

Winter 2011

# Church Point Post

Homeowners Association Quarterly Newsletter



## Meet Your 2011 HOA Board

Homeowners elected Peter Burke and Ray Hamilton to 2-year terms on the HOA Board of Directors at the annual homeowners meeting in October. At the Board's November organizing meeting, the following officers were selected for 2011:

President	Peter Burke
Vice-President	Edie Schlain
Treasurer	Quint Webb
Secretary	Paula Larkin
At-Large	Ray Hamilton

Congratulations to the new Board! (New email addresses for the Board members are on the back page of the newsletter and on the web site [www.churchpointonline.com](http://www.churchpointonline.com)).

### President's Corner

By Peter Burke, HOA President

Neighbors,

I feel honored to have been elected to the HOA Board of Director's this past October to represent you, the homeowners of Church Point. I was additionally humbled in November to be elected by the current Board of Directors to serve as your HOA Board of Director's President for the next term. It was encouraging to see so many homeowners as candidates for Board positions at the last election. The turnout was the most in quite a long time and inspiring that so many homeowners want to get involved to help their neighborhood.

The Board is in the process of making some changes to help streamline processes and procedures. The Board has been hard at work in the first three months in office starting us down that path. All homeowners will be receiving in the mail a couple of resolution changes focusing on fence standards and dues payment date clarification. Additionally, changes were made to the former Architectural Controls Committee and Rules Enforcement Committee along with a revised and updated Architectural Change Application that will be posted to the website. I want to thank three homeowners who volunteered to form the new committee mentioned above: Chris Caporicci, Ron Creamer, and Jack Palmer. The Board looks forward to their support.

The new Board has gone to work on several important issues; namely the main entrance lighting, the landscaping condition and missing signage in the Mews Section of our neighborhood. The Board approved a lighting retrofit for the main entrance as well as wiring repairs which are addressed in a separate article in this issue of the newsletter. The Board also approved procuring replacement "Private Lane" signs for the several that had gone missing. Finally, the Board undertook revising our requirements for landscaping maintenance and a new RFP (Request for Proposal) has gone out to contractors for bid to be effective on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

In conclusion, I hope everyone had a joyful holiday season, a Happy New Year and joins me in hoping the warmer weather gets here soon.

## Highlights from HOA Annual Meeting

By Neal Curtin

The Church Point HOA annual homeowners' meeting was held in October at the Bayside Recreation Center. Besides the election of Board members for the new year, several interesting issues were raised and discussed. Here are a few highlights:

Outgoing President Steve Carnes presented the 2011 budget, and -- to everyone's relief -- reported that there would be no need to raise quarterly dues this year. He pointed out, however, that perhaps because of the struggling economy there has been an increase in delinquencies for paying dues. Delinquencies have climbed to about \$8,000 now. While the money will eventually be collected, the late payments put a squeeze on the HOA's cash flow.

Several issues were raised by homeowners during an open forum discussion:

**Social activities in Church Point** – Some homeowners would like to see the HOA sponsor more social events as a chance to build community spirit and allow residents to meet. A picnic, perhaps in the Spring, could be held in one of the Church Point parks or at the Manor House. The Board would love to see this happen, but they need a volunteer to step forward to get it organized.

**Rules violations** – One homeowner pointed out that there are a rash of violations of Church Points rules and covenants, and he urged all residents to take a role in helping enforce these rules. Especially problematic are illegal signs in yards and trash and yard debris put on the street before collection day. Complying with the rules makes Church Point a better place to live.

**Select Group** – One resident expressed dissatisfaction with our HOA Manager Select Group and asked if we had considered looking for another company to act as manager.

**First Court Road appearance** – Some residents expressed concern about the appearance of Church Point from First Court Road. They have noticed weeds, litter, lack of mulch in some areas, and deteriorating fences – all of which add up to a bad impression for passing motorists. Some of these things can be taken care of through more emphasis by our landscaper; others require money. Mulching the entire area along the fence, for example, could cost several thousand dollars.

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# Church Point Garden Club

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



Happy New Year!!!



Our Garden Club members would like to thank those residents who braved the cold with their families for a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Gazebo on December 4th. We hope that the Holidays proved to be a joyous time with family and friends. See the photos below for some of the fun!

Our club was very busy over the Holiday season decorating our City's Municipal Buildings, our own neighborhood entrances, and the Francis Land House. Once again our Garden Club participated in the preparation of one of the Historic homes designated for the Holiday Home Tour on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully the rain didn't spoil tour expectations.

Our year began with a tour of the "Castles, Lochs, and Gardens of Scotland" guided by our speaker, Roberta Grater. I'm sorry to say we didn't actually fly to Scotland, however, we did enjoy the tour via slides and stories. We have several garden-related programs in the upcoming months, a floral workshop, and a guided tour in April of the new exhibit at the Virginia Zoo, the "Trail of the Tiger," with Marie Butler, Landscape Coordinator at the Zoo. The new exhibit is scheduled to open in April.

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 Awards** -- Congratulations to the following recipients for outstanding landscape design and maintenance for the Fall Season 2010:

September - Linda Johnson "The Commons & Bishops Court"

October - M. Diane Cook "The Quays & Commons East"

November - Randy and Diane Bolin "The Mews"

Landscape of the Month Awards, sponsored by the Church Point Garden Club, will resume its award program April - November 2011. Thank you for all your efforts in keeping Church Point a beautiful place to live.



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Here is her full contact information:

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The HOA Board Members have also established new email addresses at Gmail, by position:

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## Neighborhood Watch News and Important Info

**Note from a nearby Civic League:** Keep an eye out for an older dark blue GMC van with a ladder rack and ladder on top. The van has no side windows. It will either have Virginia license plate XKD-1752 or Florida license plate 825-HTD. In either case there will likely be a license plate on the back only. We believe the occupants of this van are possibly involved with residential burglaries, particularly targeting garages and sheds - looking for power tools that can be easily sold. If you see this van driving in a suspicious manner or parked in your neighborhood, I would suggest you call VBPD at 385-5000 and ask for an officer to investigate.

### Our community liaison officer for VB Police:

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*Church Point Manor  
Historic Inn  
c.1860*

Church Point Manor has changed their name! Previously Church Point Manor Bed and Breakfast is now Church Point Manor Historic Inn. Although it seems like a minor change, the history of the manor and surrounding area should not go unnoticed. New signage will be on display by mid February. A simple classic sign is currently being designed.

**Upcoming Events**

**Murder Mystery- February 26<sup>th</sup>**

We will gather for our first meeting on Saturday, but be on the look out because the weekend's suspects and victims will all be in the room mingling with the guests. Guests will be introduced to the detective. The new deputies will be given the tools they will need to solve the weekend's crimes and a few rules to follow and "the game's afoot." Check out [www.maverickmurdermystery.com](http://www.maverickmurdermystery.com)

**Ghost Hunt- Overnight Haunting Investigation- March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Listen as our master storyteller gives you the history on the area's most haunted places and share in the results of the paranormal investigation at Church Point Manor.

**Murder Mystery Dinner-March 19<sup>th</sup>**

For those of you that want to enjoy a lighter version of our Murder Mystery weekend then visit us on March 19th for a murder mystery dinner and overnight accommodations.

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- 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 Gayle Pinero at Select Group or email [npchurchpoint@cox.net](mailto:npchurchpoint@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](http://www.churchpointonline.com) on the Newsletter page. Newsletters are currently published around the end of January, April, July, and October.
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