



## Message from the President:

Bill Thesier 6-9-09

Hello neighbors! We hope everyone had time to enjoy the beauty the Colony gave us this spring. Flowers and trees were in full bloom and color was everywhere. Springtime is why so many people want to live in the Colony, the best kept secret in Virginia Beach!

As always, the Civic League has been busy making this the best place to live in Virginia Beach. We've had to clean out dead limbs in the trees at the front which were creating a hazard to our neighbors. We are also working to fix a problem with the irrigation system on the west side lot. We've trimmed the tree on the west side of our entrance that covered up the Chesopeian Colony wall sign. I think all of you will agree it now looks much better. The Garden Club has provided new flowers for the entrance so we hope you take a moment to enjoy them as you come into the Colony.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic is rapidly approaching. Todd Lovelace is in charge of the event this year. As always, we are in need of volunteers to help make this year's event a huge success. The 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday so we expect a BIG turnout! If you have free time and would like to help, please give Todd or myself a call and we'll find something for you to do.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Next Civic League Meeting

The Civic League meeting is scheduled for **7:30 PM on Thursday, June**



**18th.** Our speaker will be George Yates, the police department's marine representative. He will address boating safety, and encourages young boaters to attend.

### SHRED DAY AT THE COLONY RAIN OR SHINE

Your Civic League is sponsoring a Free On-Site Document Shredding Day from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, **Saturday June 20, 2009.** It is time for everyone to shred their old confidential/personal records that you have been storing in bags and cardboard boxes in your attic and garage. Identity theft is growing, so help to protect your identity by shredding those personal papers that you don't need. Shred day is free to all Chesopeian Colony residents. Donations will be accepted to help reduce the cost.

You are encouraged to invite a friend to bring his/her documents for shredding; it will be free to them also. However, it is understood that should the shred truck get backed up, the non-residents will have to wait until the backup has cleared.



The shred truck will be located in the cul-de-sac at the end of Apasus Trail. There is no need for you to remove staples, paper clips, binder clips, etc. However, the truck will not shred cardboard or plastic. Please read the flyer that is included with this June newsletter. Should you have questions please feel free to contact B J Taylor via email at [gizmosassy@verizon.net](mailto:gizmosassy@verizon.net) or by phone at 486- xxxx.

## **Your Civic League Dues In-Action**

### ***A special note from your Treasurer:***

BJ Taylor 486- xxxx

As of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 165 residents of the Colony have paid their dues. The dues this year are only \$50 per household. Last year we had 202 families join the Civic League to help keep the Colony the best community in Virginia Beach. Our goal is 100% participation.



Our fiscal year is from March 1, 2009 – February 29, 2010. We are now in the 2nd quarter of our fiscal year, so if you have not paid your dues I urge you to do so soon. If you are not sure whether you have paid your dues or not, feel free to contact me at [gizmosassy@verizon.net](mailto:gizmosassy@verizon.net) or 486- xxxx. Remember, a collection container is at my front door should you prefer to hand carry your dues. For our long-time members, Thank You! For our first-time members, Welcome Aboard!

BJ Taylor, [gizmosassy@verizon.net](mailto:gizmosassy@verizon.net)  
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## **Crime Watch**

Submitted by Ron Hess

### **VACATION TIME**

Vacation is a time when we all want to relax; however, security should not be



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forgotten while we are on vacation. Log all serial numbers and take photographs of your valuables for your personal records. Following a few simple crime prevention rules will keep your property safe and your vacation fun and enjoyable. Remember to always lock your doors and windows when leaving your property. Secure all property outside of the home such as bicycles, golf carts, surfboards, kayaks, etc. It is preferable to lock these items in an indoor space such as a garage or shed.

When on the property, it is still important to remember to secure the doors. Many times people will leave the garage open while at home. If you are not in sight of the area, secure the doors. It only takes a second for a thief to enter an open garage and make off with your belongings or **gain access to your home.**

## **Vehicle Safety Tips**

Larceny from vehicle is one of the major offenses in a vacation area. The majority of these types of offenses occur from **unlocked** vehicles or where valuables have been left in plain view. High theft items include GPS systems, cell phones, MP3 Players, and lap top computers. Park your car as close to your destination as possible and in a well-lighted space. Be sure to lock the car, close the windows, and place all valuables in the trunk or hide them out of plain view (on the floorboard, under a blanket or clothes, etc).

