

Summer 2011

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter



President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Although the recent rains and storms have put a damper on some summer events so far, like the 4th of July fireworks, it is great to see all of Church Point green, lush, and colorful. The Garden Club has been hard at work and did a great job planting flowers at our entrances and sprucing up the waterfront. Although the landscape committee met some challenges with windstorms and downed trees and branches, the overall appearance of our neighborhood landscaping is a testament to their hard work and that of our new landscape contractor. It is hoped everyone will agree that the hard pruning of shrubs at the entrances and the recent application of mulch, especially along First Court Road, have really added to the curb appeal of our community. Please remember that it takes all of us to keep our neighborhood looking great by maintaining our homes, yards, and common areas.

In light of recent theft activity, the Board has voted to add weekend security patrols throughout the summer that will remain in place through Labor Day. The security company will perform multiple vehicle patrols of our neighborhood from 11 PM to the early morning hours.

On a much lighter note, the new Social Committee put on a wonderful musical event at the Gazebo that was enjoyed by all in attendance, and it is hoped many more of our neighbors will attend future events.

In conclusion, please enjoy the summer weather but remain cautious of kids, bikers, and joggers on the street. The safety of our neighbors is paramount so please watch your driving speeds as the VPBD will be enforcing speed limits with radar and vehicle patrols.



By Popular Demand, Tiki Bar Band To Perform Again at the Gazebo Aug. 31!

The opening night of Music in the Park in June was a great night for all ages, as you can see from these photos. Because of the rave reviews, we have booked the Tiki Bar Band to play again on **Wednesday, August 31st from 7-9 PM at the gazebo!** Bring a picnic, a cooler, and a neighbor and meet us there for a casual night of fun and free entertainment.



Neighborhood Watch by Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Betsy and I are excited about taking over as your new Neighborhood Watch Coordinators. We can't thank La Tanya enough for the tremendous support during this turnover and again for her years of service to our neighborhood. We also would like to thank everyone who attended the CPNW Crime Prevention Meeting in April hosted by the VBPD 3rd Precinct. It was nice to see such a great turnout of neighbors representative from all the sections of Church Point. If you were unable to attend the meeting, we have included some helpful information below provided by The Virginia Beach Police Department.

1. Most burglars gain access by breaking through a back door of the house. There is an Antitheft Window film on the market that can be adhered to the outside or inside of a window (search online for 'anti theft window film'). It makes it very hard for anyone to break a window. These are also available for car windows.
2. Half of all burglaries occur during the day.
3. Most people whose homes have residential home alarms, don't use them during the day when they are out. You might want to contact your alarm company and have them add your cell phone number as a backup. If your telephone line is cut, they can notify you immediately.
4. Since January 2010, there have been 13 car burglaries in Church Point. Only two of them had broken glass, all the others were left unlocked. Do not leave any important items in your vehicle or valuables (GPS, Ipad, cell phone, laptop, golf clubs, etc) in sight and make sure it is locked at all times.
5. Garage door openers are another way burglars are accessing homes. There have been instances where unlocked cars in driveways gave burglars access to the garage door openers which allowed access to the garage/house. Make sure the inner door to the house is locked.

It is very important that you turn on your outside lights at night or install a motion sensing light. Also, keep bushes near windows trimmed to eliminate hiding places. If you are going out-of-town, have a neighbor keep an eye out and install inexpensive timers for interior lights. Remember that with the warm weather, there tends to be more activity. If you see suspicious activity, call the VBPD non emergency # 385-5000.

In closing, we look forward to working together with everyone to ensure we make Church Point an even safer place to live. We were very pleased to hear your Board of Directors approved a summer security patrol to help keep our neighborhood safe during the weekend evenings. If you are currently not participating in the Church Point Neighborhood Watch Program and would like to or are interested in being a block captain, you can e-mail us at cpnw.churchpointhoa@gmail.com.

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Church Point Garden Club

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



Summer is here! The weather has been up and down, the perfect environment for weeds and lawn issues, and our attempts to maintain our landscapes have begun. Going “Green” is also challenging when that ‘Roundup’ bottle just seems the best way to get control. Our Garden Club has been fortunate to entertain some of the Master Gardeners in our area who are educating us about beneficial insects in our gardens and organic methods to promote a healthier environment in our landscapes.

I am pleased to report that at year end our Club had achieved another record number of awards at the 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 all deserve the recognition for your efforts, and I applaud all of you!

A new year will be upon us soon and our Club Calendar for 2011 - 2012 begins Thursday, September 8th. Programs include a floral workshop, informative workshops with Master Gardeners, and tours of Historic Homes. If you are interested in joining our group, you may 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.

Thanks again to our Club members and the Church Point Community for supporting our efforts in our Neighborhood and the City of Virginia Beach. I’d also like to extend a big “Thank You” to our new HOA President and the Board members for supporting our efforts to enhance the landscapes at both entrances.

Have a safe and fun summer!!!!

