

Chesopeian Colony

"On the Lynnhaven River"

January 2011 Newsletter

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From the President...

Happy New Year everyone! Can you believe it is 2011 already? To get 2011 off to a good start, we have scheduled our first Civic League meeting of 2011 for Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Foundry United Methodist Church, across from the entrance to the Colony. We will be holding elections for your 2011 Civic League Board of Directors so I hope everyone will attend.

I'd like to take this time to thank all who have volunteered their time this past year to serve on your Civic League's Board of Directors. By freely giving of their time and efforts, they have helped make this one of the best places in Virginia Beach to live. Our Block Captains also deserve a big Thank You for helping to get important information to our neighbors regarding safety issues in the Colony and for delivering the Colony's newsletters. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

I look forward to seeing the regulars and the newcomers at the meeting!

Todd

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Do you want to advertise your Business?

Business Card Size Ad \$30

Youth Rate (under 18) Ad \$15

Call Bill Thesier at 631-0343 or email w.thesier@cox.net

Meet your current Board

OFFICERS

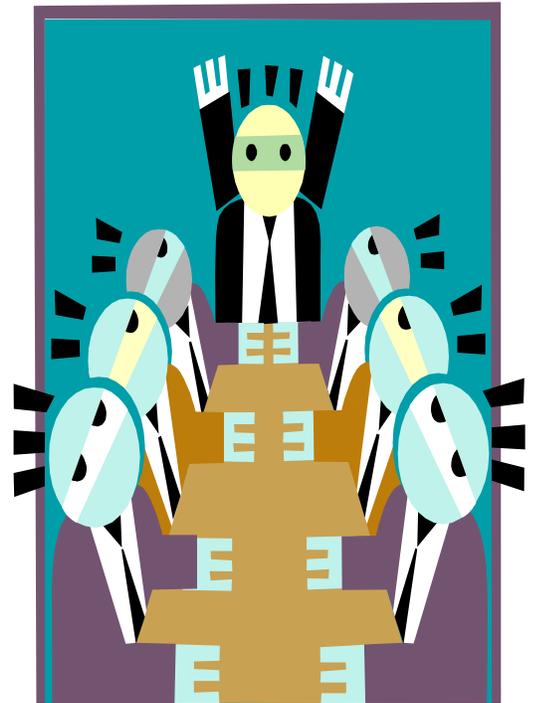
Todd Lovelace - President
Janet Webster - Vice-President
B.J. Taylor - Treasurer
Susie Thesier - Secretary

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

George Coleman (ending 1/2011)
John Davis (ending 1/2011)
Kevin Duffan (ending 1/2012)
Ron Hess (ending 1/2013)
Betsy McEnroe (ending 1/2012)
Annette Thompson (ending 1/2013)
Bill Thesier - Past President

COMMITTEE CHAIR:

Security Captain - Ron Hess
Dredging - Kevin Duffan
Garden Club - Jennifer Coleman
Scholarship - Cheryl Noyes & Jennifer Coleman
Welcoming Committee - Betsy McEnroe
Web Master - John Davis



Watch Works!

At about 3 AM on Thursday, January 20th, Faith Cates arose to get a drink of water. As she glanced out of her front window onto Sandy Valley Court, she noticed a dark figure opening the door of a car belonging to a neighbor. Faith called 911 and within seven minutes, several police cars were within the Colony. The police pursued the running man through the neighborhood – through streets and backyards. The culprit escaped capture, but apparently took nothing of value.

Conclusions: Neighborhood Watch works!

Cars should always be locked at night.

Vigilance is the price of security.

By Ron Hess

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FIRE SAFETY FOR YOUR FAMILY:

Courtesy of the Virginia Department of Fire Programs

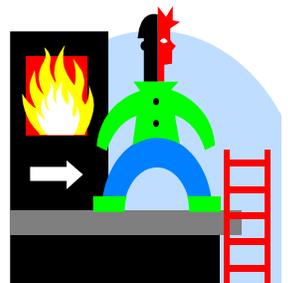
Many groups, including some safety organizations, offer adhesive "child locator" window decals to be placed on the window panes of rooms where children sleep. The decals are supposed to help firefighters find children in a fire. However, the Virginia Department of Fire Programs does not recommend them. Firefighters are trained in the best way to find and rescue people and will know what to do. Putting a sign on your child's window may show a burglar a good place to enter your home. Old decals could potentially lead a firefighter on a dangerous, yet needless search for a child who isn't there. Many fire departments do not recognize the decals as legitimate markers because they often remain affixed to windows long after a child has outgrown the room or families with children have moved away.

Rather than using decals, make a fire escape plan and practice it. This includes everyone in the home knowing what to do when they hear the sound of the smoke alarm. In its simplest form, this means escaping the home as quickly as possible and going straight to your pre-arranged meeting place. You can help firefighters by getting to your meeting place on your own. Call 911 or the emergency number for the fire department once you get outside and wait outside for them to arrive. Take a headcount to check and see if everyone has escaped the home. If someone is trapped inside, do not try to save them yourself. Alert the fire department when they arrive that someone is inside.

The keys to surviving a fire that every home needs are simple, but they do require forethought. If a fire occurs, you and your family members have to react immediately. Taking the following steps will help you be prepared:

- Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, protecting every bedroom.
- Create a carefully developed fire escape plan that every member of the family is familiar with.
- Conduct regular family fire drills, so everyone can practice getting out.
- If you build or remodel your home, consider installing a home sprinkler system. Combined with smoke alarms, it is the best fire protection your family can have.

