# On Our Roads

## Committee Maintains Dialogue With Town On Unpaved Roads

Road Committee Chairman Lloyd Albert has maintained a dialogue with representatives from Narragansett's Public Works Department throughout this past year. With input from Bonnet Shores' Road Committee members, a prioritized listing of streets most in need of improvement has been established and submitted to Town officials. According to Albert, "we have asked the Town for help in improving all unpaved streetsthose which have never been paved and create safety hazards for all Bonnet residents." Additionally, The Bonnet Shores Fire District Council continues to lobby the town for a commitment to address the Causeway, one of the two means of exit from Bonnet Shores in the event of an emergency.

Having reaped the lion's share of the Town of Narragansett's road improvement budget in 1997 and 1998, Bonnet Shores will nevertheless continue to advocate for remedial action to address roadways badly in need of repair. Again this year, thanks goes out to Town Manager Maury Loontjens and Highways and Facilities Director Gary Tedeschi for their tireless commitment to this effort.

For more information, please contact Lloyd Albert at 783-6618.

#### **Dumpster for Clippings**

A dumpster will again be available at the corner of Springbrook and Bonnet Shores Road on the following dates:

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June 12	September 4
June 26	September 18
July 10	September 25
July 24	October 2
August 7	October 9
August 21	

Only grass clippings and branches less than 2" diameter, PLEASE

### An Overview Of The Land Trust



Are You One Of The Many Bonnet Residents That Ask, "What Is The Land Trust?"

In 1991, a group of forward thinking Council members led by Chairman Mike Falvey decided to establish a tax exempt trust to allow property owners to donate land to Bonnet Shores. By donating the land to Bonnet, owners would receive favorable income tax treatment as well as relief from paying property taxes.

The Bonnet Shores Fire District, as a corporation, already owned property (i.e. the beaches, Bonnet Battery, etc...) and was being taxed for several thousands of dollars per year by the Town of Narragansett. This year, the community building and its surrounding acreage was placed into the trust resulting in no property taxes being paid on almost \$800,000 in assessed value.

The Land Trust is embarking on an aggressive campaign to acquire undeveloped lots through donations by owners whose property lies within a greenway stretching from the URI Bay Campus through our Community Building property, the Audubon and Conservation property on into the ponds and ultimately the ocean. Upon completion this will present an outstanding opportunity to preserve open space and create walking and/or nature trails for use by many generations. Assistance in this effort will be a product of the new comprehensive plan, which once in place will enhance our ability to gain state and/or federal grants.

The honor roll of persons donating land over the last several months are: Herbert J. Daigle, Rosemary Taupier & Michael Geary, Albert & Sharon Gizzarelli, Rick Cohn and Mrs. Richard Cardi.

Please take the time to visit the Community Building and view the maps displayed which show clearly how these generous donations along with already owned paper streets, will improve and sustain a special quality of life found only at Bonnet.

You may also look forward to plans being formed by Friends of Bonnet Battery to more appropriately recognize this rare Revolutionary War battle site owned by the Land Trust.

### **Bulky Cleanup Day Set for July 24th**

- Each household can place extra bulky trash curbside on that day. This includes furniture, mattresses, appliances (excluding freon units).
- Please, no refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, a/c's, building materials, lumber, tires.
- Amount of bulky materials should be a "reasonable" amount.
- All bulky items should be placed out either the night before or by 6 am
  There will be only one pass per house. Please be timely.
- Anyone needing to dispose of freon appliances should call the office of South County Sanitation at 800-499-9056 for fees and scheduling.