennis committee discussed implementing a survey of the tennis-playing community, either through the Trails or using a web-based survey instrument like

Zoomerang. A survey will be drafted for the committee's consideration.

The Tennis Committee has decided to begin meeting monthly, on the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. **Next meeting: Monday, August 21 at 7pm at the TCC Clubhouse.**



Neighborhood Watch Updates

By Heather Davies, NW Chairman

INCIDENT: House entry, robbery on Starr Jordan

On Friday, July 21, a home on Starr Jordan - toward the end of the street - was burglarized. Laptops and jewelry were taken. Police are following leads and the investigation is on going. Make sure you are locking up your house well.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14th

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Neighborhood Watch Meeting to discuss possible formation of a patrol for weekend evenings for the remainder of summer. Monday, August 14, 7pm at the TCC Clubhouse. Bids for a private patrol service will be reviewed.

This meeting is open to the entire community and any community security issues of concern can be brought for discussion. Looking for new members for Neighborhood Watch Committee. If you are interested, contact Heather Davies at 703-426-4312.

INTRODUCTION TO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By: West Springfield District Station
703-644-7377
6140 Rolling Road

Join the Fairfax County Police Department in preventing crime and become a member of our Neighborhood Watch program. When we band together, we can help each other and effectively reduce crime in our neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Watch is a community crime prevention program that began in 1979 and has flourished steadily with over 900 community programs established throughout the county. The success of the program is due to the cooperative involvement of police and citizens. By donating a small amount of your time to observe and report suspicious activities in your neighborhood, you can be one of thousands of citizens who are contributing to the prevention of crime.

The objective of Neighborhood Watch is to organize communities where residents are trained to be alert to potential crimes in their neighborhoods. Citizens are trained to keep watchful eyes on neighbors' homes and be alert to any suspicious or unusual activity that is occurring close to home. Patrol of neighborhoods can be accomplished by citizens-band radio-equipped vehicles or foot patrol. With the quick identification of a potential problem in your area, we can provide a prompt response and the trained personnel to investigate any reported incident or suspicion.

In addition, police officers will aid you in developing security measures for your own home. Receiving a free home security inspection and taking property identification measures can help prevent a thief from choosing your home as a target. To designate your active participation in the Neighborhood Watch program, we will provide you with decals to be placed on windows in your home to deter would-be criminals.

Thanks to many thousands of concerned and involved citizens in Fairfax County, our Neighborhood Watch program is a proven success. It is one of the largest such programs in the country and has received national and international recognition. I hope you will become

interested in this program. We'll be happy to provide you with more information about Neighborhood Watch. Please ask us.

WITH THREE EASY STEPS YOU CAN BE PART OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!

1. CITIZEN PATROL

Join with your neighbors in volunteering your eyes and your ears on a regular basis to watch your neighborhood and report anything suspicious to the Fairfax County Police Department. Thieves and vandals are likely to go elsewhere when they know Neighborhood Watch is "all eyes" for them! Contact the crime prevention officer at your police district station for assistance in organizing and training citizen patrol volunteers in your neighborhood.

2. FREE HOME SECURITY INSPECTION

A qualified, trained Fairfax County Police officer will inspect the locks, doors and windows of your home with you. Exterior lighting, landscaping and other factors affecting the protection of your home from burglary also will be reviewed. The officer will make recommendations for improving your home security. You can arrange for a free inspection at your convenience by calling the police district station nearest your home.

3. PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

A Fairfax County Police officer will instruct you on how to properly mark your property so it can be identified and how to make an inventory of your valuables. Property identification discourages thieves and makes fencing of stolen property more difficult. When recovered stolen property can be identified, it can be used as evidence against the thief and also can be returned by police to its owner.

"DO'S AND "DON'T'S TO PREVENT HOME BURGLARIES

- DO make your home look like you're there. Lights turned off and on by timers give your home a "lived in look" when you're away.
- DO have good locks. A high quality, one-inch deadbolt lock on every outside door is a basic requirement.

- DON'T leave your home unlocked, even for a brief trip to the store or a visit to the neighbor across the street. Many homes have been burglarized in just such short periods of time.
- DON'T hide a key outside your home. Leave the extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend. If you have deadbolt cylinder locks you must use a key to lock the door, and can't possibly lock yourself out.
- DON'T put a name or address tag on your house or car keys. That's an open invitation to an unwelcome visitor should you ever lose your keys.
- DO plug a radio into a timer set to go on when you're away. Set the radio to all-talk station, leave the volume low, and give a would-be burglar the impression you're talking to someone. Light and noise are burglars' worst enemies.
- DO have a free home security inspection and be an active participant in Neighborhood Watch.

REMEMBER: A thief wants to take the path of least resistance. Your participation in Neighborhood Watch provides the most resistance.

WATCH OUT!

Be alert for strangers in your neighborhood! So many burglaries could be stopped or prevented if only more people would report suspicious happenings.

If your doors or windows look as if they've been tampered with, notify the police. Ask the neighbor who's watching your home while you're gone to check it carefully for you.

Notify the police immediately of any suspicious people, trucks or cars in the neighborhood. Don't worry about being a nuisance. Your police department will welcome your call and the opportunity to prevent a burglary.

Remember, your belongings are yours; keeping them out of the hands of burglars and thieves is your responsibility. Vandalism to homes, automobiles and other property is a major problem throughout Fairfax County. Help your neighbors and yourself by taking part in NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH!

