



*Fall 2007*

# *Church Point Post*

*Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter*

## **Annual Homeowners Meeting Elects New Board Members, Adopts Amendment on First Court Road Landscaping**

Residents at Church Point's October 23 annual homeowners meeting voted to adopt an amendment to the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions turning over responsibility for maintenance of the landscaping along First Court Rd. to the HOA. The vote, which required a 2/3 majority, passed on a vote of 115 for the amendment, and 25 opposed – an 82% majority. Board President Neal Curtin said he hoped to appoint a committee of residents to plan for the implementation of improvements to the dead and dying landscaping in that area.

At the meeting, residents also elected new Board members. Neal Curtin and Justin Keenan were re-elected to new 2-year terms, and Steve Carnes and Edie Schlain were elected as new members also for 2-year terms. After the meeting, the new Board approved the following officers for the next year:

President – Neal Curtin

Vice-President – Justin Keenan

Treasurer – Jack Steele

Secretary – Edie Schlain

At-Large – Steve Carnes

The new Board's first meeting is scheduled for November 19.

### **President's Corner**

By Neal Curtin, HOA President

I know it's hard to believe, but another holiday season is rapidly approaching. Starting with Halloween, and continuing on through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's – along with other religious and national holidays during the next couple months – it seems like non-stop activity, parties, and travel. Here in Church Point, we'll have the annual "Santa at the Gazebo" and the Garden Club Poinsettia sale which I hope everyone will enjoy. Lots of residents will be traveling sometime during this period, so please be careful to secure your home – set up some lights to come on at night, have mail and newspapers stopped, and ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house while you're gone. When traveling, please drive carefully, watch that alcohol consumption, and return home safely.

With the end of daylight savings time, it will be dark during the prime evening commuting period, so please use extra caution when driving through Church Point. Bikers and joggers need to use the sidewalks as much as possible and wear white clothing or reflectors, and drivers really need to obey the 25 mph speed limit. Getting home a minute earlier is not worth the risk of a tragic accident.

We were able to hold the line this year on HOA fees; they will remain at the same quarterly level through 2008. I can't promise that indefinitely, but we will try to be frugal and limit future increases as much as possible. With the passage of the landscaping amendment, we are adding some areas of landscaping that the HOA will be responsible for, but the Board will try to manage that carefully and balance the needs there with other priorities.

I mentioned at the annual meeting that we would like to revitalize our Social Committee here in Church Point. Kristin Carter, who has helped organize the Spring Egg Hunt in recent years, has agreed to spearhead a committee to plan additional events – perhaps a summer or fall community-wide picnic. Anyone who would like to get involved in this, please contact Kristin or any of the Board members. I think an additional event like this could really help us build some community spirit. You'll hear more in future newsletters.

## Neighborhood Watch – by LaTanya Cole

Here are a few recent incidents in Church Point that residents should be aware of:

### **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. The Gazebo**

The Gazebo private property sign was pulled up, as well as our CP signs at both entrances announcing the upcoming HOA meeting. This time the culprits were 2 females! (Gasp!) The 2 suspects were approx. 13-14 year-old females and were last seen running down Hunger's Parish Court; seemed to be just senseless vandalism.

### **Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The Mews, Dalwood Mews**

One of our neighbors on Dalwood Mews had a solicitor yesterday afternoon selling magazine subscriptions. They are young, smooth-talkers who say they are raising money for an educational trip (in my neighbor's case, it was to go to Australia to study tiger sharks). He engaged her in conversation by asking if she knew "Lori Johnson", who lives on the main street and walks her golden retriever every day. My neighbor was immediately suspicious, asked if he had a solicitor's permit (he showed her something, but she wasn't sure it was real or valid), and basically told him she wasn't interested.

**Comments:** There is **NO SOLICITING in Church Point**, call the police.

### **Saturday, October 13, 2007, The Mews, Pilgrim Mews/Church Point Rd.**

Our neighbor on Pilgrims Mews describes this event... Saturday afternoon a young boy with scraggly long hair came onto our door stoop and tore off one of our Halloween wooden displays and threw it on the ground and broke it. My husband saw him ascending the steps from the garage and was on his way to the front door, but the boy had already acted. "Mr. X" yelled "stop", which meant he ran/walked to the corner of Haversham and Church Point (the corner of the old Mayo house) to be with his skate-boarding buddies. When Mr. X confronted the boys, only one of them seemed to regret being part of the group. Probably two were from Church Point and two from Thoroughgood. The boy who tore down the scene moved away toward Thoroughgood when the police were mentioned. One of the boys from Church Point was quite bold and talked back when Mr. X asked him to give the name of the boy who did the actual vandalism. Three of the boys were white and one (the one who talked back) was possibly part white or another race. Mrs. X called the police who sent out three cars to search for them, but, the boys had left by the time the police arrived. They said they took the vandalism quite seriously and they made a police report.

