



*Fall 2010*

# *Church Point Post*

*Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter*

## **Annual HOA Meeting Set For Thurs., Oct. 21**

Please make plans to attend this year's Church Point Homeowners' Association annual meeting **Thursday, October 21**, at the Bayside Recreation Center. Registration will start at 6:00 pm with the meeting kicking off at **6:30 pm**. (Note earlier starting time). If you cannot attend the meeting, please return your proxy form to Select.

Main order of business will be to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. In addition to the vacancy created earlier this year when Eileen Gower resigned, the terms of two Board members, including Steve Carnes, current HOA President, are expiring. The Board will also discuss next year's budget and highlight current issues.

Several candidates who have expressed interest in serving on the Board will be on the ballot, and nominations will also be accepted at the meeting.

**Calling All Babysitters! Please see important announcement on p. 7. We need to hear from you!**

### **President's Corner**

By Steve Carnes, HOA President

Fellow members,

Our Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, 21 October at the Bayside Recreation Center. Although there are no major issues up for vote this year, member participation is still important. Our Association By-Laws require a general meet once a year. If we fail to obtain a quorum, it will be necessary to schedule an additional meeting(s) until we are able to attain a quorum. To avoid the expense of an additional meeting, please return your completed proxy sheets to Select Group as soon as possible. If you are unable return the proxy before the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, you can bring it to the meeting or send it with a member who is attending. Due to the recreation center's constraints, our meeting is only scheduled from 6:30 to 8:00. It is important we start on time in order to ensure ample time for the member's forum. Additionally, we will be installing new officers and presenting the 2011 budget. Regarding the budget, it does not appear as though any increase in the budget is necessary for 2011 and no increase in membership fees is anticipated.

On the negative side, there have been some daylight burglaries in Church Point recently. Unfortunately, all of the members are not aware of the activity because our neighborhood watch system has become less effective since our neighborhood watch coordinator left without a replacement last year. If anyone is interested in becoming the new coordinator, please let me know.

## New Coordinator Needed for Community Yard Sales

For the past several years, Church Point has organized a community-wide yard sale in the Spring. Due to some interest expressed by residents, the Board recently approved a second annual sale in the Fall. However, no one has volunteered to be the focal point for the Fall sale, so it is on hold until someone steps forward to get it organized and advertised. If you are interested in taking the lead on this, please contact Gayle Pinero at Select or Board member Paula Larkin (LarkinP@aol.com).

Kim Creamer, who was instrumental in establishing the yard sale and who has coordinated all the prior yard sales, has said she will no longer be able to play that role. So both the Fall sale this year and future sales in the Spring are in jeopardy if we don't find a replacement for Kim. Kim deserves a big thank you for her service over the years, making sure the ads were placed and reminder signs put out and taken down.

As you know, Church Point's covenants prohibit individual residents from holding yard/garage sales. The annual sales were authorized by the Board as a compromise to minimize disruption in the community while allowing residents a chance to clear out the clutter. The sales have been very popular, drawing shoppers from the entire metro area.

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# Church Point Garden Club

By Laura Jacobson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Garden Club



Fall is in the air! I have to admit this is my favorite time of the year. It is a busy time of the year for preparing our landscapes for the coming seasons and enjoying a break from the heat of summer. Don't forget to consider organic treatments for your landscape as we strive to remove toxic chemicals in our waterways.

This year our club has enjoyed a walk in history, not only touring a home with beautiful antiques, but one of our area's Historic Landmarks, the Ferry Plantation House, located in the Pembroke Manor area. If you haven't had the pleasure of touring that home with their well-informed docent and caretaker, Belinda Nash, you are missing a delightful treat. I would recommend visiting their website for tours and events throughout the year. They have a very active schedule from Teas to summer camps for kids.

As our year moves forward our calendar is filled with programs by Master Gardeners, Floral Design, and a Spring field trip to our Virginia Zoo.

We will not be conducting our Pansy Sales this Fall, but we will continue our annual **Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** starting at 1 pm, with a rain date on the 5th. Reminder signs will be posted as the date approaches.



Council activities include a Holiday Design Program at the Library on November 10th, arrangements for the Francis Land House, and wreaths for the city buildings at the Municipal Center. Council programs are open to the public and info can be found on their website and in the local newspaper.

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

**\*\*Note:** Landscape of the Month Award recipients for the months of Sept. - Nov. will be listed in the next newsletter.\*\*

## Looking for a Card Game?

Looking for Poker players, once a week, evenings, intermediate skills, friendly game for Church Point neighbors. Call Dr. Frank Greco, 449-7223, or email at [fjg@grecoinc.com](mailto:fjg@grecoinc.com).

## Reminder

### Yard Waste and Trash Should Be Held in Your Yard Until Tuesday Evening

Please help keep Church Point beautiful. Yard waste – bags of grass clippings, branches, hedge clippings – should not be put out at the curb until **Tuesday evening** for pickup Wednesday. If you have landscaping contractors, it's your responsibility to make sure they do not leave bags at the curb earlier.



