

Spring 2011

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter



Annual Yard Sale Set For May 14

Clean out those attics and garages and get ready for the Church Point community yard sale Saturday, May 14. This is the only yard sale allowed in Church Point and it has been very popular over the years.

See the flyer on p. 4 of this newsletter for more information.

Neighborhood Watch April 26 Meeting to Discuss Security

An important meeting open to all Church Point residents is set for **Tuesday, April 26, from 7-8:30 PM.** at the Bayside Recreation Center, Room #3. All residents are urged to attend this special meeting; the room is large enough to accommodate up to 300 people.

Members from the Virginia Beach Police Crime Prevention Unit, detectives, and a crime analyst will be there discussing current crime trends, home security, personal safety and the importance of an active Neighborhood Watch program. See Neighborhood Watch article on p. 2 for more info.

President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Spring has finally arrived and it is great to finally get warmer temps and see new growth on landscaping and Spring flowers. Firstly, it is with regret I announce the resignation of Quint Webb from the Board of Directors and as your Treasurer. Quint will be leaving the Church Point Community and we want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for his years of service to Church Point -- not only for his time while serving on the Board but for his years of dedicated caring for the neighborhood - many times unseen and unknown as he routinely made rounds of the neighborhood picking up trash/debris and performing repairs.

Ray Hamilton (Director at Large) has graciously volunteered and was voted by the Board to take over the duties as the Treasurer of the HOA. Filling the vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Board elected Chris Caporicci (AREC Committee Chairman) to serve as Interim Director at Large until the Fall HOA elections. Succeeding Chris as AREC Chairman is Jack Palmer. We wish Ray, Chris and Jack success in their new roles and are confident they will provide excellent support to the HOA.

The Board has also selected a new landscape company to maintain the common areas and also replaced the lake fountain in the Mews. Additionally, the Board along with the support and encouragement of homeowners as mentioned at the Annual meeting, has established a new Social Committee for Church Point under the guidance of co-chairs, Barbara Hart and Carrie Lauck. (Additional information on all these issues can be found in separate articles inside the newsletter). The Board is focusing on the appearance and curb appeal of the neighborhood to help maintain home values and ensure the neighborhood is a great place to live and raise a family. Part of this work is through the new Architectural Review Forms and Fence Standards that all homeowners recently received in the mail. These documents, along with the new landscaping contractor, will help but it is up to all homeowners to do their part also in maintaining your homes and yards. Together, we can ensure Church Point remains one of the premier neighborhoods in Virginia Beach

Neighborhood Watch

By La Tanya Green Cole

I'm sure you saw the article on p. 1 of the newsletter announcing the upcoming meeting at the Rec Center on April 26. In advance of the meeting, MPO David Nieves, our Crime Prevention Officer and main point of contact with the VBPD, is sharing information in order to immediately respond to the community. The link below is to their website which has a host of information on personal security, home security and many other topics: <http://www.vbgov.com/vgn.aspx?vgnextchannel=537f54cf18ad9010VgnVCM100000870b640aRCRD&vgnextparchannel=c9dc54cf18ad9010VgnVCM100000870b640aRCRD>

The VBPD has put this together for the neighborhood, therefore we need to step up and have as many CP homeowners attend as possible. Please mark your calendars now and rearrange your schedules if necessary. The Homeowner's Association will be providing refreshments. Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this important matter.

Now, the announcement that you have all been waiting for: I have found a wonderful soul to be your new CPNW Coordinator! Kim Burke became interested in the position after the last HOA meeting in October and she and I have been discussing this in depth since December. She will cover her area as a Block Captain as well as be the Coordinator. Elizabeth "Betsy" Guglielmo has been a Block Captain for many years now and has been there for me to help whenever asked. She has been a major presence in the Commons area and very helpful with my running of the program. Betsy will be assisting Kim as Vice-Coordinator and will provide back up as necessary. Please welcome Kim and Betsy to their new positions which are effective May 1. I feel confident that they will continue with the established Neighborhood Watch program but will also bring some new ideas of their own to keep everyone active and safe.

On a personal note, it has been a pleasure to serve you as Coordinator of the Church Point Neighborhood Watch program since 2003! Thank you to the current and former boards of the HOA, The Select Group, the Block Captains who have ALWAYS had my back and of course a special thank you to the active Block Watchers who day-in and day-out support Church Point to be the best it can be by looking out for and having your neighbor's back. None of this would have been possible without ALL of YOU who share my enthusiasm for Church Point!! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

VB Sponsoring E-Cycling Event On Earth Day, May 1

Are old computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices cluttering up your storage areas? Don't dump them in the trash, because they often contain harmful metals or chemicals.

Instead, take them to the next E-cycling day May 1. The city is sponsoring the event as part of Earth Day at Mt. Trashmore. The site will be operating from 9 am to 3 pm. Just drive up, drop off the items and drive away; it's free. The city's Public Works web site has a link to more info on the event.

