



Spring 2013

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

ANNUAL CHURCH POINT COMMUNITY YARD SALE SET FOR THIS SATURDAY, May 11th from 8AM-1PM

New Editor STILL Needed for Church Point Post Newsletter

By Peter Burke, Interim Editor

The recent relocation out of state by Neal Curtin, who had prepared the Church Point newsletter since 2005, has created the need for a new editor of our community newsletter. The HOA Board asks that anyone interested in taking over the editing duties please contact HOA president Pete Burke or any of the Board members.

In the interim until a new editor is selected, I am covering the duties as the editor. Fortunately, Neal left a CD and template for creating the newsletter and with the wonderful support of our committees, the work load is manageable for a homeowner willing to get involved and play a vital role in communicating to our homeowners as the editor.

Some basic Word skills are useful, but there are just basic computer skills or software experience required. Of course, previous experience working on a newsletter is always a plus.

Finally, it has been mentioned on several occasions to the Board about having the newsletter go green by transitioning to an electronic version distributed via email. The timing of change to a new editor is a good time to explore this opportunity. Although paper copies would still be mailed to those homeowners requesting one, the reduced printing costs would save the HOA almost \$2,000 annually while helping the environment with reduced paper consumption. We have established the new email for the editor of the newsletter and for general submissions as newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. We encourage the feedback from all homeowners referencing this subject to please send your input to the email address either in favor or not. We want to hear from you and of course, if you do not have email access, you can contact the property manager directly to submit your input.

President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

I, for one, sure am glad the long cold winter has finally ended and warmer spring temperatures have arrived. It is great to see the multitude of spring colors abound in yards and homeowners outside again enjoying our wonderful community. The Board will be focusing on maintaining the common areas and structures this spring and we encourage homeowners to focus on their homes and yards. As the housing market continues to improve, our continued curb appeal benefits all of our values and Church Point has always had a reputation for manicured landscaping and well maintained homes.

The Board had planned on replacing the diseased honey locust trees along Church Point Road this spring but unfortunately challenges with the contractor which required replacing them, questions on gas piping locations in the easement from Miss Utility and schedule coordination with the City of Virginia Beach and the Property Manager hindered our ability to accomplish the project this spring. Since this was a project in partnership with the City and utilizing their planting crews, we had a very tight window to squeeze our tree plantings into their schedule of resources. As such, this project has unfortunately been deferred to the fall but we have received a commitment from the City to ensure we are firmly locked into their fall installation schedule. The delay of this project to the fall now allows more time for any undecided homeowner living on the North side of Church Point Road between the Gazebo and the Manor House, still interested in participating in the program, to take advantage of this opportunity for a new tree to replace their diseased tree. Trees eligible for the program have been marked with a white dot at the base of the trunk. Just contact the property manager for information on participating in this program.

Finally, the Board will continue to evaluate ways to maintain clearances in the Mews drainage culvert and options for dredging accessible areas of the lake to increase the volume of water flow and lake retention to help mitigate flooding in the Mews. Those homeowners along the culvert are asked to help keep yard debris and especially branches from the culvert that could dam it up. Additionally, the Garden Club has been working to maintain the lake and bank vegetation areas and to keep it free of trash so many thanks for their help and continued efforts to keep our community looking great.

As always, please enjoy our community and its many amenities but be cautious while driving of our youth playing outside and those getting exercise by jogging, walking or cycling.

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart



There is quite a bit of activity going on with the Social Committee this spring, as we prepare to enter our third season of annual activities. Bobbie Hart hosted a lovely Ladies' Brunch in March that was well attended by many neighbors and a terrific Happy Hour at The Cellars was filled to the brim with a fun bunch of Church Point friends in April.

The annual Neighborhood Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 11th from 8AM to 1PM. This popular event draws hundreds of people from the community plus, it is also the only day of the year that we are allowed to do a yard sale per HOA regulations, so start cleaning out those closets now! A popular addition to last year's event was a neighborhood map with marked homes that were hosting sales. Maps will be posted at the neighborhood's entrances for shoppers to grab on their way in. **If you are interested in being highlighted on the map, there is a small \$3 fee that will be used to offset the cost of placing the neighborhood's ad in the Pilot.** Email social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com to be included in this opportunity. All map inquiries must be in by Wednesday, May 8th.

