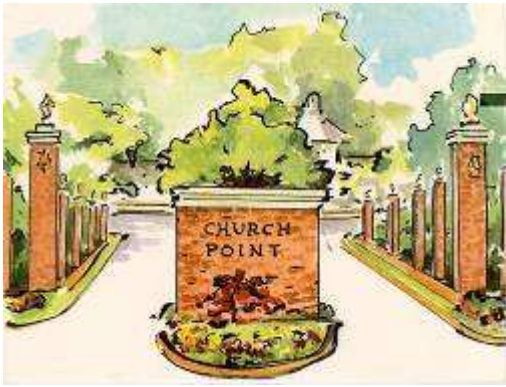


Winter 2012

Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter



President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Happy 2012 to everyone and I hope each of you had a joyful and safe holiday season. It was terrific to see all the festive lights and decorations throughout Church Point and great job to the Social Committee for organizing the first holiday lights contest. I want to also say a special thank you to our Garden Club for the annual decorating of the entrances with garland, wreaths and bows.

The annual meeting was finally held in early November to a very strong turnout of homeowners. It was great to see so much open dialogue and communication which is critical to ensuring the Board is representing the desires and interests of the homeowners. This year's Board elections brought out many great candidates with three seats to be filled. Congratulations and welcome to Chris Caporicci, Richard Hamlet and Jack Palmer as new Board members. The 2012 budget was presented and reviewed. Although the Board worked hard to control expenses for 2012, the increased costs of our new landscaping contract and greater than anticipated tree removals and legal fees were driving factors that forced a small increase in annual dues for 2012 of \$20 per home (\$5 per qtr with new dues now at \$84/qtr).

Active discussion at the meeting centered on the flood which impacted Church Point and neighboring communities. Follow-up with the City of Virginia Beach Public Works indicated all storm drain systems were clear and functioning but were just unfortunately overloaded with the large amount of rainfall in a very short period of time. The storm water drainage system was designed to handle 2.39" of water in an hour. The storm on September 28, 2011 dumped 6.2" of water within 28 minutes, far exceeding capacity and causing the unfortunate temporary flooding.

There was discussion at the Board meeting on planning projects for 2012 with a focus on continued cleanup of the waterfront area. Although the waterfront is open and accessible to all homeowners, the steps down to the water have deteriorated and become overgrown. A great recommendation was made by homeowner Stan Bialas to offer the cleanup project to an Eagle Scout candidate. Stan will be working with the Board as we first approach our local Boy Scout Troop 364 out of Bayside Presbyterian and then to other Troops, if necessary.

The Board will continue to work on projects to enhance the appearance and amenities in Church Point for 2012 and we encourage all homeowners to also focus on the appearance and upkeep of your homes as we all work together to ensure Church Point is not only a great place to live but a great looking place to live.

Welcome New Church Point Homeowners

1704 Caversham Mews Min Chun Chen & Min Rong Jiang
4033 Church Point Rd Guoging Zhou & Michelle Xie
4052 Church Point Rd Ranjit K. Goudar
1609 Meeting House Ln Wells Fargo Bank

1700 Merchants Hope Kevin W. & Deborah O. King
1609 Spring House Tr Christian C. & Cynthia H. Gooch
1709 Jordan's Parish Pl Donald D. Degner, Jr.

Neighborhood Watch by Kim Burke and Betsy Guglielmo

We hope you had a nice holiday and would like to wish you a happy new year! Fortunately, we do not have a lot to report at this time. Since the fall newsletter went out in late October, we had a couple more vehicles that were broken into in Church Point. There were no signs of forced entry or broken glass indicating doors were unlocked. Many items taken were later found thrown throughout the neighborhood. A special thank you to Bill Small who found one of those stolen items and it was returned to its rightful owner who was thrilled to get it back thinking it was gone forever. In addition, there was a single home burglary in the 4000 Block of Church Point Road. The family was away for a long weekend and forgot to set their alarm.

As a reminder, please do NOT leave valuables in your cars or anything within plain view. Ensure car doors are locked and alarms set, if you have one. I have received reports from the Police that the thieves generally walk by or ride by on bikes and just pull on door handles to see if they get lucky. If you are going to be out-of-town, please ask a neighbor to keep an eye out while you are away and don't forget to set your alarm and lock all doors. Lights on a timer are great also as a deterrent.

In closing, if you see suspicious activity, call the VBPD non-emergency # 385-5000. 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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Cary Greco 460-5680	Drum Lessons for beginners & advances students

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HOA Board Meetings for 2012

The Church Point HOA Board has set its meeting schedule for 2012. The Board meets once a month in the "Board Room" at the Church Point Manor House. The meetings are scheduled for the **3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm**. Homeowners are welcome to attend, but check with Gayle Pinero at Select before the meeting to make sure there has not been a change of schedule for that month.

