



Spring 2020

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner - Spring 2020

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

In this unprecedented and unique time during the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, I hope everyone is healthy and doing their best to stay that way and following all COVID-19 CDC precautions and cleaning guidelines. This economic shutdown and forced quarantine have caused many bad things but also some good, as it is great to see so many neighbors out walking, riding bikes and walking dogs. We have even seen budding artists in neighborhood youth creating wonderful chalk drawings on the roads. As always, with increased outside activity, please be cautious with speeds while driving through the community. The Board of Directors has not officially met since the quarantine started but is doing its best to conduct business via email. Additionally, the Select Group has restricted their offices and Association Managers are working from home with limited office hours, but the Select Group is still open and operating, if anyone needs to reach out to them.

Since there is limited information to share these days on HOA activities, I thought I would save some space in this newsletter edition and afford the Garden Club greater focus. Members of the Garden Club have been working tirelessly for a long time on how to enhance the appearance of the waterfront area. They have researched history and spoke with many people and organizations including the City of Virginia Beach and landscape architects on the best course of action to revitalize our waterfront area. They have developed an amazing and beautiful plan they will describe in this newsletter. Hopefully everyone will review and freely provide comments and feedback.

It is hoped that with the Governors reopening plans for Virginia, we will get back to the new normal way of life soon, and quickly and safely. Until then, please remain safe and observe social distancing.

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck

Hello Church Point!

The Social Committee has been thinking about our neighbors as this pandemic has taken ahold of the nation and hoping everyone is feeling healthy and safe. This article will be a quick one from us, because everything we set into motion earlier this year has been put on hold.

Just before we went to print it was determined that we could move forward with a socially distant June Music in the Park. We very much look forward to an outdoor gazebo event in June. As soon as we finalize the artist and the exact date, we will let you know via Facebook and the Social Committee email list. Anticipate it to happen on a Sunday evening from 5-7PM.

The other event that we hope to reschedule is the Annual Yard Sale. May was not an option due to restrictions, but we are very hopeful that we can work with the Board to reschedule for a date in early fall after heat and restrictions are (hopefully!) behind us.

Wish we had more great activities to share, but as comfort levels rise, so will summer events. We are hopeful for summer outdoor happy hours and will stay in touch with more info!

As always, please follow us on FB at www.facebook.com/churchpoint for the latest updates and information.

Stay well and we hope to see you soon!

Local Boy Scouts of America Troop 364 Upcoming 50th Anniversary

Jeff Walker, committee chair for BSA Troop 364 which meets at Bayside Presbyterian Church, announced that the organization is making plans for a 50th anniversary celebration on August 8th from 11:00-3:00 pm at Great Neck Park pavilions, 2513 Shorehaven Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.

Jeff is reaching out to local civic leagues and asked if this information could be shared with the Church Point neighborhood. All former members and adult leaders, as well as their families are invited to attend. Further event information can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/troop364vb/>. Please email baysidetroop364@gmail.com to contact the troop.

CHURCH POINT SAVE THE DATE

JUNE TBD- MUSIC IN THE PARK

Church Point Gazebo. 5-7PM

JULY 17- HAPPY HOUR

Commonwealth Brewing Company. 5:30PM

2020

SEPT 8- MUSIC IN THE PARK

Church Point Gazebo. 5-7PM

DEC 16- HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

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ADDITIONAL EVENTS & HOLIDAY PARTY
INFORMATION WILL BE ADDED! SEE YOU SOON!



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Church Point Seaside Garden Project

By Angela Sinesi and Robin Miller

As members of the community, you are invited to take a look at the rich history that was entrusted to us on the Church Point waterfront, and as neighbors, work together to keep it alive from generation to generation. A Seaside Garden project to commemorate and enhance the historic marker placed by The Suffolk Chapter of the Virginia Society Colonial Dames of the 17th Century is currently underway. This marker honors Adam and Sarah Thoroughgood, their family members, and the Lynnhaven Parish. Church Point waterfront was once the home of Lynnhaven Parish, one of the first Episcopal Churches in Virginia and it is believed to be the first in what is now known as Virginia Beach. Lynnhaven is the first of three Historic sister Parishes built around the Lynnhaven River - Old Donation and Eastern Shore Chapel bring the other two.

