

Chesapeake Colony Civic League President's Newsletter

February 14, 1998



Please note: There will be a Civic League Meeting at the Foundry Methodist Church at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday February 26, 1998.

Purpose of the meeting:

1. To elect new officers for the 1998-1999 year.
2. To have a social hour following the election to meet new residents and say hello to our old friends in the neighborhood.

That's it - No business, no program, just be friendly. Please come and say "Hello" - particularly you new residents.

I. **This is my last Newsletter** since we will have a new president after the February 26 meeting. Some of you have expressed disappointment that I am not running again (and others may feel relieved), but believe me one year like 1997 was quite enough; it was a very active and positive year for our Civic League.

Overall, it was a very interesting experience, and I think I did some good for the Colony. I met a lot of very wonderful residents; it is people such as these who will keep the Colony going in the future.

I particularly enjoyed the older residents who all shared some insight on the Colony's past with me. Past presidents (good and bad), past feuds, infighting, etc. made for fascinating conversations.

Looking objectively at the Colony from the viewpoint of a recent resident (less than three years), I feel that I must remind you that we are not living in the 1960's anymore - we are almost into the 21st century. Times have changed and what appealed to residents in the 1960's may not fly too well today. I love the idea of a Garden Club for our women residents, but someday membership should be open to all of the Colony's women.

Whether we know it or not, there is more than one way to accomplish most tasks. The phrase I hate hearing the most is “but we have always done it that way.”

II. **The Nominating Committee** under the capable leadership of our treasurer, El Steeg, has finally come up with a slate of officers for the year, 1998-1999. It was not an easy task! Numerous meetings were held and many residents were contacted before the slate could be completed. Here then, is the slate prepared by the nominating committee:

Carol Taylor (our present secretary) - President
Tom Duckett - Vice President
Beth Simeone - Secretary
El Steeg - Treasurer
Liz Carlson - Board of Directors (3-year term)
Rolly Doan - Board of Directors (3-year term)

III. **In my last newsletter** I specifically mentioned two items that should be repeated. So far no response has been received on either. I think both are very worthwhile because they involve our young people; so parents please talk to your children and reread last month’s newsletter.

1. A marching band for the 4th of July Parade. If you play an instrument, please call Jennifer Coleman at 498- xxxx.

2. Volunteer work - circumstances arise when a “Helping Hand” in the way of assistance with small chores would certainly be appreciated. If you have a young person who would be interested in helping, give Terri or Kristan Butler a call at 431- xxxx.
Thanks.

IV. **Complaint:** Georgie recently was talking with a new resident who has lived here a few months. Their complaint was that they have never lived in such a cold development. It seems that outside of Georgie and myself **no one** has attempted to be friendly or to make them feel welcome. It is this type of situation that makes me feel me feel incredibly sad. Are we so caught up in our own lives that we can not take a few minutes out of a day to pop in and say “howdy” and introduce ourselves to a new neighbor?

It doesn’t hurt any of us to be friendly to the newcomer in our block, and it often pays off many fold.

V. **Thanks:**

1. To all those wonderful people who helped out at the 4th of July festivities and the Halloween Party, most of your names were mentioned in previous newsletters although I do think that Jennifer forgot about Bonnie.

2. To all those great people who helped distribute these newsletters (and petitions), you helped make a daunting task very easy. Thanks to Jackie and V. O. Harkness, Susan and Tom McLaughlin, Grace and Neal English, Carol and B. J. Taylor, Debbie and Dave Ball, Nicki and Stan Reich, Bonnie Ayers, Tracey Boyer, Jan Long, Liz Jackson, Ann Finch, Maureen Kearon, Laurie Fox, Karen Colonna, Carolyn Cesare, Anne Dobson, Jennifer Coleman and Bill Cox. If I missed anyone I sincerely apologize, but thanks anyway.

3. To Carol and B. J. Taylor for typing these newsletters, often on the spur of the moment.

4. To the people who have worked to keep our entrance so attractive and to those who have helped me decorate our street signs for the holidays.

5. To Georgie for organizing the distribution of the newsletters and for being my always helpful and wonderful wife.

VI. Young People Who Want to Work (for Money)

Last Month I offered you a list of ten young people who are willing to do various jobs, to that list please add the name of:

Matthew Butler	Age 14	431- xxxx
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VII. **Recycle** - I was asked about recycling glass from broken drinking glasses or window glasses. The answer is **No**. Recycle clear, green or brown glass bottles and jars. Do not include ceramic dishes or ovenware, drinking glasses, window glass, ashtrays or mirrors. Although glass items may look the same, they do not respond the same way in the recycling process - melting temperatures are different.

That's it - I'm outta here,

Rolly Doan, President