



Summer 2006

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

Annual Homeowners Meeting Set For Oct. 18

Here's a heads up to mark your calendar for October 18, the night of this year's Church Point HOA annual meeting. It's still a ways off, and you will be mailed more details as the meeting date approaches, but now's a good time to pencil it in. There will be election of new officers (there are slots available if you are interested in running for the Board – contact Ali Mercer at Select Group), a review of the budget, and discussion of current topics of interest. It's a good chance to meet some of your neighbors and raise any questions you have about Church Point. We are hoping for a good turnout this year.

Church Point Landscape Committee Volunteers Needed

What does a Landscape Committee member do? They routinely check on landscaping in their assigned common area. They report problems with Common Area maintenance, grass, plants, trees, sprinklers and other upkeep to the committee Chairman or Select Group, Church Points' property manager. Then they follow up on resolution of those problems.

What do they NOT do? Weeds and high grass on resident's private property are NOT the responsibility of the Landscape Committee. The property manager, Select Group, normally takes reports from homeowners about this type of rules violations.

Another member from the Mews would be especially welcome. Someone familiar with Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Regulations would be helpful for the waterfront park on Spring House Trail.

Please contact Paula Larkin, Landscape Committee Chairman at 363-7057.

President's Corner

By Tom Fitzgerald, HOA President

Dear Homeowners:

Summertime at Church Point is in full swing. Remember that our children are home all day, so please be extra careful as you drive around the neighborhood.

If you are planning major landscaping projects, home additions, pools, fences docks etc. you will need to submit an application for approval to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before you start your project. This will avoid a lot of potential problems as you go through the various city, state, Chesapeake Bay Authority, Army Corps of Engineers etc. wickets to obtain approval.

As most of you should know our landscape contractor Coastal has changed ownership. The Board of Directors (BOD) through our management company, Select, has been working with the new owner, who has been most cooperative, to ensure professional services are provided to our community.

In the last letter I addressed the Photenia issues along First Court Road. We have a draft amendment to our covenants from our attorney and intend to send a final draft with a recommendation from the BOD in the notice for the annual meeting. At that meeting and through a formal voting process, all homeowners will be asked to vote for or against the amendment for the HOA to assume responsibility to remove and replace the photenias and maintain the new plantings.

Wishing you all a safe summer.

Neighborhood Watch – by LaTanya Cole

Let's talk about a type of crime that can affect all of us – IDENTITY THEFT. What is identity theft, how will you know if you are a victim, how can you protect yourself?

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. It occurs when someone takes and uses a person's identifying information such as their name, address, date of birth, SSN, etc. to commit fraud. If you become a victim, it will take time and money to clear your name and restore your credit standing. It is therefore easier to prevent identity theft than to recover from it.

You will know if you are a victim if your monthly credit card and bank statements suddenly stop arriving or if you are denied credit for no valid reason. Also if you start getting bills from companies that you do not recognize and collection agencies try to collect debts that are not yours, you may be a victim of identity theft.

In order to protect yourself you will need to consistently do these 7 steps:

1. Do not give out any financial information over the phone (home or cell), especially if you did not initiate the call.
2. Be careful of giving info out over the internet ("Big Brother" is watching!).
3. Do not put your SSN on your driver's license - ask for a DMV 'ID' number. Do not include your SSN or telephone number on checks nor put your telephone number, address, etc. on credit card slips when signing.
4. When paying bills, only include last 4 digits of your account number on the "for" line.
5. Monitor your credit file and order your (free) credit reports at least annually.
6. Shred (cross-cut) personal documents before placing in the trash, especially those pre-approved credit-card offers.
7. Finally, do not send bills from your home mailbox - drop at Post Office.

A future newsletter will include tips on what to do if, despite your best efforts, you are a victim of identity theft.

Rainy Yard Sale Still Successful

After one of the driest springs ever, Mother Nature would pick the day of the Church Point annual community yard sale to rain most of the day! It was touch and go for a while, but we went ahead with the sale on June 3 and actually had a window of 3-4 hours without rain. Because of the iffy weather, the committee decided to advertise the yard sale for the following Saturday as well, and many residents and customers scared off by the rain had a successful day on June 10.

