

Chesopeian Colony

"On the Lynnhaven River"

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Upcoming Event!

The next Civic League meeting will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 18th** at 7:00 PM at the Foundry United Methodist Church across from our entrance.

Hope to see you there!

President's Message...

I hope everyone has been able to dig out from under the winter weather. If we are to believe the Ground Hog, it is not yet time to put away the snow shovels. A good bit has happened since my last letter and I want to take a minute to acknowledge thanks. Our Halloween Party was a great success again this year. Steve Vigus did an amazing job as our Master of Ceremonies. As always, the volunteer Judges and food service folks are to thank for such a wonderful success. Thanks to you all! And once again, our community shone during the holidays because of the generous efforts of all of the folks that volunteer to decorate our sign posts and our Colony entrance. Our volunteers are the reason that our community thrives and we are grateful to you for caring and sharing your time for the enjoyment of others. I wish I had the space and the confidence to list the names of all those that contribute to the good of our community, but I would surely leave someone out. There are so many that give back in so many different ways. Instead, I will challenge you – if you aren't participating – to find a way to join in this tremendous community spirit. Reach out to the Board, and we will easily find a place for you to contribute.

This is my final letter as the President of the Chesopeian Colony Civic League. I want to genuinely thank all of you for this opportunity. It has been quite an experience; one that I will never forget. I have been fortunate to meet so many new people in the neighborhood and have developed deep friendships with many. I cannot express enough overwhelming gratitude to all the folks that have served on the Board of Directors during my time as President. You are a dedicated and caring group and it is evident that you care deeply about our neighborhood and our residents. Thank you for your support, patience and dedication. It has been a privilege to work with you.

I am confident that the new slate of Officers will continue to serve and care for our community to perpetuate the positive momentum that the Civic League has been experiencing. I encourage all of you to attend the next Civic League meeting to meet them, offer support and provide your insight into community affairs.

Thank you once again for your support. I look forward to continuing to be your neighbor and your friend for many years to come.

Regards,

Janet Webster

President, Chesopeian Colony Civic League

Treasurers Note

As of January 31st 2014 we have received dues from 195 of the 270 residents in the Colony. I wish to THANK all of you that have contributed! With those dues we have also received \$795.00 in Scholarship donations!

Civic League Dues Reminder

The following is a partial list of how your dues are spent to make this community one of the BEST in the Beach!

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| • Front Entry Maintenance (Lawn, mulch, & flowers) | \$4,200.00 |
| • Neighborhood Directory | \$ 700.00 |
| • Neighborhood Newsletters | \$ 600.00 |
| • Insurance, taxes, Power for entrance | \$ 900.00 |
| • 4 th of July party & parade | \$1,600.00 |
| • Halloween Party | \$ 300.00 |
| • Donations to our local VB Rescue Squad & Church
where we hold our Civic league meetings | \$ 500.00 |

As you can see the cost to maintain our wonderful community is expensive and we could not do it without the help of our Fabulous residents. Our fiscal year runs from March 1, 2013 to February 28, 2014. If you have not joined the civic league and paid your 2013 dues, I kindly ask that you give it some consideration. Your \$50.00 dues can be dropped in the box at my front door or mailed to:

April Brown, CCCL Treasurer
2704 Shepherds Quarter
Virginia Beach, VA 23452
(757) 615-2916c

Thank You!



CHESOPEIAN COLONY GARDEN CLUB...

The Garden Club will be having a plant sale on Saturday April 12, 2014 from 9am until 2pm at the entrance of the colony. (The rain date is April 13th from 11 to 3.) Available plants will include: perennials, annuals, and possibly herbs and vegetables. Donations are most welcome! If you have any plants you need to divide or thin out, call us and we'll help you do this in return for donating the extra plants for the sale. Any questions contact Gloria Gurdziel at 498-8748.

Plant sale committee members: Jeanne Baker, Jennifer Coleman, Gloria Gurdziel, Jackie Harkness, & Carol Taylor



Fun in the snow?...

Winter is here and it was great seeing our kids outdoors enjoying the snow and having all the fun that goes with it. Unfortunately, one thing that was seen around our neighborhood was that some of our kids had been driving their powered ATV's on their neighbors properties, tearing up lawns. Nice lawns help make Chesapeake Colony a highly sought after place to live. Good lawns take a long time to create, are expensive, and are labor intensive to keep beautiful. Our neighbor's lawn is not the place for our kids to test out their ATV's and motorbikes. For parents who have kids with these toys, please talk to them about being responsible good neighbors. Home is where they should develop and hone their skills, not their neighbor's yard. Thanks!



DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE GOOD FAIRY?



When I was a child, which was a very long time ago, and had a baby tooth fall out I would put it under my pillow when I went to bed at night. Sometime during the night the “Tooth Fairy” would come and take my tooth and leave me a nickel or dime and even once in a while he would leave me a quarter. It has been a very long time since I lost a tooth, thanks to my wonderful dentist; therefore, I haven’t been visited by the “Tooth Fairy” in many, many years.

However, on Wednesday after the big snow fall I was visited by a good fairy. The “Snow Fairy” came to my home. Actually it was two “Snow Fairies” and they removed all the snow which was about ten inches deep from my driveway and walkway to my front door. It is my understanding that these two cleaned off other driveways in the Colony as well.

Until Wednesday I didn’t know that we had good fairies in the neighborhood. While I won’t identify them since they may want to remain anonymous, I will say that I believe one lives on South Kings Road and the other on East Kings Road.

I want them to know how much I appreciate their hard work and that I will try hard to repay them!!!!

Isn’t it wonderful knowing that we have “Good Fairies” like these two living in the Colony?

B J Taylor, 2633 S. Kings Rd.



Garden Club Chatter

Our season for 2013 and 2014 started off with a bang and is still going strong. We are thrilled to welcome many new enthusiastic members who already have contributed much to our many activities. Jennifer Coleman and Cheryl Noyes hosted our first evening meeting in October at Jennifer's home with a large group with 20 members. We had a gala time with wine and all sorts of goodies provided by the members. After our meeting, we enjoyed an interesting presentation on "Decorating with Plants" by Faith McCabe. In October our Beautification Committee, chaired by Carol Taylor, once again enhanced our entrance with the fall planting of the pansies in time for our November luncheon meeting at the Princess Anne Country Club.

December was an extremely busy and rewarding month. Many thanks to Betsy McEnroe (along with George) for hosting our splendid Christmas social, including spouses and friends, at their home. We also had our annual Holiday luncheon meeting at the Princess Anne Country Club when the members bring their many Christmas gift donations to be delivered by Jackie Harkness to the Samaritan House, the retreat for abused women and their children.

Once again our beautification committee decorated our entrance with the lighted wreaths and garlands, assisted by Ron Hess and BJ Taylor of the Civic League. Thanks also to BJ and Ron for setting up the spot lights for the holly tree. Volunteers are always welcome from all of the residents, not just the board; so, if next year the spirit moves you, we would love to see some new faces to assist. Many thanks to Annette Thompson aided by Dylan Mills and Connor Hall, Colony high school seniors, for hanging the bows and greens on all the sign posts in the Colony.

Members of the Garden Club also contributed to the Christmas decorations for the Francis Land House, the historical home on Virginia Beach Blvd just past Kings Grant Rd. They designed and created a traditional "Kissing Ball" that was hung in the houses done in Colonial Days. It is beautifully decorated for the holidays by all of the various Garden Clubs in Virginia Beach. If you never have been there, put it on your "to do" list.

The big event for December was a revival by the Garden Club of an old Colony tradition – judging the house decorations and lighting by Chesopeian Colony residents. There were 3 categories and ribbons were presented for 1st and 2nd places in each category. There also were some honorable mentions due to so many exceptionally beautiful decorations this holiday. I hope you all had an opportunity to drive around to see them. They were fantastic! The winners were as follows:

Traditional: 1st - 2604 Sandy Valley Rd. – Steve and Susanne Vigus

2nd - 320 Chesopeian Trail – Joe and Shannon LePage

Honorable Mention – 2609 Tarkill Run – Gary and BJ McIntyre

Characters: 1st - 517 Chesopeian Trail – Warren and Jean Palmiter

2nd – 2608 Tarkill Run – Shawn and Mary Padgett

Honorable Mention – 2608 South Kings Rd. - Mike & Julia McLoughlin

Lights: 1st – 420 Wolf's Neck Trail – John and Lynette Corley

2nd - 2633 East Kings Rd – Stephen and Heather Serio

Honorable Mention – 2700 Cattayle Run – Betty and Bill Kennedy

The New Year began on January 8th for the Garden Club at the charming home of Karen Maszewski with an evening meeting preceded by goodies and a social followed by an absolutely fabulous demonstration and workshop by our hostess, Karen. She is a craftsman, designing and creating all kinds of incredibly original greeting cards. She taught all of us how to make them and had spent hours preparing for us. We then were able to take what we had made home with us plus more. Thanks to Karen for being an outstanding hostess and sharing her gift with us.

