

Chesapeake Colony Civic League's President - January 7, 1998

Newsletter



Well here I go again - another epistle from the top. In my last newsletter I was talking about Halloween and now it is almost time to talk 4th of July, but I will still continue on the subject of Halloween.

I could not make that event because I goofed up my back and came down with an acute sinus infection both on the same day prior to Halloween. (Both still bother me and some days I still feel a little cranky.) Since I could not be there, everything you read on the subject is hearsay.

“It was the best Halloween Party ever; we missed the rain by about 3 hours; many adults came in costume; 210 hot dogs were available - 10 were left; received tickets for 71 hot dogs; etc.”

I know that many of you helped to make it a huge success and to you go my heartiest thanks. For a special thanks I would like to single out Jennifer Coleman; then the Butlers, the Boyers, the Gorntos, the Scanlons, Carol Delfus (games), Betty Kennedy and helpers (costume judging), Tom Duckett, Bill Hawkins, El Steeg, Lil Thomas and Jan Woodard.

The newsletter was supposed to be written a month ago, but I wasn't feeling inspired enough to get it out, and besides I figured that most of you had better things to do than sit down and read it. (As a matter of fact, I think that some of you think that, no matter when I write one.)

Anyway, I would like to extend warmest greetings to all of our new residents. There are a number of you and a brief biography on each should be out shortly in a later newsletter. I hope you all are as happy living in “The Colony” as Georgie and I are to live here. We have been here for 2.5 years and think it is a wonderful place to live. If you have any problems or questions feel free to give me a call at 631- xxxx or stop by at 401 Chesapeake Trail.

Now on to other items:

1. **New Directory**

The new directory is at the printer, who has assured me that it will be available by the end of the month. Carolyn Ditrack has been handling this project. Remember, you must be a member of the Civic League to get one. Membership costs \$25 per year and our Treasurer, El Steeg, collects the money. He can be reached at 486- xxxx.

2. **Property Across from our Entrance**

The church is proceeding with the improvement of their property - the small white house has been demolished and trees are being removed to improve the sight line from the boulevard to the church. The cleared area will be grassy and beautified and the entire front of the church will be remodeled. It should be very attractive.

Any donations you can send them would be greatly appreciated.

3. **Chesopeian Colony Connection**

As we are all aware, circumstances arise when a “helping hand” in the way of assistance with small chores would certainly be appreciated. With this thought in mind, several residents are trying to establish a community connection between residents in need and residents willing to lend a helping hand. This would be a great way of getting our younger residents involved in our community while fostering volunteerism. If you are willing to donate some time when the need arises, please call Terri or Kristan Butler at 431-2605 and leave a message. Parents, please encourage your children to participate as community service is a big plus when applying for colleges and scholarships. It also builds self esteem and a feeling that you are contributing to the neighborhood in which you live.

4. **Musical Talent Wanted**

Do you know there is an abundance of musical talent here in our Colony? With all this talent, wouldn't it be great to have a marching band lead our parade on the 4th of July? If you are interested in forming a marching band, please call Jennifer at 498- xxxx. Tell her what instrument you play or in what capacity you could help in getting our “Yankee Doodle Band” established.

5. **Speeding**

Please don't !!

6. **Night Watch Outdoor Lighting**

The following paragraph is from the “Crime Prevention Chronicle” published by the Virginia Beach Police Department.

Outdoor lighting helps prevent accidents that can happen when various items are left on your sidewalk, lawn or driveway. And because the use of outdoor lighting can be an effective crime deterrent, it is included in the safety programs of law enforcement agencies as a suggested way to protect you and your property from crime. An outdoor security light can even provide enough light to finish outdoor activities that would otherwise be difficult as night approaches. Virginia Power has a program called Night Watch. Lights are installed and maintained by them. Since the lights automatically turn on at dusk and off at dawn, you will always have the light you need - and at a relatively low cost (less than 50 cents per night). And the cost is included in your monthly bill. Contact Virginia Power at 1-800-772-4338. They can help you choose the lighting that’s best for you and your home.

