

Summer 2012

# Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter



## Mark Your Calendar – Two Upcoming Social Events

Our active Church Point Social Committee has two more events planned before summer ends. See the article on p. 4 for all the details, but here's a heads-up.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, 5:30 pm – casual get-together at Chick's Oyster Bar.

Sunday, Sept. 23, 5 pm – "Music In The Park" with the Tiki Bar Band at the Gazebo Park.

Both events offer a great chance to meet your Church Point neighbors.

## Send Us Your Comments On New **Full-Color** Newsletter!

I'm sure you've noticed that this issue of the Church Point Post is printed in color. It costs about \$90 more per issue, so the Board is interested in your reaction to see if we want to continue to publish in color. Please email the Board ([president.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:president.churchpointhoa@gmail.com)) or the newsletter editor ([npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net)) with your comments.

## President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying the summer even with the 100 degrees temperatures we've already had. It is great to see homeowners out maintaining their yards and homes and based on comments I receive regularly from homeowners, the overall perception is the condition and upkeep of the neighborhood continues to improve. Our landscaper, Basnight, continues to keep our common areas looking good and our terrific Garden Club still does wonders at our entrances with annual flowers, roses and day lilies.

The Board is working with the City Arborist on plans to begin replacing many of the diseased trees along the sidewalk easement of Church Point Road from the Gazebo to the Manor House. Removal of the trees and replacement plantings are currently tentatively scheduled for the Fall when we have cooler weather to provide the greatest chance of survival for the transplants. Homeowners who live on the North side of Church Point Road with similar trees who might be interested in participating in the volume tree purchase/replacement project should contact the property manager.

The cleanup of the waterfront area by our landscaper along with continued pampering of the flowers by the Garden Club has restored the area to again be a scenic place for homeowners to relax and enjoy the river views. I can't thank the Social Committee enough for continuing to set up amazing events like a successful 2<sup>nd</sup> annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Bike rally, continuing concerts in the park, wine tastings, and after work social "happy" hour gatherings at local establishments. These events, along with another successful annual yard sale, are really pulling the neighborhood together - keep up the great work everyone.

The Board of Directors, following the successful lead of the Bishop's Court Board, recently decided to allocate a portion of the HOA financial reserves into safe investments to take advantage of increased returns on the money over the previous returns we were getting from the bank. A full disclosure presentation is planned for the Annual Meeting this Fall by the investment advisor.

Please continue to help keep our neighborhood curb appeal looking great by maintaining your yards, homes and fences regularly and enjoy the rest of summer.

## **Neighborhood Watch** by Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer even with fluctuating temperatures of cool and near record heat!

We have received e-mails from residents regarding groups of teenagers out roaming the neighborhood as late as 2 a.m., as well as cars speeding. We would like to remind everyone that the City of Virginia Beach has a curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for anyone under the age of 18. We have a lot of kids out playing, riding bicycles, etc. during summer so please be mindful when driving through the neighborhood. Please watch your speed, keep an eye out for bikers and joggers and of course the children playing, chasing balls and just having fun.

We are pleased to mention that crime is down in Church Point this year. In 2011, we had four burglaries and numerous car break-ins. We have not had a single burglary reported year to date for 2012. Thanks to everyone for keeping an eye out and making sure your property is secure and your homes/cars are locked.

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](mailto:cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com).

## **AREC Corner – “Summer 2012”**

By Ron Creamer, Chairman Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee (AREC)

Summer is a time for sprucing up homes, performing renovations and repairs, and we appreciate all those homeowners who have submitted the proper application paperwork for architectural changes. Occasionally some homeowners do forget so as a quick reminder, please submit your completed application to the Property Manager PRIOR to commencing your project. The Property Manager then assigns a log number to the application and forwards to the AREC committee. The AREC then reviews and submits a recommendation to the Board of Directors who have final say. Since the Board only meets once a month and processing your application plus review takes time, please submit as early as possible.

