

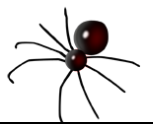
Truro Trails

Octoooooooooooober 1, 2009



Truro Halloween Party / Parade

Saturday, October 24th, 3-5pm



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Octooober Meetings

All are welcome!!

TCC:	Tues, Oct 6, 7:30pm
ACC:	Tues, Oct 13, 8:00pm
THA BOARD:	Wed, Oct 14, 6:30pm
SOCIAL:	Mon, Oct 15, 7:00pm

* Meetings are held at the Clubhouse unless noted.

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trurotrails@trurohomes.org

Truro Homes Association Board of Directors September 9, 2009



By Julia Ruskin, THA Secretary

Call to order 6:30pm – Members present: Dave Watts, Hamp Oberle, Julia Ruskin, Marion Yanick, Raychel Bartek (Record Keeper), and Chuck Roper (Treasurer). Judy Molseed (Landscape), Dave Curtis (Parkland), Mary Johnson (ACC), Lisa Shelhorse (Pool); and Crystal Aquatics representatives Casey Ford and Brian Collins also in attendance.

1. **Open forum for comments**, questions, and communications from THA and TCC members: no members presented comments.
2. The Board approved the minutes of the August meeting as published in the *Truro Trails*.
3. **Treasurer’s Report:** As of September 8, total assets equaled \$295,237.28. Committee chairs have been asked to return their budget information to Chuck Roper by October 1.

Committee Reports

1. **Parkland:** Regarding the storm water situation in Truro, Dave Curtis reported that a Fairfax County representative will come for a field visit to see our streambed and neighborhood on September 22. Dave also reported that in August the top of a large tree came down in the playground by the tennis courts, resting on the swing set. It was cleared that day but led to the discovery of other tree limbs endangering the playground. The trees over the playground near Chapel Rd. also need trimming. The parkland committee was authorized \$555.00 to take care of the neediest areas. Additionally, the committee was authorized to spend \$952.75 to replace three “rules” signs and purchase a “hazard” sign for the one entrance to the parkland that does not have one.
2. **Landscape:** Judy Molseed described the serious drainage problem around the Japanese maple trees outside the clubhouse door. It was decided that the county representative visiting Truro on September 22 would be asked her opinion of the situation. Suggestions will be discussed at the October board meeting.

3. **ACC:** Proposed changes to ACC guidelines will be published in the *Truro Trails*. Community members will be asked to submit comments to Mary Johnson by the end of November. Mary also reviewed the ACC's enforcement strategies for non-compliant homes. The Board supports those enforcement strategies.

New Business

1. The Board heard a presentation by Crystal Aquatics for the repair of the pool. Other pool companies will be asked for their assessments of the amount of work to do and their proposed costs.
2. Don Johnson is looking at the repair of the TCC parking lots. He is talking to contractors and getting cost estimates.
3. The Board approved Wakefield Forest Elementary School's use of the TCC parking lot as an authorized staging area in case of an emergency.

Next Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 14.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.



Truro original owners at 40th

Committees

40th Anniversary Brings Community Together

By Anne McKenzie, Social Committee

After Truro's 25th anniversary in 1993, then-Truro THA President Don Johnson wrote, "It was a memorable occasion to mark an end to Truro's first 25 years. It is also a challenge to preserve the spirit of community that was evident throughout the celebration ... the final test of community comes from the people who inhabit Truro. Let's move into our next 25 years with a renewed sense of commitment to maintaining a community whose people care about each other."

Truro 40th – With over 150 attendees at our 40th anniversary celebration on September 12, it is evident that the Truro sense of community lives on. Thank you to the classic/antique car owners who surpassed our expectations with their awesome entries; to the Crowders for organizing the car show, to the Workmans for compiling/playing music from the era, to Anne Allen for creating the original owner recognition ribbons and to ALL others who generously donated their time and energy to make the 40th a huge success.

Truro T-Shirts – As you may know, Truro t-shirts were available for order at the 40th. Over fifty shirts have been ordered. If anyone would still like to place an order, please complete the order form at the end of this issue of the *Truro Trails* and send with prepayment by October 10. We expect shirts to arrive by the Truro Halloween Party, at which time you will be notified of pick up details.

Art/Photo Competition – Officially launched at the 40th celebration, the Art/Photo Competition is underway. The theme is "Celebrating the Timelessness of a Community: Truro at 40 Years". More detailed guidelines and the entry form (to be submitted for each submission) may be found on the accompanying flyer. Please call Cindy Oberle (703/978-2956) or Anne McKenzie (after 10/10 - 703/978-2121) with questions or to submit an entry. Submission deadline is October 30. Winners will be announced at the November THA meeting.



