

Summer 2010

# Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter



## New HOA Board Member Appointed to Fill Vacancy

Ray Hamilton has been appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy that occurred when Board member Eileen Gower was forced to resign for personal reasons. Ray will fill the position until new elections are held at the annual HOA meeting this Fall.

Ray lives in the Commons area and is an executive with Dollar Tree. He has been involved in Church Point activities, most recently as a member of the committee studying the need for replacing the pier at the Riverfront Park.

**Please slow down and watch for pedestrians throughout Church Point! Speed limit is 25 mph.**



## President's Corner

By Steve Carnes, HOA President

Fellow members,

It has been a routine quarter for the Association. The Board conducted a mid-year review of the current budget and it appears we are in good shape for the rest of the fiscal year barring a major storm. We attempted to find a quick and inexpensive fix to our electrical problems at the main entrance and gazebo. Unfortunately, there is no easy solution. To solve the problem, we must rewire the decorative street lights at entrance and the gazebo security lights. Luckily, this will not have an adverse impact on our current budget as the funds will be drawn from our State-mandated replacement reserve. We are developing estimates for the work now and hope to have the work done before the end of summer.

As most of you know, two of the brick pillars at the entrance were covered with graffiti at the beginning of summer. The police were unable to associate the vandalism with anyone, but luckily the graffiti was not gang-related. This incident highlights our need for a neighborhood watch coordinator. Even though most of the streets have block captains in place, our watch program has been somewhat dormant since our previous coordinator departed at the beginning of summer. If you are willing to become the coordinator please contact one of the Board members.

As with all previous summers, there was an increase in building activity. Unfortunately, many of the projects lacked the Board's required authorization and violated our covenants. As result, the Board had to take corrective action in the form of stop-work-orders, fines, and removal orders. These administrative and legal actions are time consuming for the Board and expensive for the homeowner. The best way to avoid such problems is to be familiar with our covenants and to follow the guidance provided on our Web page for obtaining construction authorization. In short, if you don't have a blue permit from the Board in your window, you don't have permission for construction work.

Our annual meeting is just around the corner in October. We will need at least two new Board members. Please consider doing your share. It doesn't take much time and the work is rewarding.

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## New First Court Road Hollies Need Your Help If Dry Weather Continues

The Nellie Stevens hollies planted along First Court Road in 2008 got off to a good start with last year's wet summer. But this hot, dry weather in 2010 is stressing them – along with most other plants, trees, and shrubs in the area. The drenching we got at the end of July helped, but we're still way below normal.

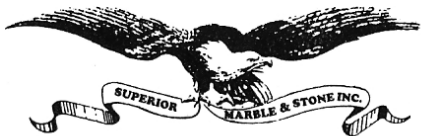
Residents who have hollies planted behind their houses can help speed their growth and ensure their health by giving them an occasional watering during the dry spells. Deep watering in the summer and times of low rainfall will help them get taller and fuller more quickly. A good, deep soaking from the hose once a week when it hasn't rained will do wonders. If you wish, you may leave your drip or soaker hose outside the fence. Your help is important because there is no other irrigation system available in that area. After the first few years additional watering will no longer be necessary under normal conditions.

If you have any questions about the hollies or any other plants in your yard, the **Virginia Beach Master Gardener Grow Line** is a good resource. The number is 385-8158 and it's available 9 AM – 3 PM, Monday through Friday. These helpful and knowledgeable volunteers are an excellent source for answers about plant information and problems.

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# Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Garden Club



Hot or not? The weather has certainly been up and down, and our landscapes are just as confused. It is the perfect environment for weeds and lawn issues. As our area attempts to go "Green," consider organic alternatives in treatments and fertilizers. Our Garden Club has been fortunate enough to entertain some of the Master Gardeners in our area who are educating us on the benefits that organic products bring to our environment and towards a healthier lifestyle. (See related article on p. 5).

Wow! What a great year! Our Church Point Garden Club captured a record number of awards at our annual luncheon for the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach. I am so proud of our members for their outstanding support and participation in both Council and Church Point projects. You deserved the recognition for your efforts, and I applaud all of you!

