

## Chesapeake Colony Civic League President's Newsletter

March 22, 1998



### Chesapeake Colony Executive Board Members:

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| Carol Taylor     | President      | 486- xxxx |
| Tom Duckett      | Vice President | 340- xxxx |
| Elvin Steeg      | Treasurer      | 486- xxxx |
| Beth Simeone     | Secretary      | 340- xxxx |
| Diane Brassil    |                | 340- xxxx |
| Liz Carlson      |                | 486- xxxx |
| George Dancigers |                | 463- xxxx |
| Rolly Doan       |                | 631- xxxx |
| Diane Kenley     |                | 431- xxxx |
| Bob Munsey       |                | 486- xxxx |

I. The last meeting of the Chesapeake Colony Civic League was held at the Foundry Methodist Church at **7:30 P.M. on Thursday February 26, 1998.**

II. The Nominating Committee under the capable leadership of our treasurer, El Steeg, came up with a slate of officers for the year, 1998-1999. That slate of officers was elected at the 26 February meeting and the results are as noted above. After a few business items were discussed, the remainder of the meeting was given over to a social. Many thanks to Georgie Doan who made all the arrangements.

III. This being my first Newsletter since becoming your president, I want to thank you for your votes and to let you know that I am delighted with the opportunity to serve you. I am very interested in seeing the community continue to thrive and provide us all with a pleasant environment for our homes. A lot was accomplished by your Board of Directors last year, and I hope to continue that proud legacy this year.

I met with the other members of the Executive Board on Thursday, 19 March to discuss our plans for the coming year. One of my major goals for this year is to ensure we continue to maintain our front entrance as an attractive “door” to our neighborhood. One

item that has caught my eye is the Bell Atlantic green service box near the sign post we use to announce our meetings. BJ Taylor has kindly volunteered to tackle the issue of the “plastic bag” cover that was taped to this box over the last year. He contacted the Bell Atlantic service department, and was informed that this would be fixed within the week. I will keep you posted.

Another goal I think may enhance our whole neighborhood is a concerted effort to spruce up our yards for spring. This has been an especially wet winter (something I don’t have to remind you of), and our yards are suffering as a result. This is especially true of the grassy area abutting the street. I have noticed many lots where careless motorists have driven over these areas and left deep tire tracks that look unsightly and fill with water. If we all try to get out and repair the damage on our own lot, this will really improve the beauty of the whole community. I hate to ask you to do this, but unless the careless motorist comes back to repair the damage, it seems the only way. Please remember to alert delivery people and your guests that roadside parking in this neighborhood is a problem here because of that grassy area. Please ask them to be considerate and try to keep their wheels on the pavement. Another way to protect this area is to be sure that your garbage and recycling cans are put very close to the pavement, so there is no room for a big garbage truck tire between the pavement and your garbage can.

One way to make sprucing up our yards fun would be to have a “Yard of the Month” contest here in the colony. I recommend we initiate this starting in May and running through August. I would like to establish a committee at the next civic league meeting to judge the yards each month. Then we will note the winner’s address on our sign at the entrance to the Colony. We may be able to get discount prices from a local nursery for bulbs or flats of flowers if there is any interest noted at the next meeting. It would be wonderful if a volunteer would be willing to take this on as their project. There are many stellar yards in our neighborhood, so this should be a lively competition.

IV. El Steeg delivered the Treasurer’s report for the meeting which included the following information:

**Account Balances:**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Money Market    | \$14,379.62 * |
| Checking        | \$ 563.89     |
| Perimeter Fence | \$ 1,200.87   |

\* This does not include the \$630.00 deposited on 3/19/98.

**Membership:**

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| As of 3/19/98 | 143 |
| 1997 Total    | 224 |

**Notes from the Treasurer:**

Membership dues have really fallen this year. Please take the time now to cut out the dues notice at the end of this newsletter and return it to El Steeg with your payment as soon as possible. His address is 2645 S. Kings Road. Block captains and others who know of new residents (or loss of old residents), please notify El Steeg so that he can maintain a Master Copy of the '98 Directory.

V. Notes from a previous newsletter that bear repeating:

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

B. 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.

VI. The Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission wants to remind us of two important days:

A. 3 May - Earth Day celebration at Mt. Trashmore Park (promoting environmental awareness).

B. 13 June - Clean the Bay Day (Let's make an effort to clean our own shoreline).

VII. Please note the following about the recycling program:

A. The city is delighted that average participation is about 80% with some neighborhoods at 100%.

B. Containers should be out at 7:00 A.M. on collection day. Your recycling container should be at least 3 feet to the side of your garbage can.

C. Remove liquid or food from bottles or cans.

D. Don't recycle waxed cardboard, pizza or carry out containers.

E. Don't recycle plastic bags, caps, lids or motor oil containers.

F. Don't put yard waste in recycle bin - use clear plastic bags to dispose of it.

G. For information call 427-3580, ext. 349.

VIII. A News Release from the Virginia Beach Schools announces a new program to help you prepare your children for the future. Plan to attend, "A Call to Parents -- A Parent Forum on Monday April 20, 1998, at 7:00 P M. in the Princess Anne High School cafeteria.

IX. At our last Civic League meeting a motion was made by Carolyn Dittrick, seconded and agreed that we commission the Scanlons to scrape and paint our street signs. We have about 20 signs and the total cost will be approximately \$450 - \$500. The Scanlons reported that work will start soon, now that the weather has improved.

X. It is time to start seriously planning for our 4th of July picnic and parade. If any of the volunteers from previous years would like to share their knowledge of how this classic event has been organized in the past, please give me a call. If you are new to the neighborhood or have not had a chance to get involved previously, please give me a call. I am looking for two chairpersons - one for the picnic and one for the parade.

XI. Many thanks to Ann Finch who continues to look after keeping our front entrance so attractive and to ensuring the perimeter fence is maintained. A big hand to El Steeg and Rolly Doan for organizing the rapid delivery of our new '98 Directories. Thanks also to Neil English for taking the initiative to clean up our Bird Sanctuary and speed limit signs at the entrance.

XII. Welcome to the newcomers at our last Civic League meeting:

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| <i>A. Mike &amp; Mary Prendergast</i> | <i>2609 E. Kings Rd.</i>    |
| <i>B. Lauren Trimmer</i>              | <i>420 Chesopeian Trail</i> |
| <i>C. Bill Frasier</i>                | <i>Sandy Valley</i>         |

XIII. I would like to offer an apology to those who either did not get the right size ad or who's ad was missing from the '98 directory:

*Jackie & V.O. Harkness - ad missing - Salt Box Antiques - 340- XXXX*  
*Pat & Peyton Campbell - ad missing - La Complere Salon - 463- XXXX*  
*Broyles Construction - ad smaller than paid for - 486- XXXX*  
*Liz Carlson - ad smaller than paid for - 486- XXXX*  
*Past Master (spelling errors in postcards & collectibles) - 498- XXXX*

Their money was refunded, but I sincerely regret any loss of business caused by this mistake.

**Please note:** There will be a Civic League Meeting at the Foundry Methodist Church at **7:30 P.M. on Thursday April 16, 1998.**

Carol Taylor, President