



Spring 2009

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

Community Yard Sale Set for Saturday, May 9

The 10th annual Church Point community yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 this year. It will run from 8 am to 1 pm (but don't forget that buyers tend to show up early!) Rain date is May 16.

This is the only yard or garage sale allowed in Church Point, and it has been a popular event. Besides providing an opportunity to clean out attics and closets, it is also a good time to show off Church Point since many of the buyers are from outside the neighborhood (one year, people came all the way from the Eastern Shore and Suffolk!).

If you have questions about the sale, contact Kim Creamer at 460-5611 or 5creamers@cox.net.

Survey Seeks Views on Pros and Cons of Rebuilding Pier at Lynnhaven River

Many Church Point residents responded to a survey in April aimed at gauging opinions in the community about replacing the pier on the Lynnhaven that was destroyed by Hurricane Isabel in 2003. The survey was prepared and conducted by Mr. Kristos Kaltsonoudis as part of a graduate study program at ODU. The survey was distributed via email through the Neighborhood Watch network.

If you did not have a chance to respond, Kris has informed us that his deadline has been extended, so he has time to receive more responses. The more input he gets on this subject, the more useful will be the results. If you received the survey but have not responded, you can still do so by May 15. If you did not receive it, or lost it, please email npchurchpoint@cox.net and you'll receive the survey along with instructions on responding.

President's Corner

By Neal Curtin, HOA President

Church Point is certainly a neighborhood of beautiful houses and abundant natural beauty. But what really makes a neighborhood are ... neighbors! And for Church Point to continue as a top-notch Virginia Beach community, we need more neighbors willing to get involved in community activities. While many residents have helped out with the Neighborhood Watch, Landscape Committee, Garden Club, Ladies Group, and other activities, the number of volunteers is just a small fraction of our Church Point population of over 380 homes. And we rely heavily on a very few people to make things happen around here. Here are two prime examples:

--LaTanya Cole was the founder and has been the captain of our Neighborhood Watch program for 6 years now.

--Paula Larkin has headed up our Landscape Committee for a number of years, overseeing our landscaping contractor and helping assure good maintenance of our common lands.

LaTanya and Paula have done a great job in those positions, but I think they both would welcome a chance to step back a little and let others take on leadership roles. And I think it would benefit the community to have others step up – more participation and new ideas can only help improve Church Point.

That goes for the HOA Board as well. This fall, several Board members will be at the end of their terms, and we would welcome more homeowners to come forward and volunteer to run for Board positions. Serving on the Board or in these other leadership positions gives you a new perspective on Church Point and a chance to help maintain our excellent standing in Virginia Beach.

Please take a look at the form on p. 4 for updating our Neighborhood Directory and make sure we have the right info for you. If anyone is willing to help with the Directory, please contact me at npchurchpoint@cox.net.

Neighborhood Watch by LaTanya Cole

Over the past 6 years, a team of Block Captains and I have volunteered our time and energy in keeping the neighborhood safe. Some of these leaders have moved to other neighborhoods, some still live here but have moved on to other projects/responsibilities and others have just moved on. Some blocks have a second person in command that helps the block captain whenever needed or when they go on vacation but some blocks are captain-less. I fill in the gaps where I can but it is getting harder and harder. It is time to request a new group of volunteers to step up and join the effort. I need some of you to volunteer to be a Captain or a back-up Captain.

In May, I will be leaving notes at the houses within the blocks that need a Captain and/or a back up Captain. The position of Block Captain does not require much time -- we need a responsible person who has a computer, access to email and concern for their neighborhood. Sometimes, a Captain may take a call from an upset neighbor whose car has been broken into or a call from someone that thinks they saw a crime occur but are not quite certain. Ask any block captain how much time they devote to Neighborhood Watch; time spent is usually sending 'crime report' emails to the people within their respective blocks. After the initial training, the time commitment for a Block Captain is about 15 minutes a week. Can you spare that much time?

I would like to try opening up some new positions in our Neighborhood Watch program. I need a team of teenagers that will help as needed for Neighborhood Watch. Our "TeenWatch" (name could possibly change) program will help our youth learn about the real world in a safe environment while they give back to the community. Projects will vary but mostly they will design and/or pass out flyers and their supervisor will either be myself or another Block Captain. Volunteer credit hours can be earned and for those in the 9th through 12th grades – these hours look great when applying to college! Applications will be available in May through the Block Captains listed below.

