



Spring 2015

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner - Spring 2015

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

It is hoped that everyone made it through a cold winter with no health issues or even home issues like frozen pipes. Spring has finally arrived along with welcoming warmer temperatures. The Board of Directors looks forward to everyone getting out and sprucing up your home's exterior and landscaping. As home values and more importantly, home prices continue to increase, the curb appeal of our community is a key selling point. April and May are perfect times to begin considering that fresh coat of paint on your home or trim, a clean pressure washing of fences, driveways & homes, landscaping enhancements or even a new addition to your home.

As always, please plan early when making an exterior change to your home to ensure you get your Architectural Change Application with required sites plans and designs submitted to the Select Group in enough time for AREC committee review and Board of Directors Review. When submissions are timely and complete, the entire process usually takes less than 30 days.

As a reminder, the Association Manager makes regular tours of the community to ensure compliance with the rules and bylaws. If you are a homeowner with tenants in your home, it is your responsibility to ensure they are fully aware of the rules and bylaws. Often, rules violations like Sunday quiet hours for lawn equipment/mowers/construction and early trash bags on the curb are from tenants who just were not aware. The fines issued are to the homeowner and not the tenant, so please help us by keeping your tenants apprised of the rules. We cannot issue a HOA package of rules and Bylaws to a tenant.

Please do not hesitate to contact any Board member or The Select Group whenever you have questions, concerns and most importantly, new ideas to ensure Church Point remains one of the premier communities in Virginia Beach.

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck



Spring has Arrived!

One of the best aspects of spring's arrival is that we get to see our neighbors again! After another long winter it is exciting to have so many social activities on the calendar. We did enjoy a last minute happy hour in January at Salt which provided some much needed relief from a week of cooped up snow days. Look for more of these happy hours to come as we head into the spring and summer!

Two of our favorite annual events took place in March. Thank you so much to Bobbie Hart for opening her home once again for the 3rd Annual Ladies Brunch which took place on Saturday, March 28th. The conversation was as wonderful as the terrific food and we were happy to connect with both new and seasoned Church Point residents. The following day was the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Circle by the Bay as a fundraiser for CHKD. It was a chilly but sunny afternoon of crafts, face painting, egg hunting and pictures with the Easter Bunny himself. Thanks to all who attended and donated; we hope you had a terrific time. 100% of the proceeds go to the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and we hope they raise even more money next year! Check out the pictures on the following page...

Clear your calendars for the first Happy Hour of the season on Wednesday, April 29th! Join us at Taste Unlimited at Bayville from 6-8PM for a beer, wine and/or food. Each guest is responsible for their own tab at this meet up. Happy hour is a terrific place to come out and meet new faces while exploring some of our local neighborhood haunts. These have been popular get-togethers in the past. No need to RSVP, and we hope to see you there!

The Annual Church Point Yard Sale is set for Saturday, May 9th 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 marked with participating homes for distribution at both entrances to the neighborhood. The fee to be included on the map 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. Thanks to the neighbors who have already signed up!

On May 17th 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. Look for details on Facebook, in your mailbox or in this newsletter and sign up today! 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



Will we see Spring or simply jump to Summer? It remains a mystery. Despite the climate ups and downs residents are attempting to beautiful their landscapes. Please keep in mind "Greener" methods to control weed growth, especially those residents on the waterfront.

A "Green" tip from the Garden Club for weed and other invasive plant removal is as follows:

Combine ¼ cup Dawn, 2 cups Epson Salts, and 1 gallon of White vinegar.

Carefully apply to weeds, etc... The Dawn allows the solution to stick to the plant while the salt and vinegar when touched by the Sun will do its magic. It will kill anything the solution touches so be careful. The good news is it works without adding toxic chemicals to your lawn.

Our landscape project at the entrance to the Mews pond will be an explosion of color this Spring and Summer. Once litter control and maintenance to the area is complete, we invite you to pay a visit to the area.

Just a friendly reminder... 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 greatly appreciated.

As the end of our year approaches, I'd like to thank our members for their assistance and participation in our Club programs and other projects in the City of Va. Beach. I look forward to another great year in 2015-2016.



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Landscape of the Month Award Program:

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. Starting in March 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.

Due to poor Winter weather conditions this year, the March Landscape of the Month judging was omitted.

Congratulations to our April "Landscape of the Month" winner: **Richard and Jane Wrenn**, "The Mews" area.



Mother's Day Brunch

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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 that homeowners allow mold (either black or green) to sit on a painted surface?



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 FREE Estimate!**



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AREC Corner – Spring 2015

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 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 don't hesitate to send a quick email for clarification.

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 Sunday quiet hours are from 6PM on Saturday evening until Monday morning. As a reminder, leaves and yard clippings must be bagged in clear yard waste bags for pickup by the city and in accordance with HOA rules, cannot be placed on the curb in front of your home any earlier than Tuesday (the day before Church Point trash pickup). Too many times we get complaints about neighbors who put their lawn bags and tree cuttings out on the weekend just to sit for days. 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 do not hesitate to contact us at arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2015

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We would like to start by saying it has fortunately been a quiet winter in Church Point. As the warmer temperatures arrive and school finishes up, there tends to be increased activity so we remind everyone to be vigilant, especially when traveling and leaving your home for extended periods. As a reminder, the City of Virginia Beach has a nightly curfew from 11 p.m. – 5 a.m. for anyone under the age of 18. We have received reports in the past of teenagers out roaming the streets, hanging out at the gazebo and the bridge leading to the shopping center well after midnight.

Thank you to everyone who has joined Nextdoor. If you have not joined, please consider signing up. Since January, we have over 150 members enrolled from the Church Point neighborhood. Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com) is a community specific site for the exchange of information, ideas, and community events, but most importantly a communication tool to quickly share information with all homeowners. This site is endorsed and recommended by the VBPD since it allows for the quick dissemination of information to all the adjacent neighborhoods. In addition, multiple city agencies post updates on Nextdoor, for example, updates on trash collections and city closings during inclement weather, town hall meetings, etc.

Since this is a website linked to multiple neighborhoods, there will always be people from other neighborhoods that post personal and unnecessary items. This admittedly can be annoying and a “turn off” for some people. You can adjust your settings on Nextdoor (and the mobile app) to get only postings specific to “Church Point” as opposed to “Church Point + neighborhoods” to avoid being inundated with unnecessary posts.

If you do not have a Block Captain, or are not currently participating in Neighborhood Watch, please email us at cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com or bguglielmo2@gmail.com and we will send you an invitation to join.

In closing, if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please call the VBPD non-emergency # 385-5000.



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Name	Age	Phone	Info
Stacy Judge	15	470-5982	Red Cross trained; loves kids; experienced as a Mother's Helper; references available
Bailey Kreiser	20	363-9801	UVA student - CPR and lifeguard qualified; available on school breaks and summer
Zachary Kreiser	18	363-9801	CPR qualified; Lifeguard - Norfolk Academy senior
Parker Kreiser	14	363-9801	Available for babysitting
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.
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 are 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.chandeliersmaster.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
Pawsitively Priceless Petsitting	Ron and Doris Likens	Pet Sitting	They entertained our kitties while out of town - texted and sent pictures every visit. My normally timid kitties loved them! Best pet sitting company we've ever used!

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 three-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 five to six years, 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 two 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. It was 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 spring of 2015, 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 high quality and trustworthiness over numerous projects for the past nine years. We are currently using Gabriel on another exterior project of ours. 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](tel: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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