



Winter 2006

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

Church Point Directories Distributed in January

The updated directory of Church Point residents was distributed to all homes January 13. If for some reason you didn't receive one, please contact Ali Mercer of the Select Group for your copy. We will provide updated directory information in the newsletter each quarter as homes are sold and people move, so watch for those changes to be posted. If your listing is in error or if your phone number changes, please provide that information to Ali Mercer and we'll pass along the new info in the next newsletter.

Thanks to Neal Curtin for pulling the directory together, with help from Steve Snyder. And special kudos to Joan Curtin and Marilyn Fox, who helped distribute the directories (saving us hundreds of dollars in postage).

Work to Begin This Year on First Court Road Photenia

Details are still being worked out, but the Board of Directors has decided to set money aside this year to begin removal of the diseased photenia bushes along First Court Rd. They will be replaced by some type of holly. The Board will work with landscapers and arborists to determine the most appropriate specimens for the area.

Because of the expense of this project, it will probably be done in phases, starting with the bushes that are dead or in the worst health. The Board will be developing detailed plans for the timing and cost of the project in the coming weeks. Residents along Church Point Place whose property backs up to First Court Rd. will be notified and consulted as plans develop.

President's Corner

By Tom Fitzgerald, HOA President

Dear Homeowners: After our annual meeting we now have a complete Board of Directors (BOD). Your new Board will continue to represent your interests to the best of our abilities. I would like to welcome our newest board members: Justin Keenan, Director at-Large and our new Vice-President, Neal Curtin who has graciously offered to continue with the publication of this Newsletter. As was mentioned in the last Newsletter we are always looking for greater participation in our activities by our homeowners.

We have effectively passed through another Hurricane season without any major damage to our properties. We still continue to remove some trees that pose a threat to people or property. Hopefully this expense will stabilize but it will continue to be a finite item in our budget as many of the mature trees in our neighborhood are subject to disease. Options of how to handle the deteriorating photenia along First Court Road are still under consideration by the BOD, the Landscape Committee and our legal representatives.

As mentioned in my last letter we hired off-duty Virginia Beach police officers to provide additional patrols in our community over the recent Holidays to supplement our Neighborhood Watch program and regular patrols. While it is difficult to measure the effectiveness of this additional coverage, we do know that we had some minor vandalism just prior to the period of additional coverage and none after the coverage went into effect. We plan to continue random coverage over the coming year. I would like to acknowledge the close cooperation of the Virginia Beach Police Department with our Neighborhood Watch Director, LaTanya Cole, and Ali Mercer of our management group Select in coordinating our overall efforts to make Church Point a safer place to live and play.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support and a special thanks to all the committees and to the homeowners for all your efforts to make Church Point the best place to live in Virginia Beach. **In the near future there will be an article about our Church Point neighborhood in the Virginia Pilot; look for it and stay warm through the winter.**

Thanks, Tom

Neighborhood Watch – by LaTanya Cole

I want to call your attention to the VB Police Department's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC). I usually attend these meetings monthly to represent our area, but thought that some of you would like to attend yourselves. Our next regular monthly meeting of the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the Third Police Precinct is on **February 16 at 7 PM**, in the Bayside High School cafeteria. Anyone can attend; it is open to the public.

Our meeting format usually begins with a speaker, we next have a report from the 3rd precinct, and finally representatives from the city speak. The speakers are always interesting and convey important information on crime awareness in the city.

City representatives from the fire department, code enforcement, zoning, human services, crime prevention, commonwealth attorney's office, housing and preservation, probation & parole, and the Bayside Recreation Center will also be in attendance. You are invited to remain for light refreshments.

If you would like to attend future meetings, they are always the 3rd Thursday of the month at Bayside High School on Haygood Rd. (Take Independence Blvd to Haygood, turn right at Subway & McDonalds). Bayside High is a few miles down on the right side). Park in front; we usually meet in the cafeteria whose entrance is the next to last set of doors.

Some Reminders

The Declaration of Restrictions for Church Point prohibits commercial signs from being posted in the neighborhood. Some workers (especially painters and handymen) like to post a sign in your yard while they're working. Please politely tell them that it's not permitted; let's keep the neighborhood looking good!

Also, don't put lawn debris or tree branches, etc. out on the curb until the night before trash pickup; that's also one of the rules for a safer, tidier neighborhood.

The last two pages of the new Church Point Directory contain a brief summary of these and other key

Results of Garden Club Poinsettia Sale

By Laura Jacobson

The Garden Club would like to thank those Church Point residents who supported our holiday fundraiser. The poinsettias that we received from Paramount Nursery were beautiful!

Even though the response to our Poinsettia Sale was less than we had hoped for, we feel this is a viable event for the Holidays, and plan to offer poinsettias for sale again in November 2006. This year's fundraiser will include a date at the gazebo to accept orders, and another date when a limited number of poinsettias will be available for purchase by residents at the time of order deliveries. Information and flyers will be sent out prior to the actual sale.

Thank you again for your support.

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Church Point Garden Club

By Suzie Duckworth, President of the Garden Club



The Garden Club members would like to thank all the children and their families who helped make our 6th annual arrival of Santa Claus at the Gazebo a big success. Mr. & Mrs. Claus gave out candy and entertained the children while families were able to take great pictures with Santa (see below!). We appreciate all who made donations to our club; any income we receive goes to beautification projects in our neighborhood. We hope you enjoyed our decorations and lights during the holidays. We spend a lot of money and time each year to beautify our area during this happy period. It's a shame that once again this year our decorations were vandalized and damaged sometime over the holidays. We don't know if local residents or outsiders are doing this, but I would urge anyone who sees any vandalism to report it to the police. It's a frustrating problem for our members ... and it is expensive.

Our club was busy during the holidays helping decorate the Francis Land House and making Williamsburg-style wreaths for several Virginia Beach Municipal Center buildings. We also planted pansies at both Church Point entrances.

This spring, we will again help decorate the Francis Land House for the Historic Garden Week Spring Tour and make flower arrangements for the Empty Bowls Charity Dinner at Virginia Wesleyan College.

We continue to look for new members. We have great programs and workshops. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month from September to May at the Baylake United Methodist Church. If you are interested in joining our group please contact me, Suzie Duckworth, President, at 363-1050.

Santa at the Gazebo December 2005





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POOP POLLUTES!

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 (vbspca.com/poop) and we've reprinted their poster here as a reminder. Below is their description of how Poop Pollutes:

The land...

Pet waste contains bacteria and parasites. Diseases that can be spread from pet waste include --

- Campylobacteriosis** (a bacterial infection causing diarrhea in humans)
- Salmonellosis** (the most common bacterial infection transmitted to humans from animals -- symptoms include fever, muscle aches, headache, vomiting, and diarrhea)
- Toxocarisis** (roundworms transmitted from animals to humans. Symptoms include vision loss, rash, fever, or cough).

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.

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Contractor	Recommended by	Type of Work	Comments
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Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- **Calling all baby sitters!** Baby sitters are wanted and needed here in Church Point! It would be great if we could support our own neighborhood sitters. You can advertise for free in this newsletter. Contact the editor (nealcurtin@cox.net) for information.
- Want to advertise your business to your Church Point neighbors? We accept ads as small as a business card up to a full page. If you are interested in placing an ad in a future newsletter for a nominal fee (to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter), please contact Ali Mercer at Select Group or email nealcurtin@cox.net. We'll send you a form with prices and other information you'll need. The form is also available at our website, www.churchpointonline.com in the "Ads" section. Newsletters are currently published around the end of January, April, July, and October.

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