



Fall 2013

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

A special thank you to all the homeowners that ventured out to attend the annual meeting at the Bayside Rec Center on November 20th. The budget was approved for 2014 and elections were held for Board positions with all three incumbents winning their seats again for another two year term. Congratulations to Chris Caporicci (Vice President), Neil Bonney (Secretary) and Jack Palmer (Director at Large). The annual meeting allowed the Board to update homeowners on several ongoing projects in Church Point. Several are listed below and others inside the newsletter.

The Board is working with a contractor and the city to finalize permitting to dredge the lake after years of sediment buildup. The entry points to the lake will be dredged from the cul-de-sac to increase lake depth and water retention ability to better manage storm water runoff and reduce backups into the culvert for flood prevention. This has been a long process with the city and we are hoping for resolution in the very near future so work can proceed. The Board is still working with the city and Dominion Power on right of way easements and permitting to install a smaller version brick entry sign at the Mews Entrance on the East side. Again, a slow process with the city but still utilizing funding received from the insurance claim from the car that hit the old brick column.

As a follow up on the street asphalt seal coating project undertaken in the Commons/Quays sections earlier this year, the plan initially, as confirmed with Public Works, was to continue the seal coating project into the Mews. The bad news is that we have now been told that city engineering has deemed the street asphalt in the Mews too far gone from a deterioration/cracking/sinking and alligatoring perspective to achieve any noticeable improvement or life extension from a seal coating. Since no longer a viable candidate for seal coating, the good news is the City has determined that the Mews asphalt needs to be completely removed via milling/grinding and a fresh layer of asphalt installed throughout. Unfortunately, since a different project scope and funding now, we have been placed on the milling schedule for which the earliest this will occur is fall of 2015/Spring 2016. We will keep everyone posted as we hear more from the City on the timing of this project.

It has come to the Board's attention that over time, several of the original and unique to Church Point street name signs have fallen off. Since these signs were custom made by the original developer and are unique to Church Point, the city wasn't able to duplicate them and installed basic metal pole street signs. The Board recently found someone who still makes that unique style of street sign holders (except now made in aluminum to avoid the rusting) and is working on a project to restore that unique appearance to Church Point. If you notice one of the street signs hanging or in need of repair, please contact anyone on the Board and we will get them taken care of. The same applies to anything else that needs repair in the neighborhood, we need everyone's help being an extra set of eyes and ears to notify the Board or Property Manager when things are right and need attention. It takes all of us working together to keep the neighborhood looking it's best to increase curb appeal and property values.

I would also like to welcome Bob Garrett as our new Property Manager for Church Point from The Select Group. Bob's years of experience and communication skills should be an asset to Church Point. Please don't hesitate to contact Bob for any issues, concerns or questions. I hope everyone has a safe, warm and enjoyable holiday season and a joyous 2014.

LAST ISSUE

This will be the last dedicated hard copy issue of the Church Point Post Quarterly Newsletter. Effective in 2014 with the winter issue, we will be primarily issuing the newsletter via email and posting on the website. As mentioned in the previous edition, we are requesting an email address from all homeowners to send the newsletter to. This email address will be maintained strictly as a newsletter database and not released for any other purpose. Please send you email address to newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. For those homeowners without computers or emails, hard copies will be mailed individually to your homes still. Please contact any Board Member, the Select Group (Bob Garrett) or send an email to newsletter if you wish to continue to receive a hard copy in the mail. Thanks again for you support in going **GREEN** and reducing our printing/ mailing costs. Special thanks to Church Point Neighbor Gary Shine for helping with the newsletter conversion to electronic distribution

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart



Thanks so much to everyone who came out to enjoy the Halloween Parade with us! It was a terrific afternoon full of spirit- both spooky and non spooky! Once again the Virginia Beach Police department volunteered their time to lead the parade safely down their path, and we are grateful to them as well as every resident who came out to cheer as the kids marched by. Congratulations to Reeves Caporicci for winning first place in the pumpkin carving contest! It was spectacular!

The approaching holidays means that two of our favorite events of the year are drawing near as we'll. You have less than 4 weeks from now to dress up your home in its holiday best for our 3rd Annual Holiday Lights Contest!! The very official judging will take place on the evening of Wednesday, December 18th. The same rules still apply; one winner will be chosen from each section of the neighborhood (Commons, Quays, Mews, Bishops Court) and the homes who were awarded last year's prize will be exempt from this year's awards (sorry- we still can't wait to see your homes though!!).

Additionally, we are thrilled to announce that the 2nd Annual Church Point Holiday Party will take place on Sunday, December 22nd from 7-10PM at SALT in the Church Point Commons Shopping Center on Pleasure House Road. The restaurant will be closed that evening, except for our event, so let's hope for a nice evening and we can spill out onto their beautiful patio.

