



*Spring 2019*

# *Church Point Post*

*Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter*

## **President's Corner - Spring 2019**

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 to maintain the neighborhood curb appeal. Maintaining your yard and the exterior of your home appearance is critical for curb appeal as home values and more importantly, home prices continue to increase. As a reminder, the Association Manager makes regular tours of the community to ensure compliance with the rules and bylaws. The emphasis of the Association Manager's review this spring is for rules compliance on maintaining yards (cut regularly and weed free) along with home exteriors (cleaning, painting and rooted wood replacement). If you are a homeowner with tenants in your home, it is your responsibility to ensure your tenant is fully aware of the rules and bylaws since violation letters and fines are issued to the homeowner of record.

This past winter, we tackled the removal of ivy choking many of the taller trees on the carriage path. Thank you to the homeowners that did reach out to volunteer to help the Board, with a special thank you to Ron Dennis, Landscape Coordinator, who personally took the brunt of the work load and accomplished many of the tree ivy removals.

If you live in the Mews section, you might have recently seen several City crews fixing potholes. This was a direct result of work orders for the Public Works Division entered through the city's website for service requests commonly called: "SEECLICKFIX". Click on the link below for access to the Public Works page: <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/public-works/Pages/service-requests.aspx>

The website allows every homeowner to report maintenance issues on city roads to include everything from potholes and animal carcasses to traffic lights and light poles being out.

After reporting an issue, you will receive regular updates emailed back to you on the status of the work order, plus you can see other requests that have been entered to reduce duplication. I've used the web tool myself to report street lights and several of those potholes recently repaired in Church Point – pictures can be attached also. Reminder, the roads and sidewalks, to include the light poles, are City responsibility in Church Point (with the exception of Bishop's Court) thus issues need to be addressed to City Public Works and not The Select Group or The Board. We need every homeowner's diligence in reporting issues with our community streets and even sidewalks (raised slabs from tree roots can be trip hazards / safety issues).

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

Hello neighbors!

Summer is right around the corner and we hope it will be full of memories and beach time for everyone. We have been so busy this Spring with a variety of events. The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Circle by the Bay was a terrific event; they were able to send almost \$500 to CHKD, so big thanks to everyone for their generous donations.

Happy Hour events remain popular and fun; we recently enjoyed the company of old and new neighbors at Buoy 44 in April and Mermaid Winery in May.

After a few years of trying out new dates for the annual Yard Sale, we agreed to bring it back to Mother's Day weekend for good. There have been various requests for different Saturdays over the years that we have been happy to try and accommodate, but the turnout seems best when we stick to one annual weekend. Thanks so much to everyone who participated, the rain held off and it was a terrific event! Plan for the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend for 2020 as well.

Next Sunday will kick off the summer with the first Music in the Park! Join us from 5-7 PM at the Church Point gazebo for this fun family-filled event, featuring the live acoustic music of Joey Wood. Pack a lawn chair and a cooler and come out to enjoy the music while mingling with neighbors. Feel free to invite your friends and spread the word!

There are two more events this summer, so clear space in your calendar for Happy Hour at Commonwealth Brewing Company on Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30, and Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> for the final Music in the Park of the season, from 5-7 PM.

This Social Committee has had a core group of your neighbors who loved creating a variety of events for Church Point over the last eight years. As our own children grow and lives shift, we find ourselves still committed, but in need of new leadership. The parades, concerts and picnic are all such wonderful ways to create a sense of community and they deserve to have a leader who has the time to give to make them thrive. If you are interested in joining the Church Point Social Committee, please email [social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com). We would love to have you!

Please feel free to email us with any questions at [social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com) and follow along on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/churchpoint](http://www.facebook.com/churchpoint). Enjoy the rest of summer!