Many people will leave their vehicles running in front of stores and homes. ***Never leave your vehicle running while unattended.*** This is an invitation for your vehicle to be stolen, and a violation of city code.



**Excerpts from U.S. Code 36 Regarding the United States Flag:** For complete information, go

**§174. Time and occasions for display.** It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

**§175. Position and manner of display.** The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff. The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

**§176. Respect for flag.** No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise. The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free. The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature. The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and Schedule

### July 3<sup>rd</sup>

**6:00 pm** – volunteers meet at front of colony to set up tents, tables etc.

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

**8:30 a.m.** - volunteers meet at the front of the entrance to set up party canopy, tables, chairs, food, drinks, adult beverage station, steam table and prepare food.



**9:45 a.m.** – FLOATS BE PRESENT (For safety's sake, please arrive on time)

**9:45a.m.** - Parade participants rendezvous at the end of the trail

**10:00 a.m.** – Judging begins! Cash Prizes for the following individual age categories. This means bikes, scooters, blades etc. will all be judged together in each of the following age categories:

- a. 0-3
- b. 4-6
- c. 7-9
- d. 10-12
- e. 13-15

Plus the following two categories for all ages:

- Floats
- Pets

**Anyone interested in being a judge please contact Annette Thompson at 340-5820.**



**10:20 a.m. – All street monitors in place and neighborhood closed to traffic**

**10:30 a.m.** - Parade starts

**11:00 ish.** – Party time at front of neighborhood. We will have a DJ and two clowns to entertain the young and old. We have hired some of the best chefs in town to prepare hot dogs and Carolina pork barbeque. Don't miss the other contests (watermelon eating, hoola hoop and egg toss) for the kids with cash prizes.

**Scheduled activities to include:**

- Clown – Face Painting
- Disk Jockey
- Family Games (egg toss, hoola hoop)



**CHESOPEIAN COLONY GARDEN  
CLUB NOTES**

You have probably noticed that the winter planting of pansies by the Garden Club has been replaced by the newly planted pink and white begonias on either side of the entrance. Jennifer Coleman arranged the purchase and delivery of the plants on behalf of the Garden Club. Betty Kennedy coordinated with BJ Taylor to provide funds from the Civic League to roto till the planting area, add compost, plant and add mulch around both the new flowers and existing shrubs. It was great to see the team effort between the two organizations under the able supervision of Annette Thompson

and Betty Kennedy who helped oversee and coordinate the planting effort.

Another aspect of the Garden Club's beautification efforts this year is also in progress. On the west side of the entrance the shrubbery line has been extended a ways down Chesapeake Trail from the entrance to provide additional garden area for some Knockout roses and holly bushes. The stumps have been removed from the planting area in preparation for the new plants. Jennifer Coleman has again stepped forward to coordinate this effort which will be completed by the London Bridge Nursery.

The Garden Club meets the second Thursday of every month from September through May for a luncheon followed by a business meeting and speaker. We help out at Christmas time with decorations for the Francis Land House and support events sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs of Virginia Beach, a city-wide organization with which we are affiliated. The club supports a number of local charities with both donations of time and money. We offer our sincere appreciation to Shelly Gram for her leadership and hard work as our president this past year. Suedean Moser has graciously agreed to continue as our treasurer this coming year. She manages our finances deftly.

The Chesapeake Colony Garden Club's summer potluck dinner was held on Saturday, 6 June at the home of Pat and John Wiersch. We appreciate their gracious hospitality and the weather cooperated with a lovely evening to enjoy their beautiful back yard. This event culminates a fun and productive year of Garden Club events.

We are always looking for new members who are interested in gardening for its own rewards as well as being interested

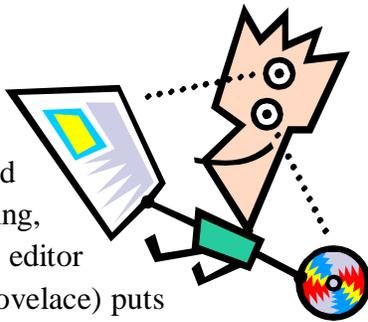
in neighborhood beautification projects. Give me a call if you are new to the neighborhood or now find yourself with the time available to support this worthwhile organization. We get together for a couple of evening parties each year with our spouses/friends included. Our regular meetings are held at lunchtime at the Princess Anne Country Club. Let's get together and see what we can do to maintain and enhance the natural beauty of our neighborhood and have a little fun in the process.