Tickets are \$40/ person and include amazing hors d'oeuvres and 2 drink tickets. A cash bar will also be available, should your drink tickets run out. If you are not a drinker, you may purchase a reservation without the beer/wine included for \$32/person. Reserve your spot by sending your money to Bobbie Hart at 4036 Timber Ridge Drive. Please include the names of the people attending (we will be printing name tags) and an email address. Make checks payable to Barbara Hart.

Reserve your place right away. Last year the Holiday Party sold out and was a terrific event. Don't miss this chance to celebrate to season with your neighbors and friends at this terrific restaurant. We hope to see you there! As always, please email us at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com if you have any questions at all. Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates at www.facebook.com/churchpoint.

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PUMPKIN CARVING 2013



Neighborhood Watch – Fall 2013

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

Church Point crime rates continue to drop each year and that is a great testament to homeowners being more aware and cautious of their surroundings. The majority of the crimes reported this year continue to be related to vehicle break-ins with the overwhelming percentage reported as unlocked vehicles. We realize homeowners can get complacent living in our statistically safe neighborhood but please err on the side of caution and lock your vehicles especially during the holiday season. If you do become a victim of crime, please ensure you notify your block captain or Neighborhood Watch. Every report filed is important and is used by the 3rd precinct as statistical data to increase patrols of Church Point. Here are some tidbits from the VB Police Dept - Crime Prevention Chronicle to keep you and your possessions safe this holiday season:

WHILE OUT AND ABOUT SHOPPING

- Always be aware of your surroundings – walk with your head up, shoulders back and constantly scan the area around you.
- Park in well-lit areas, lock your vehicle & take your keys with you. Have your keys in hand as you return to your vehicle.
- Keep valuables and packages out of sight (preferably in a locked trunk). Make periodic trips with packages to your vehicle to avoid being overwhelmed and unable to react if you are approached or attacked.
- If you are alone after dark, request an escort to your vehicle from Mall security or ask other citizens if you can walk out with them as there is safety in numbers.
- Make sure you keep a close eye on children and talk to them about what to do if they get separated from you in a store.
- If you are approached by an armed criminal demanding your valuables, comply with their request. Your property is replaceable, *you* are not.

If you are currently not participating in the Church Point Neighborhood Watch Program and would like to or are interested in being a block captain, you can e-mail us at cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

Will Work for \$\$\$: Church Point Youth Available for Odd Jobs

Need some work done around the house, but don't want to hassle with a contractor? Try these local residents who are willing to do part-time work.

Name	Services
Alex Dworetsky 353-2809	Dog-walking/sitting in your house; also, lawn mowing and edging.
Michael Burke 363-1939	Home, driveway and fence pressure washing along with yard work
Colin Judge 470-5982	Yard work, lawn mowing, window washing
Joseph Greco 449-1401	Computer/Laptop Tune-ups, Repairs, Upgrades & maintenance services
Cary Greco 460-5680	Drum Lessons for beginners & advanced students
Zachary Kreiser 363-9801	Lawn mowing
Scotty Carter 313-6111	Dog walking-sitting and also lawn mowing

If you would like to be added to the list, please contact newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com with your contact info and the types of work you're available for.

Contractor Recommendations

If you have found someone who does good work at great prices, your neighbors would like to know! If you want to recommend someone, just email newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. Provide the information below.

Company	Recommended by	Services	Comments
Solid Structures Decks & Fences Scott Prunty – 462-9185	Dana and Alena Weiner	Decks-Fences-Pavers-Outdoor Kitchens	Prompt, professional and reasonably priced
Baker Tree Service Bruce Baker 757-663-1851	Michael Rowland	Tree removal and trimming plus mulch delivery/install	Crew was well managed & efficient. Bruce was honest, open and gave sound advice.
Pipeline Pools 757-737-0076 sales@pipelinepoolsinc.com	Vicki and John McNamara	Pool services and liners	Replaced a pool liner for us. Their prices were reasonable & they were reliable/ hard working
Chandelier Master www.chandeliermasher.com 1-866-788-0006	Suzie Duckworth – for referral on November Service 363-1050	Chandelier cleaning and restoration. Installs and services chandelier motors.	Professional Chandelier cleaner out of NYC. Travels to Va Bch in November annually to take care of customers
Sharp Tree Service James Sharp – 373-8437	Rick Little	Tree removal, pruning and installation. Stump grind and removal	USN Retired, licensed and insured, Free Estimates. Arborist. Dependable, Reasonable and excellent clean up of work area

Church Point Garden Club

By Suzie Duckworth, President of the Garden Club



Santa Claus will greet the children of Church Point Neighborhoods on Saturday December 14th from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. This is an annual event sponsored by the garden club. The rain date will be Sunday 15th from 1:00P.M. To 3:00 P.M. Santa and Mrs. Claus always look forward to greeting the children. Come join us for cookies and Hot Cider.