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Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1st Vice-President of the Garden Club



It seems this time of year is full of mystery. Will spring ever arrive? Temperatures change throughout the day making it hard to put our coats away. As you look around Mother Nature is determined to explode with color, a welcome sight after a cold winter. The air is now fragrant with spring blossoms and the landscape chores begin.

The Church Point Garden Club has had an eventful and productive year. Our programs highlighted topics from fall landscape ideas to beneficial insects. Our Club was involved in projects throughout the City, a tour of the Ferry Plantation House, and a guided tour of the gardens, landscape, and greenhouse of the Virginia Zoo. Marie Butler, Landscape Architect of the Zoo, also gave us a tour of their new exhibit, "Trail of the Tiger." If you have not been to the zoo lately, I highly recommend it. They have done a beautiful job with the new exhibit.

In May, our Garden Club will install new officers for the coming two year term, 2011 – 2013. Congratulations to our new officers.

We are also proud to congratulate our Club President, Suzie Duckworth, as she will be installed in June as the President of the Va. Beach Council of Garden Clubs for 2011 – 2013.

I'd like to extend a big "thank you" to our current members for their assistance with all of our projects in 2010 - 2011, and I look forward to another great year in 2011 - 2012.

Landscape of the Month Program:

By Mary Jane Morewitz, Landscape Chair

Once again it's that time of the year when we begin our "Landscape of the Month" program, which recognizes a deserving resident for outstanding landscape design and lawn maintenance within our three neighborhood areas.

Beginning in April and ending in late Fall, a recipient is selected, alternating months, from the following areas: The Quays & Commons East, The Commons & Bishops Court, and The Mews. With so many beautiful landscapes to choose from, it is a real honor to receive this special award.

*Congratulations to our April "Landscape of the Month" recipient, **James Justice** in "The Commons and Bishops Court area." Thank you for your effort in keeping Church Point a beautiful place to live.*

Board Selects New Landscaping Contractor For Church Point Common Land

By Pete Burke, HOA President

The Board of Directors has been hard at work helping prepare the neighborhood for Spring. Most importantly, we have selected a new landscape company to maintain our common areas. After a rigorous search and interview process, Basnight Land and Lawn will handle our landscaping needs for the next two years, providing better overall service while keeping financial impact at a minimum. We are confident that, through the new stringent requirements imposed in the contract terms, we will be able to maintain our common areas and entrances to a level of appearance deserved for our neighborhood. Starting with the appearance along First Court Road by pruning and mulching the fence line to our two entrances to the neighborhood (hard pruning and upkeep), the Board is working closely with the Landscape Committee to ensure these areas will be well maintained and manicured.

Report Any Issues with New Landscape Contractor

There will be a learning curve as our new contractors become familiar with Church Point property lines. If you know of unmown grass areas or other landscape issues that need attention, contact Paula Larkin, Volunteer Chair of the Landscape Committee (email secretary.churchpointhoa@gmail.com or phone 363-7057) or Gayle Pinero our Property Manager at Select Group gpinero@theselectgroup.us (phone 486-6000).

As a reminder to those homeowners living along First Court Road, it is time again to have the outside of your fences pressure washed to remove the stains and growth. As per the HOA Documents, it is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain these fences and their appearance is critical to the curb appeal of our neighborhood along First Court Road. Finally, a great neighborhood has great landscaping but that can't end at the entrances and common areas. Please ensure you maintain your own homes with the same standards in mind - whether keeping the grass cut, green and weed free, cleaning up landscape beds to be weed free, and pruning trees and shrubs - we all need to do our part.

Church Point Community Yard Sale May 14, 2011



The 12th annual Church Point Community Yard Sale!

This year's Neighborhood Sale is schedule for
Saturday, May 14
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

TIPS for a successful yard sale:

- Start now. Put things in a designated area for the upcoming sale.
- Price everything. Use masking tape or labels, group items by price points for fast and easy pricing (e.g., \$1 table), or buy pre-printed tags (25c, 50c) so you just peel and stick!
- Have a change fund ready - a total of \$10 in coins and small bills should be plenty.
- Get the children involved! Consider letting them get involved by selling sodas or lemonade. The can also set up their own table of toys for a little entrepreneur endeavor!
- Save grocery bags for people who purchase multiple items.
- Display items on card tables, Pint-Pong table, or patio tables.
- At the end of the sale, donate any of the remaining items to charity.
- Draw attention to your sale with a balloon on your mailbox.

Above all, have fun and enjoy the day with your Friends and Neighbors!

If you have any questions regarding the yard asle, please call Kim Green at 739-0303, or email her at CalvinandKimGreen@msn.com

Retention Pond Fountain Replaced

After another mechanical failure this winter and in reviewing the repair costs over the last several years, the Board decided to replace the fountain in the lake. The Board selected Solitude Lake Management to install a new AquaMAster 1HP lake aerator and new electrical controls. This complete new aerator (fountain) comes with a 5 year warranty and will eliminate costly repairs in the upcoming years.

