



Spring 2012

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

Annual Community Yard Sale Set For Saturday, May 12

The annual Church Point Yard Sale is right around the corner on **Saturday May 12th from 8AM-1PM**, so if you have not gathered your treasures to sell yet, the time is now. Yard sale morning always draws a large crowd from outside of our neighborhood thanks to an ad in the newspaper that is covered by the HOA.

This year we are going to try something new and have interested homeowners contribute \$1 to offset the cost of running the ad, and in exchange we will have volunteers hand out a neighborhood map at the entrances to send potential buyers to your yard. We do have a number of participants already and will be able to add more up until 24 hrs ahead of the sale, so send us an email to get your home on the map. Money will be collected that morning. In order to make this successful we will also need some volunteers, so if you have the ability to help pass out the maps that AM (or know a young adult who does!), it would be a big help. Without some volunteers, the map distribution will not be possible. Please email us at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com to list your home or to volunteer time that morning.

Calendar Added to Church Point Website

Our community website, www.churchpointonline.com, has a new look and a new feature. A Calendar tab has been added, and it includes upcoming events, meetings, and activities. If you haven't visited the site in a while, you'll like the new look. If you have never used the site, now is the time to bookmark it and go back often to keep up on your community. Along with the Church Point Facebook page, the website provides excellent on-line access to all things Church Point.

President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Spring has finally arrived and it is great to see homeowners outside and enjoying our neighborhood. The Board will be focusing on maintaining our common land and community curb appeal this spring and we encourage homeowners to focus on their homes and yards this spring also. The Board has contracted to begin replacing the diseased trees along Church Point Road this spring (the trees between the sidewalk and the street that most owners would recognize with the extensive mistletoe growing during the winter). The trees will be removed (including the stump) and new trees planted in new adjacent locations. Although the HOA project only targets the trees on the public easement, any homeowner with an identical tree on the opposite side of Church Point Road that is interested in having their trees removed also, please contact the property manager for info on the contractor to take advantage of the volume pricing the HOA has received.

The Board has contracted to power wash the main entrance brickwork to remove stains and is reviewing options for a similar brick sign at the Mews entrance. Additionally, the Board will be reviewing options to maintain the multiple asphalt paths throughout the neighborhood along with the waterfront area for the safe use of all homeowners. I would like to recognize and say thank you to the Garden Club for volunteering their time to clean up the banks of the lake of trash and debris recently in support of beautifying our community.

In closing, please enjoy the warmer weather, enjoy our common areas and as always be cautious while driving with more kids, bikes, joggers, etc. on the roads.

Neighborhood Watch by Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. We have several reports of speeding and reckless driving in the neighborhood recently. Please be especially cautious as more homeowners and kids are out playing and riding bikes. Although our neighborhood crime rate has come down, other neighborhoods haven't been as lucky. We were reminded at our last precinct meeting that approximately 60% of burglaries take place during the day. Below are a few suggestions.

1. Lock all doors including side garage and sliding glass doors.
2. Set your alarm when leaving your home.
3. Keep overgrown shrubs and hedges trimmed below windows.
4. If you are going out-of-town, have a neighbor check your porch daily for any deliveries.

In closing, if you see suspicious activity, call the VBPD non-emergency number 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 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 |
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| Alex Dworetsky 353-2809 | Dog-walking/sitting in your house; also, lawn mowing and edging. |
| Donald Burke 363-1939 | Home pressure washing, yard work |
| Michael Burke 363-1939 | Home pressure washing, 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 & advances students |
| Zachary Kreiser 363-9801 | Lawn mowing |
| Beth Tamburello 409-9813 | Pet-sitting (dog-lover), tutoring; VT grad available evenings and weekends |

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Art Show at Manor House to Benefit Children's Hospital

A festival of local artists will be selling their work to benefit The Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters at the Church Point Manor Historic Bed & Breakfast on **Sunday, May 6th from 11am to 4pm**. Sponsored by Circle by the Bay of the King's Daughters. For more information, contact Robyn Bailey 621-4308 or email heronshope@cox.net.



Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1st Vice-President of the Garden Club

Every year it seems spring is full of surprises with dramatic weather changes. Our blooming cycle began earlier than expected and landscape preparation was underway also earlier than expected. The colors this year seem so vibrant in our lawns, trees, and floral beds thanks to a very mild winter.

As May approaches, so does the end of a very productive year. Educational topics such as organic gardening concepts, container gardening, growing our own bouquets, floral design workshop, and improving our homes curb appeal were highlights in our schedule. In addition, we toured the Moses Meyers House in Norfolk and participated in many projects throughout the city as members of the Council of Garden Clubs of Va. Beach.

In March we hosted a fundraiser for the neighborhood, a three part series entitled "Our Environmental Footprint," to raise awareness about Church Point's impact on the environment around us. Although the attendance was moderate, I believe our mission to educate our neighbors was successful. Our speakers were well informed on environmental issues and landscape improvements in design and organic methods. **I'd like to thank all those in attendance and especially the staff at the Manor House who graciously offered that beautiful atmosphere for our programs!**

In addition, our Club has taken on a new project for our neighborhood which involves improving the condition of our area around the bridge in the Mews. Our first phase has been to clean-up and monitor waste removal from the water's edge. The second phase will include planting appropriate landscape to improve environmental conditions in that area. We would appreciate assistance from all residents with picking up debris in your own yards and roads. Our plans are to continue to monitor waste buildup at the water's edge throughout the year.

