

## Fall 2014 Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

## President's Corner - Fall 2014

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable summer and many of you, I'm sure, are glad the kids are back in school. First of all, let me thank the Social Committee for a fantastic community picnic at the Gazebo in September and say Great Job. What a terrific turnout to see so many neighbors of Church Point come together for a wonderful afternoon of fun, food and entertainment. Hopefully, we can continue this tradition and those of you that were unable to attend will join us next time. The Mews Monument sign was finally completed recently and a special thanks to Board Member Rick Little for managing this project and personally installing the solar lights that illuminate the sign at night. What a tremendous improvement over the old white sign on the post that originally identified this entrance to our community for 20 years.

Several of the new trees planted along Church Point Road didn't survive the warm and dry summer. They have already been identified by the Landscape Committee who is coordinating with the City to replace the trees under warranty, along with adding a couple of trees not planted in the spring. Thank You to Paula Larkin from the Landscape Committee for her continued dedication in closely monitoring the trees, our landscaping and especially our irrigation. Paula personally coordinated the water truck and watering with Basnight Landscaping to ensure we didn't lose any more of the landscaping this summer.

As many homeowners have noticed, the street sign refurbishment project is underway. The old rusted iron arms are being sanded, primed and repainted along with adding a gold tip to the end. Some of you recall that over the years, several arms had fallen off and the city completely replaced those wooden posts with standard metal poles. Good news is that I have been working with the City on this project and have gotten them to agree to provide the labor to replace those metal poles with matching wooden posts, saving the HOA money. Additionally, the City will be replacing all of the green street signs throughout the community since many are aged, faded and have peeling letters. Shortly, we will have new refurbished arms, new street signs and all matching posts.

This year's annual meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the meeting room of the Bayside Recreation Center. In addition to reviewing the 2015 budget, we will also be holding annual elections for Board positions with two Board members up for re-election this year – myself and Rick Little. I hope everyone can attend the annual meeting and bring any new ideas, concerns, comments to the Board or just come and say hi to everyone. As the holiday seasons approach, as always, please watch your speed through the community, be on the lookout for children and be extra cautious on Halloween.





## Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck



#### Fall is here!

Hello Neighbors! It was great to see the big community turn out for the Picnic and Oyster Roast in September. As this was the first Church Point picnic in many years, we were thrilled with the amazing attendance! As everyone knows, we truly couldn't have done it without Salt's sponsorship. They generously donated the oysters, BBQ (pulled pork and cole slaw), hot dogs and beer, as well as the time and the talent of their staff members. We are grateful to Tim Soliday and his entire team for their work and dedication to our neighborhood!

Besides the good food and drink, the crowds were entertained by some local Church Point talent - Emma Morris and Jack Colgan each took a turn providing music during the afternoon. The day then ended with a Church Point favorite - The Tiki Bar Band featuring Margarita Bill. The children's lawn games were executed by some terrific neighborhood teen volunteers, and the kids had a great time at the 3-legged race, sack races and more.

The Social Committee members put a lot of effort into the big day and had fun doing it. Monies raised from the 5K race in the spring, along with the support of the Board of Directors made this all possible. Thanks to everyone who communicated their appreciation following the event, it meant a lot to us! We hope you had fun and are definitely planning on making this an annual event.

The annual Children's Halloween Parade will take place on Sunday, October 26th at 4PM. Dress in costume and meet at the gazebo ahead of time in preparation to march at 4PM. As always, there will be a VB Police Car to lead the way, as well as crafts and a DJ ready for a dance party upon returning to the gazebo. The parade route will travel west on Church Point Place and turn around at the Caversham Mews entrance. Please come out and wave to the kids!

Start planning your holiday décor now in preparation for the annual Holiday Lights Contest in December (judging will occur on December 17<sup>th</sup>), and our Annual Holiday Party will be at Salt on Sunday, December 21st. More details soon about both events. The Social Committee works hard creating activities to bring the community together and add value to our neighborhood, so please come out and join in the fun whenever you get the chance. As always, we are open to any suggestions and please be sure to follow Church Point in Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchpoint.