We are currently partnering with Church Point Garden Club and the Church Point HOA to bring this Seaside Garden project from concept to completion - a beautiful landscape to remind us often of the people who paved the way for living in a "Brand New World," and a welcoming spot, rich in *history*, that gave our neighborhood the name of Church Point. We should be proud to be entrusted with a grant of land where this country first took root. We, as neighbors can gather with family and friends, slow it down and drink in the grandeur of the lovely Lynnhaven while engaging in meaningful conversation as children and dogs run and play. Or, maybe sit for a spell and ponder a minute or two, why is that marker there? How important was this point, and is it still today? Let us explore those questions together.

Historic Moments in Time

1606 - The Virginia Company of London, an English Royal Charter by King James I, was responsible for establishing Jamestown Settlement. The Company's three ships, The Susan Constant, The God Speed, and The Discovery set sail in the midst of winter, landing on the shores of Cape Henry in the spring of 1607. They built a shallop (a small, open boat propelled by oars or sails and used chiefly in shallow waters) for short distance exploration into the country by land and water, enjoying the spring flowers, tasting oysters, and finding beautiful strawberries.

The English explorer George Percy wrote, "They came to a place in that beautiful forest where the natives had made a great fire and had been newly roasting oysters. When the natives fled, the colonists, seeing the large, succulent oysters still in the fire, couldn't resist." (This possibly was the first oyster roast in the New World) "...we found a River on the Southside running into the Main." This inlet would soon be named the Lynnhaven after Adam Thoroughgood's hometown, King's Lynn, England. Oysters and mussels were bountiful. The "Lynnhaven Oyster" would become renowned, shipped to the Queen of England as well as the Waldorf Astoria in New York to name a few. To this day, Lynnhaven oysters are sought out delicacies.

1639 - Adam Thoroughgood's untimely death at 36 years old.

1642 - Boundaries of the Lynnhaven Parish were designated.

1657 - Sarah Thoroughgood Yeardley's passing.

(Church Point Seaside Garden Project cont....)

Around 300 years ago it is stated that the Lynnhaven Parish, accompanied by the graves of some of the earlier settlers, eroded into the water due to a storm that passed through the region. This valuable history deserves a special place of remembrance that the Seaside Garden project can provide for the Church Point community.

We are fortunate to have on board our team, Landscape Designer and Virginia Certified Horticulturist, Diane Smith of Di-namic Landscape Designs, "We are thrilled and honored by the opportunity to be part of this incredibly important project in remembrance of local history." Diane designed a Meadowscape style garden that enhances the natural beauty of the waterfront park while undoing some of the water-polluting and ecosystem destruction resulting from lawn-heavy landscapes.

The new design involves elimination of some of the turf grass, planting native grasses and wildflower plants into a mulched bed along the waterfront, and adding a mulched bed along the street with evergreen shrubs and seasonal annuals. The mulched beds will be separated by a lawn pathway. Each bench will be enhanced by a small deciduous Vitex tree which will add shade and bloom from late spring until early fall with long, upright spikes of lilac flowers. There are plans to add a bronze sculpture for added visual interest to the landscape.

The garden is in the early planning stages, with final costs yet to be determined. Church Point HOA Board of Directors is in discussion to provide funds for capital improvements such as irrigation and lighting. However, additional sources of income and donations are needed to include sponsorship opportunities for the historical garden. Corporate and Individual Sponsors will be recognized on a permanent plaque displayed in the garden. In addition to sponsorships, the Church Point Garden Club and Social Committee are looking to host fundraisers to help offset expenses and build enthusiasm for this exciting project.

We hope you find this project as exciting as we do!

(Map provided on next page)



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

Neighborhood Watch – Spring 2020

By Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is staying well during the COVID-19 quarantine. The monthly Citizen's Advisory committee meeting, hosted by the VBPD, has been cancelled until further notice.

During these unfortunate times, we would always like to ask everyone to be aware of your surroundings. Make sure to keep your doors locked, outdoor lights on at night and as always leave nothing of value in your vehicles or keep out of sight. Vehicle break-ins continue to be a high-volume crime.

