



CHURCH POINT POST

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

President's Corner - Spring 2024

By Gary Lauck, HOA President

Dear Neighbors,

Welcome to springtime in Church Point; once again it is the prettiest time of the year! Thank you for maintaining your homes and landscape for the benefit of us all.

The current board has gone through a steep learning curve but is now getting up to speed. We hope that you are noticing the effects of committee reform, seeking volunteers, and starting new initiatives. This newsletter offers some good examples of this, and we invite you to read about them, provide feedback and offer to help where possible.

Church Point is a neighborhood made up of beautiful homes and abundant natural beauty. But what really makes a neighborhood is ... neighbors! And for Church Point to continue as a top-notch Virginia Beach community, we need more neighbors willing to get involved in community activities. While many residents have stepped forward to help, the number of volunteers is just a small fraction of our Church Point population of 376 homes. Please consider volunteering if you have some time.

Our social committee has created an exciting program for this coming year and also brought the annual yard sale back (details later in this newsletter). These are great opportunities to engage with your neighbors and forge new friendships. Notification about these events will go out using our new opt-in/opt-out communication system and details can always be found on our website at <https://churchpointonline.com/> which has grown tremendously over the last 2 years. If you want to receive notifications, then you need to opt in!



Landscaping Committee

By Dave Vaughn, Cochair of the Landscaping Committee

Spring is here and with that will come beautiful flowers, lawns and landscapes. It is time to start preparing your landscapes for the Landscape of the Month award!!

Has anyone recently checked the Church Point website? We have automated [Landscape reporting functions](#), and a new [Landscape spreadsheet](#) auto populates when you submit a complaint so you can track your complaint and resolution. You can also attach pictures of the issue to further show the problem. The Landscaping Committee has walked the entire common areas with an arborist and marked around 20 trees that need removal and many that require trimming or cleanup of different sorts. With the help of our board we will further quotes, planning and prioritizing to mitigate some of these issues.

The screenshot shows the Church Point website header with navigation links: About, Organization, Forms, Documents, Events, History. Below the header is a table titled "Landscaping Issues" with the following data:

| Number | Issue | Creation date | Completion Date |
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| 11 | Hi! I am not sure who keeps the Christmas wreaths, but there is one Christmas wreath still up at the main entrance of the neighborhood. It's on a brick column in between some bushes on the right side when entering the neighborhood (middle column/hard to see). Thanks! | March 10, 2024 | |
| 10 | Large ornamental cherry tree in common area between Bishops Court and Church Point is diseased and near death. The tree requires removal. Brightview was contacted and the tree was removed March 5, 2023. | March 5, 2024 | |
| 9 | Large poplar tree fell onto common area between Church Point, Bishops Court and Thoroughgood. Brightview contacted and tree removed March 5, 2023. | March 5, 2024 | |
| 8 | Good afternoon I'm writing to report that the common area behind our home has not been mowed on a consistent schedule. The grass and weeds have been growing quite tall at times making it pretty unusable. Also, there really isn't much grass at all anymore. It's mostly all different types of weeds and wondering if some sort of application could be applied to take care of this. Thank you for your consideration Dr. and Mrs. Cowen | February 27, 2024 | |
| 7 | The community field behind my house continues to be missed in the weekly service. Weed control would be helpful too. | February 26, 2024 | March 1, 2024 |
| 6 | Our community field continues to be forgotten during the weekly mow, trim and blow. Weed control would be helpful but not sure that is in the budget during this time. Thank you! | February 26, 2024 | March 1, 2024 |

Are you a runner? Avid walker? Do you walk your dog? Perfect! Please consider joining the landscape committee to keep our community beautiful. It's simple and does not require a lot of effort and provides a good service to our community. Here's how it works, if you are out and about you could simply be on the lookout for anything that needs addressing and follow the link below to report it. Want to be even more involved? We would love that! Contact the landscape committee at landscaping@churchpointonline.com and we will reach out to you very soon. Thank you all for your help in making our community one of the best in Virginia Beach.

CHURCH POINT NEIGHBORHOOD

2024 Social Events

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will take place at the Gazebo and are free and family friendly. Happy Hour events will require neighbors to each pick up their own tab and the Holiday Party in December will be a ticketed event.

If you wish to add a neighborhood event to this calendar, we are happy to do so! Connect online on Facebook at Church Point Neighbors.