The Social Committee is thrilled to announce that the 2nd Annual Church Point Day 5K Run/Walk is coming to the streets of Church Point on Sunday, May 19th!! Check-in is at 8AM with an 8:30AM start time. Registration is \$6/person or \$10/family. Look for registration form will form to be distributed in your mailboxes and email inboxes shortly. Kindly sign-up as early as possible to help us prepare for this awesome event. Following the 5K will be a Children's 25 Yard Dash that does not require either pre-registration or the fee. The race will begin at the common area on the waterfront on Spring House Trail, near the plaque commemorating May 20th as Church Point Day in Virginia Beach. What better way to celebrate our day than to be healthy as a community together!

A Church Point staple is returning to the gazebo on Sunday, June 9th. Come see the very talented Tiki Bar Band perform all of your favorite songs from 5-7 PM. Pack a chair and a picnic and get ready for a great evening with your neighbors. This event is free, family friendly and always well attended.

Another way to celebrate Church Point Day is to give back to our local community. For the second year, Church Point will be hosting a food drive for the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. Please bring your non-perishable items to the 5K Run/Walk or to the Music in the Park event and we will pass them onto the Food Bank in Church Point's name. Thank you in advance for your participation!

As always, please email the Social Committee at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com with any ideas, questions or if you are interested in joining the fun and becoming a committee member. Keep up with all things Church Point by following us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchpoint.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE GAZEBO 2013 by CHKD Circle By The Bay



Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2013

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. We would like to remind everyone that with the warmer temperatures and schools letting out for summer break, there seems to be an increase in criminal activity in Church Point. Just recently, we received reports of planters being taken from a resident's front yard and an individual was caught on camera trying to open car doors. Last month during Spring Break, several vehicles were reported to have had items taken from them. Additionally, just this weekend we were notified that three young males between the estimated ages of 12-14 were seen climbing the fence behind the south practice tee at Bayville Golf Course. The following morning, it was discovered that two flags and a ball washer on holes #10 and #11 were taken. These items were worth approximately \$500.

Please keep your vehicle and home doors and windows locked at all times. The majority of the e-mails/reports we receive are thefts from vehicles that were left unlocked. As you are performing spring maintenance on your homes, please don't forget your exterior lighting and to keep bushes well pruned near windows and walkways.

As a reminder, the City of Virginia still has a curfew law in effect making it unlawful from 11pm -5am for youth under age 18 to be out on city streets, parks, public spaces, etc. If at any time, 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 cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

AREC Corner – Spring 2013

By Ron Creamer, Chairman

Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

Spring is the perfect time for home improvement projects from new roofs, new decks or a whole new addition to your home. I want to take the opportunity to help clarify the requirements for submitting an Architectural Change Request Form (available for printing on our website www.churchpointonline.com or from the property manager). The basic premise is that if you are making a CHANGE to the exterior of your home, then an application is required to be submitted. If you are making repairs to your home and restoring it to its original appearance, color, shape, size, etc. then an application is not required but when in doubt please submit an application.

Some recent examples to share with everyone to help clarify:

- Replacing your worn out or damaged roof shingles
 - Application is ONLY required if you are changing color of your roof shingles or the type of roof shingle – 3 tab architectural, etc. – that would change the original appearance of your roof
- Replacing or repairing a damaged mailbox
 - Application is only required ONLY if you are changing the size, shape, configuration, construction material (stucco, brick, etc) or even adding a new matching driveway column.
 - If your mailbox is unfortunately hit by a car or you are rebuilding it to match exactly what it used to look like in similar design, color, or construction material then no application is required.
- Replacing deck boards or patio railings
 - Application is only required if you are changing the deck board material (pressure treated wood to Trex Board as an example) or if you are changing the shape, dimensions, height, railing, etc.
 - Replacing rotted or damaged deck boards with no further changes then no application is required.
- Painting your home or trim
 - Application is only required if you are changing the color.

Finally, spring is the perfect time of year to pressure wash homes, driveways, mailboxes and **especially the fences along First Court Road which are in need of having the green growth removed**. 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.

Church Point Garden Club



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

What crazy weather we're having! Despite the climate ups and downs residents are doing a beautiful job of landscape updates and improvements.