Remember to get your mail every day. Homeowners reported a stolen package from their porch after midnight, with their security cameras capturing the same criminals checking mailboxes in the neighborhood.

Additionally, with school being closed and many Summer camps/etc. projected to be closed, there is an increased volume of children playing in the streets as well as walkers and bikers - please watch your speed in the neighborhood and stay vigilant for pets or kids chasing balls/darting into the street.

If you are not a member of Nextdoor, please consider joining and download the app. It is our main point of contact for Neighborhood Watch in Church Point. 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 # 385-5000.

The Neighbors Turn – Summer Garden and bugs

By Gary Lauck

Last summer I mentioned my multiple failed attempts at growing a vegetable garden due to the lack of pollinating insects around my property. I hadn't seen a honeybee in years and would be lucky to get one or two tomatoes over the entire season, so I didn't even try last year.

As much as I despise mosquitoes, I dislike Virginia Beach's chemical spraying program more (kills too many "good" insects), so I called the city and asked for a red reflector to mark my yard as safe from the spray truck.

There is plenty of debate over mosquito spraying and its effects on the rest of the insect population, but this little column isn't the place for it. I am just resharing the information in case someone is interested in having the city deliver and install a flag on their property. If so, call 757-385-1470.

With hope springing eternal, I planted a garden this year, and in addition to getting the no spray reflector, I also planted a pollinator garden of plants to attract some helpful insects.

Fingers crossed!



EXPOSED:

This is something **all Residents of Church Point MUST read.**

**Dr. Arthur Rex and Sunni Jenkins tell the RAW TRUTH about
The Painter, Inc.**

It was early in the year of 2006, as I was leaving my home in Virginia Beach, I saw a little handmade sign on the corner that said nothing more than The Painter, Inc. and a cell phone number. Since we had recently purchased a 3 story house on Spring House Trail in late fall of 2005 and knew we would be in need of a "painter" for numerous renovation projects over the next 5-6yrs, I saved his number in my cell phone. Shortly thereafter, we were ready to begin our first project and called Gabriel Goar, "The Painter, Inc." for an estimate. There was no doubt that it was a large undertaking for anyone, much less Gabriel who had just started his business 2 months prior. He was an interesting young man, having never worked for another painting company before, launching out on his own in pursuit of the American dream. Gabriel walked through our home, gave us a proposal that I could not refuse, not because he was the least expensive, he wasn't, but because I saw his character and eager spirit to do a great job. We decided to accept his proposal instead of the other two companies from whom we had received bids. As the project proceeded, there were a few things that needed our attention, like... many young men, and some adults as well, found it difficult to arrive at our house at the appointed time. Being of the generation that punctuality is a given, I sat him down and had a business discussion with him about the importance of being on time as promised. Since then, seeing the wisdom of our discussion, the painters have been routinely punctual and often early! During the initial project, Gabriel and his small crew of two other men spent a lot of time painting the interior of our home, but did it with perfect detail and precision. I was extremely impressed with not only the quality of his workmanship but the fact that he was an honest, truthful, kind and sweet young man. After they removed several bathrooms of wallpaper and painted the entire interior of our home, we said goodbye to Gabriel until the next project.

That was the beginning of 2006, it is now 2020 and Gabriel and his men have been coming over to our house to paint something new, about every six months. There is no doubt that I am truly blessed to have found a painter who cares about my property and who does not overcharge just because he knows that we are not getting other estimates. He has maintained his attention to detail, his standard of quality high, and trustworthiness over numerous projects over the past 15 years. We are currently using Gabriel on a project again. If anyone in Church Point is in need of a painter that really cares about their property, has a sincere interest in a long-term working friendship, where quality and detail is pertinent, I fully and whole heartedly recommend Gabriel Goar, "The Painter, Inc."

If you are looking for a painter give him a call at 757-450-6239. Tell him that Sunni Jenkins told you about him and mention this article. He will be "Johnny on the Spot". You will NOT be disappointed!

Sunni Jenkins



P.S...You should check out his website: www.The-Painter-Inc.com . He has so many guarantees and warranties that I cannot list them all here including a 100% Money Back Guarantee and a Price Match Guarantee.