Download a Home Fire Escape Plan at
<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/FPW09/FPW09EscapeGrid.pdf>.



Day Tripping

You can only do so many home improvement projects and so much yard work before your fun meter is pegged. For your entertainment pleasure, here is a good, fun, educational one gas tank outing.

Currituck Heritage Park

For a relaxing day, visit Currituck Heritage Park, located at the Whalehead Club in Corolla. Take a stroll along the winding walkways that lead visitors to the original boathouse and pedestrian footbridge, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Just north of the boathouse are two additional restored structures: the Currituck Beach Lighthouse and Light Keeper's House.

The Whalehead Club

Built in the mid-1920's, the Whalehead Club continues to stand as one of the most spectacular landmarks on the Currituck Outer Banks. Owners, Edward Collings and Marie Louise Knight traveled to Corolla from points north and used Corolla Island as their winter residence from 1925-34. Boasting art nouveau architectural styling and accented with Tiffany lamps, cork-tiled floors (this is really cool- collect the wine corks and in a few years it can be your next do it yourself project), brass duck head and water lily hardware, this magnificent structure stood isolated for years on these remote barrier islands and has been fully restored.

The Whalehead Club is open year round. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm (from experience- closes at 5 pm, cannot gain admission after 4 pm); admission is \$7.00 per person (free to children under 9 years of age). Call 252-453-9040.

Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education

The Outer Banks Center for Wildlife Education increases the public's knowledge of Currituck's wildlife and habitats. The center provides programs through which the general public and educators can learn about wildlife, natural history and outdoor skills and the duck hunting heritage of the Currituck sound. The center is located between the Whalehead Club and Currituck Beach Lighthouse. *The big secret-* this fantastic center is FREE!

Currituck Beach Lighthouse, aka Corolla Light

The Currituck Beach Lighthouse and Museum Shop are open daily from Easter through Thanksgiving (closed Thanksgiving Day). Built in 1875 and Towering 163 feet high, the lighthouse welcomes visitors to climb its 214 steps to the top (you get a sticker as a memento of your trek). The keeper's quarters has been restored and is currently used as a private residence. During periods of high winds or thunderstorms the lighthouse tower may be closed to climbers. Winter months provide time for restoration and maintenance. Tours of the Lighthouse are held daily from Easter to Thanksgiving. Hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; admission is \$6.00 per person (free to children under 8 years of age). Call 252-453-4939. Telephone 252/453-4939 for lighthouse hours and information.

Getting there:

We all know how to drive to the outer banks; I-264 to I-64 to Rts 168, 158 and 12 and you're there, but this is your adventure day! Drive down to Knotts Island and catch the Currituck Sound Ferry, its free and takes about 45 minutes. Plus, at the other end, it puts you right at the Historic Currituck Courthouse and Old Currituck Jail.

Enjoy! *by George Coleman*



The Halloween Party was a Resounding Success!

The Halloween party held at the front of the Colony this past October 31st was the best attended in recent memory. The weather was perfect, the food was plentiful, and the costume contest was fantastic. Betty Kennedy served as our Master of Ceremonies and corralled over 70 entrants into the contest. Rob Wigg constructed a scary crawl through that all of the kids enjoyed. Even the adults and pets got in on the fun! We had an abundance of volunteers helping with everything from the stage setup, to judging, and food and drink service to cleanup. Thanks to the extreme generosity of the colony residents that attended and made donations, for the first year ever we actually collected more money than we spent, turning a **\$22 PROFIT!**

The Board would like to thank all of the volunteers for helping put on the best Halloween party yet!

By Kevin Duffan



NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 ELECTION:

OFFICERS:

Todd Lovelace - President (2nd term)

Janet Webster - Vice-President (2nd term)

B.J. Taylor - Treasurer

Susie Thesier - Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR TWO DIRECTOR POSITIONS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM:

George Coleman

Megan Gawne

***ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE FEBRUARY
16TH CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING. ADDITIONAL
NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM THE
FLOOR AT THE MEETING.***

Upcoming Event!

The next Civic League
meeting will be held on

Wednesday, February 16th

7:30 PM at the

Foundry United

Methodist Church

across from our

entrance.

Hope to see you there!

Colony Directories

During the next two months, Colony Block Captains will be verifying names, addresses, and phone numbers with each of their residents. The 2009 Colony Directory lists the block Number of each resident, and the back of the cover page lists the Block Captains and their contact information. Each resident is invited to upstage his Block Captain by volunteering update information in advance of their inquiries!

Please help us make the directory accurate!



Chesapeake Colony Civic League: Dues In-Action

It is once again that time of year to ask you to join and support the Chesapeake Colony Civic League. The CCCL'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:

- Colony Entrance - sprinkler system and lawn service
- Paint, repair street signs
- Printing newsletters
- Colony directory
- Colony website
- 4th of July parade and picnic
- Halloween party
- Christmas decorations
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Real estate taxes, insurance, and utilities for the Colony Entrance
- Charitable Contributions (VB Rescue Squad and the church where we hold our civic league meetings, etc.)
- Yearly corporation dues

The dues this year are only \$50 per household.

Our fiscal year is from March 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012.

This year we had 201 out of 263 families join the Civic League.

Our goal is 100% participation!

The dues notice and pre-addressed envelopes are included for your convenience. A collection container will be at our treasurer's front door, BJ Taylor at 2633 South Kings Road, if you prefer to hand carry your dues.

By B.J. Taylor