In closing I'd like to thank current members for their assistance and participation in all projects, and I look forward to another great year in 2012- 2013.

Landscape of the Month Program:

Submitted by Mary Jane Morewitz, Chairperson

Once again it's that time of the year when we begin our "Landscape of the Month" program, which recognizes a deserving resident for outstanding landscape design and lawn maintenance within our three neighborhood areas. Beginning in April and ending in late Fall, a recipient is selected, alternating months, from the following areas, The Quays & Commons East, The Commons & Bishops Court, and The Mews. With so many beautiful landscapes to choose from, it is a real honor to receive this special award.

Congratulations to our April "Landscape of the Month" recipient: **Kevin and Deborah King** in "The Quays and Commons East" area.

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Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart



Spring's arrival has brought the Social Committee back into full swing to offer a variety of terrific ways to get involved in the community. On April 12th we hosted a casual get together for the adults in the neighborhood over at Chick's Oyster Bar. The weather was phenomenal and they reserved some prime real estate on their back deck for our group. The drink specials were awesome and it was terrific to connect with more neighbors that we may not have otherwise met. Look for us to do this again later in the summer!

Did you know that May 20th is the official Church Point Day in the City of Virginia Beach? We think this is as good of a reason as any to celebrate- and we are going to do it from morning until evening. Starting at the 8AM check-in, the Church Point 5K Run/Walk is a wonderful way to start the day off properly. Following the 5K there will be a fun 25 yard dash for the little ones to participate in. Registration is \$5/person or \$10/family if you get your sign-up sheets in before May 12, and \$6/person or \$12/family after that. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward helping the Social Committee continue to bring fun events to the neighborhood and we hope for it to be the only fundraiser of the year. Because this is the first year for the 5K, pre-registration is greatly appreciated so that we can be prepared to accommodate the appropriate number of participants. If you do not have a registration form you can print one from the Church Point website or we can email you a copy.

Later in the evening of May 20th, we will wrap up the Church Point Day festivities with the popular Music in the Park series. This evening will feature the music of favorite local classic rock band, Zig Zag. This concert is at the gazebo from 5-7 PM, is free and great for all ages. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic and enjoy the show!

Finally, in the spirit of giving back beyond our own neighborhood on the Church Point Day, we will also be sponsoring a food drive to benefit the FoodBank of Southeastern Virginia. You can bring donations to the race in the morning, or a collection box will be located at the gazebo all day, until the concert ends at 7PM.



As always, please feel free to send us an email at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com with any questions or comments and be sure to connect with us via the Facebook page www.facebook.com/churchpoint. We are always thrilled to accept new members and enjoyed getting to some newcomers at our second Social Committee Progressive Dinner that took place in early April. Come join us because we would love to have you at the next one!

AREC Corner – “Spring Projects and Curb Appeal”

By Ron Creamer, Chairman Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee (AREC)

As Spring approaches and Homeowners begin their annual Spring projects, AREC wants to remind all homeowners (and please notify your tenants) that an Architectural Change Application (available on our association website) is required anytime you make a change to the exterior of your property. An application is required whether you are adding a pool or a room addition, changing the size of your deck or patio or even changing the color of the outside of your home. If you are repairing something and the end result is either the same product or looks exactly like the original then no application is needed.

Additionally, as the Board of Directors is responsible for maintaining the curb appeal of our community through maintaining the common lands, homeowners are responsible for doing their part in maintaining the curb appeal of the community by maintaining their homes and yards. Both AREC and the Property Manager will be focusing in 2012 on ensuring homeowners are maintaining their yards, home exteriors, driveways and fences. Curb appeal is critical to the appearance of our neighborhood and directly impacts resale value of homes. Please do your part to keep your lawns cut and landscaped beds free of weeds and debris. Take a look at your homes to see if they need updated exterior painting or cleaned up to look fresh. Your cedar fences should also be cleaned if they are turning green and your metal fences should be free of rust and corrosion. Finally, please remember that yard waste and trashcans cannot be placed at the curb earlier than 3PM on Tuesday afternoon and need to be removed from the curb by Wednesday at midnight. Noise restrictions are in effect for Sundays (no grass cutting/chainsaws/etc.), and both trashcans/recycle cans must be stored so they are not visible from the street. Thank you for doing your part to help maintain and enhance the appearance of our neighborhood.

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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



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Contractor Recommendations

Looking for a contractor you can trust to do some work around your house? Here are recommendations from your neighbors that might help. If you want to recommend someone, just email npcchurchpoint@cox.net.

| Company | Recommended by | Services | Comments |
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| Cooper Landscape Mgt. 456-5355 | Pam Ellis | Weed control, fertilizing, and seeding, among many other services | We have tried other companies and there is no comparison. They are a locally owned company. Their products are excellent and give results. |
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If you have recommendations for contractors' services or nominations for kudos for residents with noteworthy achievements for future newsletters, please send your recommendations to npchurchpoint@cox.net.

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