Our garden club will resume our meetings on Thursday January 8th at the home of JoJo Lotuaco. Our speaker will be the delightful Marie Butler Landscape Coordinator, Virginia Zoo on Shady Characters. Please feel free to call me if you would like to join us. We are always looking for new members. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Suzie Duckworth 757-363-1050

Your neighbor,
Suzie Duckworth

Landscape of the Month Award Winners:

Submitted by Mary Jane Morewitz / Chairperson

Congratulations to the following Church Point Homeowners for their outstanding efforts in landscape design and maintenance:

SEPTEMBER - Michael and Vera Spruiell, "*The Commons & Bishops Court*"



OCTOBER – Robert and Sharon Whipkey, "*The Quays & the Commons East*"

(photo not included)

NOVEMBER – Bud and Masil Larguier, "*The Mews*"



CHURCH POINT ROAD – TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

The project is still on track for completion by the City before end of 2013. The old diseased Honey Locust trees have been removed from the City easement on the south side of Church Point Road from the Gazebo to the Manor House along with many trees on the North side of the street in homeowner's yards within the City easement. As a reminder, the City will be replacing the diseased Honey Locusts trees with a hardy Zelkova to restore the tree lined canopy look along Church point Road. These new trees will come with a one year warranty from the City.

Although the project and quantity for replacing the trees by the City this year was finalized in September, there are many homeowners on the North side of Church Point Road that still have the old diseased Honey Locust trees in their yards along the street easement. In an effort to continually improve the overall appearance of Church Point and to better blend with the south side of the street, the Board is still accepting requests from homeowners on the North side that would like to have the old diseased Honey Locust trees removed at no cost to the homeowner. Please contact the Select Group Property Manager, Bob Garrett, to request your tree be removed and help restore the beautiful landscaping of Church Point.



AREC Corner – Fall 2013

By Ron Creamer, Chairman

Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

We had a good number of applications submitted this year for projects to enhance the appearance of homes and overall curb appeal of the community. I just wanted to take a second to thank those that applied timely and remind everyone for the future to please get your applications in early prior to the start of your project. AREC needs time to review and perform a site inspection of the property, if necessary, while affording time to get the recommendation paperwork to the Board for their monthly Board Meeting. As always, AREC just recommends and final approvals or rejections can only come from the Board of Directors. Unfortunately, we have had an increase in violation letters begin sent out this year over last year. The majority of the violations were for trash bags/debris and trash/recycle cans being put out too early – the rules are clear that trash is to be put out no earlier than Tuesday and not prior to. We continue to see instances of weekend landscaping bags being put out on Saturday or Sunday, several days before trash pickup. Grass clippings and of course leaves during this time of year are the greatest problems. Also, please ensure your trash cans are brought back up to the home no later than Wednesday evening. Don't let your trashcans sit out all night Wednesday – if you are out of town, please ask neighbors to put out or take back in your cans for you. Again, the intent of the rules is to maintain the curb appeal of the community and having trash out on the curb for several days in advance is not acceptable.

Remember, curb appeal affects all homeowners both positive and negative so please do your part to help us maintain the curb appeal of our community. If you have questions about whether an application is required or not, please don't hesitate to contact us at arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

GAZEBO REPAIRS

Recently, it was noted that the gazebo rails and upper copula were continuing to deteriorate from years of exposure to the elements. Instead of replacing the railing again with wood, the Board decided to reduce ongoing maintenance challenges and replace the upper and lower railing sections along with wood column wrapping with newer PVC/Vinyl cladding and railing. These new rails will not rot and will increase safety around the gazebo while reducing ongoing long term maintenance costs for the HOA.

The repairs are ongoing but are scheduled for completion in time for Santa's visit on the 14th of December.



BRIDGE AROUND THE LAKE

The Board recently approved a project to install some safety lighting along the bridge around the lake. The increased number of homeowners using the bridge to walk to nearby retail and food establishments, walking pets or exercising in evenings creates a safety issue with visibility in the darkness of that bridge. The bridge was recently pressure washed and clear sealed to increase the longevity of the wood. The lighting will be installed by members of the Board of Directors, again volunteering their time and labor to save the HOA money. Additionally, protective wood caps were installed over the deteriorating posts by Rick Little, BOD Treasurer – Thanks for your hard work Rick.





Your Church Point Babysitting Resource

Our list of available babysitters in Church Point is shrinking! If you want to be added to the list, just email me at newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. Also, babysitters please update your info if it's changed.