Halloween Parade and Party – The Truro Halloween Parade and Party takes place on Saturday, October 24 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Truro Clubhouse and parking lots. (Rain date: Sunday, 10/25. If it rains on Saturday and the party is moved to Sunday, it will be

held rain or shine.) Ages 6th grade and below and their families can enjoy our annual Halloween parade, a moon bounce, spooky crafts, games, costume contest, mummy wrapping contest, and yummy refreshments! Parade participants should wear their costumes and line-up at Wakefield Forest Elementary School by 3:00 pm to march down to the Truro pool. All residents are encouraged to line-up along the parade route to support our neighborhood children. Cost is \$4.00/per child or \$7.00/for two+ children.

We need YOU to attend our next meeting. On **October 15 at 7:00 pm** in the Truro clubhouse, all social committee members and adult Halloween party volunteers are asked to attend. We need adults to assist with the parade, refreshments, registration, moon bounce, decorating, crafts, and clean up. We are also asking for junior volunteers (Grades 6th and up) to help with the Halloween games. We ask that each junior volunteer attend ONE training meeting the week before the event Quick! Fun! Informative! (See included flyer with dates and times) We would appreciate any time you have to assist!





More pictures from the 40th Anniversary of Truro are available at www.trurohomes.org.



Welcome New Neighbors



By Raychel Bartek, Record Keeper

New TCC Members

CHRISTOPHER AND LEIGH HARTE
4301 Gifford Pinchot Drive, Annandale, VA 22003

MARY AND TONY MATTIVI
8820 Charles Hawkins Way
Annandale, VA 22003; 703-272-8368
Children: Julia (1996), Matthew (1999), and Hope (2002)





The Scarlet “E”

Dave Curtis, Truro Parkland Committee

The Truro parkland is a neighbor to 136 Truro homeowners, who are fortunate to have our parkland bordering their yards. In addition, eight non-THA properties also adjoin our parkland.

Recently, two members of the Truro Parkland Committee toured the perimeter of the parkland to review the conditions. What we found was that, despite some uncertainty about the precise location of the boundary, **the vast majority of adjoining properties have one or more examples of encroachment into the parkland.**

We found **three broad categories of the encroachment:** “development,” including clearing, planting non-parkland plants, creating firewood or mulch piles, and building walks or structures; “dumping,” including piles of leaves, brush, or grass clippings, concentrations of litter, and in a few cases large objects discarded in the parkland; and “invasive species,” most commonly English ivy, but also vinca, pachysandra, or bamboo spreading from back yards into the parkland. We should also acknowledge that there are a few cases where invasive species are encroaching back into individual yards from the parkland.

What’s wrong with encroachment into our parkland? There’s not a simple, uniform answer beyond the fact that it affects land that we collectively own. Some forms of encroachment (invasive species or dumping of leaves, brush, or grass clippings) are harmful to the parkland environment. Some forms violate specific Truro rules (dumping or littering) or County regulations (development in the resource protected area near the stream). Some forms (development) are inconsistent with the Parkland Resource Policy, which is available on the THA website Members Forum.

Some encroachment is intentional, although we’d like to believe it’s because people do not recognize the damage to the parkland or the inconsistency with regulations or policy. Encroachment of invasive species may not be intentional. We also recognize that some existing encroachment is historical and perhaps does not come from the current owners.

The Parkland Committee is developing and will recommend to the THA Board a clearly stated policy on encroachment and an approach to remediate or deal with the existing encroachment. **Members of the community are invited to provide written comments by October 20** addressed to parkland@trurohomes.org

or addressed to “Parkland Committee” and put them in the mail slot at the clubhouse. However, one thing is clear –when you are clearing leaves from your yard this Fall, please do not dump or blow them into our parkland.



Architectural
Control
Committee

By Mary Johnson, ACC chairman

Approvals: Members Ralph Kennedy, Eric Souder, Maggie Stehman, and Mary Johnson, Chairman approved a new storm door on Mary Lee Lane, and colors for re-staining a house on Footstep Court.

Trees: We approved tree removals on Kenwyn Court, Footstep Court, Ossian Hall Lane, Appleton Court, Battailles Court and two on Elizabeth Lane. We discussed the need to prune overgrown trees impeding walkways and remove dying trees in the Community. You may now expedite tree removal requests through Ralph Kennedy at ACCtreeApproval@trurohomes.org

New and old Neighbors: Please acquaint yourselves with the ACC Guidelines. Even though you see certain doors, windows, colors etc. existing in the community, it does not necessarily mean that they have been approved.

For any change to your home, you must see us for approval,

Non-conformance: We shall begin re-evaluating homes that received non-conformance letters last year. Is yours one of them?

Updated Guidelines: You will find our proposed updates to the ACC Guidelines elsewhere in this issue. Please send any comments or questions to us prior to October 30 at acc@trurohomes.org or place in the clubhouse mailbox for ACC.

Next meeting: Please submit proposals to us no later than Friday, October 9th for consideration at our meeting on October 13th at 8:00pm in the clubhouse. You are welcome to attend, but it is not required.



ACC PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING GUIDELINES (October 2008)

The additions to the ACC Guidelines primarily address the issue of “McMansions”, “Tear-downs”, and “pop ups.” Minor changes add, clarify, and or correct. Changes in italics.