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# 2019 SAVE THE DATE

## CHURCH POINT NEIGHBORHOOD 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE



<p>March 13 - Wednesday 5:30 pm Happy Hour 1608 Crafthouse</p>		<p>July 17 - Wednesday 5:30 pm Happy Hour Commonwealth Brewery</p>	
<p>April 7 - Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt Church Point Gazebo</p>		<p>September 8 - Sunday 5:00 - 7:00 pm Music in the Park Church Point Gazebo</p>	
<p>April 24 - Wednesday 5:30 pm Happy Hour Buoy 44</p>		<p>October 16 - Thursday 5:30 pm Happy Hour New River Taphouse</p>	
<p>May 11 - Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Church Point Yard Sale</p>		<p>December 14 - Saturday 1:00 - 3:00 pm Meet Santa @ the Gazebo Church Point Gazebo</p>	
<p>May 15 - Wednesday 5:30 pm Happy Hour Mermaid Winery</p>		<p>December 18 - Wednesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm Holiday Lights Competition</p>	
<p>June 9 - Sunday 5:00 - 7:00 pm Music in the Park Church Point Gazebo</p>		<p>December 22 - Sunday 7:00 - 10:00 pm Church Point Holiday Party Bayville Country Club</p>	

## Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2019

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo



Virginia Beach PD  
non-emergency #  
757-385-5000

Welcome Spring! We regularly attend the Citizen's Advisory committee meeting, hosted by the VBPD, and at the April monthly meeting Captain Hatfield reported an increased emphasis in speed monitoring throughout the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct has resulted in many more speeding tickets issued for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2019. Please be cognizant of your speed while driving and always be alert for children, pedestrians and cyclists.

Our guest speaker for April was Community Service Officer Joel Miller. Community Service Officers in the City provide numerous services to our citizens, such as if you have a disabled vehicle. Some of these services for a broke down vehicle include calling a tow truck, changing a flat tire or providing fuel if your vehicle is empty. Additional services include investigating abandoned vehicles and assisting with parking enforcement.

Car break-ins continue to be our number one crime issue in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. As we have mentioned in the past, homeowners routinely fall victim to this type of crime in Church Point, usually from not locking your vehicle. Please remember to not only keep your vehicles locked but ensure items of value are kept out of sight or in your trunk.

If you do not have a Block Captain, or are not currently participating in Neighborhood Watch, please email us at [cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com) or [bguglielmo2@gmail.com](mailto: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 # 385-5000.

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## Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are continuing our landscape projects at all entrances to the neighborhood as well as litter control and maintenance to the Mews Pond area. We have added the walk-through area to Thoroughgood House and areas along Spring House Trail to our litter control project as part of our project to reduce waste in the neighborhood.

**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. This now includes the walk-through trail to Thoroughgood House. It would also be appreciated if residents would pick up any stray waste that is left behind from the City’s trucks after trash collection.

**In celebration of Arbor Day here are several tips to share from our Tree Stewards of the VTech/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 watersprout 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!** ( An important tip - Visit the Botanical Gardens or AREC Center where you can view a mature version of the tree you're considering)

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 2019-2020.

We hope you and your families have a wonderful summer!

With Spring not too far away we encourage you to consider organic alternatives when preparing your landscapes. There are lots of informative sites online and as well as local gardening shops offering tips and assistance with proper methods and choices for your lawns and gardens.

If you are interested in joining our Garden Club, or would like more information on our activities, you may contact either Suzie Duckworth at 363-1050 or myself at 363-7524.

## 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.

Landscape winners are as follows:

March – none chosen due to poor weather conditions.

April – Terri and Ted Russell – *the Mews*

## AREC Corner – Spring 2019

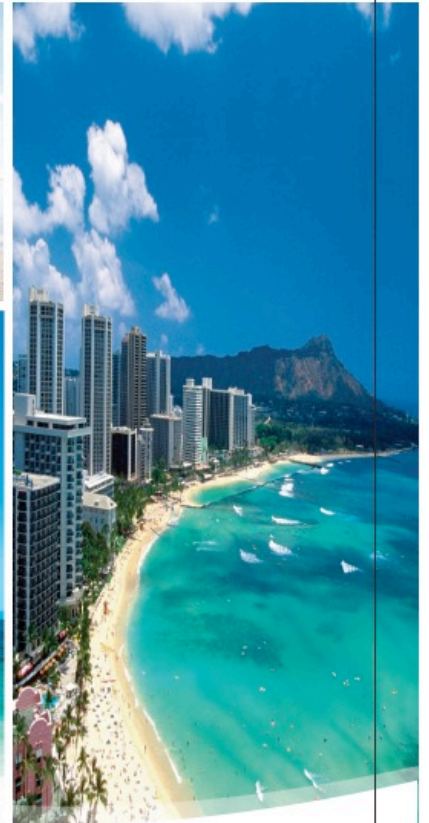
By Ron Creamer, Chairman

Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

As the warmer temperatures of spring begin to arrive, so does the opportunity for homeowners to get out and begin the annual spring cleanup and plantings that always enhance the appearance of our neighborhood. The rules require that every homeowner maintains their home to include exterior repairs of damage or rotted wood, peeling paint or faded paint needs a fresh coat of paint or exterior surfaces that are stained or have mold/mildew/algae need to be cleaned. Homeowners are also required to maintain their yards which includes pruning and trimming trees/hedges, turf that is weed free and cut regularly along with landscape beds that are weed free all go a long way in establishing the curb appeal of the community.

