



Spring 2016

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner - Spring 2016

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

I'm sure you are as happy as I am that the cold weather appears behind us and spring is finally here. As mentioned in previous newsletters and at the annual meeting, the Board went to bid on our landscape contract after numerous ongoing challenges we faced with the previous vendor. After narrowing down the multiple bidders to two, and following individual interviews, the Board awarded the landscape contract to Valley Crest. As many of you may have heard, Valley Crest merged last year with Brickman to form a vast national presence and will be re-branded shortly as BrightView. Valley Crest took over the contract in early March and has already made great strides in cleaning up the landscaping from winter, especially the hollies/crepe myrtles along First Court Road and installing the spring mulch throughout the neighborhood. Spring is the perfect time for all homeowners to take a look at your yards, home exteriors, driveways and fences. Although most homeowners do a fantastic job maintaining their yards and homes, there are several properties that need lawn and landscape attention, pressure washing of fences and driveways, and could use some exterior painting.

The Board recently began preparing the lake for warmer weather, having maintenance performed on the lake pump, to include replacing the seals/gaskets, as well as initiating a pro-active stance against disease carrying mosquitoes. Upon consultation and recommendations from Solitude, the lake management company, the Board approved stocking the lake with minnows. Minnows have a great appetite for mosquito larvae, and will help to eliminate the lake as a source of mosquito breeding. We encourage homeowners to regularly check around their homes for areas of standing water, which will also help to eliminate potential mosquito breeding areas.

Finally, the Board recently approved repairs to the wooden rails along First Court Road that were damaged from a vehicle collision that occurred after it took out a light pole. The association could not file for repairs against the vehicle owner's insurance due to being unable to identify the owner and the exact date the accident took place. If homeowners see similar events in the future that damage Church Point property, please notify The Select Group or a Board member right away with details, dates, descriptions and/or photos. It's always better to make repairs with money from the person causing the damage.

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Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck

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.

One of our favorite annual events took place in March. Thank you so much to Bobbie Hart for opening her home once again for the 4th Annual Ladies Brunch on Saturday, March 19th. The friendships and food were terrific and we were happy to connect with both new and seasoned Church Point residents. Sadly, the weather that weekend forced the cancelation of the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a tough call to make because it is so well loved by kids and adults alike. Thanks to our local CHKD Circle, 'Circle by the Bay' for putting this event together for us every year.

Clear your calendars for the first Happy Hour of the season on Wednesday, April 20th! Join us at Commonwealth Brewing Company from 6-8PM for a beer and something to eat from the food truck. 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 14th 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 highlighting participating homes for distribution at both entrances to the neighborhood. The fee to be included is \$5, which helps offset the cost of running the ad in the Virginian Pilot. Email Carrie at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com with your address. Thanks to the neighbors who have already signed up to be included!

On May 22nd we celebrate the official Church Point Day with Michelle's Church Point 5K. 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 grows 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 churchpoint5K@yahoo.com with any questions.

We are looking forward to the upcoming 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. Hope to see you soon!



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Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2016

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

Welcome Spring! We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather, and are happy to state that we have been extremely fortunate this past winter in Church Point with almost no reports of crime. We still need to be vigilant and aware that crime rates tend to increase with the warmer weather, and when homeowners start planning summer travel trips. When going on vacation for an extended period of time, please consider putting a temporary stop on mail and newspaper deliveries, as that can be indicators to thieves of empty homes. Our number one reported crime issue continues to be vehicle larcenies. Most times, the vehicle doors were unfortunately unlocked. We cannot stress enough the importance of keeping your vehicles locked at all times and not leaving any items of value inside. Additionally, with warmer weather there are more bikers, joggers, walkers and especially children outside and on the streets and sidewalks. Please be alert and watch your speed while driving through the neighborhood. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH and is being enforced by VBPD to ensure everyone's safety.

The City of Virginia Beach has a nightly curfew from 11 p.m. – 5 a.m. for anyone under the age of 18. In the past, the warmer weather has generated increased reports of teenagers out roaming the streets, and hanging out at the gazebo or the bridge leading to the shopping center well after midnight.

Thank you to everyone who has joined Nextdoor. If you haven't yet signed up, please consider doing so. There are currently more than 200 homeowners from Church Point enrolled. 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 pass information to 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, the City of Virginia Beach provides updates on trash collections and city closings during inclement weather, town hall meetings, etc.

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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Church Point Garden Club

Submitted by Laura Jacobson, 1st Vice President

As Spring has arrived, please keep in mind that using “Greener” methods when updating your landscape is good for the environment and wildlife, especially those residents on the waterfront.

A “Green” tip from the Garden Club for weed and other invasive plant removal:

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!

The Garden Club continues with the landscape projects at all entrances to the neighborhood as well as litter control and maintenance to the Mews Pond 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 2016-2017.



