



April 2005

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter

Church Point Post is back!

After a brief hiatus, our Church Point community newsletter is back. The Board of Directors hopes the quarterly newsletter can be a good communication tool to keep everyone informed of events and issues in Church Point.

If you have information you would like to include in the Newsletter – and especially if you would be willing to help work on the Newsletter – please contact Neal Curtin (460-6493 or nealcurtin@cox.net).

Yard Sale!



The annual Church Point Community Yard Sale is scheduled for May 21, 2005. This provides one Saturday a year for Church Point residents to clear out their attics and garages and have some fun bargaining. Sales will be from 8 am until 1 pm. Call Kim Creamer (460-5611) if you have any questions about this event.

**Saturday, May 21
8 am to 1pm**

2005 HOA Board of Directors

President: Tom Fitzgerald thomasfitzgerald1@cox.net
Vice-President: Tina Simmons tsimm@earthlink.net
Treasurer: Jack Steele PSteele@CB-pro.com
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President's Corner

By Tom Fitzgerald, HOA President

Dear Homeowners: Your Board of Directors continues to represent your interests to the best of our abilities. As a dynamic community with people moving in and out of the community, we are always looking for additional participation in our various committees that make things happen. If you are interested in participating please contact me or our management company Select.

We are pleased that Neal Curtin has volunteered to reinstitute our newsletter to keep us better informed. Neal has also agreed to update our Church Point Directory so we can keep in touch. The only information in the directory will be what you want in it. John Holiday has volunteered to update our website since Dr. Moffat has moved. Gary Shine has agreed to continue to host our site on one of his company's servers.

As many of you may know, we have had a flooding problem behind several homes at the far end of the Mews. This is because of a drainage/mosquito ditch running between Church Point and Thoroughgood that overflows during moderate to heavy rainfalls causing extensive damage to properties along that ditch. We have established a Flood Control Committee to work with our attorney and the City engineers to address this issue. As of this letter there is a repair and maintenance schedule and work order in place at the City's Engineering Office to fix this problem.

With most of the lots in Church Point built out, much of the Architecture Control Committee's (ACC) work has been concerned with reviewing plans for additions, decks, pools, pool houses, fences, etc. It probably has been a long time since we have all reviewed our covenants. We do need to remember that any new construction requires the submission of a plan to the

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ACC for approval. The ACC is more than willing to work with our residents, and early submission of plans makes it easier on all.

We continue to expend most of our funds on landscape of the common areas, maintenance and repair of irrigation systems and other properties: for example the gazebo, bridge, pond aeration pump, street signs etc. With no unanticipated major expenses like "Hurricane Isabel" we have had a chance to build up our reserves somewhat and are moving the funds to short term CDs.

Longer-term issues we are still dealing with are the degenerating photenias along First Court Road and what to do with the waterfront. We plan to remove the old damaged pier sections and pilings. Beyond that we are open to suggestions. Based on recommendations of arborists we eventually will have to replace the photenias and are developing a plan to do this in concert with the Church Point Master Landscape Plan.

Finally, a sad note. As most of you may know, one of our Board members Dr. Donald Seim has passed away. The Church Point Board of Directors extends its sympathy to his wife Sarah and his family. Don was a valuable member of the Board and his wisdom will be missed.

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.

--Tom Fitzgerald

Neighborhood Watch News

By LaTanya Cole, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Spring is here and along with the warmer weather comes more traffic through our neighborhood. Here are the ABC's of neighborhood safety for you to follow to keep your family safe and secure.

A. Home

1. Keep your lawn mowed, trees/bushes trimmed and **property well-lighted** at night.
2. Notify your neighbor(s) and/or block captain when you are leaving for vacation.
3. Lock home and set alarm every time you leave even if only for a short while.

B. Cars

1. Keep **cars locked** at all times and **remove valuables** from sight.
2. Close garage door when you are not in the garage. Bicycles and scooters visible from the street can be stolen in minutes.
3. Do not keep garage door openers or money in cars that are parked outside of garage (including loose change). Remove the temptation.