The AREC continues to focus on the curb appeal of our neighborhood and encourages all homeowners to maintain your yards regularly. Please cut grass weekly as needed, keep landscape beds free of weeds, and maintain your home’s exterior finish, mailboxes and especially your cedar fences with pressure washing (many are turning green and need immediate attention).

For clarification, there are two rules about trashcans and recycling cans:

- First, that homeowners can not put out trash cans/recycle cans until 3PM the day BEFORE regular trash pickup and that especially includes yard debris bags and tree branches. They must be brought back up by end of day on trash day which for Church Point is normally Wednesdays.
- This leads us to the second rule – both trash and recycling cans are to be stored on “non-trash days” out of the view from the street. Please don’t leave cans in front of fences or garage doors on your driveway where they can be seen from the street. We realize the added distance to walk can be an inconvenience but the intent is to maintain the curb appeal, and seeing trashcans from the street is not in compliance – especially on Mondays when we see them overflowing with weekend trash/boxes. It is unsightly for neighboring homeowners and especially prospective future homeowners driving through the neighborhood.

If you have questions or special concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us: [arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com). Again, thank you for doing your part to help maintain and enhance the appearance of our neighborhood.

# Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Garden Club



Summer is here! I hope the week to come. HOT! Even my weeds



I am pleased to report that another record number of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach.

outstanding support and participation in both Council and Church Point projects. You all deserve the recognition for your efforts, and I applaud all of you!

of July 4<sup>th</sup> was not an indicator of our weather seem to be a little uncomfortable.

at year end our Club had achieved awards at our annual luncheon for the Council I am so proud of our members for their

A new year will be upon us soon and our Club Calendar for 2012 - 2013 begins Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Programs include floral workshops and demonstrations, tours of the Norfolk Botanical Gardens and Historic homes, and organic landscape/garden techniques. If you are interested in joining our group, you may contact either Suzie Duckworth, President, at 363-1050, or Laura Jacobson, 1st VP, at 363-7524. Garden Club meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month.

Thanks again to our Club members and the Church Point Community for supporting our efforts in our Neighborhood and the City of Virginia Beach.

Have a safe and fun summer!!!!

## Landscape of the Month Program:

Submitted by Mary Jane Morewitz, Chairperson

Congratulations to the following Church Point Homeowners for their outstanding efforts in landscape design and maintenance:

MAY – Ron and Kim Creamer, *"The Mews"*

JUNE – James Smith, *"The Commons & Bishops Court"*

JULY – Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad Yunas, *"The Quays & the Commons East"*

AUGUST - The President's Award (to be chosen)

If you own a home in Church Point that you are renting out, please make sure that your renters know how to access our newsletters at the Church Point web site – [www.churchpointonline.com](http://www.churchpointonline.com). Just go to the "News" tab, and you can view current issues as well as an archive covering the past 5 years.

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# Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart



The Social Committee has had a busy summer and the best part was getting to know more neighbors at the various events. Only the weather was bleak as we gathered at the waterfront on Spring House Trail for the 5K Run/Walk to kick off the Church Point Day celebrations in May. Volunteers and participants quickly learned that there are some real competitors in this neighborhood. Kyle Gugliemo was the overall winner at 19:48 with Glen Logan coming in a close second at 21:05. Some very athletic kids also ran the 5K with their parents, including 9 year old and overall women's winner Jaida Mason and our youngest competitor, Morgan Cowen who is only 8! This event is sure to become an annual favorite. See the group photo below.

Unfortunately, the second part of the celebration, Music in the Park, was postponed for rain. But on a Sunday night in June, we quickly learned that the band Zig Zag was worth the wait. A big crowd came out to enjoy the summer night of classic rock music. And to wrap up the night, the Church Point neighborhood made a nice contribution of non perishable food to the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. A special thanks to all who donated.

The second annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a smashing success. Led by a Virginia Beach Police unit, the crowd of red, white and blue was full of bikes, trikes and scooters, and even included a pogo stick and golf cart. With the Independence Day spirit in full display, it was harder than ever for the bike decorating contest judges to choose the winners! See the next page for photos. Also, be sure to check out the Church Point Facebook page for a link to a terrific slide show of the event created by neighbor Alexis Spade - thanks so much, Alexis!

