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Church Run Men's Softball Team Finishes Season in Blaze of Glory

The Church Run Men's Softball Team completed a marathon four-month season on August 2nd, ending with a strong showing in the playoffs. While the team's final record remains unpublished, the team is proud of surviving a near-professional level of competition in the Henrico County Recreational League. The team is already looking forward to next year, perhaps with a few changes. "We're hoping for a league that is a little more age- or skill-appropriate next year," one player is quoted as saying. "After four months of exertion, some players suspect that they are actually over 40, and are contacting their parents to verify this." In any event, great fun was had by all, and the season brought many neighbors closer together.



2010 Church Run Open Golf Tournament

By Joe Cosby

The 2010 Church Run Open Neighborhood Golf Championship was held Saturday, July 24th at Sycamore Creek Golf Course. This year's event marked the 23rd consecutive year that golfers of all abilities from Church Run have competed in this historic event. The 2010 Open was dominated by record breaking heat and golfers withstood temperatures well above 100 degrees in their quest for the coveted title and plastic trophy that goes to the winners. The Open is a captain's choice format tournament that makes it accessible to golfers of varying abilities and skill levels - all of which were well represented in this year's event. As such the tournament never fails to entertain its participants. Six teams competed with scores ranging from even par to seven under par - truly heroic efforts from all teams given the severe conditions.

The 19th Hole Party and Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday night at Tournament Headquarters. Participants and their families enjoyed a backyard cook-out, games and cool drinks. This year's tournament turned out to be one the most closely contested in many years with two teams posting 7 under par efforts thereby forcing a rare and exciting playoff. The team of Joe Cosby, John Pearsall and Joe Calveric edged the team of Kelly Keller, Jeff Elgin, David Murphy and Matt Elgin by winning the sudden death playoff (a hole by hole match beginning with the number 1 handicap hole). Although this marked only the 3rd time in 23 years that the tournament director was on the winning team, Matt Huffnagle immediately launched an ethics committee review of the situation.

Skill prizes were awarded to Kim Gilbert - Closest to Pin Hole #8, Steve Sisson - Long Drive Hole #9, Mac McGarity - Closest to Pin Hole #11 and Randy Correll - Long Drive Hole #18. Matt Elgin and Aaron McGarity were recognized as Future Stars. Of course the most hotly contested prize is the famous booby prize and while virtually every participant was in the running for this handsome trophy, Randy Correll emerged as the winner. In accordance with tournament tradition, Randy invites all neighbors to stop by his home where it will be on display for the next year.

If you missed this year's event, you missed an exciting tournament and a great party. Watch your mailbox and the CRHA website for news of the 2011 Church Run Open. You won't want to miss it!



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Message from the President

By: Steve Parrot

Hello Neighbors!

Fall is upon us. As they say, "time flies when you're having fun." Another Summer is coming to an end, and the excitement and anxiety of attending new schools and meeting new families and friends is here.

Congratulations to the Church Run Rockets and the Church Run Recreation Association for another successful swim and tennis season. Many new families joined the pool and we hope to continue the growth and improvements for next season.

Our Neighborhood Watch initiatives have also been tremendous this year. National Night Out was a huge success with over 80 community members in attendance. Our public safety officials, members of the Board of Supervisors and many others attended and shared in this networking opportunity.

We have also accomplished many social activities from our Community Softball Team, Community Yard Sale, Family Coop Events, Holiday and Sporting Events. Thanks goes out to all who have made these activities a success.

I also want to thank the many people that live in our community for continuing to make improvements on their homes and yards. As you can see, many people have been replacing roofs, siding, landscapes and adding additions to improve their quality of life. In turn this improves the community and the value of each of our homes. As the economy slowly improves, we all will have the ability to make a positive impact. As a reminder, please submit your Architectural Modification Request during the planning phase of your home improvement projects and prior to proceeding with any changes to your home or property as required by the Church Run Covenants and Standards. The Board is currently reviewing several suggested changes to the standards. The Board may also be submitting changes to the covenants that will be voted on during the Annual Meeting in January 2011.

It is also time to think about your commitment to the neighborhood and what roles you can play that will make a difference. The Church Run Homeowners Association is always looking for eligible members from the community to run for the Board and serve on the committees. Please consider stepping up and offering your name for nomination for the 2011 calendar year. You may send your name and information to any one of the Board members.