Buyers came from as far away as Suffolk and the Eastern Shore to search for hidden treasures. Some residents reported sales of hundreds of dollars. Items purchased were as diverse as old vinyl record albums, tennis balls, furniture, Christmas decorations, shelving, golf clubs, clothes, and toys. Largest item offered for sale? A car!

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Church Point Garden Club

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



At the annual Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach Awards Luncheon held on May 31st, Church Point Garden Club received a number of awards in recognition of the efforts and participation of our members in the Council-sponsored events of the past year. We are a small but enthusiastic group of women who give of their time and talents to help make Virginia Beach a beautiful place to live.

If you attended the Neptune Festival Senior Gala last September, the floral centerpieces were designed by our Second Vice President, Laura Jacobson. Laura also designed the hurricane lamp arrangements for the living room at the Francis Land House at Christmas and for Historic Garden Week in April. Our members helped create at least five of the Christmas wreaths that decorated the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, as well as many of the centerpieces at the "Empty Bowls" charity dinner held in March at Virginia Wesleyan.

We have another full year of activities planned for 2006/07. We meet the **first Tuesday** of the month at **Baylake United Methodist Church** on Shore Drive. (Due to the Labor Day holiday, our September meeting will be on the 12th.) If you would like to join us, please call Suzie Duckworth at 363-1050. She will be happy to answer any questions you may have. More information on the Garden Club is available at www.churchpointonline.com, select **Teams**.

Landscape of the Month Winners

May Paul and Ann Feakins, 1700 Hoskins Mews

June Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bautista, 4076 Timber Ridge Dr.

July Rex and Sunni Jenkins, 1633 Spring House

Garden Club Poinsettia Sale



It may seem early to think about Christmas poinsettias, but here's a heads up. In late Fall the Church Point Garden Club will again this year be selling poinsettias as its fundraiser. What a great way to decorate for the holidays and at the same time help the Garden Club. The flowers last year were gorgeous and reasonably

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If you have a contractor who has done good work for you, please consider listing them here. Your fellow residents are always looking for good, reliable workmen for a wide variety of needs. Just contact nealcurtin@cox.net with your recommendation.



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 nealcurtin@cox.net). Here is the current list:

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

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

Emma Hamilton – Age 12 (has completed the Red Cross Babysitters Course) -- 363-2829

Kate Hamilton – Age 13 -- 363-2829

Jennifer Morben – Age 13 (experienced; completed Red Cross Babysitters Course) – 464-0232

Church Point Directory Update

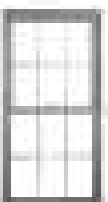
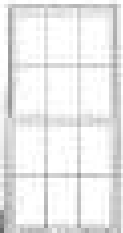
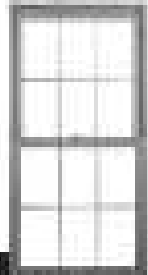
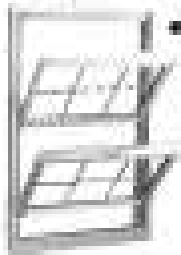
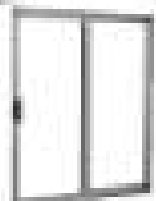
As we learn of new residents moving into Church Point (or changes in names or phone numbers), we will provide information in the Newsletter so you can update your Church Point Directory. Here are the latest additions and corrections:

ANDREWS, Donna	4600 Church Point Place	
DUCKWORTH, Rodney & Amy	4004 Lambs Creek Court	460-2698
DUGAN, John & Donna	1701 Lambs Creek Lane	422-1561
FITZGERALD, Timothy & Susan	4044 Timber Ridge Drive	963-0704
JENKINS, Arthur & Sunni	1633 Spring House Trail	481-2820
PATEL, Yogesh K. and Purnima	4048 Church Point Road	962-0830
SCANLON, Bernard & Helen	1713 Stone Church Mews	
UMBACH, Jamie	4080 Timber Ridge Drive	464-0505
VAUGHAN, Tom & Jean	4000 Lambs Creek Court	460-5749

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- If you have ideas for articles in future newsletters, we would like to hear from you. Send your recommendations to nealcurtin@cox.net.
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