



Fall 2008

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

HOA Annual Meeting: New Board Member, No Fee Increase

Over 50 residents attended our annual homeowners' meeting Oct. 23 at Bayside Recreation Center. Eileen Gower was elected to a 2-year term on the Board filling the one available vacancy. In addition, the 2009 budget estimates were presented, and no increase in HOA fees will be needed next year. The Board President summarized some of the key activities in the past year, and homeowners had a chance to ask questions and raise issues for the Board's consideration.



Santa at the Gazebo!
Dec. 6 1-3 pm

Political Signs (Non-Political, Too) Not Permitted in Church Point

This year's election is right around the corner, but it's not too late to remind all residents that political signs are not allowed in Church Point. Select has sent letters to residents who posted signs to remind them of the policy. This is covered by our Covenants, which prohibit any sign other than simple black and white real estate "for sale" signs. So unless Obama, McCain, or one of the other candidates is selling your home, no signs! Please respect this rule during this political season – and all year long. It helps make Church Point a better place to live. And don't forget to vote Nov. 4.



President's Corner

By Neal Curtin, HOA President

No one has devoted more time and energy to Church Point over the past 5 years than Jack Steele, who is leaving the Board this year after many years as our Treasurer. I want to thank Jack for all his service to the community. His hard work and good judgment were invaluable assets to the Board, and we'll miss him. Thank you, Jack!

While on the subject of thanks, I want to also publicly acknowledge and thank Bob Whipkey for his efforts on behalf of the Board and Church Point. Bob is our focal point for architectural standards, and he has reviewed all the applications that come in from residents, and he has worked with residents and the Board to resolve concerns that arise from time to time. His dedication to maintaining Church Point's high architectural standards benefits all of us.

With the First Court Road landscaping situation close to completion, the Board will turn its attention to other needs. Thankfully, none of them will be as thorny or as costly as that project. We will only fund what we can afford out our normal operating budget, so we can build back up the reserve accounts. Most of the work will be in the way of cleanup and trimming some of the common areas, especially the carriage path and areas around the Gazebo park and main entrance. Probably the most major issue we want to resolve is an electrical problem at the main entrance. It took herculean effort to get the street lights working again at the entrance, and I think it revealed other electrical issues that need to be fixed. The landscaping lights have been out on one side because of problems with the electric circuit, and the gazebo lights go out frequently because the ground fault interrupter switch pops randomly. That work, plus the usual tree trimming and removal, will keep us busy next year. The good news, though, is that we can live within our current budget and will not need to raise HOA fees in 2009.

Neighborhood Watch by LaTanya Cole

There are no Crime Alerts to report at this time, so let's take a look at C-R-I-M-E.

C – Church Point Neighborhood Watch program. Established in 2003. We fight crime by empowering residents with knowledge. This is one of the most successful NW programs in Va Beach.

R – Report crimes to the 3rd precinct. If a crime occurs, call 9-1-1 for emergencies, 385-5000 for non-emergencies. Next, report the crime to your Block Captain who will forward to others.

I – I-pods, GPS units, cell phones, laptops, etc. return a good price for thieves at the pawn shop. Lock your cars and do not leave any valuables visible on car seats or floors. Place holiday purchases in locked trunk before you reach your next shopping destination.

M – Mail, Newspapers, etc. – Bring these in for your neighbor if out of town. It is best for their home to look as though someone is there. Those that are out of town for long periods should have mail stopped or forwarded.

E – Everyone can be a Member/Block Watcher. Follow the safety information that is distributed to you through newsletters and e-mails. Keep yourself, family and property safe, then, look out for your neighbors. They in turn will look out for you. Be a good neighbor, be a Block Watcher.

If you are not a member of our Neighborhood Watch and receiving our crime alerts as they occur, contact me immediately to sign up. Take care and be safe! La Tanya (elcee62@msn.com or 460-3157).

Church Point Ladies Group Revving Up!

Hey ladies! Do you want to meet other women in the neighborhood? Do you want to visit local restaurants and attend exciting events? If yes to both, I have a club for you! The current membership of the CPLG is 47 and growing! We have recently added a walking club and also a CP playgroup for the kids. Our last Ladies Group event was a D & D (Dessert & Drinks) at The Cellars (@the Manor House) after our annual HOA meeting. Prior to that in September, we reserved the loft in LUBO's restaurant on Pleasure House Dr. and had a special menu prepared just for us. I'd tell you more about those nights, but I can't... What goes on at Ladies Night Out, stays at Ladies Night Out!