**Saturday, September 29, 2007. The Mews, Hepplewhite Mews** One of our neighbors reported that their car was parked in the back driveway and someone broke into it with a "slim jim." They rummaged through, took some cash they found but were unsuccessful in getting the satellite radio that was there.

**Comments:** Park cars in garage or remove valuables from cars.

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Parents, please explain the following to your kids:

1. Sorry, but there is no skateboarding at the Gazebo. It can damage the gazebo and is dangerous for the kids.
2. No one should be riding motorized scooters on the sidewalks or streets in Church Point.
3. Go-karts or 4-wheeler/ATVs are not allowed on city streets, and all Church Point roads are city of Virginia Beach streets. The kids will be asked to stop the activity and then the police will be called.
4. There is an 11 pm curfew in the city of Virginia Beach; some of our children here in Church Point are sneaking out of the house after hours to "hang out" and often wind up doing things you would not approve of!

**To sign up for the Church Point Neighborhood Watch, contact LaTanya Cole. Call 460-3157 or email LaTanya at [elcee62@msn.com](mailto:elcee62@msn.com).**

# Church Point Garden Club

By Joan Curtin, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Garden Club



The Church Point Garden Club began its 12<sup>th</sup> year with a tour of the historic Lynnhaven House. Our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will include our first floral workshop with Laura Jacobson, our talented Second Vice President, helping us to create a Fall arrangement.

Soon we will be planting pansies at both entrances and we hope they will do as well as the begonias. At the end of November we will again decorate the entrances for the holidays with wreaths, garland, swags and lights at the gazebo. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our seventh annual "Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo" (see box below). We will help the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach decorate the historic Francis Land House on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and create the wreaths that decorate the city buildings at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center for the Holidays.

We will again be selling poinsettias in November. The proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new holiday decorations for the entrances to Church Point. We have been very pleased with the quality of our supplier's poinsettias, and only take a small profit. Please see our order form on page 4.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, neither gardening nor floral arranging skills required, please contact me at 460-6493 or our President, Suzie Duckworth at 363-1050.

## Landscape of the Month Award recipients:

August – The Quays	Jim Reiss	1601 Meeting House Lane
September	No award	
October - The Mews	Tom & Jean Violette	4680 Church Point Place

## Santa at the Gazebo!



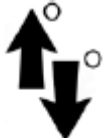
The Church Point Garden Club is sponsoring the seventh annual Santa at the Gazebo on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00. Bring the kids and don't forget your cameras; there will be great photo ops with Santa and Mrs. Claus. There will be refreshments too, so come and get in the holiday spirit. Pets are welcomed to have a picture with Santa, too! Rain date is Sunday, Dec. 9 at the same time.

## Nearby Holiday Bazaar Nov. 4 To Benefit CHKD

One of our neighboring developments asked us to let everyone here know about their annual charity holiday bazaar. Here are the details:

"The Cypress Point Circle of the Norfolk City Union of the King's Daughters is hosting a Holiday Bazaar on **Sunday, November 4, 2007**, at the Quality Suites & Sleep Inn at Lake Wright, on Northampton Blvd., Norfolk. All proceeds benefit the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. The hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$1.00 donation, children under 10 are free.

This is our fifth annual bazaar and we will have over 40 exhibitors. Join us for an elegant and exclusive afternoon of shopping and socializing. Take care of your holiday shopping and decorating needs and have fun!"



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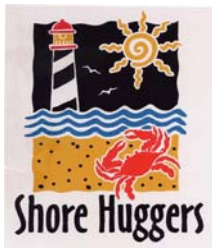
Poinsettias are available in a variety of styles and prices. Use the table below to order the desired quantity for each style. Send this form and check to Laura Jacobson, 1705 Fletcher Mews **by Nov. 19**. Pick up your order at the Gazebo on **Saturday, Dec. 1, 10:00-2:00**. If you don't have a chance 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 \$9.50 each	10-inch pots \$21 each	12-inch bush Special Order Only \$35 each	
Red				
White				
Pink				
Marble (Light pink and cream bi-color bracts)			This color not available in 12-inch size	
Jingle Bells (Red bracts with pink specks)				
Delivery - (check here <input type="checkbox"/> if desired) and add \$3.00 charge				
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> (Make checks payable to Church Point Garden Club)				\$