Additionally, the Board contracted to have a Lake Mapping and Bathymetry survey performed to include sediment calculations. This survey uses GPS and optical laser range finding to map the contours of the lake with depth readings. This is critical to identifying the current conditions of the lake, current sediment levels and more importantly identifying how much sediment will need to be removed in the future to maintain the lakes' functionality while planning appropriate HOA Reserve funding for the future.

New Church Point Social Committee Welcomes New Ideas and New Members

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart

The flowers and fresh air have us feeling very **social** these days, and hopefully you are feeling the same way! A few of us are kick-starting a social committee and are really excited to get started in planning fun and interesting community events for the neighborhood, like picnics, parades or progressive dinners. There are a lot of different ways to focus our energy and it is important to create events that YOU want. Please join us in any way that you can by submitting ideas of events or groups that you would like to see formed or maybe volunteering later to pitch in on event days. But what we really want is for you to join the group! Come and get to know more of your neighbors and have a great time planning terrific events. There will be a brainstorming meeting on **Friday, May 13th from 4:30-6 pm** at the home of Bobbie & Scott Hart (4036 Timber Ridge Drive). Email us at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com for more information. Here are a couple of things to consider in the meantime, and we would love if you would email your thoughts:

- What new social activities would you like to see for Church Point HOA for 2011-2012?
- What can be done to welcome new neighbors to the Church Point neighborhood?

Additionally, if you have no time to help, we still want to see you at the events, so send of a quick email so we can capture your email address and keep you abreast of any planned activities. We are looking forward to meeting you all and getting your ideas into motion!

EXPOSED:

Dr. Arthur Rex and Sunni Jenkins of Church Point tell the TRUTH about The Painter, Inc.

It was early in the year of 2006, as I was leaving Church Point 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 an estimate 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 the beginning of 2011 and Gabriel and his men have been coming over to our house to paint something new, 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 6 years. We are currently using Gabriel on a project again and it's been my pleasure to write this paper for our quarterly newsletter for him. If anyone in Church Point or the Hampton Roads Area 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 these 20 guarantees offered that NO other painting company will do. In fact, he pays out \$50.00 every time his guys don't live up to them. You really should check it out!!!

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Virginia Beach City Guidelines For Yard Waste Pickup

Disposing of yard waste is an on-going issue here in Church Point. The city of Virginia Beach picks up yard waste every week on trash day, and Church Point residents are asked to place the material at the curb no earlier than the evening before trash day. Here is the write-up from the VB city government web site describing its yard waste collection program:

Curbside Collection of Yard Waste: This service is provided on your normal collection day, and does not require a work order. Residents may place yard debris at curbside for collection by the City as follows: Tree limbs should be no more than 4 feet long and 6 inches in diameter and placed in piles not to exceed 4 x 4 x 4 feet. One pile, generated from each house, will be collected on each collection day. Smaller yard debris, such as grass and leaves (no dirt, rocks, mulch or root balls), should be bagged in securely-tied clear plastic bags not to exceed 25 lbs. per bag. Up to 25 bags will be collected...

Please note that any work done by private contractors must be disposed of by the contractor. [emphasis added]

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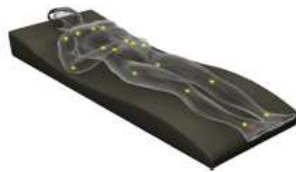
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Excerpts from VB City Web Site – FAQs for Dog Owners

What are the rules on animals running loose?

City code 5-530. No animal is permitted to run at large within the City. This includes both dogs and cats.

The "leash law", City code 5-531, covers dogs only. This ordinance states that when a dog is being walked on any city sidewalk, city street or public right-of-way, it has to be on a leash or lead at all times. Dogs being walked on a leash must also be wearing a city pet license.

Does the city have a "pooper-scooper" ordinance?

City code 5-534. Yes, there is an ordinance that prohibits any owner or person in control of a dog to allow the dog to urinate or defecate on public or private property. It is not [sic] constitute a violation on public property if the owner or custodian immediately removes the material defecated and disposes of it in a safe and sanitary manner.

What constitutes a "barking dog"?

City code 5-532. The "Barking Dog" ordinance states that it shall be unlawful for any person to keep a dog without exercising proper care and control of such dog to prevent it from disturbing the peace of others by barking in a loud, continuous or untimely manner. We are aware that dogs will bark when they see something or someone. We look for a cause of the dog's barking or whether the dog is barking for no reason.



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Your Church Point Babysitting Resource

Here is the up-to-date list of babysitters available in Church Point. (Babysitters: Please help keep the list current for future editions by updating ages and removing anyone who no longer wants to be considered. You can also add your name. Just email me at npchurchpoint@cox.net.)

Name	Age	Phone	Info

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