What I can tell you is this... Our next event is November 22nd, and it is a fundraiser to raise money for the Japanese Gardens in Red Wing Park. This fundraiser includes a tour of a holiday-decorated home in Bishop's Court, a tour of the Manor House AND a catered luncheon on Saturday, November 22nd, 2008. You must be a member of our Ladies Group to receive a special invite to this event and others. Contact La Tanya to join: elcee62@msn.com

Cypress Point Holiday Bazaar Benefiting CHKD Nov. 2

Cypress Point Circle of The King's Daughters, will be hosting a "Holiday Bazaar" on Sunday, November 2, 2008, 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 a \$1.00/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 (757) 668-7098. All proceeds benefit CHKD.

Church Point Garden Club

By Joan Curtin, 1st Vice-President of the Garden Club



The Church Point Garden Club began its 13th year with a tour of the gardens at The Virginia Zoo in Norfolk with Marie Butler, the zoo's horticulturist. Our November 6th meeting will include our first floral workshop of the year with Laura Jacobson, our multi-talented Second Vice President.

We want to express our thanks to the Church Point Manor House and residents of Church Point for purchasing flowers at our first annual Pansy Sale earlier this month. Profits from the sale will be used by the Garden Club for our various beautification and community projects in Church Point. We will again be planting pansies at both entrances in the next few weeks.

Our future Club activities include decorating the entrances of Church Point for the holidays with wreaths, garland, swags and lights at the gazebo. On December 6th we will host our eighth annual "Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo" for the children. On December 1st Club members will create holiday floral arrangements for the historic Francis Land House, and then on the 3rd we will join other members of the Council of Garden Clubs to create the wreaths that decorate the city buildings at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center for the Holidays.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, or if you would like more information on our activities, please contact me at 460-6493 or our President, Suzie Duckworth at 363-1050. Neither gardening nor floral arranging skills are required!

Landscape of the Month Award recipients:

August - President's Award	Church Point Manor House	4001 Church Point Road
September – The Mews	Pam Ellis	1716 Maze Hill Mews
October – The Commons & Bishops Court	Mary and Jerry Fink	1708 Lambs Creek Lane

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First Court Road Landscaping Project Nearing Completion

After years of debate and months of planning, the landscaping work along First Court Road is almost completed. About 352 photinia bushes were removed during August and September. The Nellie Stevens replacing them should all be in the ground by sometime in November. The contractor is waiting for more rain before digging up the hollies for transplanting.

We spent more on this project than we had originally budgeted, because we decided to go with larger hollies than originally planned when we learned of some big savings we could get on them. They will provide a more mature look to the area, and the nursery said they will require less care and maintenance than the smaller ones would have. The total cost was still less than half of some early estimates. The project was funded from our replacement reserves account.

Many thanks to Edie Schlain and her committee for their hours of effort. Through competition and diligence, they got us the best deal possible on this large project.

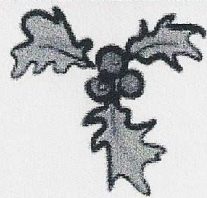
Looking for Some Great New Activities?

There are two new groups forming in Church Point:

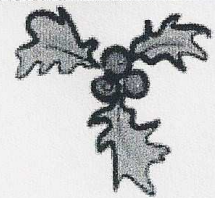
A Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) Chapter may be forming in CP. An informational meeting will be held at Debbie Grell's home on Wednesday, November 5th @ 7pm. Contact Debbie G. (499-4141) to RSVP for meeting or for more information.

The CP Playgroup (babies to pre-school) started out as a Ladies Group subgroup - but Dad's, Grandparent's and Nanny's are welcome to bring their little ones to this playgroup as well. Contact Christine Cowen medviewccm@hotmail.com or 818-3332 to join.

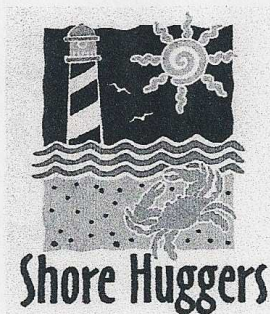
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