The following Block Captains have served faithfully - most of them since CPNW's inception in 2003. When you see them, please thank them for all they have done – without them this program would not be successful.

| Mews | Commons | Commons East & Quays |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Carl Cherry | John Faro | Jim & Carmen Keene |
| Doyle Quisenberry | La Tanya Cole | Robert Whipkey |
| Laura Jacobson | Peggy Dickens | Carol Fitzgerald |
| Bela Joshi | Angela Miller * | Jenny Jacovides |
| Joyce Hearn | Jerry Morewitz | Chuck Ferrer |
| Valerie ErkenBrack | Kathy Harris * | Marilyn Fox |
| Rhea Lynne Butt | Paula Larkin | Gary Shine |
| Betsy Guglielmo | Alice Fitzgerald * | Warren Miller |
| | Nicole Goossens | |
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Thank you Block Captains and Block Watchers for your continued assistance in keeping Church Point a safe place to live!

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Church Point Ladies Group

The ***Church Point Ladies Group*** currently has over 60 members – wouldn't you like to join too? For more info and/or our "initiation" survey, please contact La Tanya Cole at (elcee62@msn.com).

Church Point Garden Club

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



The Garden Club is very proud to announce that at the *Virginia Beach Home & Garden Show* held at the Convention Center in February, our Second Vice President **Laura Jacobson** was awarded a Blue Ribbon for her Flower Show table-scape entry, a themed floral arrangement and table setting for two.

The Church Point Garden Club's 2009 "**Landscape of the Month**" recognition began in April. For those new to Church Point, the Garden Club alternates the monthly award between three neighborhood areas, **The Quays & Commons East**, **The Commons & Bishops Court** and **The Mews**. Various Garden Club members volunteer to travel the neighborhood and bestow the award on the deserving landscape. Landscapes maintained by the professional or the amateur are recognized. Once selected, the home will not be eligible to receive the award again for two years. Judges evaluate seasonal interest and color, lawn and plant maintenance, along with overall harmony and balance. Perfection is not the goal, but neatness does count. With so many enjoyable landscapes to choose from, it is an honor to receive this very special award of recognition.

The Commons East & Bishops Court was the focus for the award in April, and the Landscape of the Month was awarded to **Mr. and Mrs. Rod Duckworth** at **1701 Bennis Church Place** in Bishops Court. The Mews will be the focus of the May award; The Quays & Commons East in June and back to The Commons East & Bishops Court in July. The August award is a *President's Choice* and the entire Church Point neighborhood is eligible.

The Church Point Garden Club is winding up another busy year. We again decorated the living room at Francis Land House for **Historic Garden Week** (April 20-25) and participated in the Arbor Day celebration at Providence Park. Our end-of-year luncheon and officer installation is scheduled for May at the Church Point Manor House. Our new officers for 2009-2011 are **Suzie Duckworth**, President; **Laura Jacobson**, First Vice President; **Lisa Cohen**, Second Vice President; **Paula Larkin**, Recording Secretary, **Suzy Fitzgerald**, Corresponding Secretary, and Betty Galloway, Treasurer. Many thanks go to **Marilyn Fox** and **Mary Jane Morewitz** who are concluding their extended tenures as the Club's Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Scoop The Poop!

Please remember to clean up after your dogs! The Winter 2006 *Church Point Post* made a similar plea, and it's time for a reminder. Hey, we all love dogs. But one of the facts of life of modern subdivision living is that dogs need their exercise and they need to poop somewhere in the development! Whether it's on the owner's lawn, the common area, or a neighbor's yard, it's important for the poop to be properly disposed of. The Virginia Beach SPCA has launched an initiative to convince dog owners that cleaning up pet waste is important to the environment. They've devoted a web page to the effort (vbस्पca.com/poop). Below is their description of how Poop Pollutes:

"Dog waste pollutes:

The water...

Pet waste degrades water quality leading to cloudy, green water from accelerated algae and weed growth, objectionable odors, and dead fish and other organisms. Up to one fourth of the fecal coliform in the polluted Lynnhaven River is from pet waste. Pet waste left in yards as far away as Green Run eventually reaches the city's historic waterway.

The air...

In addition to odors, flies and other pest insects can also increase when pet waste is disposed of improperly, becoming a nuisance and adding another vector for disease transmission.

