



# Church Point Post

## Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

## New Editor Needed for *Church Point Post* Newsletter

Neal Curtin, who has prepared the Church Point newsletter since 2005, is going to be moving from Church Point this spring, creating a need for a new editor. The HOA Board asks that anyone interested in taking over the editing duties please contact HOA president Pete Burke or any of the Board members.

Neal said that he will work with a replacement to make a smooth transition. He has files on all the past newsletters and notes on his technique for pulling the quarterly issues together. Much of the input comes from sources such as the HOA President, Neighborhood Watch, Social Committee, AREC, and Garden Club.

Some basic Word skills are useful, but there are little additional computer skills or software required.



Coming soon – City of VB will be removing honey locusts on Church Point Road and replacing them with **Zelkova** trees similar to this one pictured.

## **President's Corner**

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

It is hoped everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season and Happy New Year to everyone. The recent annual meeting for 2012 was held in October and was very well attended by homeowners. The annual Board of Directors election saw several great candidates run for office and I am honored to have been re-elected for another 2 year term. I am also pleased to announce that joining me for his first term on the Board of Directors is Rick Little. The annual meeting also saw many homeowners offering great ideas the Board will review over the coming year and a financial presentation by the investment advisor discussing the strategy and portfolio of safe investments for the HOA investment account. We additionally had an informative presentation by the newly formed Flood Committee detailing the flooding history over the past several years and risks to future flooding in the Mews section, especially those homes along the drainage culvert dividing Thoroughgood and Church Point down to the lake.

In December, we were sad to accept the resignation of a Board member, Mr. Richard Hamlet. The Hamlet's have lived in Church Point for many years and have now decided to relocate out of the neighborhood. We wish them the best and many thanks to Mr. Hamlet for his service to the Board, the HOA and Church Point. To complete the remainder of Mr. Hamlet's term of office, the Board appointed Neil Bonney to fill his seat. Neil and his family are original owners to Church Point and he will be a welcome addition to the Board with his years of neighborhood knowledge and experience as an attorney. The current Board positions are: President - Peter Burke, Vice President - Chris Caporicci, Treasurer - Rick Little, Secretary - Neil Bonney, and Director-at-large - Jack Palmer.

As mentioned previously, the diseased Honey Locust trees along the sidewalk of Church Point Road from the Gazebo to the Manor House will be replaced in cooperation with the City of Virginia Beach Arborist. The new tree is a Zelkova (see photo at left) and the removal/grinding of stumps will begin shortly. Any homeowner living along the North side of Church Point Road from the Gazebo to the Manor House who would like to participate in the tree replacement program, please contact the property manager right away to get your home on this Winter 2013 only schedule. As always, the Board is here to serve you and we welcome your feedback, ideas and recommendations all year long. In closing, I hope everyone stays well during the winter and this year's challenging flu season.

### Neighborhood Watch by Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone had a nice holiday and a happy new year! For 2012, we did not have any reported home burglaries in Church Point as compared to four in 2011. Unfortunately, car larcenies stayed about the same with eight in 2011 and seven in 2012. The majority of the vehicles had no signs of forced entry or broken glass indicating doors were unfortunately left unlocked. We were also notified in December that there were several reports of vandalism to holiday decorations in The Quays.

We would like to remind everyone to continue to be aware of what's going on in Church Point. It truly makes a difference when we all work together by watching out for strange activity, strange vehicles and of course our neighbors property, especially when they are away.

There has been a lot of recent activity in the surrounding neighborhoods of Thoroughgood, Lake Smith Terrace, Witchduck Point and Broad Bay Estates. In Thoroughgood, Lake Smith Terrace and Witchduck Point, there were several home break-ins. The burglars gained access by using a crowbar on the back storm door and forced their way in. Many items were specifically targeted like cash, jewelry and guns. In Broad Bay Estates, there were reports of someone taking packages from homeowners' porches that were delivered by UPS/Fed Ex during the holidays. Additionally, there was a report of an individual going through trash cans - identity theft is always a concern and we encourage home use of shredders for personal papers.

In closing, if you see suspicious activity, call the VBPD non-emergency # 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, you can e-mail us at cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

## E-Cycle Event Jan. 26

VB's next e-cycle event will be Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10 am to 2 pm in the East parking lot of the Virginia Beach Aquarium. See City of VB website for details. This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of broken/unused/obsolete electronics. "Green up while you clean up!"

