

CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

January 29, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, John Vest, at 7:34 P.M. at the Foundry Methodist Church. John Vest was presiding in the absence of Tony Montville, President, due to illness. Approximately 45 Colony residents were present

John Vest, VP, introduced the **speaker** for the evening, **Master Police Officer Kelly Davis**, city of Virginia Beach, who spoke on “**security**”. It was an excellent presentation. Some of the highlights were: “larceny from automobiles is the fastest growing offense” (there were 6 “reported” offenses last year in the Colony, mostly from unlocked cars.) She advised us to lock our car doors, do not leave valuable items in them and lock garage doors. Dogs are the best deterrent to robberies. If someone rings your doorbell, look out first if you are not expecting anyone. If suspicious, have a phone in your hand. If anyone would like a Home Security Assessment, it is free. Just call the precinct – **Chesapeake Colony is now Precinct #1** – and arrangements can be made. If there is an **emergency, call 911**; but if you have a **non-emergency, call 385-5000**. This is for all precincts. An emergency consists of someone actually trying to get in to your house or car. Do **not** try to stop anyone yourself – call 911.

Secretary’s Report was read by Betty Kennedy, Secretary, and approved as read..

Treasurer’s report: B.J. Taylor, Treasurer, reported that we have approximately **\$8,000 in the Checking Account, Savings Account and Money Market** of which *\$1,200* belongs to the Scholarship Fund. Casey Nye of North Kings Rd. was the Senior recipient for 2007. The lights at the entrance were replaced/repared last year. **194 residents paid their dues for 2007** fiscal year which goes from March 1, 2007, to March 1, 2008. Wayne Woolwine made a **MOTION to donate \$250 to Foundry Methodist Church in return for their allowing the Civic League to use their facilities and to donate \$200 to the Rescue Squad for their participation in the 4th of July Parade.** It was seconded by Bob Brown and was passed unanimously. It was questioned why we did not donate to the Fire Department? It was said that our fire department is now staffed by professional firefighter, and is unable to accept donation. Gretchen Hardy mentioned that when the Garden Club sent a donation to the Rescue Squad, they returned it because they are no longer a volunteer organization; however, the check we mailed for 2007 was not returned.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Dredging - Frank Gurdziel**, chairman of the Dredging Committee gave a report on the current status of the dredging project. There have been several meetings between Wayne McLeskey and the dredging committee with their lawyers. The last meeting was just before Christmas. They are trying to set up another meeting this coming week. Mr. McLeskey is willing to give the dirt in the canals to the Colony with a Quit Claim Deed but he had a few small questions: i.e. “Who would own the rights if the Civic League should fold?” The matter of taxes was brought up, but BJ said the cost would be in-significant. It was suggested that if anyone was planning to put up new bulkhead, rip-rap or docks, that it would be better to wait until after the dredging. The exception is with bulk heading that has deteriorated and badly in need of repair. There are some properties that could fall in the water and block the channels and prevent those channels from being dredged. These properties have been identified and the dredging committee has or is contacting these residents.
- 2. Directory** – Ron Hess announced that if there are any discrepancies in the new directory, to please call Ron or B.J. Taylor. To date there have been very few mistakes. There will be an annual update to the directory with perhaps some amendments with changes after 6 months. The question as to whether children’s names (as in the past) should be in the directory was brought up. The consensus of the members was that it was dangerous and unnecessary considering the times we live in to list the children.