So, come join us! You will not only learn all sorts of interesting things, but will get to know your fellow neighbors and be a part of enhancing the beauty of our neighborhood as well as helping with our larger community. If interested, call me at 340-8975 or Jeanie Hearst-Graf, our Vice President and program chairman, at 486-5337. All are welcome! Day or night meeting or both!

Betty Kennedy

President, Chesopeian Colony Garden Club



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Welcome to the Neighborhood:

The Smith Family, 305 Chesopeian Trail. Frank, Crystal, Delaney(8), and Lexie(18). Frank is employed by Shore Drive Auto.

The Mitchell Family, 512 Chesopeian Trail. Chris, Heather, Julia(11), Sara(9), and Matthew(7) recently moved here from Maryland. Chris is employed with DePaul Medical Center.

The Bowen Family, 2820 Timber Neck Trail. Dave and Jen have three children. Evan(8), Avery(6), and Emmy(4). Dave is a pilot for FedEx. They recently moved from Memphis.

The McKendry Family, 2629 S. Kings Road. Steven is employed by the U.S. Navy. Melissa is a veterinarian. They have two children, Lilja(11) and Max(7).

If you know of a new neighbor in the Colony, or are new to the neighborhood, please notify Susanne Vigus at...

svigus@verizon.net



Parents of School Children...

Adverse weather challenges drivers at all times of the day, but during times of school dismissal, drivers are faced with an additional challenge in Chesapeake Colony. Indulgent parents, eager to protect their children from the elements, frequently park their cars on side streets in anticipation of the school bus offloading on Chesapeake Trail. Waiting cars are often parked so close to the intersection that they create a hazard to traffic turning into the side streets. Virginia's rules of the road require that parked cars be AT LEAST twenty feet from an intersection. Residents who are awaiting the arrival of a school bus are requested to allow a generous clear space for turning traffic.



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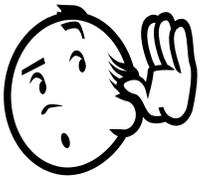
DREDGING UPDATE ...

When the Virginia Beach City Council authorized the ordinance creating the Chesapeake Colony Dredging SSD on August 13, 2013 responsibility for managing the project shifted from our private community initiative to the city Public Works Department. We expected to start paying the SSD tax with the last real estate tax bill in 2013. However, due to administrative issues with the assessing and tracking of the taxes, the city decided to wait until the new tax year beginning in July 2014. Expect to see the SSD tax included with the Fall 2014 tax bill.

The important point for us is that the project is and will stay on schedule. Surveyors are already at work doing the legwork for the permit application. Their next step is to lay out the preliminary channels and then start scheduling meetings with residents to discuss their private dredging. Those discussions are an important opportunity to be informed of your options. They will most likely begin later this month. We still expect the first round of dredging late in 2015.

As we look forward to Spring, it is a good time to remind everyone, including your lawn service, that blowing grass or leaves into our waterways is not appropriate. Leaves, grass clippings, etc. settle and fill in the channels which we are paying to maintain. Please plan to compost or bag instead!

Chesapeake Colony Dredging Committee



From the National Audubon Society, Five actions you can take to protect birds where you live:

1. **Reduce or eliminate pesticides and herbicide use.** By using fewer chemicals in and around your home, you will help keep birds, pets and your family healthy.
2. **Plant native plants.** Native flora provides birds with food in the form of fruit and seeds, and is home to tasty invertebrates like bugs and spiders.
3. **Identify the non-native invasive plants in your region.** Work to remove them from your yard. And don't bring any new invasive plants into your backyard habitat! Invasive plants don't provide as much good food or habitat as natives do, and can threaten healthy ecosystems (think kudzu).
4. **Attract hummingbirds with sugar water.** Make by combining four parts hot water to one part white sugar, boiled for one to two minutes. Never use honey, artificial sweeteners or food coloring. Clean hummingbird feeders with a solution of one part white vinegar to four parts water once a week.
5. **Make your windows visible to birds to prevent crashes.** (who amongst us hasn't been startled by that bird that slams full force into your window, feathers flying everywhere) Put up screens, close drape and blinds when you leave the house or stick multiple decals on the glass (decals need to be no more than two to four inches apart to be effective).



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CCCL BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS 2014

The Civic League President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected to their positions each calendar year. Additionally, two of the six Directors are elected for three-year terms each year. The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of candidates for year 2014:

President: Steve Vigus

Vice-President: George Coleman

Treasurer: April Brown

Secretary: Heather Serio

Director: Philip Figueroa

Director: Frank Gurdziel

Additional nominations may be proposed from the floor at the next general meeting. Candidates must be active members.



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