## **AREC Corner – Fall 2012**

By Ron Creamer, Chair Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

Happy New Year from AREC. Although winter is not a time for major outdoor projects, it is a time when everyone begins to think about and plan their Spring projects. Whenever a change will occur to your current home, whether it is a new addition to your home or even a new pool in the backyard, we want to remind everyone to please get any applications in for architectural change early. Both AREC and the Board of Directors only meet once a month. Please allow adequate time from your date of submission to your planned project commencement dates to afford AREC the opportunity to review and submit to the Board our recommendation and for the Board of Directors to meet and review the application for approval. The form is available on the website or from Select Group.

On that note, some recommendations for spring maintenance for your home are pressure washing of cedar fences, brick mailboxes and driveways to remove mold/algae/etc. Also, this Spring many homes and trim are due for a refreshing coat of paint. We all need to do our part to maintain the appearance of our homes and thus the overall appearance of our great neighborhood. Finally, a quick reminder to please do not put out yard debris, lawn/leaf bags or trash/recycling cans before Tuesday evening per the HOA rules. Additionally, prompt removal from the street of all cans is required by end of day on Wednesday. As always, please store your cans out of site from the street to maintain curb appeal and rules compliance.

### Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1st Vice-President of the Garden Club



#### Happy New Year!!!

Our Garden Club members would like to thank those residents who brought their families for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo on December 9<sup>th</sup> (see photos below). We hope that your Holidays proved to be a joyous time with family and friends.

Our club was very busy over the Holiday season decorating our City's Municipal Buildings, our own neighborhood entrances, and the Francis Land House. For our fourth year our Club participated in the Holiday Historic Home Tour on December 8th, by providing seasonal décor to the Whitehurst-Buffington House located near the Courthouse on Princess Anne Road. Our members brought a completely bare home to life. It was a lot of hard work and preparation and very rewarding. Thank you again to all those members who participated in this project.

Our new year began with an informative program about organic garden and landscape practices with Heather Driscoll from My Sister's Garden. If you have any interest in organic lawn care I highly recommend Heather. She owns and operates her own landscape crew and is happy to share her recommendations to achieve a healthier environment for your property. You can contact Heather at hdriscoll@mysistersgardenorganics.com.

In the upcoming months our program calendar includes a tour of the Willoughby/Baylor Home in Norfolk, and a program by Kim Whitfield, floral designer and owner of "Flowers at Hiltop." We will also continue our litter control project at the pond in the Mews area and once again ask that if your property backs up to the drainage area between Church Point and Thoroughgood please monitor your area for stray waste and yard debris. Please do not use your back yard for any type of lawn or garden waste dump! It contributes not only to adding pollution to the water but interrupts proper water run-off into the pond.

If you are interested in joining our Garden Club, or would like more information on our activities, you may contact me at 363-7524.

### Landscape of the Month Award Winners:

Submitted by Mary Jane Morewitz / Chairperson

Congratulations to the following recipients for outstanding landscape design and maintenance for the Fall Season 2012:

November - **Nick and JoJo Lotuaco**, "The Quays & the Commons East"

Landscape of the Month Awards, sponsored by the Church Point Garden Club, will resume its award program April - November 2013. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping Church Point a beautiful place to live.



## Church Point Social Committee News



#### By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart

Happy New Year, Church Point! Saying goodbye to last year has spurred a Social Committee New Year's resolution that needs some help to achieve - we would really like to get to know more neighbors! The committee enters its THIRD year with a fantastic core group, but there are still many more homeowners to meet and we would like to help you to help us change that.

Whether you enjoy dynamic group activities, brunch and coffee, wine and appetizers or a good run on a Sunday morning, we have options to help usher you into the spring. Come to one event or come to them all! The next Social Committee Meeting will take place on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM at Carrie Lauck's home, 4648 Church Point Place, when we will finalize this year's calendar while enjoying a glass of wine while we "work." Please stop by and join in the fun with a no-pressure group whose purpose is to provide activities and events to enhance the neighborhood experience; we would love to have you.

On Saturday, March 16th, Bobbie Hart will be hosting a brunch for the ladies of Church Point to include good conversation and great food. If you are new to the neighborhood or have not had the chance to attend a Social Committee function, this social ice breaker provides a great venue to get to know your neighbors. Meet at Bobbie's home, 4036 Timber Ridge for brunch from 11-1pm on the morning of March 16th and if you have a moment, please send a quick email to the social committee in order to let Bobbie know how many people to expect.

Looking forward, we hope to schedule a happy hour at the Manor House this spring and look forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Church Point Day 5K Run/Walk in May. Look for more details and expect to see the return of some of your favorite activities from the past like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Music in the Park nights at the gazebo. Thanks to the community for your continued support, and a special thanks to all that attended the terrific Holiday Party at the Manor House last December. It was a fantastic evening of great food with great neighbors and we look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, feel free to email us with questions or suggestions at any time at <a href="mailto:social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com">social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com</a> and "like" Church Point on Facebook at <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/churchpoint">www.facebook.com/churchpoint</a>.