The Board of Directors reviewed the proposal and has requested that the ACC take comments from the community regarding these proposed changes. Please provide any comments or suggestions to the Chairman of the ACC (acc@trurohomes.org or clubhouse mailbox) before October 30 of this year. After the comments have been reviewed by the ACC and the Board, the Board will make a decision on whether to adopt the changes to the guidelines.

PRESERVING YOUR PROPERTY VALUES

Trailers, Boats, Campers, Related Equipment and Portable Storage Containers On Your Property

1. – 4.
5. Temporary portable storage containers, such as “PODS” shall be limited to 30 days unless approved by the ACC for a longer period.

ENHANCING YOUR PROPERTY

Building Alterations, Additions or Replacements

1. **General**
 - a. Additions, exterior alterations, modifications, ~~changes to an existing building and new detached structures~~ or replacement of an existing house, shall be approved in writing by the Committee before work is undertaken.
 - b. Additions, exterior alterations, modifications, ~~or changes~~ or replacement due to damage to an existing ~~building~~ house shall be compatible with the design character of the original building.
 - c. Only the exterior materials existing on the parent structure or ~~compatible~~ products of new technology that are compatible with the architectural design character of the specific style area of the community will be approved.
 - d. If a house is to be replaced for any reason, the new construction must be consistent with the previous house, in such items as story height from the street, roof pitch, window sizes and styles, and ground coverage. Only modern styles will be approved in Truro I and II, and only

colonial styles in Okehampton and Wakefield Chapel Woods.

2. **Renovations and Remodeling**
 - d. Delete (Covered in General, above)
 - e. (Re-letter).

Landscaping and Planting

3. ~~Live trees~~ Trees over four inches in diameter measured two feet above ground may not be removed without prior written approval of the Committee

(This removes the conflict with the Covenants)

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Approval Procedures

(Insert a new #4)

4. Complex major projects, such as additions or replacements, not following strict Submittal Procedure may be rejected by the Committee and thereby delay the start of the project.

(Re-number existing 4 and 5 as 5 and 6)



Truro's Trees and Bushes

By Ralph Kennedy, ACC

When Miller and Smith designed and built our Truro communities, an effort was made to preserve existing woodlands and provide for tree shaded lots and parklands. Now that Truro is forty years old the trees have matured and in many cases need to be trimmed and shaped. Adding to the problem is the fact that we have had extremely dry summers for the past few years causing tree stress and numerous old and medium growth trees to weaken and die.

Accordingly, there have been many requests for tree removal. Obviously, if a tree is dead or dying there is little left to do but remove it, and if it's a hardwood, gain some firewood. However, there are steps to take to alleviate some of the problems. TRIM the existing trees. It will open the area so that more sunlight can reach bushes/flowers/grass and secondary trees. Also, remove lower branches that may become shaded and die causing a hazard to people and homes. In particular, check for large branches that arch over sidewalks and streets; if they appear weakened,

diseased or are dying back they should be removed. Trimming makes for a healthier tree.

A few tips. Never "top" a tree, it will result in a number of small branches that will form on the top of the tree. These will be weak and probably not thrive. Commonly known as "suckers," they will not become as strong as a normal branch. Hire a tree trimming company that employs an arborist. A qualified arborist can assist by recommending appropriate trimming, shaping, and healthy tree practices. By the way, trimming is cheaper than removal. Bonus tip: if a tree worker uses "pole climbers" (spikes) to climb one of your healthy trees, tell him to leave your property. The spikes on climbers will penetrate the bark of a tree and allow insects/diseases to reach the healthy tree tissue. While we're discussing tree health, please don't allow ivy to grow up your trees. Eventually it will kill the tree by harboring diseases/insects and placing added weight on branches.

For the most part trimming of shrubs is as important as tree trimming. Trimming will make shrubs healthier and provide the shape that you want in order to add beauty to your home. It will also benefit the home if bushes are trimmed away from the siding. Particularly in Truro I and II, where there is a preponderance of wooden siding, allowing bushes to grow against the house will trap moisture on the wood and provide a safe haven for insects. In addition, when the wind blows, siding will be defaced by the action of bushes rubbing against it. Bushes near the sidewalk also need attention. In some cases in Truro there is no room on the sidewalk for people to walk due to overgrowth of shrubs and bushes. Be neighborly, trim.

This is in no way a complete guide to tree maintenance, however, it is meant to start your thinking on ways to keep Truro green. Your friendly ACC is here to assist in these matters or any others that fall under the ACC Guidelines. Contact us, we'll help.



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(Editor's note: I just got my card and already got my \$10 back w/one purchase at AC Moore. GREAT CARD!)

Classified

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FOUND

- **KEYS:** Found at tennis court mid-September on a weekend. Very unique neck strap...call to identify. 703-503-7952.
- **CHILD'S GLASSES.** Found at pool playground in May. Call 703-503-7952 to identify and claim.

AT YOUR SERVICE

- **MATH TUTOR:** Truro resident with 35 years of high school teaching experience. All levels of high school mathematics through AP or IB calculus. Reasonable rates. 703.272.7989.
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