To report something or someone suspicious, use the Fairfax County Police Department non-emergency number, 703-691-2131. For events that are life-threatening or immediately damaging to property, call 911.

GET involved or BE involved!

CALL YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

The Fairfax County Police Department offers a wide range of free crime prevention services to citizens. They include steps you can take to avoid being the victim of crime against property. The services are free and appointments may be made by calling the Police District Station nearest your home.



New Neighbors

*By Sarah Schultz and Cheryl Urban
Welcoming/Publicity Committee Co-Chairs*

New THA/TCC Members:

DEAL, James and Kim

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dealk@cna.org; Child: McKenna - 1996

ZAPINSKI, Charles and Dorothy

4404 Newdale Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

MCGHEE, Michael & MaryBeth

4029 Old Hickory Road, Fairfax, VA 22031
marvin124@aol.com
Children: Katie – 1991; John - 1996

KILBY, James and Ivy

4202 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, VA 22003
Children: Cameron – 1997; Zachary – 1997; Samuel - 2001



This-N-That



Truro Remembers...

Floyd Gattis passed away July 5. Floyd and his wife, Lois, are original homeowners in Truro. Floyd was a retired Army Colonel and a World War II veteran. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and daughters.



Skaters Helping Skaters

I am a Truro girl working on the Girl Scout Bronze Award. One of the award requirements is to do a service project. Another Girl Scout and I have chosen to collect used ice skating equipment to donate to the Kids on Ice program at Fort Dupont Ice Arena in Washington, D.C. A lot of the kids who participate in the program would not be able to skate if it weren't for Kids on Ice. This program gives them lessons for free or for little money. They are always in need of donations. If you have any used skates, dresses, jackets, gloves, etc, please call 703-503-0395 and I'll pick them up from you. Thank you for helping!



Truro Craft Group – August Meeting

Tracy Hartmann wants to invite you to join the Truro craft group this month to catch up on scrap booking, crocheting, hook rugs or anything else you want to work on (even just to socialize). Tuesday, August 29th from 7-9pm at Tracy's house. RSVP 703-323-1976. Bring a friend!



Deer Ticks – Watch Out!

Patricia Blatt wanted us to know...last week I found a deer tick on me. That day I had been in my front and back yard of Burbank and at the community pool. I thought perhaps Truro residents should be aware of this (especially for children).



Pick Up Available for Yard Debris from Recent Storms

Dave Watts wanted us to know...at the request of Supervisor Bulova the County has agreed to arrange special, one time, pick-ups for yard waste and debris from the recent storm. The debris must be placed on the curb. Call Diane Thompson on Bulova's staff at 703-425-9300, and she will arrange your pick-up.



Houses Going Up

Fran Channing wanted us to know...according to a realtors' sign across from Truro at Guinea Road and Ellenwood Lane: "1 + Acre Custom Homesites from \$1,599,900."



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CONTACT: VSTRUONG@GMAIL.COM FOR TICKETS.



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HELP WANTED

- **HELP W/CHILDREN:** Seeking 1 or 2 people to fill 2 needs to help a young child, 2 weekdays/week, late afternoon: (1) Reliable parent or college student to drive child from nearby elementary school to Truro neighborhood (distance 1 mile, short time duration); (2) Professional or college student in Education, Psychology, Child Development, or related field as a school shadow in after-school setting, a few hours/week (flexible). Same person could do both. Ideal for someone looking for a small job. Compensation negotiable. Please call 703-767-6483, leave message.
- **SOCCER COACH WANTED:** I am looking for a soccer coach to teach a group of three or four, 4 year olds soccer. Soccer playing and or coaching experiences required. Focus on listening, teamwork and social skills. If you are interested please send an email to dbaragar@cox.net. Thanks.

FOR SALE

- **PILATES VIDEOS:** Work out at home! Set of three, viewed only once, videos are endorsed by Daisy Fuentes and taught by Mari Windsor. \$10. Call Michelle at 703-503-7952.

AT YOUR SERVICE

- **DREAM THEATER:** Home theater technical services offered to Truro neighbors for 50% off. Fine tune an existing system, repair faulty components, or design new systems from the ground up. Services offered by award-winning technical specialist formerly supporting Hollywood film, TV, and music studios. Make your home theater sound like the filmmakers intended. All surround formats serviced. Call Joe Birkman 703-272-3882.
- **HOUSE CLEANING:** Experienced, honest, reliable Truro resident. References available. Call Giovanna for free estimate 571-236-0855.



Plans are underway for a NEW Truro Phone Directory!!

In order to have YOUR most current information in the Directory, please provide the following:

NAME: _____ (Last, First, MI)

NAME: _____ (Last, First, MI)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (One per household)

TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION: _____

Children:

1. Name: _____ Year Born: _____ Other Info: _____

2. Name: _____ Year Born: _____ Other Info: _____

1. Name: _____ Year Born: _____ Other Info: _____

2. Name: _____ Year Born: _____ Other Info: _____

3. Name: _____ Year Born: _____ Other Info: _____

4. Name: _____ Year Born: _____ Other Info: _____

“Other Info” - Please note if child is available for babysitting, odd jobs, etc.

Please drop this form into the mail slot at the Truro Clubhouse or mail to:

Truro Community Center, 4146 Elizabeth Lane, Annandale, VA 22003

Questions? Contact Raychel Bartek, Truro Record Keeper

truropool@yahoo.com or 703-978-0859 THANKS!