Carol Taylor, President,  
Chesopeian Colony Garden Club, 486- xxxx  
Annette Thompson, Vice President,  
Chesopeian Colony Garden Club, 340- xxxx

## How Do They Do That?

....The Colony Newsletter  
By Ron Hess

Approximately a month before the next scheduled civic league meeting, the newsletter editor (currently Todd Lovelace) puts out a call to individuals, officers, and board members to prepare articles for the impending bulletin. There are a few "standard" articles each month, particularly regarding safety and security, coming events, reviews of past events, relevant history, and a president's letter. As the literary contributions trickle in, our editor becomes more frequent and insistent in his requests. Eventually he receives enough correspondence to assemble several pages of significant information. He then adds headlines and illustrations, organizes the pages, and prepares the newsletter for commercial printing. Our Colony treasurer



("BJ" Taylor) then delivers the originals for printing, collating, and stapling of 270 copies, and strokes a check –of Colony dues money – for the job. On Friday evening the members of the Board gather at a house for the counting, sorting, and packing of newsletters into twenty-three units, one for each of our neighborhood watch program Block Captains. On Saturday morning, the neighborhood watch program Coordinator (Ron Hess) delivers all packaged units to the block captains, who then distribute the individual newsletters to each residence in their blocks. And **here** is your newsletter!

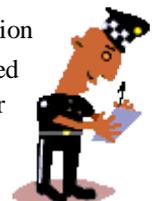
## GOLF By, Kevin Duffan

Calling all Colony Golfers! When the weather is nice do you dream about being at the golf course? Do you spend time at work planning your next golf trip? Would you rather be golfing right now? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, or if you just like to play the occasional round, then this article is for you. I would like to put together a neighborhood golf outing at one of our local courses sometime in the late Summer. It would be a great way to introduce yourself to some neighbors, meet a few fellow golfers, and enjoy a day outside. Everyone from hackers to scratch golfers is welcome. If interested, please email Kevin Michael Duffan at [duffankm@hotmail.com](mailto:duffankm@hotmail.com) or stop by and say hi. The details will be set as interest trickles in.



## DO YOU HAVE YOUR BOATING LICENSES?

No, not your registration or insurance card, the NEWLY required boating license! Get the details from Officer George Yates at the civic league meeting.



The much enjoyed historical piece **“A History of Chesopeian Colony As Told by Those Who Lived It”** by Betty Kennedy will continue in the next newsletter.

### **Dredging Project Update May 2008**



Our lawyer, Bill Swanner, has continued discussions with Mr. McLeskey's office and the city attorney's office trying to find mutually agreeable language which will meet Mr. McLeskey's concerns about the residents

waterfront rights under certain hypothetical situations. We have spent a lot of time circling around this point to get an acceptable document. When we actually get this document in McLeskey's hands, we'll be back knocking on the goal line.

Although the legal documentation has been a very frustrating process, it is a good thing that our community has laid the groundwork for the dredging. The waterways are continuing to silt in. We have dredging companies interested that are working in the area. Once the legal documents are signed, we will finalize the application and proceed to bid the project and raise the funds necessary. There is still a good chance this could be in 2009, so keep it in your budget! Also, if you need to do maintenance to your current bulkhead, please proceed. Call any member of the dredging committee if you have questions.  
Frank Gurdziel

### **Annual Colony Scholastic Award**

This year, the Scholastic Committee received more applications than any other year. All the graduating seniors need to be



congratulated for their above average GPA's and their outstanding school and community service.

This year, the committee has decided to award it's top prize of \$500.00 to Peter Lai-Lepage. Peter is the son of Joe and Shannan LePage. Peter will be attending Franciscan University pursuing a career in International Business with the hopes of one day working for a large technology company. Peter was active all 4 high school years in the French Club and an active member in Boy Scout Troop 65 and Church of the Holy Family.

The Scholastic Award Committee would also like to congratulate Zoe Hardy of Sandy Valley Road with a \$250.00 award for her academic achievements throughout her high school years. Zoe is the daughter of Tim and Gretchen. Zoe will be heading off to the University of Virginia in August with interests in biology or forensic science. She was an avid field hockey player and a Relay for Life organizer.

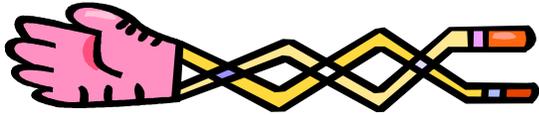
Thank you to all the Colony residents who help make this program a success and to further the education of our young scholars.

