



Spring 2017

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner - Spring 2017

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

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. Spring is the perfect time 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 site plans and designs submitted to the Select Group in enough time for AREC committee review and Board of Directors Review. I want to extend a special thank you from the Board to the Garden Club for their hard work cleaning up trash and debris around the perimeter of our lake.

We had some issues recently with solicitors in Church Point resulting in the police being called. Although we have posted "No Soliciting", the reality is that most of Church Point has public roads and streets (Bishops Court private community being the exception). We cannot stop the public from entering the community, parking on our streets and soliciting but they must have a city issued permit per city code:

Virginia Beach City Code, Sec. 26-26. Permit required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in soliciting, selling or taking orders for goods, wares, merchandise, publications, any article for future delivery, or any service or commodity whatsoever, on the public streets, ways, lanes or alleys or in any other public place adjacent to the same, or upon the premises of any private residence or apartment house not having been requested or invited to do so by the owner or occupant thereof, in the city, unless he has a current permit so to do from the city manager.

As a homeowner, you have the right to restrict soliciting at your private residence and advise the solicitor your home is private property and they must leave. If they fail to leave or continue to harass you, please contact the VBPD at their non-emergency number. On a similar topic, and in discussion with the VBPD 3rd precinct, because our streets are public and not private, we cannot restrict homeowners from having visitors or guests and allowing them to park on the street nor can we control the frequency of those visits. Should gatherings become noisy in disturbing the peace, trash and debris left in street or in yards, vandalism and/or any other indications of unruly gatherings, only then can the VBPD be contacted to investigate. We all strive to ensure our community remains one of the premier neighborhoods in VB but it takes all neighbors working together to ensure success.



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Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck

Summer is around the corner and hopefully that means we get to spend even more time with our neighbors! We enjoyed a few terrific Spring events and look forward to even more as we head into the warmer months. Circle by the Bay hosted a terrific Easter Egg Hunt on April 1 and despite the soggy ground by the gazebo, they were able to switch the location to the park at Timber Ridge and this annual event went off without a hitch - all while raising funds for CHKD. Look for pictures on an adjacent page.

Our first Happy Hour of the year was well attended at Buoy 44 on April 20. We met some terrific new neighbors and enjoyed the view of the bay. These happy hour events are a terrific way to meet and get to know more people in the neighborhood.

The annual Church Point Yard Sale took place on May 6th - this was the first year we have ever held it the week prior to Mother's Day, and it appeared to be another success. We have been looking for the perfect weekend to accommodate the neighborhood's requests as well as the greatest number of shoppers. If your family feels like there is a better week or time of year for the yard sale, please let us know; we are always open to suggestions for 2018.

We hope you are ready to kick off summer THIS SUNDAY, June 4th for Music in the Park, featuring local acoustic artist, Matt Redford! Meet us from 5-7 PM at the park across from the Manor House, at the corner of Timber Ridge and Church Point Road. Pack a lawn chair and a picnic and we will see you there!

Mark your calendars for Happy Hour at Commonwealth Brewing Company, on Thursday, June 29, starting at 5:30PM. They seem to always have a food truck, and they definitely have great beer, so please make room in your calendar to meet up! Happy Hour meet-ups do not require an RSVP, and each guest is responsible for their own check.

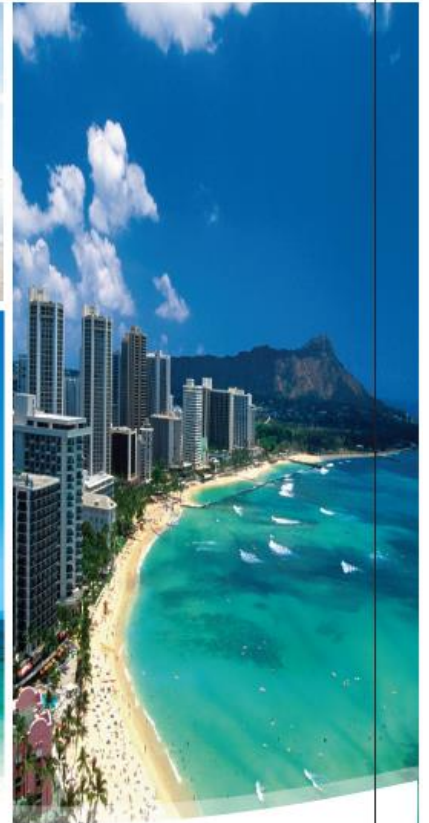
Looking ahead into the summer, please note that we will not be able to host the annual July 4th bike parade this year. Our planning committee has too many people out of town that weekend, so if anyone else from the community is interested in taking the lead on this fun event, please let us know!

We are looking for new members to join the Social Committee and take over some leadership positions as well, so please send an email if you are interested. It's a fun group of men and women and we would love some new faces.

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 on Sunday and throughout the summer!!

Hope to see you soon!





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AREC Corner – Spring 2017

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 (current version is dated 2011 and is available for printing on our website www.churchpointonline.com or a copy can be requested from The Select Group along with the rules) prior to starting the project and at least 30 days prior to starting your project to provide 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 or performing maintenance 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. (i.e. replacing a cracked driveway with the same type and color of exposed aggregate concrete driveway) then an application is not required. When in doubt, please don't hesitate to send a quick email for clarification at arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

Now 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. Reminder: only "clear" stain for cedar is allowed on the fences along First Court Road to maintain uniformity of appearance.

