

Chesopeian Colony Civic League President's Newsletter

June 11, 1998



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I. This meeting of the Chesopeian Colony Civic League was held at the Foundry Methodist Church at **7:30 P.M. on Thursday June 11, 1998.**

II. The flyer advertising the 4th of July parade/picnic was included with the last newsletter to remind residents of the event, and of course to ask for volunteers. We still need volunteers to help with the food service, manning the grill and organizing the youngsters for the parade. Please offer your help so that the ones who have already volunteered do not have to spend more than an hour of the event working. Hopefully that way everyone will get a chance to enjoy the event with their family.

III. BJ Taylor has been trying to organize a fix to the electrical problems at the entrance. The major problem of no electricity to the lights or pumps was due to the fuse blocks having been removed from the electrical box. That problem was temporarily solved by an electrician who is trying to find replacements for the fuse box blocks. Hanke to Beth Simeone for getting the electrician to come out and look at the problem. If those items are no longer available, the Civic League will have to replace the box. It makes sense to upgrade to circuit breakers when replacing the box. We will also get a locking mechanism for the replacement box, so that it is not easy to vandalize thereafter. After power was restored, we still have only one pump that works, so we need either an overhaul or replacement of the bad pump. Thanks to Ann Finch and Georgie Doan for keeping an eye on these problem areas and to BJ and Rolly Doan for taking the time to try and sort

out a solution. I will keep you posted on the progress. We really need to get both pumps working at the entrance to keep the plantings well watered.

I asked for your participation in sprucing up our yards for spring. I am delighted to report that you responded so positively. The neighborhood looks wonderful!!

The "Yard of the Month" contest is now in full swing here in the Colony. The first month's winners are the Bergers at 624 Chesopeian Trail. I reported to the board members that the committee members each chose the best yard from their quarter of the neighborhood. The group then chose the winner from those four selections. One member of the group will not be able to participate in the selection for the next month. So if you would like to be a judge please give me a call. The winner's address is noted on a sign at the entrance to the Colony, as well as a sign on their property. There are many beautiful yards in our neighborhood, so it was not an easy decision. However, the ones not chosen this time may be winners in another month. Many thanks to BJ Taylor for getting the signs made for this contest. They are attractive and sturdy enough to be used for many years if this is a popular event.

IV. El Steeg delivered the Treasurer's report for the board of directors' meeting, which included the following information:

Account Balances:

Money Market	\$14,705.22 * Plus \$50.00 deposited after the last statement.
Checking	\$ 928.72
Perimeter Fence	\$ 1,205.51

Membership:

As of 5/27/98	191
1997 Total was	224

Membership dues have fallen this year. Please take the time now to send the \$25 dues to El Steeg 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. It would be great to have a neighborhood marching band in our 4th of July Parade. If you play an instrument, please call Jennifer Coleman at xxx-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 is willing to help, give Terri or Kristan Butler a call at xxx-xxxx.

VI. Please note that 13 June is Clean the Bay Day. Let's make an effort to clean our own shoreline. If you find trash that will not fit in a garbage can, the organizers of the event are arranging for a special trash pickup that day from a spot behind the wall at the left entrance to the

neighborhood. This is only for large items that you may find along the shoreline. One of the residents has volunteered to inspect the shoreline from a boat, so please help him out if he finds something partially submerged near your property.

VII. Please note the following about the recycling program:

A. 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.

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

C. Please put your garbage and recycling containers behind your house, fence or screen so that the containers are not visible from the street. Let's all make an effort to keep our neighborhood as neat as possible. If trash is accidentally spilled from your containers, please put it back in your container for the next collection.

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

VIII. A reminder to all residents who drive - **the speed limit is 25**, the police have been alerted to the fact that we have a continuing problem with speeders in the neighborhood, and **speeders will be ticketed if caught on radar**. A reminder to all residents who have outdoor pets who go beyond your property lines, please be a good neighbor and use a "pooper scooper."

IX. At a past Civic League meeting a motion was made by Carolyn Dittrick that we commission the Scanlons to scrape and paint our street signs. The Scanlons have completed that work, and it really enhances the charm of our neighborhood.

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 get involved again, if you are new to the neighborhood or just want to get involved this year, please give me a call. BJ Taylor has agreed to be the chairperson for the picnic - but I am still looking for a volunteer to organize the parade. Attached is the current list of participants, and notes on what is still needed. The permit request has been submitted to the city, and the Plaza Rescue Squad, with fire engine, will be in the parade. The city has informed me we must have a tent if we serve any food, so the additional paperwork and rental arrangements are being pursued.

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. She has been in the hospital recently, so give her a cheery get well if you get a chance. Shelly Gram, who has so tirelessly worked on our 4th of July celebration the last several years, was back in the hospital recently. So wish her well if you get the chance.

Please note: There will be a Civic League Meeting at the Foundry Methodist Church at **7:30 P.M. on Thursday, 11 June 1998. Let's get organized for the 4th of July event.**

Carol Taylor, President

4TH OF JULY PLANS - YOU CAN HELP

Planning actions already started:

Margaret McCune - Grand Marshall of the parade
Plaza Rescue Squad/Fire engine - arranged for parade/Captain Bill Walker
City permit request - submitted, but not yet approved
Pony rides arranged - coordinated by the McLaughlins
Picnic food & steam table - Scott Quast placing order with Woodbine Farm
Balloons for parade - coordinated by Paul Berger
Car for Grand Marshall of parade - driven by Paul Berger
Watermelon & pie-eating contests - organized by Jennifer Coleman
Clowns (2) - face painting/balloon making/magic tricks

Still need volunteers for:

Help with filling & tying helium balloons - **early** Saturday morning
Judges for parade - best bicycles and best floats
Judges for watermelon & pie eating contests
Coordinator for parade formation (getting it moving down Chesapeake Trail)
Help with putting tent over area where food will be served.
Help with picnic food - manning the grills & serving food (coordinated by BJ Taylor)
*Loan of barbecue grills for the picnic
*Loan of ice chests
*Loan of folding tables
Jennifer Coleman has offered to organize a band for the event, **but needs those with band experience & instruments to volunteer to be in it.** Give her a call at xxx-xxxx.

* Be sure to put your name & phone number on it & we'll be sure you get it back.

Separate Matter:

Please note the following information received from Betty Lloyd Gallup concerning the Muscovy ducks that used to be seen on South Kings Road. All these Muscovy ducks (15-20) died between 23 April and 17 May. Many hours of study and investigation have finally revealed the cause of death - Duck Viral Enteritis (DVE). Testing was done at a state lab in Ivor, Virginia with a wildlife biologist present. This disease only affects waterfowl: however, our mallards seem healthy, as do the Muscovy ducks on other streets in the neighborhood. The cause of this disease is not known, but probably is linked to something ingested. For more information call Betty Lloyd Gallup at xxx-xxxx.