EGG HUNT FOR FOR CHKD

◆ **Wednesday, March 27, 6-7 pm**

Fundraiser by Circle by the Bay of the King's Daughter's for CHKD



HAPPY HOUR

◆ **Thursday, July 11, 5-7pm**

At Pleasure House Brewing



FESTIVAL OF COLORS: HOLI

◆ **Saturday, April 27, 11 am-2 pm**

Hosted by the Indian community



HAPPY HOUR

◆ **Thursday, September 12, 5-7pm**

At Commonwealth Brewing



HAPPY HOUR

◆ **Thursday, May 2, 5-7pm**

At Commonwealth Brewing



MUSIC IN THE PARK

◆ **Sunday, October 6, 5-7pm**

Pack a chair and a cooler!



ANNUAL YARD SALE

◆ **Saturday, May 18, 8am-1 pm**

Now held annually on the Sat following Mother's Day weekend.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE

◆ **Wednesday, October 27, 6-7pm**

Fundraiser by Circle by the Bay of the King's Daughter's for CHKD



MUSIC IN THE PARK

◆ **Sunday, June 23, 5-7pm**

Pack a chair and a cooler!



HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST

◆ **Date of judging tbd**



4TH OF JULY BIKE PARADE

◆ **Thursday, July 4, 10 am**

Bikes, scooters, golf carts are all invited!



HOLIDAY PARTY

◆ **Date and info TBD**

Adults only, please.

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Architectural Review and Enforcement Committee

Article content reused from previous newsletters

Spring brings warmer temperatures and more rain which results in increased weekly yard maintenance. As everyone is aware, Church Point has strict rules related to maintaining your yard to ensure a uniform and consistent appearance throughout the neighborhood. Your lawn should be green during growing season, significantly weed free with the grass no taller than 6 inches. Your landscape beds shall be weed free and your shrubs need to be regularly pruned and maintained. The overgrown/unkept natural look is not acceptable in Church Point and is a rules violation. Excessive neglect is also a violation of city ordinance.

Although the weather doesn't always cooperate to get all the required work with mowers/power tools/edgers and trimmers completed on Saturday by 6pm – everyone needs to plan accordingly – quiet hours are from 6 PM on Saturday until 8 AM on Monday. Just because it rained Saturday does not waive the rule. Manual yard work can be performed on Sundays like spreading mulch, picking weeds, planting flowers/gardens. This also applies to contracted landscaping companies – if they work for you, you are responsible and you might be in violation.

The Board of Directors get complaints from neighbors all the time and violation letters are issued. Repeat offenders can be fined or called for a hearing before the Board. Additionally, we are continuing to see yard waste (lawn bags/branches/etc) placed out on the curbs over the weekend and before Tuesday. Remember that yard debris must be in clear trash bags and branches/etc need to be in small piles no greater than 3 feet long. If you have excessive pruning/yard debris, a waste container can be requested from the city for a small fee to be placed for 24 hrs at your home. We routinely hear of multiple homeowners getting together and chipping in to cover the cost of the waste container from the city and having a pruning party.



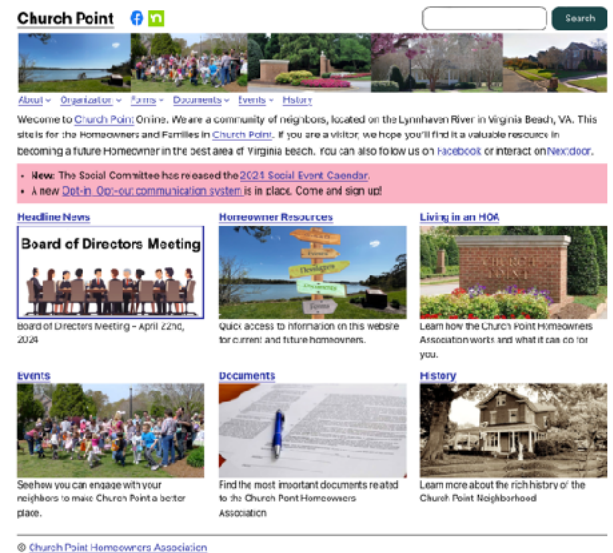
Please also remind your landscaping contractors that any yard debris resulting from their work cannot be placed curbside. It is a city ordinance that they must dispose of it themselves. For more information see the website of the City of Virginia Beach at <https://pw.virginiabeach.gov/trash-recycling/curbside-services/yard-debris>.

Curb appeal affects all homeowners both positive and negative, so please do your part to help us maintain the curb appeal of our community.