C. I.D. Theft

1. **Remove mail daily** from mailboxes. Remove newspapers daily from driveway.
2. Shred all credit card, bank and tax statements before recycling. Call your credit card companies; have them to stop sending you their blank checks.
3. Photocopy credit cards (front/back) and keep copy in a safe place.

P.S. For those of you who haven't signed up, join CPNW! There is safety in numbers! Just fill out the form at the bottom of the next page and return it to LaTanya Cole.

Church Point Garden Club

By Suzie Duckworth, President of the Garden Club



The Church Point Garden Club was founded ten years ago in September of 1995. Our club is open to all Church Point homeowners. We meet on the first Tuesday from September to May at Bishops Court Lodge in Church Point. We enjoy many different programs -- like workshops making fall, Christmas, spring, and ikebana arrangements, and informative programs on everything from landscaping to historical homes in our area. We have lots of fun and are always looking for new members. If you have recently moved into Church Point, I encourage you to come meet some of your neighbors in the Club. Take a "test drive" by coming to one or two meetings before deciding to join. If you decide to become a member, dues are just \$30.00 a year.

We are also members of the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, which offers wonderful programs at the Central Library on the second Wednesday from September to April. We help with decorating our government buildings in December with a wreath-making workshop with fresh fruit

and greens. We also help decorate the Francis Land House at Christmas and in the spring. We make arrangements for the "Empty Bowls Dinner" at Virginia Wesleyan in March, and wrap pine seedlings for the third graders at our public schools for Arbor Day. These are just a few of the activities we are involved with for the council.

Church Point Garden Club Officers 2004-05

<i>President</i>	<i>Suzie Duckworth</i>	<i>363-1050</i>
<i>First Vice President</i>	<i>Joan Curtin</i>	<i>460-6493</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Marilyn Fox</i>	<i>460-8763</i>
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	<i>Alice Fitzgerald</i>	<i>464-0999</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mary Jane Morewitz</i>	<i>318-3774</i>

Our club sponsors the "Landscape of the Month" in Church Point, which

recognizes the extra efforts of our homeowners who have gone the extra "yard" to create a landscape of distinction. You will see our sign "Landscape of the Month" in someone's home from March (or April depending on the weather) to November. We also decorate the gazebo and main entrance to Church Point for the Christmas holiday season, and we enjoy entertaining our children with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus each December. With the help of Church Point Homeowners Association, we landscape our entrances with plantings of annuals in spring and fall.

If you would like to join our active group please call me at 363-1050. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Church Point Neighborhood Watch (CPNW) "Block Watcher" Registration

Return by: Sunday, April 24th, **to:** L. Cole; put in mailbox - 4148 Church Point Rd- or e-mail: elcee.cole@verizon.net

Name(s): _____

Sign me up!

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W or C) _____

[Yes] [No]

E-mail address: _____

I have questions []

I am willing to be a Block Captain Volunteer []

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Newsletter Committee
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Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- Won a contest or award? Made an all-star team? Wrote a book? Patented an invention? Let us know. We hope to use this Community Bulletin Board to highlight items of interest, accomplishments, and happenings affecting Church Point residents. Please provide any items you want included in future newsletters to Neal Curtin at nealcurtin@cox.net.
- The Church Point HOA Board of Directors meets once a month at the Bishop's Court community center. For the time and date of the next meeting, contact President Tom Fitzgerald (thomasfitzgerald1@cox.net).
- Some local phone numbers of interest:
 - Select Group (HOA management group) 486-6000 (email: Allison Mercer AI@select.com)
 - VB Police 3rd precinct (non-emergency) 219-2715
 - Bayside Recreation Center 460-7540
- Want to advertise your business to your Church Point neighbors? We will be accepting business-card size ads for future newsletters. If you would be interested in placing an ad for a nominal fee (to help defray the cost of the Newsletter), please email nealcurtin@cox.net.