



Spring 2014

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

Finally, it appears the temperature swings and frigid air from this winter are behind us and spring has arrived. The spring bulbs are blooming and soon our tireless Garden Club will be working hard to get spring flowers around the entrances, etc. Although it was a long, tough winter, the Board was able to execute some wonderful projects specifically around the Lake in the Mews section. As part of an approach to increased safety on the bridge for homeowners, lighting was installed to illuminate the bridge walkway. For those of you enjoying the local eateries over the bridge or out for an evening run/walk, I am sure you will agree the new lights are a welcome sight from the previous darkness along the bridge. A special thank you to Board member, Jack Palmer, for assisting me with the installation of the lights on the bridge rails. Additionally, the Board (specifically Board member Rick Little who was project manager for this project) in cooperation with the city engineers and permits, was able to complete the refurbishment of the drainage culvert entering the lake. The base of the culvert and entry to the lake were deepened and graded to ensure proper flow, the bulkheads were rebuilt with new timbers and a rubber membrane along with new rip rap installed for stabilization to prevent erosion. These changes should ensure proper and consistent flow of storm water into the lake and reduce our chances of flooding. The final piece of the project this April will be to re-landscape the entrance area of the bridge in cooperation with local homeowners and our Garden Club.

The Board also completed the replacement of the diseased honey locust trees along Church Point Road with direct support and cooperation from the City whose crews executed the plantings. Thank you to homeowners for your support of the project and to those homeowners on the opposite side of the street that took the opportunity to replace their diseased trees with new ones. Additionally, in April work will commence on the installation of a brick monument sign for the Mews Entrance. A smaller scale version of the larger brick signage at the main entrance and portions of the costs for this project came from insurance money related to the car accident that caused damaged to HOA property.

As a reminder to those owners reading this newsletter who are currently renting your homes out; you are responsible for ensuring your tenants are aware of the HOA rules and regulations. Specifically those rules about noise restrictions after 6PM on Saturday until Monday morning along with not putting trash/yard debris out on the curb before Tuesday evening. Finally, please enjoy our community this spring, our many amenities along with the terrific events planned by our Social Committee but as always, please be cautious of our youth playing outside and those getting exercise by jogging, walking or cycling. Drivers please be diligent in watching your speed and parents, please watch your kids to keep them from running or biking into traffic.

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck



Spring Activities to Suit Every Neighbor!

We are so thrilled that the long winter is ending and the social calendar in Church Point is ramping up! A big "Thank you" to Bobbie Hart for opening her home for the 2nd Annual Ladies Brunch in March. The food was terrific and it was a nice morning of conversation with a group of lovely and dynamic women. We are already looking forward to the next one!

This coming Sunday (April 6th) is the Easter Egg Hunt, presented by Circle by the Bay of the Kings Daughter's for CHKD. One of the most popular events of the year, this fun afternoon includes crafts, coloring, music and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself! The Egg Hunt begins at 2PM, so pack your basket and don't be late for the kick off! Activities will be available both before and after the hunt. This event is free to attend, but a donation of \$5/child is suggested, with proceeds benefitting The Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Email abbyhulver@gmail.com to register your own little bunnies! Rain date is Sat, April 19 at 2PM.

Clear your calendars for the first Happy Hour of the season on Thursday, April 24th! Join us at The Cellars from 5-7 PM on the outside terrace for a full bar setting that includes a \$5 glass special of either a French red or white wine as well as a special tapas menu. Each guest is responsible for their own tab at this meet up. This happy hour is a terrific place to come out and meet new faces while enjoying the beautiful Manor House setting! These have been popular get-togethers in the past. No need to RSVP, but if you think you may want to stay and have dinner, reservations are highly recommended.

The Annual Church Point Yard Sale is set for Saturday, May 10th from 8AM-1PM. Always well attended, it draws hundreds of local bargain hunters to our neighborhood. As a reminder, this is the only day of the year we are permitted to have a yard sale, per the community by-laws, so take advantage! There will be a neighborhood map for distribution at both entrances to the neighborhood, which will be marked with participating homes. The fee to be included is \$3, which helps offset the cost of running the ad in the Virginia Pilot. Email Carrie at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com with your address.

On May 18th we celebrate the official Church Point Day with our 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk and Children's Dash. Look for the registration sheet and flyers with details of the early morning race to be in your mailboxes very soon. A healthy way to begin the day, this event has grown every year. Please consider joining up as a walker, runner or volunteer. Email michtimms@hotmail.com with any questions.

We are looking forward to these events and hope that you find one, or all of them, that suits you and your families. Please feel free to email us with any questions at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com and follow along on Facebook at www.facebook.com/churchpoint. We hope to see you soon!



Church Point Garden Club

Submitted by: Laura Jacobson/ 1st Vice President



Happy Spring! Or should I say winter?

The Church Point Garden Club has had a busy calendar this year filled with programs from Master Gardeners, Council projects for the City, historic home tours, and floral workshops. A program and tour of Brent and Becky's Bulbs in Gloucester in April will complete our meeting schedule. We continue to maintain both entrances and litter control in the Mews pond area and are currently working on enhancements at both sites.