Communication Committee

By Johan Goossens, Chairperson of the Communication Committee

The newly created Church Point HOA Communications Committee has been hard at work adding information to our website at <https://churchpointonline.com/>. Today the website has over 200 pages with information about the neighborhood and the HOA. You can find all the governing documents, descriptions of our 33 acres of common land, the history of this area in Virginia Beach, newsletters dating back to 2005, event announcements and photos, agendas and minutes of board meetings as of last year and much more on the site. The home page provides the most relevant links and the menubar, which is accessible from every page, will take you to major information categories. If you really can't find what you are looking for, every page also has a Google style search box.



A new [set of forms](#) to report issues to the board or landscaping issues in our common areas to the landscaping committee are also available on the website. When you fill out the form, an email will be sent to the responsible people. Soon, we will also have a form to make recommendations for contractors and suppliers. This will allow us to create page with references as well as ratings and testimonials provided by home/lot owners.

The Communications Committee is continuing to upload current and historical information to the website to ensure that home/lot owners have a single place to find everything they are looking for. Suggestions are welcome and can be sent to communications@churchpointonline.com.

A new opt-in, opt-out notification system that allows Church Point home/lot owners to subscribe to specific information categories was also set up. At any given time, people can change their preferences or even unsubscribe completely. More details and a signup form are available on the website at <https://churchpointonline.com/opt-in-opt-out-communications/>. You can also reach this page from the front page or using the forms menu on any page.

Note: The information collected through this subscription process is only used to inform home/lot owners in the Church Point neighborhood of upcoming events, meetings, newsletters and other notices. The Church Point Homeowners Association will be the sole owner of this information and will not be sharing it with any outside third parties. When people unsubscribe, their data will be permanently deleted.

Dreaming of a Church Point Butterfly and Pollination Garden

By Don Degner, HOA Treasurer

How did the Monarch Butterfly get its name? European settlers to North America were enamored by Prince William of Orange (Crowned King William III). When they saw the butterfly, they named it “Monarch” due to its orange color and in the Prince’s honor.

Why are pollinators crucial to our lives? Humanity and the ecosystem would die. Nearly 80% of global plants require pollination to produce all our food.

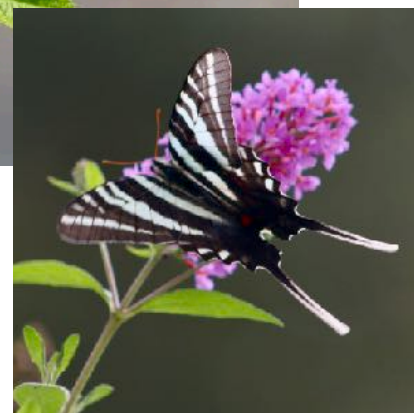
Centuries of human expansion and industry have encroached on the natural habitats of wildlife. This combined with pollution and insecticides have been decreasing the population of these delicate animals on which our survival depends.

To help educate our children and assist mother nature, The Board of Directors has sanctioned the creation of a butterfly and pollination garden on the common area across from the Manor House. Planting and maintaining this garden will be a hands-on learning experience. You will learn what plants attract certain pollinators and how to raise Monarch Butterflies, their migration pattern and life cycle. This opportunity is available from ages 8 to adult.

Join the fun, learn about the importance of pollination and survival of butterflies, and share what you learned. Contact Don Degner at ddegnerjr@aol.com or call 757-773-9308 for more information and registration.



All pictures taken by Johan Goossens
in Church Point in 2022



Do You Want to Help the Homeowners Association?

By Johan Goossens, Chairperson of the Communication Committee

During the January 22nd, 2024 meeting, The Church Point Homeowners Association Board of Directors, in accordant with the [Bylaws \(Article III, Section 4h\)](#), (re)established five committees through resolutions to assist them in running the association. Most of this work was done through a [Committee Reform](#) initiative. Now that the committees have formally been (re)established, volunteers are required to run these committees and perform the associated duties.

Who wants to help out?

We all know that Church Point Homeowners are very busy people that are probably not looking for more work. Luckily, the various committees have different needs and some volunteers only need to keep an open eye, help with a single event or contribute a few paragraphs to the website or newsletter. Other volunteer jobs might require a few hours per week. Any help is greatly appreciated.



Why would you help?

Church Point is a highly desirable neighborhood that strives to have above-average property values, a robust family-oriented social fabric and well-maintained [common areas](#) (over 33 acres). Our collective Property Tax assessment is well over 300 million dollars and while nobody looks forward to the associated tax bill, everybody wants the highest property value when they sell their house. The HOA plays a key role in protecting our investments through continuous improvement, volunteerism and effective communications. When you volunteer, you help the HOA to help you.