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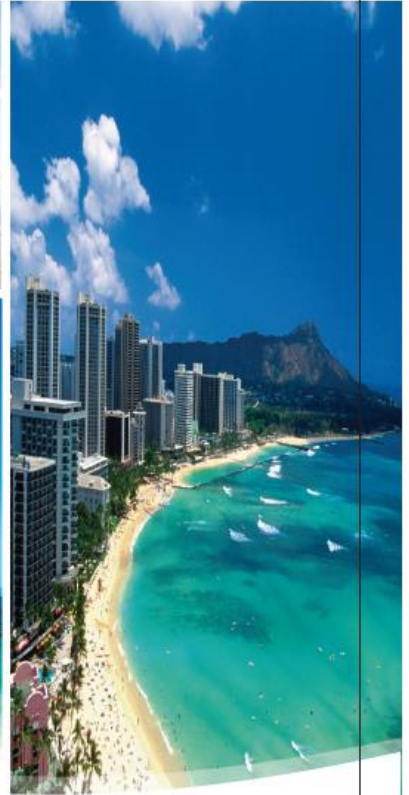
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Landscape of the Month Award Program:

Submitted by Bobbie Hart, 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.



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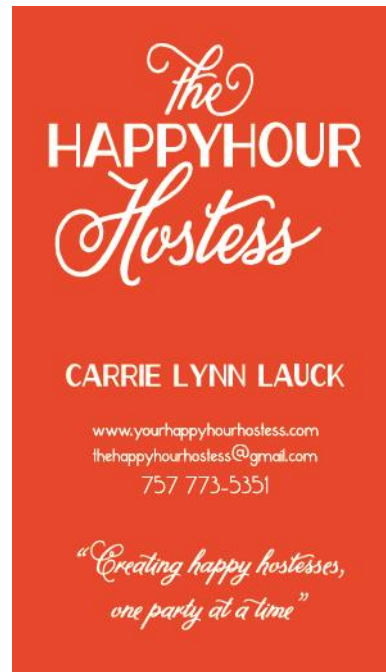
By Ron Creamer, Chairman

Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

As the warmer temperatures of spring arrive, so does the opportunity for homeowners to get out and begin the annual Spring cleanup and plantings that always enhance our neighborhood curb appeal. Please remember that the Rules and Regulations require homeowners to keep their yards and landscape beds free and clear of weeds. Many do-it-yourselfers do fantastic jobs maintaining their yards and others utilize professional yard maintenance companies. There are some yards that still need attention, especially with turf maintenance to eliminate weeds and landscape/mulch beds. Herbicides are options but there are also numerous “green” options available at garden centers that don’t impact the Chesapeake Bay. Additionally, it is again time for many homeowners to clean their fences, driveways and homes of discoloring growth. As a reminder for those who live along First Court Road, after pressure washing your fence, should you desire to apply a sealant product, please ensure it is a clear protecting sealant only on those fences to maintain a uniform appearance along the roadway as required in the rules.

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 it 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, 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). 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



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Javier Martin	16	867-3572	Speaks English and Spanish; experienced
Allyson Moseley	17	752-0059	Red Cross certified, experienced
Molly Case	16	818-7393	CPR certified, available on weekends and after school most days, lots of experience volunteering with younger children

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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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Joseph Greco 757-449-1401	Computer/Laptop Tune-ups, Repairs, Upgrades & maintenance services
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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.

Please note - To maintain an effective and updated list, recommendations should be limited to contractors who have recently performed a service. Older recommendations will be removed after one year of posting.

Company	Recommended by	Services	Comments
New Dimensions Construction Dave Cable 757-748-4399 www.trustnewdimensions.com	Dana and Alena Weiner	New homes, additions, paint, carpentry, renovations, tile, kitchen/bath, deck/fence	Honest, professional, and detail-oriented. Will perform jobs of any size and scope at a fair and reasonable price.
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 Pet sitting 757-553-6687 info@pppvb.com http://pppvb.com/	Ron and Doris Likens	Pet Sitting	Entertained our kitties - texted and sent pictures every visit. Normally timid kitties loved them. Best pet sitting company!
SMEETON Staging & Design Kristi Smeeton 757-816-4878 SMEETONSTAGING.COM	Ron and Doris Likens	Home sales staging and design	Knows how to maximize the potential of a home. She knows her business – wholeheartedly recommending her!
Cutt-N-Loose Hairstyling Jackie Fordyce 363-00Hair02	Rita Hindman and Barbara Hart	Hairstylist	Does a great job with cuts and color; very happy with the service!
Christopher Odom - Odom Unlimited 757-572-3087	Doyle & Frances Quisenberry	Landscaping/Lawn Care/Power Washing	Outstanding service; none better!
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Warmer temps will quickly accelerate the growing process for turf grass and plants. Unlocking your landscape's full potential can be accomplished with a few simple spring enhancements that you can do yourself!



- Manicure the Lawn and Weed Control – Cut the grass regularly and conquer those weeds. Edging your curbs, driveway and sidewalk creates a tidy look. With the warmer weather, weeds such as Henbit, Chickweed, Bittercress and annual Bluegrass need to be managed now. Hand pull or spray these weeds right away rather than dealing with them in a month or two when everything else is happening in the landscape.
- Seasonal Color – Accentuate your home with bursts of color to highlight its features. Seasonal color will not only keep your home looking fresh, it can also boost your curb appeal.
- Mulching – Mulching is one of the most beneficial practices for your landscape. Not only does it sharpen the appearance of your beds, it also reduces the need for water and pesticides and helps control weeds.

Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- If you have nominations for kudos for residents with noteworthy achievements, please send your recommendations to newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com
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