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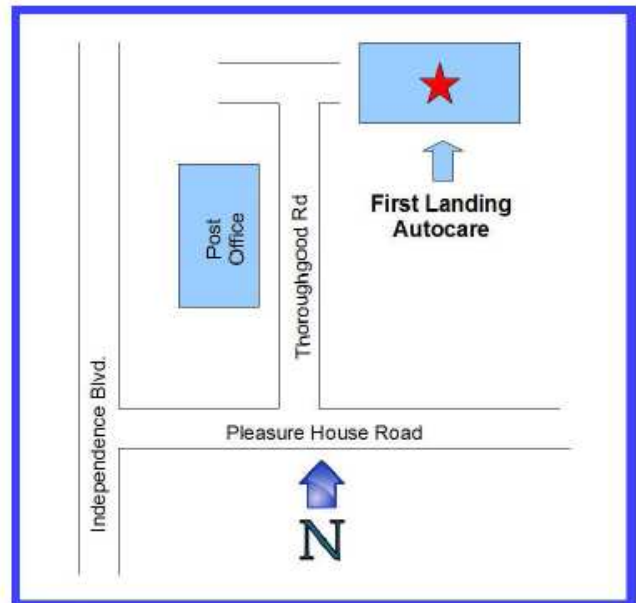
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# Honey Locust Trees on Church Point Road Suffering from Webworms, Subject to City Rules and Maintenance

The HOA Board, along with many residents, have been concerned about the dying leaves on the honey locust trees that line portions of Church Point Road (see photos below). About 2 months ago, some of the leaves on many trees started to turn brown and die, and no one was sure of the cause.

Board member Paula Larkin took the lead on researching the problem. She took a sample from an affected tree to the Virginia Extension Service Building on Diamond Springs Road. This is a service they provide for citizens. They identified the problem as an insect – specifically a Mimosa Webworm; they said they ours aren't the only trees around with this problem. Paula also talked with Kristina Salzman, City of Virginia Beach Urban Forester. She said doesn't think the webworms will be fatal since it is so late in the year; leaves would be falling naturally soon anyway. These are the same trees that have heavy infestations of mistletoe, which will become more apparent as the leaves fall.

Paula also asked the Virginia Beach Forester if we could let homeowners replace the honey locust trees on their lots with something more attractive and less problematical. She said that there is a procedure but it has a lot of paperwork, contracts and approvals. We would need to go through the Parks and Landscape Services Administrator, Eddie Barnes. She did say the city has no money in their budget to take care of street trees, although she stated that the city has “dominion” over trees in the street right of way. The Board will need to do more research to clarify the status of these trees and determine what residents with trees on their property are permitted to do.



**Some of the trees are on common land, like this one near Bishop’s Court.**

**Some trees are in residents’ front yards, but are within city easements.**

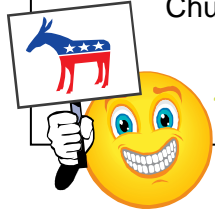
## Welcome, New Church Point Homeowners!

The following homeowners bought property in Church Point in the past 3 months:

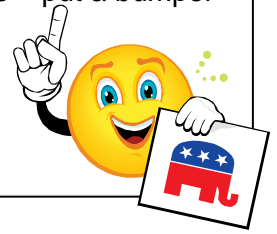
<u>Address</u>	<u>New Owner</u>	<u>Seller</u>
4040 Church Point Road	Sunil and Jayashree Dhamankar	Pramod and Rajul Malik

## Vote, Support, Campaign – But No Yard Signs in Church Point!

Church Point's covenants prohibit signs in your yard (other than "For Sale"), and that includes campaign signs and posters. With the election fast approaching, you may be tempted to post a sign for your favorite candidate, but we ask everyone to abide by the covenants (which you agreed to when you bought property in Church Point). You can support your candidate in many ways – put a bumper sticker on your car, donate money, attend rallies – but the signs are a no-no in Church Point.



Any signs placed on Church Point common land will be removed.



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## Seeking a House in Church Point



The Wellman Family would like to purchase a home in the \$450-600K range between Dec 10 – Apr 11. The ideal is a 4-5 br home with an open floor plan, some updates, and a backyard for our children. We are pre-approved, without contingences. If you are thinking of moving in the near future, let us know and we'll see if it's a match. Email: [mattwellman@hotmail.com](mailto:mattwellman@hotmail.com)

## No Soliciting Allowed in Church Point

Church Point has "No Trespassing" signs posted at the entrances, and solicitors are not permitted. Anyone soliciting door-to-door in the neighborhood is violating our privacy and breaking the law. This applies to anyone knocking on your door to ask for a donation or to sell you something, as well as someone placing ads or fliers on your front door. Keep in mind that some solicitors may be more than a nuisance -- they may be "casing" the neighborhood to see which homes are unoccupied. Even if the solicitor has a City license to solicit, they are still prohibited in Church Point because our signs are clearly posted. Ask them to leave; if they don't, you can call the police. (Use some common sense on this – don't call the police on Boy & Girl Scouts, political campaigners, and the like).



## Church Point Community Bulletin Board

- If you have recommendations for contractors' services or nominations for kudos for residents with noteworthy achievements for future newsletters, please send your recommendations to [npcchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npcchurchpoint@cox.net).
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