Church Point Garden Club

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



Our Garden Club members would like to thank those residents who brought their families to visit Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo on December 3rd. The December holiday season wouldn't be complete without the Garden Club's "Santa at the Gazebo" event. Many of our young Church Point residents were ready with their letters to Santa. Each child received special attention from our own neighborhood Mr and Mrs Santa along with a place on Santa's "nice not naughty" list. We hope that the Holidays proved to be a joyous time with family and friends.

Our club was very busy over the holiday season decorating our City's municipal buildings, our own neighborhood entrances, and the Francis Land House. In addition, our Garden Club participated in the preparation of the Frank Lloyd Wright home, one of the homes designated for the Holiday Homes Tour on December 10th. The weather held up nicely and the homes looked beautiful.

We began our program calendar this year with a welcome coffee, a fall floral workshop, and landscape design program with Melissa Butler-Burdick, Curator of Herbaceous Plants at Norfolk Botanical Gardens. The first week of January we were fortunate to tour the Moses-Meyers Home near MacArthur Center on a beautiful 60+ degree day.

We have several garden-related programs in the upcoming months focusing on container gardening, fresh flower gardening, and landscape design. Our Garden Club will be hosting a three-part fundraising event,

"Our Environmental Footprint," in the month of March. **Please see the article on p. 4 of this newsletter for information including dates and ticket cost.**

All funds raised will be utilized for maintenance of our entrances, common areas, holiday decorations and programs (Santa at the Gazebo), and new landscape projects for the Church Point community.

If you are interested in joining our Garden Club, or would like more information on our activities, you may contact me at 363-7524.

Landscape of the Month Winners:

Submitted by: Mary Jane Morewitz/ Chairperson

Congratulations to the following recipients for outstanding landscape design and maintenance for the fall season 2011:

November – John and Donna Dugan, *Bishop's Court*

Landscape of the Month Awards, sponsored by the Church Point Garden Club, will resume its award program April - November 2012. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping Church Point a beautiful place to live.

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Wednesday, February 8, 2012

10:00 a.m.

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Tickets: \$7.00

For Tickets Contact: Suzie Duckworth 460-2698

Open to the Public

Church Point Social Committee News

By Carrie Lauck and Bobbie Hart



The Social Committee wishes to congratulate the entire Church Point neighborhood for helping to brighten the season throughout the holidays. The obvious holiday spirit and beautiful light displays were phenomenal! After revealing the contest results, we were asked numerous times how we managed to choose a winner. I can tell you that it was difficult; very difficult! The small group of judges toured the neighborhood together (thanks to Nick Lotuaco for driving!), ending up with pads chocked full of scribbled notes. It was a long and late night in coming to the final decisions. This is not to say that wasn't a great time - the evening was full of fun and laughter, and during the drive through Bishop's Court we were invited by the ever gracious Suzie Duckworth into her home to see all six of her beautifully decorated trees. We are already looking forward to doing it again next year, so if you are interested in joining our van of judges, let us know!

The current active committee members also recently held a Progressive Dinner in early January, thoroughly enjoying a cold winters' night of mingling at three different houses in the Mews for drinks, appetizers and desserts. A special round of applause goes out to the Szajnogas who upped their game with a fountain of flowing chocolate to end the evening on a sugary and tasty note.

As we make plans for 2012, the Social Committee plans to repeat many of the events that were enjoyed last year and also add a couple of new ones. We even hope to create some yearly Church Point traditions. As always, we wish to continue creating the types of events that appeal to the neighborhood and we are open to suggestions at any time via email at social.churchpointhoa@gmail.com. Please consider joining the Social Committee if you have any interest in helping to shape upcoming neighborhood activities; we welcome new faces and fresh ideas at any time. Happy New Year, we look forward to seeing you soon!

Congratulations to the winners of our First Annual Holiday Lights Contest:
Hilario and Eleanor Solis - Commons
Suzie Duckworth - Bishop's Court (photo at right)
Peter and Kim Burke - Mews
Mohamed and Leslie Asfari - Quays and Commons East



Church Point Garden Club presents

"OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT"

A three-part fundraising event hosted by the Church Point Garden Club to inform and educate residents about organic landscape techniques and maintenance and our impact on the waterways and environment surrounding Church Point. Each program will be one hour long and held one evening per week during three weeks in March 2012 at the Manor House. *See schedule at right.*

Residents are encouraged to invite a guest from their own landscape maintenance crew to promote improved environmental practices.

Tickets to attend the event are available through members of Church Point Garden Club. The cost to attend all three events will be \$10.00 per person. To attend just one individual program, the cost will be \$5.00 per person. Payments can be made in the form of cash or checks made payable to the Church Point Garden Club.