I'd like to recognize the HOA Board for their continued support of our Garden Club projects to beautify our neighborhood.

I'd also like to thank all our ladies for their hard work and a big thank you to those neighbors who take a moment either in the form of a note, or stopping as we're planting, to recognize our efforts. It is greatly appreciated.

We hope that you all have a great summer!



Landscape of the Month

Submitted by: Terri Russell/ Chairman

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.

Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2014

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is doing well as the weather finally warms up, and are sorry to inform you of an increase in criminal activity in Church Point over this past winter. In January, the association received numerous reports of items taken from homeowners' yards, unlocked vehicles and garages. One homeowner in the Commons had actual security camera video of two men removing items from the owner's yard as well as rummaging through multiple vehicles. The video showed the thieves loading items in an older model, possibly late 1980's, white Ford pickup truck with a ladder rack. These individuals have been seen several times in the neighborhood and have helped themselves to anything of value from tools to generators. Several homeowners from the Commons and the Quays provided suspect descriptions along with the video footage to Police, who are actively investigating.

We cannot stress enough, the importance of keeping your doors and windows locked, and garage doors closed when not in use, especially at night. Burglars tend to work in groups and look for easy targets - please keep vehicles locked and valuables out of sight, and ensure the exterior of your home is well lit.

On another note, please keep an eye out for children playing outside. We have had numerous reports from concerned homeowners of young children at the Mews entrance of the neighborhood not paying attention to vehicles. Parents, please remind your children to not play in the street and to look both ways for cars before crossing.

As a reminder, the City of Virginia Beach 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 # 757-385-5000. 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, please e-mail us at cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

DRAINAGE CULVERT REFURBISHMENT PROJECT



BEFORE 1



BEFORE 2



AFTER 1



AFTER 2

AREC Corner – Spring 2014

By Ron Creamer, Chairman

Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

As the warmer temperatures of spring begin to arrive, so does the opportunity for home improvement and upkeep projects. As mentioned in previous articles, if you are planning on changing anything related to the exterior architectural design of the home (additions, decks, pools, etc) which also includes colors and finishes, please ensure you submit an Architectural Change Request Form (available for printing on our website www.churchpointonline.com or from the Association Manager, Bob Garrett with The Select Group) prior to starting the project and with ample time for review by AREC and approval by the Board of Directors that only meet once a month. 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 (replacing rotted deck or fence boards, pressure washing, new roof of same color / type of shingle) or anything that is restoring your home to its original appearance, color, shape, size, etc. then an application is not required but when in doubt please submit an application.

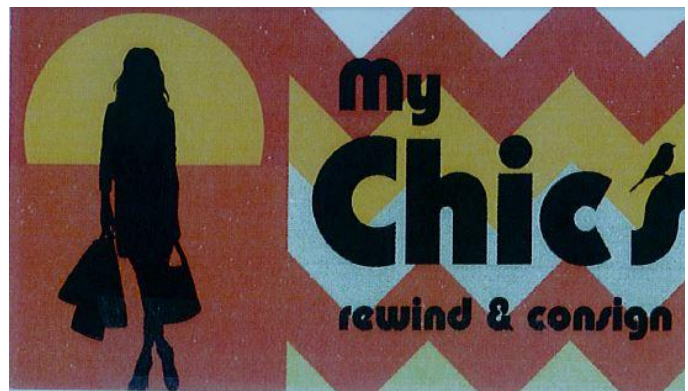
Some recent examples of changes that DO require an application and prior approval:

- Replacing a wood deck with concrete or pavers or changing the size/shape of a deck.
- Installing a pool
- Repainting your home a different color than current color
- Adding an addition to the home or a pier
- Reminder that no free standing structures are allowed, they must be physically connected to the home and be of the same exterior finish materials to appear as part of the home
- If a brick home then the addition must be brick. If the roof shingles are gray so must be the addition.

Finally, spring is the perfect time of year to pressure wash homes, driveways, mailboxes and **especially the fences along First Court Road which annually are in need of having the green growth removed**. Please remember that the fence rules are specific in that wood fences need to be cedar (clear, no knots) and not pressure treated pine. If you apply a sealant to the fence it must be clear, not color tinted. 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.

BRIDGE AROUND THE LAKE

The Board recently completed the lighting installation along the bridge connecting the western end of Church Point to the retail establishments for increased pedestrian safety on dark nights. The lighting was installed by BoD members Peter Burke and Jack Palmer. As previously mentioned, the bridge was recently pressure washed and clear sealed to increase wood longevity, and protective wood caps were installed over the deteriorating posts by BoD member Rick Little. Much thanks for volunteering time and labor to save the HOA money. The bridge is looking great!



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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



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 Dworetzky 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 found someone who does good work at great prices, let your neighbors know! To make a recommendation, email newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com 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.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
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!

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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 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 now the beginning 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 over 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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Church Point Community Bulletin Board

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