We really don't have a lot of rules to adhere to in Church Point but one of the most frequently violated rules is the placing of yard debris and lawn bags out on the curb BEFORE TUESDAY AFTERNOON. This rule isn't new and hasn't changed so not knowing doesn't carry any weight, but this rule is paramount to keeping our neighborhood looking great, especially on weekends when most new home shopping occurs, and we all want to keep the prices high. Every week we are getting reports from homeowners that do follow the rules about other homeowners placing stacks of tree branches and lawn bags placed on the curbs on Saturday and Sundays, and some homeowners are even putting trashcans out on the curb as early as Monday/Tuesday morning. It takes all of us to comply with the rules to keep our community looking great. Over the last couple of weeks, inspections have been performed on weekends and Mondays with an average of over two dozen violations letters issued each week by Select Group with several homeowners being multiple, repeat offenders. Following due process, each violation could result in a \$50 – is it really worth it? Maybe \$50 isn't a lot of money to you, but your neighbors are watching.

Finally, please remember that we do have Sunday quiet hours from 6PM on Saturday evening until Monday morning. This means NO cutting the grass (even if it rains on a Saturday), no hedge trimming or weed whacking, no yard blowers, no pressure washing and especially no contractors doing work. If you have questions about whether an application is required, please do not hesitate to contact us at [arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com](mailto:arec.churchpointhoa@gmail.com).



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE

At the May Board of Directors meeting, Chris Caporicci submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors. After over 8 years of service combined with increasing work demands and family life, Chris has decided to step down from the Board. The Board of Directors can't thank Chris enough for his many years of service to the Church Point community and the Board. Chris will surely be missed and was instrumental in keeping our community one of the best in Virginia Beach. The Board of Directors has appointed Ron Couture to succeed Chris for the remainder of year until November elections. Ron is a retired military officer and has lived in the COMMONS section of Church Point with his wife, Anna and their family for almost four years. We look forward to having Ron bring his knowledge, experience and energy to the Board of Directors for Church Point.

## 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](mailto: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
Pipeline Pools 757-737-0076 <a href="mailto:sales@pipelinepoolsinc.com">sales@pipelinepoolsinc.com</a>	Vicki and John McNamara	Pool services and liners	Replaced a pool liner for us. Their prices were reasonable & they were reliable/ hard working
Mr. Clean Services Ray Taylor 757-406-2731 <a href="mailto:raytaylor@cox.net">raytaylor@cox.net</a>	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 <a href="http://pppvb.com/">http://pppvb.com/</a>	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 <a href="mailto:rarsr@hotmail.com">rarsr@hotmail.com</a>	Maria Parizhskaya	Electric repairs and installation	Great job at a reasonable price



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<b>Parker Kreiser</b>	17	757-705-0151	Available for babysitting
<b>Javier Martin</b>	17	757-867-3572	Speaks English and Spanish; experienced
<b>Allyson Moseley</b>	18	757-752-0059	Red Cross certified, experienced
<b>Molly Case</b>	17	757-818-7393	CPR certified, available on weekends and after school most days, lots of experience volunteering with younger children
<b>Alejandra Lopez de Ayala</b>	17	757-617-8656	Eldest of 7 children; much experience with kids! Getting qualified in first aid. Speaks English and Spanish.
<b>Meg Hillary</b>	13	757-395-4821	Red Cross certified

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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	Phone	Services
<b>Alex Dworetsky</b>	<b>757-353-2809</b>	Dog-walking/sitting in your house; also, lawn mowing and edging.
<b>Cary Greco</b>	<b>757-460-5680</b>	Drum Lessons for beginners & advanced students
<b>Scotty Carter</b>	<b>757-313-6111</b>	Dog walking-sitting and also lawn mowing
<b>Gonzalo Lopez de Ayala</b>	<b>757-617-8656</b>	Loves pets! Would love to walk dogs or take care of any pet.

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