Communities...Finally, pet waste pollutes friendships. "

Friends of the Thoroughgood House Fund Raiser Yard Sale

Don't miss the second annual Friends of the Thoroughgood House yard sale on **Saturday, May 30th**, rain or shine, on the Thoroughgood House grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Snacks and beverages will also be available for purchase.

Donated items are needed!! They will accept household, children's, sporting, and garden items. (No books or clothing please). Donations can be dropped off at the Thoroughgood House on Friday, May 29th between 4:30 -6:30 p.m. or on the morning of the sale between 7:00-8:00 a.m. (This is a great opportunity to donate items that did not sell at the Church Point yard sale earlier in May!)

Volunteers are needed to help price and set-up both Friday and Saturday. For additional information, or to volunteer, call Peggy Carnes 464-3080.

All proceeds of the sale go toward maintaining Thoroughgood House.

Work Beginning on Updated Church Point Directory

The HOA Board of Directors would like to publish an updated **Directory of Church Point Residents** that will be available free to all residents. The last directory was published in December 2005, and many residents have expressed interest in an update that would make it easier to contact their neighbors in Church Point. To start the process, we would like each household to fill out the form below and return it to Select Group **by June 30**. Mail it to: The Select Group, 2224 Virginia Beach Blvd., Suite 201, Virginia Beach, VA 23454 ATTN: Gayle Pinero

If you do not return the form below, the current information in the Directory or on file with Select Group will be used for the new Directory. **IMPORTANT: If you do not want your name, address, and/or phone number to be listed in the Directory, you must return the form with a check mark in the block indicating you do not want to be included.**

Because email is so widely used now, we would also like to include email addresses for those residents who would like to have it in the directory. If you do not want your email address included, just leave that area blank.

The Board would also like to use this opportunity to solicit volunteers for the various committees and activities that the Church Point HOA conducts throughout the year. In the blocks next to the activities you would be able to help with, please write the first name of the potential volunteer.

Information for Church Point Homeowners Association Directory

Return this form to Select Group by June 30

Name (last name, first names of both spouses)

Address _____

Phone number _____

Do not include me in the directory

Include my name and address, but not my phone number

Include my email address: _____

Circle Neighborhood: Mews Commons Quays

Other adult residents _____

HOA Committees/Activities you would be interested in helping (write first name on line):

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Happy Healthy New Year wishes to all!

Time to Fight Those Pesky Weeds!

Not everyone wants or can afford a lawn care service to keep the lawn green and weed free. But everyone can take the time and effort to control those pesky weeds and to give your lawn some food and water. We don't want to poison the Lynnhaven River with pesticides, weed killers, and fertilizers, but careful and judicious use of the right kind of chemicals or natural materials can help save the environment and also keep Church Point as beautiful as ever.

We all owe it to our neighbors to make sure weeds in our yard aren't thriving and spreading next door to negate their hard work.

Zoning Hearing Planned for Manor House Restaurant

The Manor House has informed us that they have asked the city for a zoning variance for the occupancy level of the Cellars restaurant. You may have seen the signs posted by the Manor House announcing the hearing, which was originally scheduled for April 8, but has been postponed until a later date.

The director of the Manor House told the HOA Board members that while the Cellars restaurant, bar, and lounge area was designed for a maximum occupancy of about 50 people, the owners just recently learned that the zoning established back in 1994 -- when the Church Point developer first obtained permission for a B&B and restaurant -- allows maximum occupancy of only 25. No one caught this discrepancy all through the sale process of the Manor House in 2007. The Manor House is asking the city to allow it to operate at the same level it has operated for the past year. According to the director, it is not proposing any increase in size. The HOA Board will monitor this issue.

Contractor Compliments – for a job well done!

If you have good success with a particular contractor, let us know so we can share it with your neighbors in the Newsletter. Just email your recommendations in the form below to npcchurchpoint@cox.net. You can check past issues of the newsletter for recommendations at our web site www.churchpointonline.com.

| Contractor | Recommended by | Type of Work | Comments |
|---|----------------------|---|--|
| Rich Fisher 650-1013 | Diann Cook | Handyman; home repair – plumbing, electrical, painting, tile, additions, etc. | Honest, trustworthy, keeps workplace clean -- he can do it all |
| S.C.K. & Co. (Steve Koziol) 839-1487 | Neal and Joan Curtin | Master Electrician – “for the small jobs the big boys don’t want” | Quick, professional, reasonable price; he did some work at our house, and he repaired the lights at the Church Point main entrance |

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