Future plans are set to try to squeeze every last drop out of summer. The casual gatherings at Chick's Oyster Bar have been popular and we will meet there again on **Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM**. Drop in for a drink and enjoy the beautiful bay views with some neighbors. Each guest is responsible for their own food and beverage. Chick's Oyster Bar is located at 2143 Vista Circle in Virginia Beach, 23451.

The final Music in the Park event of the year will see the return of the popular Tiki Bar Band on **Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-7 PM**. The band performs all of the songs that put a smile on your face and make you want to sing along. They really know how to get the crowd excited! Be sure to bring a lawn chair and cooler and head to the gazebo for the free and family friendly evening.

As always, be sure to "like" Church Point Neighborhood on Facebook in order to stay up to date on all events and happenings and feel free to email us at [social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com) at any time with suggestions, comments or if you are interested in joining the social committee. Have a terrific rest of the summer; we hope to see you soon!





Photos from July 4 **Red**,  
**White**, and **Blue** Parade!



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# Virginia Beach Curbside Recycling Guidelines

The guidelines below are from a City of Virginia Beach brochure, outlining some dos and don'ts for recycling. The city's curbside recycling program is very popular and effective. Using those blue bins every two weeks really help control the amount of trash that goes into landfills. Just be careful to adhere to the guidelines; putting the wrong items in the blue bins can cause inefficiencies that will increase costs.

On a related matter, many residents were confused by the change in the trash pickup schedule caused by the Independence Day holiday. Because of the rare Wednesday holiday, there was no pickup on our regular day. Pickup in our area was moved to the following Saturday, July 7. Some residents just left the containers out on the street all week awaiting pickup. The city web site posts the schedule for holiday pickups. When in doubt about the schedule, go to the web page for the Dept. of Public Works, Waste Management, and look for the "Holiday Collection and Landfill Schedule" tab. The URL is <http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/pw-waste-management/Pages/holiday-collection-schedule.aspx>.



## Recycle These Items

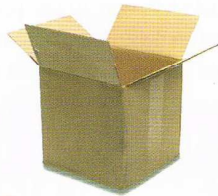
### Paper —

- clean newspaper, including inserts (Remove and discard plastic bags.)
- Unwanted mail
- Magazines



### Cardboard boxes —

clean and dry  
(Flatten or cut up and place in your container)  
Town home residents should flatten cardboard boxes and place them under the recycling bin.



### Chipboard —

Cereal and cracker boxes, paper six-pack holders, etc.



**Plastic bottles only—**  
only those with a neck or pouring spout  
(No plastic bags or motor oil containers)



**Glass Bottles and Jars**  
(Remove lids and discard.)

- Clear
- Green
- Brown



### Metals —

aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans



## DO NOT Place These Items In Your Recycle Container

### Overstuffed Cart



### Bags of garbage



### Plastic bags



### Styrofoam peanuts and blocks



**Food Containers—**  
such as pizza boxes and "to go"



**Yard Waste —**  
leaves, grass clippings, branches, wood, etc.



## 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.           |
| Donald Burke 363-1939    | Home pressure washing, yard work   |
| Michael Burke 363-1939   | Home pressure washing, 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 & advances students                             |
| Zachary Kreiser 363-9801 | Lawn mowing  |
| Beth Tamburello 409-9813 | Pet-sitting (dog-lover), tutoring; VT grad available evenings and weekends |

(If you would like to be added to the list, please contact [npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net) 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 [npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net).

| Name | Age | Phone | Info |
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## Contractor Recommendations

We didn't receive any new contractor recommendations this quarter. 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 [npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net). Provide the information below.

| Company | Recommended by | Services | Comments |
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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 [npchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npchurchpoint@cox.net).

- 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 (to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter), please contact Gayle Pinero at Select Group or email [npchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npchurchpoint@cox.net). 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](http://www.churchpointonline.com) on the News page. Newsletters are currently published around the end of January, April, July, and October.
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