Name	Age	Phone	Info
Stacy Judge	15	470-5982	Red Cross trained; loves kids; experienced as a Mother's Helper; references available
Bailey Kreiser	17	363-9801	5 years experience; CPR and lifeguard qualified
Zachary Kreiser	15	363-9801	2 year experience; CPR, lifeguard qualified
Javier Martin	15	867-3572	Speaks English and Spanish; experienced
Allyson Moseley	16	752-0059	Red Cross certified, experienced

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Information from the Virginia Beach Police Dept: CRIME PREVENTION CHRONICLE. Fall 2013 issue

"I'm Telling You Officer, I Remember Locking My Car Last Night..."

It has been said over and over that if criminals actually took all that effort they put into some of their more elaborate schemes and used it for something positive, they could have a very successful and law abiding career. Unfortunately, we are once again seeing a growing crime trend involving high-tech gadgetry. Thieves have developed a handheld device that they carry with them and when they approach a locked vehicle, use this device to electronically pop open the vehicle door locks. On most cars, when you hit the unlock button, it sends a code to the car. That code is encrypted and constantly changing, and should be hack proof; yet these criminals have figured out a way to crack it. So how do we protect our vehicle and out belongings? Continue to follow the following tips:

- Park in well-lit areas
- Never leave anything of value in your vehicle, and lock it when you exit
- Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle. If a criminal finds it, they can easily access your home next.
- Do not leave any other keys (e.g. to other vehicles, your house, etc.) in your car. Thieves have been known to steal more than one vehicle from their victims.
- Do not leave your registration in your glove box (or anywhere else in your car for that matter). If your car gets broken into at the mall or somewhere else other than your home, the criminal can now know your home address and the likely fact that nobody is home (because they got your registration out of your glove box).
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended (e.g., to warm up or while you quickly run inside a convenience store).

For more information on how to keep your vehicle safe, visit the VA State Police "HEAT" website at:
www.heatreward.com

EXPOSED:

This is something all the residents of Church Point MUST read.

Dr. Arthur Rex and Sunni Jenkins of Church Point tell the TRUTH about The Painter, Inc.

It was early in the year of 2006, as I was leaving Church Point in Virginia Beach; I saw a little handmade sign on the corner that said nothing more than The Painter, Inc. and a cell phone number. Since we had recently purchased a 3 story house on Spring House Trail in late fall of 2005 and knew we would be in need of a “painter” for numerous renovation projects over the next 5-6yrs, I saved his number in my cell phone. Shortly thereafter, we were ready to begin our first project and called Gabriel Goar, “The Painter, Inc.” for an estimate. There was no doubt that it was a large undertaking for anyone, much less Gabriel who had just started his business 2 months prior. He was an interesting young man, having never worked for another painting company before, launching out on his own in pursuit of the American dream. Gabriel walked through our home, gave us an estimate that I could not refuse, not because he was the least expensive, he wasn’t, but because I saw his character and eager spirit to do a great job. We decided to accept his proposal instead of the other two companies from whom we had received bids. As the project proceeded, there were a few things that needed our attention, like... many young men, and some adults as well, found it difficult to arrive at our house at the appointed time. Being of the generation that punctuality is a given, I sat him down and had a business discussion with him about the importance of being on time as promised. Since then, seeing the wisdom of our discussion, the painters have been routinely punctual and often early! During the initial project, Gabriel and his small crew of two other men spent a lot of time painting the interior of our home, but did it with perfect detail and precision. **I was extremely impressed with not only the quality of his workmanship but the fact that he was an honest, truthful, kind and sweet young man.** After they removed several bathrooms of wallpaper and painted the entire interior of our home, we said goodbye to Gabriel until the next project.

That was the beginning of 2006, it is now the beginning of 2012 and Gabriel and his men have been coming over to our house to paint something new, every six months. There is no doubt that I am truly blessed to have found a painter who cares about my property and who does not overcharge just because he knows that we are not getting other estimates. He has maintained his attention to detail, his standard of quality high, and trustworthiness over numerous projects over the past 6 years. **We are currently using Gabriel on a project again. If anyone in Church Point or the Hampton Roads Area is in need of a painter that really cares about their property, has a sincere interest in a long-term working friendship, where quality and detail is pertinent, I fully and whole heartedly recommend Gabriel Goar, “The Painter, Inc.”**

If you are looking for a painter give him a call at **757-450-6239**. Tell him that Sunni Jenkins told you about him and mention this article. He will be “Johnny on the Spot”. You will NOT be disappointed!



Sunni Jenkins

Church Point Community Bulletin Board

If you have recommendations for contractors' services or nominations for kudos for residents with noteworthy achievements for future newsletters, please send your recommendations to newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com

- Want to advertise your business to your Church Point neighbors? We accept ads as small as a business card up to a full page. If you are interested in placing an ad in a future newsletter for a nominal fee, please contact Bob Garrett at Select Group or email newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com .We'll send you a form with prices and other information you'll need. The form is also available at our website, www.churchpointonline.com on the News page. Newsletters are currently published quarterly.
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