

# CHESOPEIAN COLONY CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

June 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Thesier at 7:35 p.m. at the Foundry Methodist Church. 28 residents were present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 3-26-09 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Scholarship fund	\$1278.22
Fence fund	820.03
General fund	3570.64
Checking	6018.69

There are 169 paid members as of today. There have been some unexpected expenses recently and the trees at the entrance had some dangerous hanging limbs that had to be cleaned up. The Garden Club planted knockout roses and hollies on the west side of the entrance at their expense. Thank you Garden Club!

Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Special Guest: Virginia Beach Marine Police Officer George Yates

Officer Yates gave a wonderful presentation on Boating and Water Safety. Approximately six years ago, they became affiliated with Homeland Defense and now work closely with the Coast Guard. Their territory also includes Eastern Shore and 13 miles out to sea.

Officer Yates discussed the safety equipment required on all watercraft. All children 14 years and younger are required to wear their life jackets at all times. He suggested all watercraft owners obtain a boat inspection which is offered at no charge. He also urged folks to have a "float plan" by letting someone know where they are going before leaving on the boat.

Toilets cannot be dumped in the Lynnhaven Inlet or Broad Bay. The City has a dumping station that must be used. There is no fishing in the Lynnhaven Channel, turning basin or Broad Bay channel.

For those that enjoy cocktails, a .08 will get you a Boating Under the Influence (same as driving a car). Even if you are under .08 and are pulled over due to reckless boating, you can still be charged with BUI. Sanctions are the same as a DUI and you will be off the water for 6 months if convicted.

As of July 1, 2009, all jet ski operators 20 years of age or younger must complete a boating safety education class; by July 1, 2010, 35 years or younger and by July 1, 2011, 50 years or younger. Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013. For more information regarding boating safety education or to schedule a class, visit the department's website: [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) or call 804-367-1125.

Old Business:

- Shredding day is scheduled for Saturday, 6-20-09 from 10-2 pm.
- Colony Paint day is scheduled for the same day. Contact Rob Wigg if you would like to volunteer. All street signs need to be painted.

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic – Todd Lovelace said everything is reserved and under control. Kevin Duffan is in charge of the Parade and Annette Thompson is handling the judging. Jim Brooks has beer patrol. Cassie & Mike Hillian volunteered to manage the children's activities. Volunteers are still needed for judging.
- Clean the Bay – A great success! Mr. McLeskey and Farm Fresh both helped in the common areas. The Colony had a great volunteer turnout. A special thank you is extended to Tom McLaughlin for his organization and dedication to this project.

New Business:

- Colony Website – Rob Wigg set up the website but does not have the time to maintain it and would like some help. It was suggested that a computer savvy high school student may be able to take on the project.
- The Colony is now in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct. Please call 385-2703 for more information.
- Lauren Cootes, a Colony Cox Senior, has recently received media attention. She has been battling cancer for several years. Although an honor student, the State is not allowing her to graduate because she has not taken one SOL due to being in treatment. Reportedly, the School Board has said they will allow her to walk with her class and graduate. The Garden Club previously voted to give her \$50 in scholarship money and the Civic League voted to give \$100. Any resident who would like to contribute is welcome to do so. Cassie Hillian said several children are having a lemonade stand on 6-20-09 to raise money for cancer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susie Thesier  
Secretary