Save the Date! Sunday, October 26 @ 4PM Children's Halloween Parade Wednesday, December 17 Holiday Lights Contest Sunday, December 21 (Time TBD) CP Holiday Party at Salt





















Photo credits: Ashley Soliday



Photo credits: Social Committee

## **Church Point Garden Club**

Submitted by Laura Jacobson, 1st Vice President



Fall is suddenly upon us with beautiful skies one minute and the next minute enough rain to build the ark, making it difficult to plan the usual landscape preparations for the coming seasons. Please consider using organic treatments in your yards and gardens to reduce the toxic effects that regular chemicals have on our surrounding environments, especially those residents with properties near our waterways.

As mentioned in the last article, our Club program calendar features floral demonstrations and workshops, informative speakers from our local Master Gardener's group about the environmental effects on gardening and houseplants, a speaker from the new Brock Environmental Center, Garden and Home tours, and participation in Garden Club Council projects for our City.

We will continue our maintenance projects in our neighborhood at the entrances as well as our new project at the 'Mews' pond.

## The annual 'Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo' will take place on Saturday, December 13th, starting at 1pm, with a rain date on Sunday, December 14th.

If you are interested in joining our Garden Club, or would like more information on our activities, contact Suzie Duckworth (President) at 363-7524 or Laura Jacobson (1st Vice President) at 363-7524.

## Landscape of the Month

Submitted by: Terri Russell, Chairman

Our "Landscape of the Month" program recognizes deserving residents for outstanding landscape design and lawn maintenance within the neighborhood. Beginning in April and ending in late Fall, a recipient is selected from the following areas: The Quays & Commons East, The Commons & Bishops Court, and The Mews.

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

AUGUST (Club President's Choice) - Warren and Robin Miller, "The Quays & Commons East"

SEPTEMBER – Carl and Christine Cowen, "The Quays & Commons East"

OCTOBER - John and Deb Hall, "The Mews"

## AREC Corner – Fall 2014

#### By Ron Creamer, Chairman Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

Although this summer was slower than normal for new architectural change applications, it was a very busy couple of months for homeowners doing refurbishments on their homes. From new roofs, to new windows and several replaced driveways that were cracking, it was great to see so many homeowners working on their homes. Although the Board of Directors does a great job maintaining the common lands, it is the appearance of individual homes that is the real curb appeal to our community. If you didn't get a chance this summer, take a look at your home and see if it needs power washing, painting, new windows or trim, or even a new roof. As always, an AREC application is not required if your repairs and replacements to your home don't change the original color, material, design, size, etc.

Fall brings the changing color of leaves and their eventual falling to the ground. As a reminder, leaves must be bagged in clear yard waste bags for pickup by the city and by HOA rules, cannot be placed on the curb in front of your home any earlier than Tuesday (the day before trash pickup). Please keep this in mind and please don't place your lawn debris and leaf bags on the curb prior to Tuesday. Most of us, who don't have lawn service during the week, use the weekends for yard work. Please store your bags behind the rear foundation of your home out of sight from the street until Tuesday. The weekends are popular times for friends and family to visit as well as prospective homeowners to tour the neighborhood looking for homes. What they don't want to see are our streets lined with leaf bags or yard debris. It is not the curb appeal appearance we want in Church Point and it is a rules violation.

Curb appeal affects all homeowners both positively and negatively so please do your part to help maintain the curb appeal of our community. If you have questions about whether an application is required, please don't hesitate to contact us at <u>arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u>.

#### Neighborhood Watch – Fall 2014 By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone had a good summer. We truly enjoyed the Community Picnic at the Gazebo and would like to thank Salt and our awesome Social Committee for planning such a successful event.

To date, our biggest problem continues to be vehicles being broken into. We cannot stress the importance of making sure your vehicles are locked at all times. Do not leave valuables in sight that might draw attention.

As the holiday shopping season quickly approaches, please keep in mind the following safety tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings when parking and walking to stores
- Always park as close to store entrances as possible and in well-lit areas.
- If shopping alone at the mall after dark, ask security for an escort to your vehicle.
- Ladies please consider leaving your large purse at home. Only carry the cards/cash you intend on using.
- Be sure to place purchases in your trunk and out of sight.

