

Message from the President

Bill Thesier

Hello everyone! It seems we just celebrated the New Year and already Spring is just around the corner. As you will see in this newsletter, the Civic League is hard at work for you and the Colony. We have several new faces on the Board so please thank them for the time they will be giving to help keep Chesapeake Colony one of the best places to live in Hampton Roads. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to John Vest, Curtis Vest, and Tony Montville for everything they have done for the Chesapeake Colony Civic League over the years. Though no longer on the Board, we know we can count on them when we need volunteers.

One of the Colony's favorite events, the 4th of July parade and picnic, is rapidly approaching. This year Bob Brown and Todd Lovelace are in charge of the parade. Last year we set an attendance record as neighbors joined in the fun and new friends were made. As always, the kids had a great time! Once again, to make this a successful event, we need volunteers. If you have a few free hours on July 4th that you can give, or would like to help in the planning, please call us as soon as possible. Your help will be appreciated by all!


Our next Chesapeake Colony Civic League meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2008, at 7:30 pm at the Foundry United Methodist Church. The Church is located directly across from the Colony entrance. Our special guest for the evening is our own U.S. Congresswoman, Thelma Drake. She will advise us of important issues in Washington that can affect all of us and then we'll open it for general questions from the group. Because this is *your* Civic League, your attendance at the meeting is encouraged! The Board has also scheduled upcoming Civic League meetings for May 22nd and September 25th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have several special guests planned but are open to suggestions from you. If you have any recommendations, please get them to us so arrangements can be made.

In October 2007 you received our neighborhood directory. Our volunteers did a great job putting it together and the Block Captains delivered them. Let us extend a big **Thank You** for

all their efforts. So we can make sure we have the latest information, please review the directory and let us know if any changes or updates need to be made.

Lastly, I would encourage all of you to renew your Civic League membership for 2008. This organization is for *you and your neighborhood*. Without your support, we will be unable to accomplish the many things necessary that makes Chesapeake Colony a great place to raise a family and spend our golden years. So let me thank all of you for your continued membership and extend a special welcome to our new members. Thank you and we'll see you out and about!

Bill Thesier, 631- xxxx, w.thesier@cox.net



The Speed Limit in the Colony is 25 MPH. Speeding on the trail and elsewhere is a common concern mentioned at the civic league meetings. Let's give the KIDS, bikers, walkers and all users of the streets a BREAK! Thanks

Your Civic League Dues In-Action

A special note from your Treasurer:

It is once again that time of year to ask you to join and support the Chesapeake Colony Civic League. The League's sole purpose is to keep Chesapeake Colony one of the most sought after communities in Virginia Beach to live in and raise a family. The following is just a partial list of how your dues are spent to make this community one of the best in Virginia Beach with the budgeted amount noted in parentheses:

- Lawn and garden maintenance including sprinkler system for front entrance (\$4,100)
- Electricity for entrance lights and Christmas decorations (\$400)
- Fourth of July picnic (\$1,800)
- Printing newsletters and flyers (\$400)

- Contributions to Plaza Volunteer Rescue Squad, Foundry United Methodist Church where we hold our civic league meetings, etc. (\$450)
- Halloween party (\$450)
- Liability insurance (\$500)
- Taxes, Corporation dues, VBCCO dues, Christmas decorations, Miscellaneous Maintenance/Repairs, etc. (\$800)

The dues this year are only \$50 per household. Our fiscal year is from March 1, 2008 – February 28, 2009. Last year we had 195 out of 270 families join the Civic League to help keep the Colony the best community in Virginia Beach. I strongly encourage every family to join. In addition to helping maintain our neighborhood, you get to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

The dues invoice and a pre-addressed envelope are included with this issue of the newsletter for your convenience. A collection container will be at my front door if you prefer to hand carry your dues.

Again, our goal is 100% participation. For our long-time members, Thank You! For our first-time members, Welcome Aboard!