## Holiday Lights Gave Church Point Fantastic Glow!

If you haven't had a chance to check out the winners in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Holiday Lighting contest in Church Point, be sure to see the pictures posted on the Church Point Facebook page. The photo at the right is just a small sample.

Great job, everyone.

Also, thanks to the Social Committee for sponsoring the event and for all the other activities they pulled together throughout the year. They have been a great addition to Church Point. Committee members are pictured at the right celebrating the holiday season!



#### POOP POLLUTES!

Hey, we all love dogs. But one of the facts of life of modern subdivision living is that dogs need their exercise and they need to poop somewhere in the development! Whether it's on the owner's lawn, the common area, or a neighbor's yard, it's important for the poop to be properly disposed of. The Virginia Beach SPCA launched an initiative in 2005 to convince dog owners that cleaning up pet waste is important to the environment. We've reprinted their poster here as a reminder. Below is their description of how Poop Pollutes:

#### The land...

Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites. Diseases that can be spread from pet waste include --

**Campylobacteriosis** (a bacterial infection causing diarrhea in humans)

**Salmonellosis** (the most common bacterial infection transmitted to humans from animals -- symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea)

**Toxocarisis** (roundworms transmitted from animals to humans. Symptoms include vision loss, rash, fever, or cough).

#### The water...

Pet waste degrades water quality leading to cloudy, green water from accelerated algae and weed growth, objectionable odors, and dead fish and other organisms. Up to one fourth of the fecal coliform in the polluted Lynnhaven River is from pet waste. Pet waste left in yards as far away as Green Run eventually reaches the city's historic waterway.

#### The air...

In addition to odors, flies and other pest insects can also increase when pet waste is disposed of improperly, becoming a nuisance and adding another vector for disease transmission.

**Communities...**Finally, pet waste pollutes friendships.

#### **Moving – Furniture For Sale**

Piano – Story & Clark spinet - \$450 obo 2 Matching love seats 72" sofa Queen sized mattress, box spring, and frame

Located right here in Church Point. Email neal joan@yahoo.com or call 460-6493 for prices and to view the items. We can also email pictures or detailed descriptions.



#### Poop Pollutes.

Neighborhoods. Friendships. The Beach. Parks and school yards.

Lakes and streams. Even the Lynnhaven River.

www.vbspca.com/poop



# VB Ranked Among America's "50 Best Cities"

Virginia Beach was recently ranked by Bloomberg BusinessWeek magazine among the "50 Best Cities" in the U.S. for 2012. The article stated:

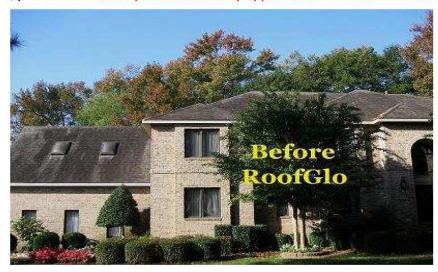
"...Virginia Beach has all the activities you would expect from its name, with a fishing pier, jet skiing, and long, yellow, sandy beachfront. Virginia Beach ranks the safest city on our list, [emphasis added] and it's eco-friendly, too; its 615 acre park, Mt. Trashmore, covers a reclaimed landfill with hiking trails and a skateboard park."

Chesapeake also made the top 50; San Francisco was number one, with Seattle runner-up.

If you're interested in the entire ranking, here is a link to the article: http://images.businessweek.com/slideshows/2012-09-26/americas-50-best-cities#slide51

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## 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 Dworetsky 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 & advanced students		
Zachary Kreiser 363-9801	Lawn mowing		

(If you would like to be added to the list, please contact <a href="mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net">npcchurchpoint@cox.net</a> 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 <a href="mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net">npcchurchpoint@cox.net</a>. 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

## **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 newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. Provide the information below.

Company	Recommended by	Services	Comments
Oceanside	Allison and Joe	Home renovations – drywall,	Timely work, very happy with the results
Structures - Nick	Thomas	hardwood floors, carpet,	
Nestor 679-8982		staircase design	

## **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 (to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter), please contact Gayle Pinero 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, <a href="www.churchpointonline.com">www.churchpointonline.com</a> on the News page. Newsletters are currently published around the end of January, April, July, and October.
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#### 2012 HOA Board of Directors

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