7. **Who Do You Call When?**

- A street light is out? Traffic Engineering, 427-4491.
- A drainage problem on your street? Highway Division, 563-1470.
- To speak to a detective in reference to a case. Detective Bureau, 427-4101
- For police assistance of an emergency nature. Police Communications, 427-5000

8. **Young People Who Want to Work**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Lindsay Dunn	15 1/2	Baby/Pet Sitting	486- xxxx
Carolyn Stumpf	17	Baby/Pet Sitting	340- xxxx
Kim Stumpf	14	Baby/Pet Sitting	340- xxxx
Kellye Munsey	10	Pet Sitting	486- xxxx
Billy Munsey	16	Lawn Mowing	486- xxxx
Chris Cesare	15 1/2	Lawn Mowing/ Roof Leaf Blowing	486- xxxx
John Blomeke	15	Lawn Mowing/Leaves/ Pet Sitting	431- xxxx
Tiffany McDearmid	13	Baby/Pet Sitting	498- xxxx
Megan Jones	13	Baby/Pet Sitting	498- xxxx
Ernie Collins	17	Lawn Mowing/Leaf Blowing Small Engine Repair/ Odd Jobs	463- xxxx

9. **POOPER-SCOOPER LAW**

I can not believe that there are people who cheerfully violate the Pooper-Scooper law and refuse to clean up after their dogs , but there are; the evidence is outstanding.

10. **CONDOLENCES**

While writing this newsletter on January 6th, I just learned that Betty Parr has passed away. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Betty's son, Steve Collins, my neighbor and friend, and to his family.

11. **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

I thought that the holiday decorations at the Colony entrance looked so great. Thank you Ann Finch! Thanks also to V. O. Harkness for helping me put up and take down the bows on the street sign posts.

One comment though - being an old-fashioned type of guy I would have preferred seeing the decorations remain up until after Epiphany or Twelfth-Day, which in earlier Virginia was a day of great celebrations.

12. **CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING**

The election of officers for 1998 will take place at our next civic league meeting (the date to be announced later). El Steeg has graciously consented to chair the nominating committee.

And that should do it.

I would like to take this moment to wish you all a most healthy and happy new year.

Rolly Doan, President

Additional Item of Interest

WILL EL NINO AFFECT VIRGINIA'S WINTER WEATHER

Scientists have been warning about the potential weather effects of a predicted record El Nino this winter. With this winter predicted to have one of the strongest El Nino in recent history, Virginia could see some quirky weather. Temperature in Virginia during El Nino years tend to be milder and drier as a whole. However, another result of El Nino is a higher frequency of nor'easter storms. These storms produce heavy precipitation and have been known to dump a season's worth of snow in one storm (like January 1996 snowstorm), and can cause destructive coastal erosion and flooding.

Whether El Nino will drastically alter Virginia's winter is hard to say since Mother Nature is notoriously unpredictable. Your best bet for this winter is to be prepared for the worst - cold temperatures, snow and ice which often cause power outages, hazardous roadways and the potential for hypothermia.

Take time now to understand winter hazards and learn how to prepare for these dangers.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS AT HOME

- * Stock an emergency supply of water and non-perishable food.
- * Keep an adequate supply of fuel in your home. Have an alternate heat source such as a wood stove, fireplace or space heater in case you lose power. Never use your gas stove as a source of heat or burn improper material in your fireplace. Caution must be taken to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.
- * Make sure you have a flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries, a first-aid kit and extra prescription medications that you might need.
- * To keep water pipes from freezing, wrap them in pipe insulation. During sustained cold periods, let each faucet drip a little to avoid freezing.
- * Check on elderly neighbors and relatives. The elderly are especially susceptible to hypothermia even inside their home.

WINTER PREPAREDNESS FOR THE ROAD

- * Be sure your car is in good running order. Have a mechanic check your battery, antifreeze, wipers, ignition and thermostat. Good tires are very important.
- * Keep basic items in your car like a windshield scraper, batter booster cables, tow chain or rope, bag of sand, blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit, road map and some non-perishable food.
- * If the roads are treacherous due to ice or snow, stay at home unless you absolutely have to get out.
- * If you get caught on the road during a winter storm, stay in the car. Don't seek shelter or a telephone unless you can see one close by. For heat, turn on the car engine for brief periods.