B J Taylor, Treasurer Phone 486- xxxx

THE NEXT CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING IS:

March 20th at 7:30 PM

And our Guest Speaker will be:

Congresswoman Thelma Drake

She will brief us on important happenings in Washington DC. and then answer any questions from Colony Residents.

CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIC LEAGUE BOARD MEMBERS 2008 - Secretary Report

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A Note from Master Police Officer Kelly

Don't be a



... JOIN the FUN!

We are looking for volunteers for various events:

- 4th of July
- Clean the Bay Day
- Spring Clean Up
- Halloween

Call someone on the board they will help you get started!

Davis: Submitted by Ron Hess

Still we are experiencing a high number of larcenies from **unlocked** vehicles and burglaries of unsecured (**unlocked**) homes. There have also been a high number of vehicles where actual break-ins have occurred. In these cases a majority have reported GPS Systems being the target item. If you have in



your vehicle a portable GPS System, Blackberry, Crackberry, Pinkberry, Blueberry, PearlBerry, Portable MP3 Player, Portable DVD player, or any other portable technology that is easily removed please remove it or place it out of site before leaving and LOCKING your doors.

Neighborhood Watch Report

Submitted by Ron Hess

Dealing With Identity Fraud

A corporate attorney sent the following to the employees in his company. Maybe we should all take some of his advice!

1. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".
2. When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. Never have your SS# printed on your checks (DUH!). You can add it if it is necessary but, if you have it printed, anyone can get it.
4. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.
5. We have been told we should cancel our credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll-free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them.
6. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where your credit cards, etc. were stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and this is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one). But here's what is perhaps most important of all:

7. Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and also call the Social Security fraud line number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen, and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Now, here are the numbers you always need to contact if your wallet, etc, has been stolen:

- 1.) Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- 2.) Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742
- 3.) TransUnion : 1- 800-680-7289
- 4.) Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

Mark Your Calendars...

- March 20th Civic League Meeting (Thurs.)**
- May 22nd Civic League Meeting (Thurs.)**
- July 4th – Parade and BBQ (Friday)**
- September 25th Civic League Meeting (Thursday.)**
- October 31st Halloween (Friday)**

What's a Block

Submitted by Ron Hess

A Block Captain is one of your neighbors who has accepted the responsibility of organizing and informing 8 to 14 of his or her neighbors for the purpose of maintaining a safe and crime-free environment. We have 23 block captains in the Colony, and you can find their names and their areas of responsibility listed on the inside cover of the 2007 Colony Directory. The duties of a block captain are roughly as follows:

1. Maintain a current contact list for all residents within his/her block.

Captain?



2. Relay information regarding crime prevention, as well as current hazards, to the block residents.
3. Gather information relevant to criminal activity or significant safety issues within the Block, and report to the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator and/or the police.
4. In times of crisis, coordinate the efforts and resources of residents to resolve common problems (e.g. hurricane; fallen trees, etc.)
5. Distribute Colony newsletters and directories when possible
6. Generally, be a source of security information and support to the Block residents.



You might say “thank you” to your block captain the next time you see him/her!

This Just In! Our Newest Block Captain is ...
 Everett Milteer for Mulberry Grove Ct
 Many thanks to retiring Block Captain Bill Wills
 for his long and dedicated service.

Ron

Chesopeian Garden Club

Submitted by Jennifer Coleman

The Chesopeian Colony Garden Club is open to all residents of Chesopeian Colony, and we are encouraging new members to join. The club meets the second Thursday of the month at The Princess Anne Country Club at 12:00 noon. Our guest speakers this year have been an arborist from Bartlett Tree Services, a very informative Beekeeper, and Liz Maurer “master gardener” who spoke on plant and flower propagation. At the meetings we have done a hands-on project for Kings Daughters Hospital and collected new books for the Judeo Christian Outreach Center. We have also volunteered our time at the Salvation Army Toys for Tots distribution, which was a rewarding experience for all the participants.