****Due to a limited seating capacity at the Manor House (50 seats per program), we encourage you to secure tickets as soon as possible. ****

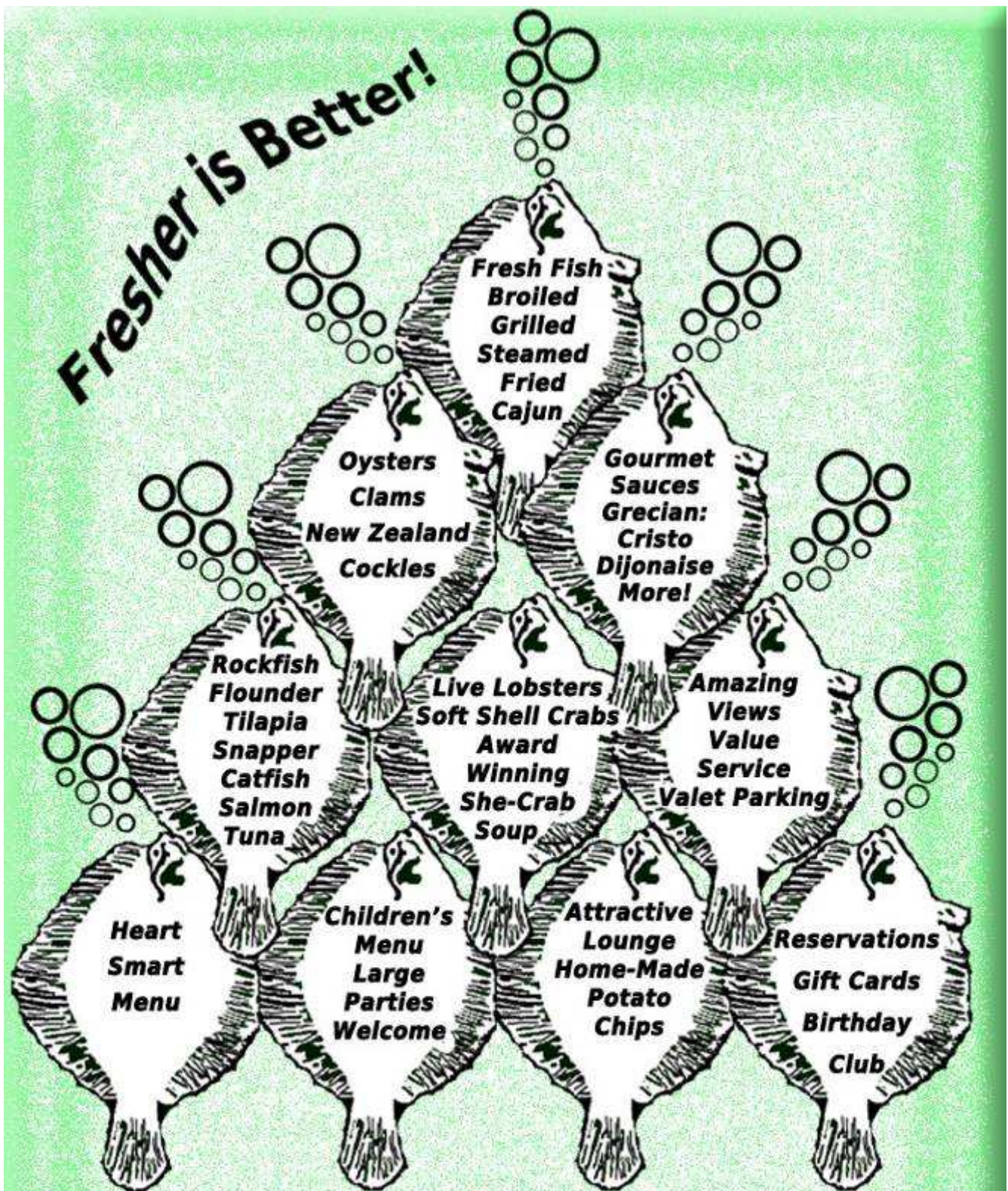
For further information or questions please contact event coordinator, Laura Jacobson, at 363-7524.

"OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT"

Wednesday, March 7th, 7 - 8pm --
Helen Kuhns, Education and Outreach Coordinator from Lynnhaven River NOW, a grassroots environmental organization dedicated to restoring and protecting the Lynnhaven River. She will discuss threats to the river and what can be done to save it.

Wednesday, March 14th, 7 - 8pm --
Marie Butler, Landscape Coordinator at the Virginia Zoo, will present a program titled "*Organic Gardening - It's More than Just Manure,*" featuring tips on organic methods and treatments to establish a healthy balance in your landscape and our environment.

Wednesday, March 21st, 7- 8pm --
A Landscape Designer from McDonald's Garden Center will present feature ideas for landscape enhancements and design to update and improve our curb appeal.



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