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**Let's Obey Those Church Point Covenants and Restrictions**

Church Point has many covenants and restrictions which we all agreed to when we signed our closing documents to purchase here. Our management company Select Group sends out notice letters to residents who have violated one of the rules, and repeat offenders are subject to fines. Based on recent letters sent out by Select, here are the most frequently violated rules:

- ✓ **Illegal signs** – no signs should be posted in Church Point, except “for sale” signs, which should be black and white on white posts. Contractors doing work on your home should not place a sign in your yard while they are working.
- ✓ **Trash and yard waste out too early** – trash or yard debris should not be put out to the curb until the evening before pickup (that is, Tuesday evening for our Wednesday pickup).
- ✓ **Unauthorized external changes to house or yard** – significant changes to the external appearance of your house and property should be submitted to the Board for review and approval before work begins.

These rules, and all of them in the covenants, are designed to keep Church Point a desirable neighborhood. Let's all do our part to observe and enforce them.

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## October Was Fire Prevention Month, But Every Month Should Be!

Nothing sends a shiver down a homeowner's spine like the sound of fire engines coming into your neighborhood. The National Fire Protection Association recently put out some interesting statistics:

- In 2003 (most recent available), 80% of fires in the United States occurred in the home, resulting in 3,925 fire deaths.
- In the U.S., someone dies from a home fire roughly every 134 minutes.
- Roughly half of all home fire deaths in the U.S. resulted from fires that were reported between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. But only one-quarter of home fires occur between those hours.
- Although children five and under make up about 9% of the country's population, they accounted for 17% of the home fire deaths.
- Smoking was the leading cause of home fire deaths overall, but in the months of December, January, and February smoking and heating equipment caused similar shares of fire deaths.
- Every 20 seconds, a fire department responds to a fire somewhere in the nation.

This may be a good time to do a little self-examination of your fire safety preparedness. Here are some web sites to visit with home fire safety tips and checklists:

Fire Prevention In The Home -- <http://seniors.tcnet.org/articles/article04.html>

Red Cross Health and Safety Tips -- <http://www.redcross.org/services/hss/tips/firetips.html>

National Safety Council -- <http://www.nsc.org/library/facts/fires.htm>

FireSafety.gov -- <http://www.firesafety.gov/>

For Kids – Sparky's Page -- <http://www.sparky.org/>

### Welcome, New Church Point Residents!

*The following residents have moved into Church Point since July 2007. Please update your directories with these new entries:*

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*Church Point residents are always looking for competent, high-quality contractors to work around their homes. If you have good success with a particular contractor, let us know so we can share it with your neighbors in the Newsletter.*

*Please keep the recommendations coming as you experience good work. Many homeowners have said these have been useful for finding quality and value. Just email your recommendations in the form below to [npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net).*

Contractor	Recommended by	Type of Work	Comments
Streamlined TreeCare (Glenn Butler) 757-718-6000	Dusty Rhodes	Arborist; Tree removal, trimming	Master arborist; very professional; cleaned up thoroughly after work and prices are reasonable
Peter Qwick Printing Virginia Beach Blvd. 486-3011	Neal Curtin	Printing, copying	They have printed the last several issues of this newsletter; faster service and better quality – at a lower cost! Garden Club also uses them.



**Don't Forget New Schedule for End of Daylight Savings Time!**

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## 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 [npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net)). Also, help us keep the list current by updating ages and removing anyone who no longer wants to be considered. Here is the current list:

Name	Age	Phone	Info
<b>Christina Baddar</b>	12	226-9950	Red Cross Babysitters course; certified in child and infant CPR
<b>Jasmine Cartwright</b>	14	333-3167	Experienced; references on request
<b>Alexa Go</b>	16	460-2976	Experienced; references available
<b>Jane Go</b>	14	460-2976	Experienced
<b>Emma Hamilton</b>	12	363-2829	Red Cross Babysitters course
<b>Kate Hamilton</b>	13	363-2829	
<b>Bailey Kreiser</b>	13	363-9801	3 years experience
<b>Jennifer Morben</b>	14	464-0232	Experienced; Red Cross Babysitters course
<b>Brian Murphy</b>	13	464-0232	

# Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- Many of the articles in this issue were suggested by Church Point residents. 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).
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