The Garden Club has a cookbook for sale at the bargain price of ten dollars. All proceeds from the book go toward the



beautification of the Colony. The Garden Club also provides the flowers that are planted at the front entrance. To purchase a cookbook, call Jackie Harkness (340- xxxx), or Jennifer Coleman (233- xxxx).

If you are interested in joining or being a guest at our meetings please contact Jennifer Coleman at 233- xxxx.

The green thumb says...

March - Early

- Feed Hollies and Camellias.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide to control crabgrass.
- Treat Chickweed, wild onions, garlic in your lawn with Roundup, Fuiale or Spectracide Grass & Weed Killer or dig the bulb out.

March – Mid

- Fertilize trees
- Transplant and prune trees & shrubs & roses.

April

- Tune the lawn mower and sharpen the blades
- Feed & aerate your lawns
- Clean the gutters
- Prune Hydrangeas
- Fescue Lawns – light fertilization with high nitrogen turf food

Year Round

- Do NOT use string trimmers near trunks of trees as this may kill the tree.
- Pick up Camellia Blooms to prevent pedal blight.

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome

Submitted by Betty Kennedy

A belated welcome to Stephany and David Moore, both Lt. Commanders in the Navy, who moved into 2825 Timberneck Trail in September with their 2 year old daughter, Marissa. After several months of renovations, they were greeted the very night they moved in with the birth of a son, Thomas. David is now serving in Iraq. We wish them the best and pray for his safe return.

We would also like to welcome our new neighbors, Christopher (“Chris”) Bryant and “Skip”

Cole at 400 Chesopeian Trail. You may see them hard at work renovating and remodeling their new home. We wish them best of luck and look forward to the finished product. Please make them feel at home. They may be reached at 962- xxxx.

If someone new has just moved in on your street, or you also are new, please let me know so that we may welcome everyone and include them in our directory. You may reach me at 340- xxxx.

Annual Colony Scholastic Award

Submitted by Terri Butler

Application Deadline is May 9, 2008
 Contact Cheryl Noyes at 463- XXXX for information and an application.

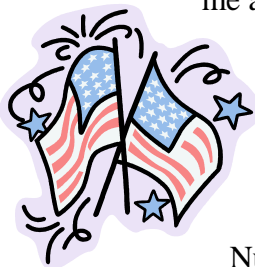


4th of July Celebration

Submitted by Bob Brown

Every year in the colony we all look forward to and have a great time with the 4th of July celebration. To pull this off year after year takes a lot of work from many of our neighbors and has basically been the same group of people for the past 5 years that I have lived here. Not to let any of the regulars off the hook, as I am expecting you all to come back again, but I am sending out a request for new volunteers to help pick up some of the workload. I wouldn't call any of this "work" as we all have a great time, but we do need additional volunteers to meet recent city permitting requirements to host a parade. My phone number and email address is on page 2 so please call/email me and volunteer yourself and friends

(before I call you) for one of the many positions listed below.



Volunteers	Number of Position
13	Chesopeian Trail safety
8	Judges for the bikes/floats
10	Set up and tear down
9	Food servers
2	Ticket sellers
1	Adult beverage dispenser

Miscellaneous Ramblings

Safety tips for all!

Pedestrians should walk on the *left side* of the road, facing traffic.

Bicyclists should ride on the *right side* of the road, with the traffic at their back.

Traffic on Virginia Beach Boulevard **ALWAYS** has the right of way over cars leaving the colony. Even if you pull out to the median, the traffic on the Virginia Beach Boulevard has the right of way. And in the event of an accident, traffic leaving will be in the wrong.



Submitted by BJ Taylor

COLONY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

The following is a list of beautification projects that the Board of Directors is considering for this year:

1. A spring cleanup of the front lots at the entrance in particular the east side where the barn is located.
2. The street sign poles through out the Colony need priming and painting.
3. Planting shrubs along the fence line on the west side of our property since the wooden fence has about seen its last days.
4. Participate in the "Clean the Bay Day".