A new year will soon be upon us and our Club Calendar for 2010-2011, which is a mixture of topics ranging from insects to landscape, begins Thursday, September 9th. If you are interested in joining our group, you can contact either Suzie Duckworth, President, at 363-1050, or Laura Jacobson, 1st VP, at 363-7524. Garden Club meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month. Our annual Pansy Fundraiser will be held again in October, and dates will be announced in our neighborhood newsletter and flyers.

Thanks again to our Club members and the Church Point Community for supporting our efforts in our Neighborhood and the City of Virginia Beach.

## Landscape of the Month Winners:

Submitted by: Mary Jane Morewitz/ Chairperson

Congratulations to the following Church Point Homeowners for their outstanding efforts in landscape design and maintenance:

MAY - Ray and Georgia Hamilton, "*The Commons & Bishops Court*"

JUNE - Jack Siegel and Lisa Bertini, "*The Quays & Commons East*"

JULY - Adam and Karen Longwater, "*The Mews*"

AUGUST - The President's Award (to be chosen)

## Contractor Compliments – for a job well done!

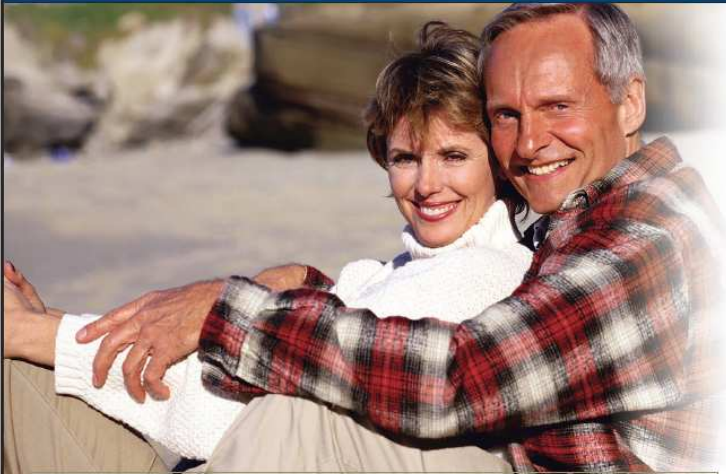
Church Point neighbors are always looking for contractors who perform well. If you have had particularly good service from a contractor, why not share it with the Church Point community through this newsletter. Please send your recommendations in the form below to [npchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npchurchpoint@cox.net).

Contractor	Recommended by	Type of Work	Comments
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## Local Group Sponsoring Fund-Raiser at Church Point Manor House Oct. 9

The Circle by the Bay chapter of Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters is sponsoring its second annual "Mingle at the Manor" on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

The evening will feature Food and Wine Pairings and a Silent Auction. Local restaurants will be represented along with live music and historical tours of the Church Point Manor House Bed and Breakfast.

Tickets purchased before September 15, 2010, are \$50 per person; you can also purchase tickets at the door for \$75 per person. All proceeds from the event go to helping Children's Hospital.

Contact Debbie Little at 228-7875 for tickets or more information.



## Want To Have a Green Lawn and Save The Bay? Consider Organic!

*A Church Point resident suggested we include an article on organic lawn care in this issue of the newsletter.*

Our lawns are an important part of our landscaping and are often the first thing people notice about our homes. So it's natural that we want rich, thick, green, weed-free grass. But a lot of the things we use to get and keep our lawns looking good can cause harm to the environment, especially with Church Point's proximity to the Lynnhaven River and Chesapeake Bay.

A little research shows that there is a wealth of information out there on eco-friendly ways to a healthy, good-looking lawn. The web sites below will give you a good start if you are interested. There is even a YouTube video on the subject.

<http://www.thegreenguide.com/home-garden/garden/easy-organic-lawn-care>

<http://www.organiclawncare101.com/tips.html>

<http://www.richsoil.com/lawn-care.jsp>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xyRtbBie6U>

If you use a lawn service, ask them what they are doing to cut down on the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. You may also want to search for firms that specialize in organic methods of lawn care.

## Welcome, New Church Point Homeowners!

The following homeowners bought property in Church Point in the past 3 months:

<u>Address</u>	<u>New Owner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
3844 Church Point Rd.	Steven M. Roznowski	Eddie W. and Cynthia J. Wilson
1705 Jordan's Parish Place	Frank Wagner	Gerald V. and Lisa K. Weers
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