



*Fall 2006*

# *Church Point Post*

*Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter*

## **New Board Members Elected At October 19 Homeowners' Annual Meeting**

This year's annual homeowners' meeting had a good attendance, perhaps boosted by the proposed amendment regarding the photinia along First Court Road. The Board's 2007 budget was presented, with no increase in the quarterly HOA fees. The homeowners elected three Board members to 2-year terms – two incumbents up for re-election and one new member. The new member is Peggy Dickens, who replaces Tom Fitzgerald, who retired after 6 years on the Board. Jack Steele and Peggy Carnes were reelected.

Homeowners defeated a proposed amendment to the covenants and restrictions for Church Point that was designed to facilitate the replacement of the photinia bushes along First Court Road. Even though a majority of those voting approved the amendment, it fell short of the required two-thirds majority needed to pass. The change would have provided for the cost of replacement to be borne by the HOA rather than the individual property owners along the road. The change was necessary because the bushes are actually located on homeowners' property; without the amendment, the Board might be prohibited from authorizing funds for removal or replacement. With the defeat of the amendment, the new Board will have to reassess how best to address this issue of the diseased and dying photinia.

After the general meeting, the new Board members met to select the officers for the coming year. The new officers are: President - Neal Curtin.; Vice-president - Justin Keenan; Treasurer - Jack Steele; Secretary - Peggy Carnes; and At-Large Member – Peggy Dickens.

### **President's Corner**

By Neal Curtin, HOA President

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as President of the HOA Board of Directors this year. My wife Joan and I have been Church Point residents for 11 years, and I have been a Board member for the last year and a half. We have been proud and happy to see Church Point develop into a premier neighborhood in Virginia Beach, and I think the Board's main job is to maintain and enhance that reputation.

I want to start this message by thanking Tom Fitzgerald for his many years of service to the Church Point Board. Tom served for six years on the Board, the last three as President. He's put in some long hours -- and endured many headaches -- for the good of Church Point. Thanks, Tom, for a job well done!

While there are a multitude of issues and activities that I and the Board members will have to pay attention to over the next year, I think there are three main priorities that will occupy most of my time. These are items that carry a significant cost and/or are crucial to the neighborhood:

- **Maintenance and beautification of the common areas.** We spend over \$50,000 a year on our contract for mowing lawns, trimming trees and bushes, and maintaining flower beds. We also maintain the pond and fountain at

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## Neighborhood Watch – by LaTanya Cole

In the last issue, we wrote about ways of preventing identify theft. What if it's too late, and you've already been victimized? If you are a victim of identity theft, the first thing to do is call your bank to alert them to the problem and your credit card companies to cancel your cards. In addition, there are other steps you should take. Here are some contact numbers that will be useful:

1. Virginia Beach Police Dept 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct: 757-385-5000 (file a police report)
2. The three main credit bureaus (place a "fraud alert" on report):
  - a. Equifax: 1-800-525-6285 or [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
  - b. Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742 or [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
  - c. Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289 or [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)
3. To "opt-out" of pre-approved credit card offers, call 1-888-5-opt-out.
4. Federal Trade Commission (FTC): 1-877-ID-THEFT or [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft)
5. Social Security Admin (SSA fraud line): 1-800-269-0271 or [www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/)
6. United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS):1-202-268-2284
7. Department of Motor Vehicles: [www.dmv.state.va.us/](http://www.dmv.state.va.us/)

No matter how cautious you are, you cannot guarantee that a criminal will not obtain your personal information. Let's use the tools above to reduce the chances of identity theft and/or to minimize any damage to our credit and good names.

**Local Crime Watch** -- There have been nine crimes here in Church Point in the past year reported to the Police Dept. - six of which have occurred in the past two months. These incidents were mostly thefts from cars, where windows were broken to access cameras, laptops, etc. left inside the cars; there were also home burglaries. One house had a bottle thrown through the front window.

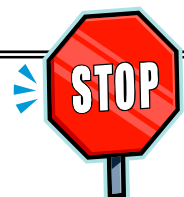
Out of all of these crimes, only two were reported to me through CPNW watch. It is very important to share these crime incidents throughout our neighborhood even if embarrassing. Your personal info (name, specific address, etc) will be left out unless you tell me to include it in the report.

I am asking all of you to do this:

1. Contact your block captain and make sure that they have your correct email address. Those of you without email addresses make it harder on the block captains and myself to disseminate information. I have NEVER given out neighbor's personal information outside of the Neighborhood Watch program or our HOA and do not intend to ever do so.
2. If you do not have a block captain and/or are new to the area, call or email me (460-3157 or [elcee.cole@verizon.net](mailto:elcee.cole@verizon.net)). Please give me your name, email or phone number and a good time to reach you. I will hook you up with the best block captains and neighborhood watch program in town.