Examples of what we need (read the linked committee pages for the whole list of duties)

The [Architectural and Rules Enforcement Committee](#) has been around the longest but it also has been hard to find volunteers for it. Many people see this as the HOA Police Force to say NO to homeowners who want to make architectural changes to their property. While it is true that we have rules that must be followed, successful committee members have worked with homeowners in the past to find practical solutions that meet the requirements but still give the homeowner what they are looking for. If you are flexible, creative and can bring people together, this committee is looking for you.

The [Budget Committee](#) is a new entity. Initially there will be a lot of work to stabilize the budget and establish repeatable processes. Anybody with a financial background or people that care about taking care of our assets or balance income and expenditures is welcome to assist.

The [Communications Committee](#) is also new and will help the Board in its desire to be more open and transparent, streamline communications between the board and the members and speak with one voice on all platforms. If you want to help with the website, newsletters or social media in terms of writing a few paragraphs, take pictures at events or ensure notifications go out on time, this committee might be for you.

The [Landscaping Committee](#) has been around for a long time but the new version of this committee also absorbs the functions previously performed by the now defunct Garden Club. If you want to help oversee our landscaping company keep the common areas up to our standards (we spend over half of our budget on this), select yards of the month or assist in beautifying common areas, you might be the right person.

The [Social Committee](#) has existed informally for a long time but it is now an official part of the HOA. If you want to help plan and run social events, welcome new neighbors to the neighborhood, assist with yard sales or simply write a few words about events or take pictures, join this committee.

Annual Church Point Yard Sale - May 18th, 2024

The Church Point social committee is organizing the Annual Yard Sale on Saturday May 18th, 2024 from 8.00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Tips for a Successful Yard Sale:

1. **Start Early.** Put things in a designated area for the upcoming sale.
2. **Price Everything.** Use masking tape or labels, and group items by price points for fast and easy pricing. (Ex. \$1.00 table) Or you could buy pre-printed tags (Ex. \$.25, \$.50) so you just peel and stick!
3. **Have a Change Fund.** A total of \$10.00 in coins and small bills should be plenty.
4. **Get the Children Involved!** Consider letting them get involved, by selling sodas or lemonade. They can also set up their own table of toys for a little entrepreneur endeavor!
5. **Save Grocery Bags,** for people who purchase multiple items.
6. **Display items,** on card tables, Ping-Pong tables, or patio tables.
7. **At the End of the Sale,** donate any of the remaining items to charity. A CHKD truck will pick them up if you leave them out.

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



Frequently Asked Questions

By Johan Goossens, Chairperson of the Communication Committee

The current Board of Directors has made openness, transparency and responsiveness a top priority. As you can imagine, this can become an overwhelming task especially if multiple homeowners ask the same question at the same time. It is the Board's intention that all answers can be found on the website at <https://churchpointonline.com/>. With over 200 pages on the website already, it can sometimes be hard to find the right answer quickly. This is why a new Frequently Asked Questions section will be added to the website over the next couple of weeks to provide fast access to frequently needed answers. Every quarter, the most popular questions will be highlighted in this newsletter:



How do I Pay my HOA Fees/Dues?

Late 2023, The Select Group (in their role as HOA Management Company), announced new/different ways to pay the HOA fees. You can find an overview on our website at <https://churchpointonline.com/paying-the-homeowners-association-assessments/>.

How do I Report Issues?

This off-course depends on the type of issue. Hopefully, our website can point you in the right direction depending on whether the issue is handled by the HOA, the City of Virginia Beach or the Police Department. A breakdown with links can be found at <https://churchpointonline.com/forms/>.

Other Than This New FAQ, What is the Best Place to Start Surfing the Website?

For upcoming events and announcements, the home page at <https://churchpointonline.com/> is a good starting point. If you are looking for a sitemap that highlights various information categories, start with <https://churchpointonline.com/homeowner-resources/>. To quickly jump between categories, every page on the website has a menubar at the top allowing quick traversal.

I don't Always Want to Search the Website, Can I be Notified of Important Issues?

The HOA has an [opt-in/opt-out communication system](#) where you can subscribe to notifications. When something is announced, you'll receive an email with an appropriate link to the website.

Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- 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, please contact the Communications Committee at communications@churchpointonline.com. We'll send you a form with prices and other information you'll need. Newsletters are currently published quarterly.
- If you are looking for babysitters or Church Point youth to do odd jobs, please join the Private Church Point Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/churchpointcommunitygroup>. Young people that want to offer these services, can advertise them in the same private group. The newsletter no longer publishes this information.
- If you want to contribute an article to a future newsletter, please contact the Communications Committee at communications@churchpointonline.com.
- Past issues of the Church Point Post are available online at the Church Point web site at <https://churchpointonline.com/>.

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