In closing, if you see suspicious activity, call the VBPD non-emergency # 385-5000. 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 <u>cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u>.

# **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 many 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 almost the end of 2014 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 for the past 8 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!

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## SOLICITOR REQUIREMENTS

Per Article II, Section 26-26 of the Virginia Beach City Code, door-to-door solicitors must have a copy of the City-issued Solicitor's permit on their person at the time they are soliciting. Solicitor's Permits are obtained from the Police Services Division located in Building 11 (Police Headquarters). The box on the right side of the permit should contain a recent photo of the solicitor presenting it. Some businesses, such as charitable, non-profit organizations, and civic or religious organizations are exempt from this requirement; please see Virginia Beach City Code Section 26-26(b) for a complete listing of those organizations and individuals that are exempt from the Solicitor's permit requirements.

Individuals soliciting for charitable, non-profit, civic or religious organizations are required to register with the VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs. If you are unsure about donating to a certain organization, ask for a remittance envelope and tell the solicitor you may send in a donation at a later time. Such organizations can be verified online at <u>www.vdacs.virginia.gov</u> or by phone during business hours with the VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs: (804) 786-2042. Keep in mind there are also exemptions to this requirement so some charitable/non-profit organizations may not be registered with the Commonwealth of VA.

**REMEMBER:** Report all suspicious individuals and activity to the Police Non-Emergency Number (385-5000); for actual crimes in progress, call 911. Never allow solicitors into your home and verify their identity before even opening your door. Trust your instincts - if you feel uneasy, ask them to leave your property.

> FOR FURTHER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS, PLEASE CONTACT THE VIRGINIA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRIME PREVENTION UNIT AT 385-1006



### We have cleaned 12 homes in the Church Point Neighborhood!









Stop allowing mold to DESTROY the investment that you call your home. Mold not only deteriorates painted surfaces because mold holds moisture, it will also deteriorate the mortar in your bricks and the factory coating on your vinyl siding. Did you know one of the biggest causes of paint failure on a home is the fact homeowners allow mold (either black or green) to sit on painted surfaces?

The exterior surfaces of your home are constantly exposed to harmful elements, both man-made and natural. Ultraviolet light rays, wind, rain, dirt and grime physically attack surfaces causing them to degrade, discolor, oxidize or chalk over time. Mold, mildew, birds, insects, spiders, tree sap and "shot-gun" spores can add to these effects. Then comes the assaults caused by man made elements such as industrial pollution and automotive exhaust, add rain, chimney soot, and even smoke from your BBQ. These take their toll on your home over time. If not removed periodically they can destroy the beauty and reduce the value of your property dramatically.

To maintain the appearance and value of your home, periodic cleaning of exterior surfaces is highly recommended. These include power washing or soft washing of your house, deck, roof, gutters, patio, walks and driveways. This cleaning can greatly slow the ravages of nature and will enhance the beauty and preserve the value of your home. Don't delay, call today to schedule your cleaning!

757-289-8343









#### 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 <u>newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u>. 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	

#### 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.			
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 <u>newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u> with your contact info and the types of work you're available for.					

#### **Contractor Recommendations**

If you found someone who does good work at great prices, let your neighbors know! To make a recommendation, email <u>newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u> and 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.chandeliermaser.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 work area clean up
Mr. Clean Services Ray Taylor 757-406-2731 raytaylor@cox.net	Carrie Lauck	Mobile auto detailing, pressure washing, carpet and furniture cleaning	Hired twice a year for auto detailing. Super talented and amazing outcome for a great price – makes our cars look like new!
Jason Collins - Carpenter 375- 0147 or 368-4415	Doyle & Frances Quisenberry	Home maintenance and repairs.	Great repairs, none better and reasonably priced

## **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 <u>newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u>

- 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 <u>newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</u>. We'll send you a form with prices and other information you'll need. The form is also available at our website, <u>www.churchpointonline.com</u> on the News page. Newsletters are currently published quarterly.
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