### Let's Be Careful Out There!

With daylight savings time ending, it will be dusk or dark at the rush hours now. This is an especially dangerous time at both the Mews and Gazebo entrances to Church Point. Visibility can be affected by both the dark and the bushes growing near the corners of the entrances. Please take extra time and precaution at these intersections, looking for pedestrians as well as other vehicles. A moment's inattention could cause a tragedy.



# Church Point Garden Club

By Suzie Duckworth, President of the Garden Club



Fall is in the air and this is the busy time of the year. At our November meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy making a tropical flower arrangement with Mari Hall. We continue to meet at the Baylake United Methodist Church. Our Garden Club is open to any Church Point resident. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month from September to May. Our meetings are filled with hands-on flower arranging and many interesting programs. You may attend two meetings before joining as a member.

Soon we will be planting pansies at both entrances. At the end of November we will be decorating for the holidays with wreaths, garland, swags and lights at the gazebo. On December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our sixth annual "Santa Claus at the Gazebo (see box below). We will be helping the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach decorate the historic Francis Land House and the city buildings at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center for the Holidays. Also, see the form on page 7 to order poinsettias for the holiday!

We are always looking for new members. Come join us, make new friends and meet your neighbors. If you have any questions about the Garden Club, call Suzie at 363-1050.

**Landscape of the Month Award recipients:**      September      No award  
October      Gus & Amy Angelopoulos 4021 Church Point Rd.



## Santa At The Gazebo Dec. 9!

The Church Point Garden Club is sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa at the Gazebo on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring the kids and don't forget your cameras there will be great photo ops with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

There will be refreshments too, so come and get in the holiday spirit. Pets are welcomed to have a picture with Santa, too! Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 10 at the same time.

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- the west end of the Mews, the gazebo at the main entrance, the carriage path along the golf course boundary, and the riverfront park in the Quays. All of these contribute to making Church Point special and deserve special attention.
- **Replacement of the photenia bushes along First Court Road.** With the defeat of the proposed amendment, the Board will have to decide how to proceed as these bushes become diseased and die. This is Church Point's "front door" and we want to keep it looking attractive and impressive. As we debate this issue further, we will keep everyone informed. Your ideas and input are welcome.
- **Maintaining good control of architectural standards.** One of the things that has set Church Point apart from the start is the strict enforcement of good architectural standards, not only for the houses themselves, but for any additions, changes, fences, piers, swimming pools, etc. that could alter the character of the development. Enforcing the standards can sometimes be painful, but it is crucial that the Board do a conscientious job.

These priorities – and all activities of the Board – will be done with one thing in mind: what's best for Church Point as a whole?

One final point: Church Point needs you! If you want to help out on the landscaping committee, the architectural standards review committee, Neighborhood Watch, the Garden Club, the newsletter, or any other activities in the neighborhood, please consult our web page [www.churchpointonline.com](http://www.churchpointonline.com) for the contact points for these various activities. Or contact me directly by email with any questions or concerns at [npchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npchurchpoint@cox.net). All of us working together can help assure that Church Point remains the best place to live in Virginia Beach!

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## Contractor Compliments – For a Job Well Done!

Contractor	Recommended by	Type of Work	Comments
Mr. Electric (Bill Roberson, owner)	Sergio and Maria Oehninger	Fixed backyard and pool lights	Punctual and decent price
Clear The Decks (Rob Coffin)	Sergio and Maria Oehninger	Odd jobs around the house	Good work and fair prices
Peak Construction Co. (Steve Palan, owner)	Arthur Rex and Sunni Jenkins	Kitchen remodeling	Quality product, responsible, and extremely reliable
Highland Carpet Cleaners (502-0287)	Doyle Quisenberry	Carpet cleaning	Extremely reliable, individual owner, very experienced
Greener Vision (Joe Mihalik 235-4174)	Doyle Quisenberry	Tree and shrub care (spraying)	Excellent service, individual owner
Green Scene (Mike Ogden 749-7400)	Doyle Quisenberry	Lawn care	Individual owner, 18 yrs. experience
Borden Security (Glen Borden 454-8890)	Doyle Quisenberry	Home security, monitored locally	Individual owner, quick response
Southside Termite (Scott 589-0233)	Doyle Quisenberry	Termite inspection	Very reliable and honest
MSCO Heating & Cooling (Jeff 427-0016)	Doyle Quisenberry	HVAC services	Have used them for 16 years; very satisfied, this company is customer oriented