Finally, please remember that Sunday quiet hours are from 6PM on Saturday evening until Monday morning. You cannot operate lawn mowers, weed whackers/hedge trimmers, blowers, power saws, etc. *after 6PM on Saturday or at any time on Sundays.* Grass/yard clippings must be bagged in clear yard waste bags for pickup by the city and in accordance with HOA rules. Yard debris bags and bundles of branches cannot be placed on the curb in front of your home any earlier than Tuesday (the day before Church Point trash pickup). Please store them in your back yard or out of view from the street until Tuesday afternoon. Curb appeal affects all homeowners, both positive and negative, so please do your part to help us maintain the curb appeal of our community.

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Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2017

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather. At the recent Citizen's Advisory committee meeting hosted by the VBPD, it was noted that the number one crime issue in the 3rd Precinct of Virginia Beach is car break-ins. Every year homeowners fall victim to this type of crime in Church Point, please do your part by not leaving any items of value in your vehicles and keep your doors locked always.

We reported on NextDoor and through Neighborhood Watch about an aggressive solicitor in in multiple sections of Church Point. This individual was seeking cash donations and did not have a city issued badge. When confronted by homeowners and asked to leave Church Point, he became aggressive, confrontational and berating with several homeowners. The VBPD were dispatched multiple times over a three-day period. Even though Church Point has posted signage prohibiting soliciting, these individuals still come into the neighborhood. Please be extremely cautious of solicitors who solely ask for cash donations and especially those that appear to be more interested in seeing behind you, into your home, than talking to you (potential "scoping" scene to return later). Never allow solicitors into your home.

As summer arrives and school finishes up, there tends to be increased crime 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. Annually, we receive reports of teenagers out roaming the streets, hanging out at the gazebo and the bridge leading to the shopping center well after midnight.

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. As a reminder, if you see suspicious activity in the neighborhood, please call the VBPD non-emergency number at 757-385-5000.



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Church Point Garden Club

Submitted by: Laura Jacobson, 1st Vice President



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

We continue our 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 2017-2018.

Several tips to share from our Tree Stewards of the VA. Tech/Hampton Roads AREC for the health of our trees:

- 1. DO NOT top trees! Tree heights can be maintained by proper crown reduction that doesn't stimulate water sprout production.**
- 2. Remove branches that cross and rub in order to prevent bark wounds.**
- 3. DO NOT use anything to cover pruning cuts or wounds. Trees will heal themselves.**
- 4. DO NOT put mulch in contact with the trunk, and then pile mulch only 2-3 inches over the roots.**
- 5. DO NOT put any type of fabric or plastic material, especially the non-porous black plastic under your mulch.**
- 6. Remove all staking materials around the tree prior to one year of planting as it will damage bark and girdle branches.**
- 7. MOST IMPORTANTLY, know the mature size of your tree BEFORE planting!**

These are just a few suggestions for healthy trees. I would also suggest a trip to the Botanical Gardens or AREC Center where you can view a mature version of the tree you wish to plant.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful summer!

Landscape of the Month Award Program:

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.

Congratulations to our Landscape of the Month Winners!

March: None chosen due to poor weather conditions.

April: Harriet and Stan Dickman – *The Commons and Bishops Court*



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The Neighbor's Turn - Spring 2017

By Gary Lauck

Last month we added this section to include input and thoughts from Church Point neighbors, and we have our first volunteer. Ken Mishoe of Bishops Court wrote to me with pride about a recent event that celebrated his wife's accomplishments – and I am passing the good news on with pleasure!

Shelley Mishoe was selected as an honoree for the 29th Annual Women of Distinction Awards that occurred on April 27th, 2017 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. She distinguished herself in the category of Medicine, as the Dean of College of Health Sciences at Old Dominion University from 2011-2016.

Quoted from the event:

"Women of Distinction are women from all walks of life in our community whose professional accomplishments and/or philanthropic efforts truly epitomize the potential of every woman. Each year, the YWCA South Hampton Roads recognizes and celebrates the achievements of 12 outstanding women during the annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon. In choosing the recipients for this prestigious award, the selection committee takes into consideration the nominees' professional and civic achievements AND how the nominees exemplify the values and mission of the YWCA. The honorees must exhibit a dedication to our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women promoting peace, justice, dignity, and freedom for all."

Congratulations Shelley!

Okay, switching gears - one of the issues discussed in the last article was an inability to fully enjoy the Church Point sidewalks due to overgrown bushes and low hanging trees. Sadly, the onslaught of spring brought with it an increased number of obstacles, which encourages even more pedestrians to use the street. It is the responsibility of the homeowners whose properties include the sidewalk to cut back vegetation. A little yard maintenance can make a big difference to the community. And if you do walk on the streets, please remember to go against traffic so you can see the oncoming cars. And be safe!

I noticed the new sign for Bishops Court the other day. While it looks nice, it is sad that it had to be replaced due to repeated acts of vandalism. Some aspiring criminals kept stealing the letters off the brick wall, and the Bishops Court homeowners grew tired of paying for the repairs...

Finally, we have heard competing thoughts on the best time of year to hold the annual yard sale, to include the idea of doing it in the fall. Just about any spring weekend consists of soccer and baseball games, and concerts, and many other events. And we always hear of a few people that wanted to participate but their schedule was too full.



I wonder if having two yard sales a year (spring and fall) would be plausible?

If you have any thoughts to add, please respond to the email address that brought you this newsletter and share them with your neighbors!

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.
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
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!
Ramirez Electric, Robert Ramirez, Sr. 757-635-4228 rarsr@hotmail.com	Maria Parizhskaya	Electric repairs and installation	Great job at a reasonable price



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Ads will run for one year from posting, and can be continued by emailing the newsletter editor with appropriate updates.

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Zachary Kreiser	19	363-9801	CPR qualified; Lifeguard – Norfolk Academy senior
Parker Kreiser	15	363-9801	Available for babysitting
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