As May approaches, so does the end of another very productive year. Our club has enjoyed programs from local Master Gardeners, Floral designers, Organic Landscape companies, and creating our own floral arrangements in workshops for the City of Va. Beach, and Va. Beach Historic Homes, and ourselves.

Our litter control project that began last year is still a challenge at times maintaining a trash-free environment along the bridge waterfront in the Mews area. We ask that all Church Point Residents living along the drainage area that separates our neighborhood and Thoroughgood refrain from dumping yard waste and landscape waste in those areas. It would also be helpful after our City trash pickup day if residents would pick up stray waste that is left behind from the City's trucks. Any help is appreciated which will ultimately reduce a repeat of our flood several years ago.

I'd like to thank our members for their assistance and participation in numerous projects we committed to in our own neighborhood and the City of Va. Beach. I look forward to another great year in 2013-2014.

If you are interested in joining our Garden Club, or would like more information on our activities, you may contact me at 363-7524.

Landscape of the Month Award Winners:

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. Starting in April and ending in late Fall, a recipient is selected, alternating months, from the following areas: *the Quays and Commons East, the Commons and Bishops Court, and the Mews*. It is a real honor to receive this award from such a beautiful selection of landscapes to choose from.

Congratulations to our April "Landscape of the Month" winner: **Pete and Kim Burke** in "*The Mews*" area.



PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN AND HEALTHY

As mentioned during the 2012 Annual Homeowners Meeting, there continues to be the occasional dog walker who is not cleaning up after their pet. As much as it is understood that this is one of the reason homeowners walk their dogs, it is the owners responsibility to clean up the POOP. Homeowners don't need it left in their yard and nobody wants it left on the bottom of their shoe. Whether you use a grocery bag, paper towel or the common newspaper delivery bag – please pick up the poop from your pet and dispose of it properly. It only takes one to make the neighborhood a mess but it takes all of us to keep our neighborhood clean and healthy for everyone.

POOP POLLUTES!

Hey, we all love dogs. But one of the facts of life of modern subdivision living is that dogs need their exercise and they need to poop somewhere in the development! Whether it's on the owner's lawn, the common area, or a neighbor's yard, it's important for the poop to be properly disposed of. The Virginia Beach SPCA launched an initiative in 2005 to convince dog owners that cleaning up pet waste is important to the environment. We've reprinted their poster here as a reminder. Below is their description of how Poop Pollutes:

The land...

Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites. Diseases that can be spread from pet waste include –

Campylobacteriosis (a bacterial infection causing diarrhea in humans)

Salmonellosis (the most common bacterial infection transmitted to humans from animals -- symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea)

Toxocarisis (roundworms transmitted from animals to humans. Symptoms include vision loss, rash, fever, or cough).

The water...

Pet waste degrades water quality leading to cloudy, green water from accelerated algae and weed growth, objectionable odors, and dead fish and other organisms. Up to one fourth of the fecal coliform in the polluted Lynnhaven River is from pet waste. Pet waste left in yards as far away as Green Run eventually reaches the city's historic waterway.

The air...

In addition to odors, flies and other pest insects can also increase when pet waste is disposed of improperly, becoming a nuisance and adding another vector for disease transmission.

Communities...Finally, pet waste pollutes friendships.



Poop Pollutes.

Neighborhoods. Friendships. The Beach. Parks and school yards.

Lakes and streams. Even the Lynnhaven River.

www.vbspca.com/poop



SCOOP THE POOP. SAVE THE RIVER.

Photography and Design by Kaitlin Watkins. Animal Spent, Leave the Dog and Call the Cleaner.

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.
Donald Burke 363-1939	Home, driveway and fence pressure washing along with yard work
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.



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

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 and efficient. Bruce was honest, open and gave sound advice. Listed on Angie's list also.
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 and they were reliable and hard working

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EXPOSED:

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

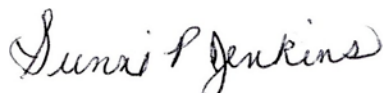
Dr. Arthur Rex and Sunni Jenkins of Church Point tell the TRUTH about The Painter, Inc.

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 middle of 2013 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 7 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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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

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