## Your Church Point Babysitting Resource

Many residents have asked about the availability of babysitters here in Church Point, so we have started this feature in the *Church Point Post* as a service. Please help us add to the list by letting us know of any babysitters in your household (email [npccchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npccchurchpoint@cox.net)). Here is the current list:

**Christina Baddar** – Age 12 (Red Cross Babysitters course; certified in child and infant CPR) – 226-9950

**Alexa Go** – Age 15 (experienced; references available) – 460-2976

**Jane Go** – Age 13 (experienced) – 460-2976

**Emma Hamilton** – Age 12 (Red Cross Babysitters course) -- 363-2829

**Kate Hamilton** – Age 13 -- 363-2829

**Jennifer Morben** – Age 13 (experienced; Red Cross Babysitters course) – 464-0232

**Brian Murphy** – Age 13 – 460-5638

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### Some HOA Dues Payments Were Returned by Wachovia

Many residents had their dues payments returned as undeliverable this past month. If this happened to you, send the payment directly to Select Group. Select is working with Wachovia bank to correct the problem. We are also looking into the possibility of changing banks, to use a bank more familiar with homeowners' associations' needs. We'll keep you informed.



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### **Holiday Bazaar Nov. 5**

Cypress Point Circle of the Norfolk City Union of The King's Daughters, will be hosting "A Holiday Bazaar" on Sunday, November 5, 2005, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Quality Suites & Sleep Inn at Lake Wright, 6280 Northampton Blvd., Norfolk. The exhibitors will offer a wonderful selection of items such as custom jewelry, stocking stuffers, holiday decorations, gourmet food items, ceramics and pottery, and much more! Door prizes are \$1.00 per chance. Cash and checks accepted. Entry Fee - \$1.00, children under 10 free.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the NCUKD office at 668-7098. **All proceeds benefit CHKD.**

### **Did You Know?**

Past issues of the *Church Point Post* are available on-line – and in **color!** -- at the Church Point web site ([www.churchpointonline.com](http://www.churchpointonline.com)). Click on the News link and it will take you to the most recent issues, with an archive for older issues.

## **Church Point Directory Update**

As we learn of new residents moving into Church Point (or changes in names or phone numbers), we will provide information in the Newsletter so you can update your Church Point Directory. Here are the latest additions and corrections:

ANTLE, Joseph and Sarah	3917 Meeting House Road	
JUDGE, Bill and Sharon	4644 Church Point Place	470-5982
McCOLLUM, Gary and Fredericka	3901 Meeting House Road	
McCORMICK, William and Heather	4560 Church Point Place	
UMBACH, Jamie	4080 Timber Ridge Drive	464-0405 (Correction to phone #)

## Church Point Garden Club Fund-Raiser 2006 Poinsettia Sale Order Form

Poinsettias are available in a variety of styles and prices. Use the table below to order the desired quantity for each style. Send this form and check to Laura Jacobson, 1705 Fletcher Mews **by Nov. 20**. Pick up your order at the Gazebo on **Saturday, Dec. 2, 10:00-2:00**. If you don't have a chance to order in advance, very limited quantities of 6-inch pots will also be available for purchase on the date of pickup.

### Color/Styles Available:

Color	Quantity Ordered			Total Cost
	6-inch pots \$9 each	10-inch pots \$20 each	12-inch bush Special Order Only \$35 each	
Red				
White				
Pink				
Marble (Light pink and cream bi-color bracts)			These colors not available in 12-inch size	
Jingle Bells (Red bracts with pink specks)				
Delivery - (check here <input type="checkbox"/> if desired) and add <b>\$3.00 charge</b>				
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> (Make checks payable to Church Point Garden Club)				\$

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Wanna Talk Some Trash?**

A couple of reminders about trash pickup in Church Point:

1. Trash cans, and especially yard waste, should not be put out on the street until Tuesday evening or early Wednesday morning. And the empty trash cans should be removed from the street as soon as possible after pick-up. Please be especially considerate about yard waste, and remind your lawn care contractors that they should not put bags of grass or loose debris in the street until Tuesday. Mowing on Friday or Saturday and leaving bags of grass out on the street from then until the next Wednesday is a no-no!
2. In the Mews, some of you who live on the "Private Drives" and have to put your trash out on Church Point Place should be especially careful to put the cans out late Tuesday. It can be quite an eyesore to have several trash cans lined up together. Neighbors need to be considerate of this requirement and leave the trash cans alone until the owners can remove them.

A little cooperation and consideration on these items can help keep Church Point looking good – even on trash day!

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## Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- If you have ideas for articles in future newsletters, we would like to hear from you. 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 Ali Mercer 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) in the "Ads" section. Newsletters are currently published around the end of January, April, July, and October.

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