All of these projects can be easily accomplished if we have sufficient volunteers to participate. We also need volunteers to act as



Chairpersons for each project in order to get things moving. B J Taylor has volunteered to be the Chairperson for the spring cleaning of the front lots. Volunteers for the other three projects can call B J at 486- xxxx.

History

Submitted by N'One Yet

If you have moved into the Colony before there was Jet Noise, Maintenance Dredging or No Wake Zones; we would love to hear about it from you and publish them in future editions of the newsletter. In a couple paragraphs, share your memories of how life was in the Colony (not Jamestown) and we will include it in future newsletters. Please forward these to Todd Lovelace at toddlovelace@gmail.com

Bee Buzz? Don't Panic!

Submitted by Kathleen Davis ©

Bee Busters to our rescue. Again! As it turned out during the summer of 2007, two nice sized nests about 30 inches apart from each other graced our Chesapeake Colony property. Most unusual to have two in such close quarters, we learned. When we spotted the bee activity within a few feet of each other, we assumed it was the front door and rear entrance to the same bee condominium ... until the entryways resembled jet runways within a short time. Bee Busters is a free removal service with excellent clean up to boot. We got rid of our bees and they went to a good cause, without pesticides or damage to the environment. To the contrary, we helped the environment.

These two homes and their occupant pollinators were collected to make, among other things, serum for those allergic to bee stings. Because there were two nests, Bee Busters Head Extraordinaire George Waldenmaier was able to collect both full nests and two queen bees. Packing them up for moving was most interesting. Find a big box, but not plastic, or you suffocate them, should you want to relocate bees yourself.

George sucks them up with a vacuum and takes them back to his HQ where he maintain nests to generate more bees, more pollinators, which are sadly lacking today, as well as more serum. These queen bees might duke it out and only one survive. That's the way of Nature.

Mighty readers, do not panic when you spot bees. Give them wide berth and don't introduce toxic substances or he can't take them. Know you have the best answer when you wonder, "Who you gonna call ... Bee Busters." For free removal of wasps, yellow jackets & hornets, as his card reads, call George Waldenmaier (757) 787- xxxx. He works a region from Virginia's Eastern Shore to North Carolina out of Onancock, VA. He's not any

one place everyday but works our great region continually. It is nice to see his boyish face driving up to collect our unwanted with a merry smile and equally wonderful to see him leave with his precious cargo.

Colony Residents and Businesses

Submitted by Audra Flynn

Are you a business owner? Do you know of a business that our neighborhood would benefit from? Let us know. Often times when services are needed, we do not know whom to call. Why not support someone here! Give Audra Flynn a call – 486- xxxx with any information and the civic league will put it in the directory. With enough support, we can distribute an updated directory with your advertisements.

What does Embroidery and gymnastics have in common? Most likely nothing, but our good neighbors Marina and Gustova Moure own *Excalibur Gymnastics* at 5816 Arrowhead Rd. in Virginia Beach and operate *Sports and Beyond* an on-line fashionable sports wear and embroidery business. Excalibur Gymnastics trains world class athletes, provides individual training and hosting birthday and others events. To learn about their embroidery business, go to www.sportsandbeyond.com.

Smoke'em if You Got'em.

Looking for that perfect smoke? Ask April Brown of *Churchill Cigars*. She owns this Virginia Beach treasure located at 1348 N Great Neck Rd # 1294 Virginia Beach (757) 481-0346.

Drop by or go on-line www.2smokecigars.com.



Are you covered?

Spring is a great time to give your home a new look. Give *Strickland Floorcovering* a call at 671-8353. With 10 years of experience, her quality craftsmen have done it all: carpet, vinyl, tile, wood and laminate flooring are their specialty. Give Audra a call today and she will bring her samples and ideas to you! Check out her quality work at the Hot Yoga Studio which is moving to the shops in front of the colony. And don't forget she also does

tile showers, tubs, and countertops. Don't wait, call today! Lets support our quality neighbors.