Landscape of the Month Program:

By Mary Jane Morewitz, Landscape Chair

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

MAY – Anilkumar and Nandini Patel, Church Point Court, *"The Quays & Commons East"*

JUNE – Peter and Mary Schreiber, Maze Hill Mews, *"The Mews"*

JULY – Ron and Nora Dennis, Timber Ridge Drive, *"The Commons & Bishops Court"*

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

Some “Good Neighbor” Tips for Summer

Summer is in full swing, and that means more time outside in the backyard, by the pool, or on the deck or patio. Warm evenings mean that it’s also inviting to stay outside late talking with friends or listening to music. Please bear in mind during this season that we need to be considerate of our neighbors. Here are some ways you can help:

- There are some great outdoor sound systems in the neighborhood, but please try to keep the volume at a level that serves your needs but doesn’t blanket the whole block in music! Be aware that voices and other noises carry very far on a quiet night. What may seem like a quiet conversation can sound like a raucous cacophony to your neighbors several houses away.
- Be especially aware that Church Point observes **quiet hours from 6 pm Saturdays until 8 am Mondays**. That means no power tools -- lawn mowers, blowers, saws, etc. -- should be used outside, and other noise should be kept to a minimum, during those hours.
- Barking dogs can be a quiet hours problem, too. They are not aware of our rules – but you as the owner should be! Please make a special effort to keep your pets quiet during the quiet hours. A neighbor’s barking dog can put a damper on a backyard get-together on Saturday or Sunday night. Speaking of dogs, please don’t forget to “Scoop the Poop” when you take your dog out for a walk!

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart



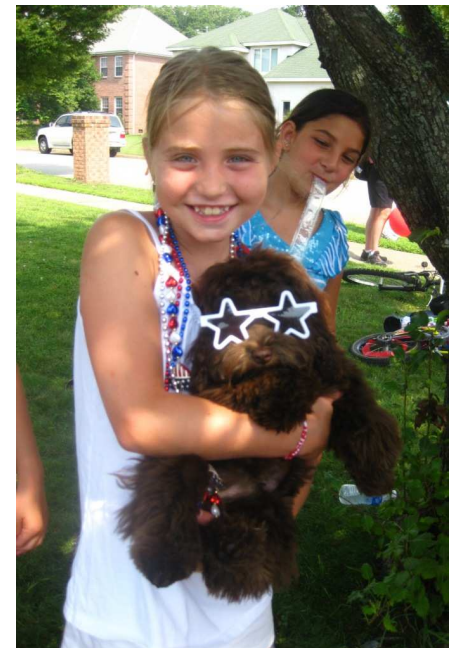
Did you know Church Point now has a Facebook page??

"Like" us now at <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchPoint> and keep up to date on all things Church Point! Please let us know of any ideas or suggestions that you may have for future events, or send us a note that you want to receive social committee info via email at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. We are always happy to welcome new members to the committee as well.

Adults only alert for our **Wine Tasting Party at Lubo!!** Please join us for wine and cheese on **Wednesday, July 28th at 7 PM**, just down the street at the Lubo Wine Tasting Room. Space is limited to 50 people and tickets are \$30 each. If you are thinking about coming, please reserve your glass now by mailing your check (made out to Church Point HOA) to 3905 Meeting House Road. Be sure to include your names and an email address. This should be a terrific evening of great food and great neighbors - don't miss out!

The big neighborhood picnic in August had been postponed until next June, when the weather will be cooler. More details later!

Hope you got to see the 4th of July children's bike parade through the Mews. The parade was full of spirit by both participants and those who honored us with their cheers. Special thanks for the parade go to Rhea Lynn and Tim Butt for all of their help coordinating and Vanessa Szajnoga for setting that yummy ice cream truck to lead our parade. In case you missed it, here are a some photos.



Debbie and Rick Little's grandson Christian won 1st Place in the Bike Decorating Contest!

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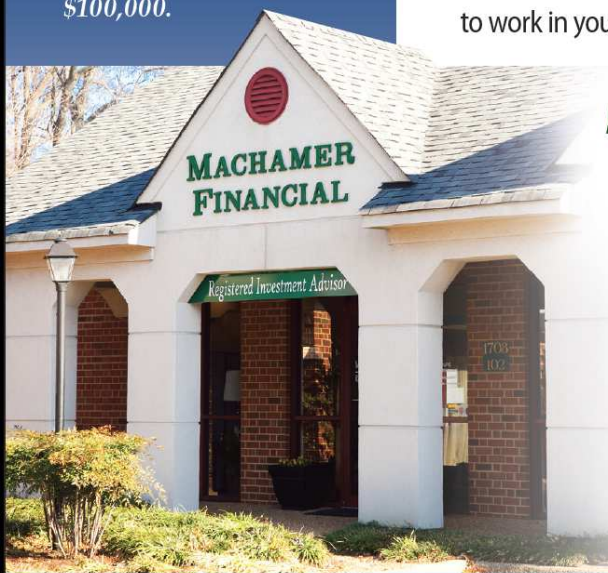
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**U.S. Golf Association
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 Church Point's "Backyard"**

Bayville Golf Club, our neighbor along the Carriage Path in Church Point, will be hosting the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Golf Championship in September (see poster at left).

The Women's Mid-Am, as it's known, is one of 13 national championships sponsored by the USGA – along with the U.S. Open, the U.S. Amateur, and other famous events. The Women's Mid-Am is open to women 25 years old or older with a handicap index of 9.4 or better. Qualifying events are held regionally around the country, with the top qualifiers coming to Virginia Beach Sept. 17-22.

Several Church Point residents are Bayville members. They are encouraging spectators to come and enjoy the event and are also seeking volunteers to work the event. See contact info on the poster.

This tournament should be an excellent opportunity to show off the beautiful Bayville Club, and also a chance for visitors to experience Virginia Beach and our Church Point community.

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A resident has suggested a new feature for the newsletter. We have a list of babysitters in Church Point, but there are probably teens out there who would like to make some money doing other types of work, too. So we are looking for some hard workers to be listed in each newsletter.

Send us your name and contact info (phone or email) and the type of work you would be available for. Could be lawn mowing, painting, power washing – whatever. We'll put the list in the newsletter and you'll be surprised at the Church Point residents who will want your services! Send your info via email to npchurchpoint@cox.net.



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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 npcchurchpoint@cox.net.)**

Name	Age	Phone	Info

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