Cheryl Noyes and Jennifer Coleman  
Scholastic Awards Committee

### **Colony Professionals and Businesses**

Here is your chance to advertise in the Colony Newsletter. Any resident may advertise their business provided they own the business or actually provide the service being offered. The cost of a business card sized ad is \$30 or for a resident 18 years or younger just \$5. Please pay at the time of placing the ad. All ads should be submitted in electronic format and provided to [toddlovelace@gmail.com](mailto:toddlovelace@gmail.com). The number of

ads accepted will be determined by available space. For questions call Todd at 431- xxxx.



## Welcome to the Colony

We extend a warm welcome to **David Kantor** who recently moved to 2625 S. Kings Road. He is self employed and the proud father of three boys, ages 17, 15, and 13, and two white Labs. David is a Virginia Tech graduate and enjoys his season tickets to the Hokie football games. He can be reached at 333- xxxx or [david.kantor@verizon.net](mailto:david.kantor@verizon.net). Welcome to **Nathan & Kathryn Hatcher** and their one year old daughter, Brook. They just moved to 2613 Tarkhill Run the end of May.

If you know of someone we have overlooked or have a special announcement, please call Susie Thesier at 631- xxxx ([susiewt1@cox.net](mailto:susiewt1@cox.net)) or Betty Kennedy at 340- xxxx.

## Sandy Valley News

We had a terrific turnout for our second annual Sandy Valley Street party. 82 participants feasted on BBQ, hot dogs and other tantalizing dishes brought by neighbors. The kids played games, including a rousing piñata competition. Although the party was to end at 6:00 pm, most stayed until after 7:30! We had an opportunity to catch up after the long winter. The party was a great success and everyone is looking forward to next year.



## Colony Website

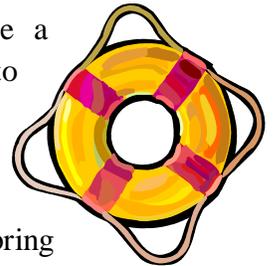
by Rob Wigg  
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A special thanks goes out to Rob Wigg for setting up the colony website. He is looking for someone who would like to maintain it and keep it up to date. If you are interested, please contact him at 652- xxxx.

## **President's Message Continued from Page 1**

We all have fun and it's a great time to see your neighbors and make new friends. Our contact information is in this newsletter so please give us a call. **Our next Civic League meeting will be held June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.** As always, it will be held at the Foundry United Methodist Church, directly across from the Colony. Our special guest will be Police Officer George Yates who will talk about safety issues on our waterways. This would be a great time for all of us to review the rules of the "water road". If you have young boaters who'll be on the water this year, please bring them as this would be a great time to learn about boating safety. This summer will be busy with plenty to do. We hope you will join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to renew old friendships and make new friends. As a boating community, we hope you will join us at the next Civic League meeting and get the latest information on boating safety and related laws.

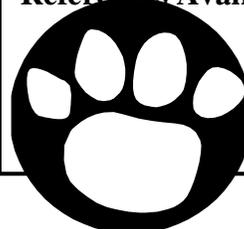


See you around the Colony.

Bill

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now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Their contact location is:

926 Independence Blvd  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
(757) 385-2703

## Chesopeian Colony “On the Lynnhaven River”

Submitted by George Coleman

For the Colony residents who live on the water, here is an opportunity from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to increase the growing effort in restoration of the Lynnhaven oysters.

Native oyster restoration in Virginia is helping to replenish our oyster population and provide much needed habitat for important fish and shellfish. A shining example, the Lynnhaven River has experienced a ten-fold increase in oysters in recent years. **You can help grow even more oysters by becoming an oyster gardener!** CBF's Oyster Gardening Program is a year round, hands-on opportunity for you to help bring back this vital filter feeder using the area alongside your dock. Gardeners attend a training seminar where they receive their baby oysters. Once home, you place your oysters in floating oyster bags alongside your dock where they grow for a year. The following summer CBF staff will transplant your year-old oysters to a sanctuary reef where the oysters can continue to reproduce and filter water, thus improving water quality for the Bay.

This program is family friendly and a great way to help Save the Bay. For more information visit the CBF **oyster gardening website**.

To participate in the Oyster Gardening Program contact the CBF Hampton Roads office at **Hamptonroads@cbf.org** or 757/622.1964.

Thanks! I look forward to working with you! Chris Moore Hampton Roads Science

**FYI** – Based on some recent changes in the police department, Chesopeian Colony is

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