Church Point Kids' Corner

Does your child have a passion for writing? If so, please feel free to submit articles of interest for sharing with your neighbors.

This was written by Reagan Fulton, who with her sister MaKenna made the front page of the *Virginian-Pilot* on April 26 for creating and delivering a weekly newspaper to keep their Bishop's Court neighborhood informed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Save the Giant Pandas

Did you know the Giant Panda is a vulnerable species? A vulnerable species is an animal facing a high risk of extinction. A panda's natural habitat is in China, but China is making more roads and houses so there's less room for the pandas. There are only 1,864 pandas left in the wild. China says the pandas are China's treasure and there's a good reason why. Did you know that adult pandas can grow more than four feet and weigh 220-330 pounds? That's because pandas eat bamboo, and they eat 26-84 pounds of it each day! Even though adults are really big, the newborn giant pandas are only as long as a stick of butter! You can help save these adorable pandas by donating to the World Wildlife Fund. If you want, you can even buy a stuffed animal panda and all the money goes to saving the pandas!



AREC Corner – Spring 2020

By Ron Creamer, Chairman

Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

Many homeowners who been quarantined at home during this pandemic have utilized the time to perform some much-needed home improvements. We have undoubtedly seen the largest number of applications submitted in as long as anyone can remember. Please continue to send your applications to the Select Group (they have reopened their offices, but Association Managers have limited hours so please call or email to maintain social distancing). Although the Board of Directors cannot meet in person, they are trying to get all applications reviewed and approved electronically so please be patient. 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, and turf that is weed free and cut regularly along with landscape beds that are weed free. It all goes a long way in establishing the curb appeal of the community.

Reminder that the city will only pick up yard debris in clear plastic bags and any loose tree limbs less than 6” in diameter and 4’ long – it must be bundled not to exceed a quantity of two bundles of maximum size 4’ x4’ x 4’. The city will not pick up tree stumps, rocks or dirt. If the City does not pick up your yard debris, it is your responsibility to find an alternative disposal solution. It cannot be left on the curb after trash day and violation letters can be issued. If you have a lot of debris, it is recommended to request a yard debris container from the City that will be dropped off for 24 hours.

Additionally, if you have a landscaping service, please ensure they are aware of the rules and do not put your yard debris out on curb any earlier than Tuesday afternoon. We continue to see yard service companies leaving yard debris on the curbs in front of the homes on Fridays and Saturdays to sit for days. This is obviously a violation and disrespectful to your neighbors that follow the rules.

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.

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 may be removed after one year of posting.

Company	Recommended by	Services	Comments
David Mantero, Electrician Nickel Electric, 757-938-1615 dmantero@nickelectricllc.com	Maria Parizhskaya	Electrical Services	Dependable, punctual, does a great job for a 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
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!

Your Church Point Babysitting Resource

If you wish to be added to the list, just email newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. Also, PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFO IF IT HAS CHANGED.

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

Name	Age	Phone	Info
Parker Kreiser	17	757-705-0151	Available for babysitting
Javier Martin	17	757-867-3572	Speaks English and Spanish; experienced
Allyson Moseley	18	757-752-0059	Red Cross certified, experienced
Molly Case	17	757-818-7393	CPR certified, available on weekends and after school most days, lots of experience volunteering with younger children
Alejandra Lopez de Ayala	17	757-617-8656	Eldest of 7 children; much experience with kids! Getting qualified in first aid. Speaks English and Spanish.
Meg Hillary	14	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
Alex Dworetsky	757-353-2809	Dog-walking/sitting in your house; also, lawn mowing and edging.
Cary Greco	757-460-5680	Drum Lessons for beginners & advanced students
Scotty Carter	757-313-6111	Dog walking-sitting and also lawn mowing
Gonzalo Lopez de Ayala	757-617-8656	Loves pets! Would love to walk dogs or take care of any pet.

If you would like to be added to the list, please contact newsletter.churchpointhoa@gmail.com with your contact info and the types of work you are available for.

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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, please contact Bob Garrett 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, www.churchpointonline.com on the News page. Newsletters are currently published quarterly.
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