In closing, I ask for your support and initiatives to embrace the following motto for the Fall of 2010. "Keep Our Common Areas Clean." Henrico County has done a good job of cleaning up the creek area and drainage along Church Run Parkway. As the leaves fall and foliage changes this Fall, please be a good community member by cleaning up your yards and properly disposing of your leaves and yard debris by hauling it off to the landfill.

As always, thanks to each of you for making Church Run a great place to live, work and play!

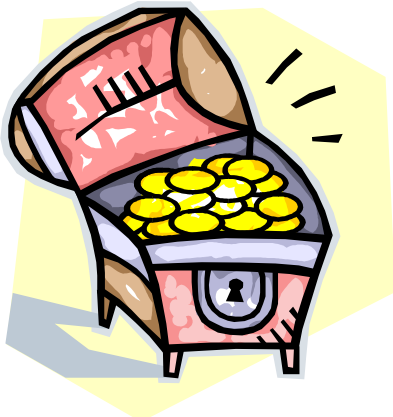
Treasurer's Report

By: Joe Cosby

Treasurer's Report

The CRHA remains in strong financial standing. Through the first half of 2010 the CRHA is running approximately \$2,000 over budget.

The bulk of this variance is due to legal and management fees charged by our management company Community Group for architectural control enforcement issues. We are also slightly over budget in lighting and signage repair due to a underground short at the Church Road entrance and vandalism to some neighborhood signs. Our contingency reserve position remains well funded for emergency expenditures and planned maintenance and replacement of community assets. If you have any questions about any aspects of the CRHA financial position please contact Joe Cosby - Treasurer or any Board member.



Church Run Rockets — Thanks to Some Amazing Coaches, and Parents!

By Suzanne Ridgway

The Church Run Rockets finished another great swim season with a 5 and 1 record. We had a simply stellar set of coaches this year, and we want to recognize them again: Sarah Ridgway, Wyatt Haas, Jessica Arndt, Patrick Maloney. In addition, please take a moment to thank all of the wonderful swim team parents! That includes the board members and ALL the volunteers who gave their time. We want to give a special recognition to Elise Sandler, who received the Bill Corbin Award for going above and beyond the call of volunteerism. Elise 'retired' from the board after running the snack bar for 3 years. When no one else would volunteer, Elise came back and helped get snack bar going for all 3 home meets, along with the assistance of her husband Doug. Thank you Sandler and all Church Run parents!

Church Run Book Club Celebrates Ten Years!

By: Lori Haas

Among the many groups that get together on a regular basis in our neighborhood is a book club started by Carolyn Elgin in June, 2000. The Church Run Book Club has been meeting on the last Monday of the month for 10 years now and is still going strong. The book club enjoys a "no rules" attitude when it comes to their get-togethers, which average about 10 times per year. The gatherings have also included weekends away, dinners out, book & author dinners, programs by favorite authors and, of course much discussion.

The first book read & discussed was "Cider House Rules" by John Irving and the most recent was "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson. It was the 100th book read by the group! The book club has read & discussed a wide range of books from all genres over the last 10 years, which has lead to many spirited discussions.

The Book Club celebrated their 10th Anniversary at newcomer Rachel Williams' house in June, complete with a cake and much reminiscing. In honor of their anniversary, the group decided to come up with a "top ten" list of their favorite books. All members sent in their secret votes for their favorite 10 books from the 100 books the club has read over the years.

The group met in July at Jean Blunt's house for the much anticipated revelation of the list. Liz Dickie (resident book club accountant & historian) revealed the all time top ten list from the club. Here they are:

The Help, by Kathryn Stockett
The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society, by Maryanne Shaffer & Annie Barrows
The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls
The Red Tent, by Anita Diamont
Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson
The Kite Runner, by Kahled Hosseini
The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd
My Sister's Keeper, by Jodi Picoult
East of Eden, by John Steinbeck
All Over But the Shoutin, by Rick Bragg

The Church Run Book Club is very excited about the next 10 years and next 100 books!

Neighborhood Indian Guides

By: Preston Beaumont

The Y Guides and Y Princesses are programs run by the YMCA that are designed to bring fathers and sons and fathers and daughters closer together. Each Fall and Spring, the Guides and Princesses have separate father-son/father-daughter camping trips, called "Longhouses." Church Run families participate in two Guides tribes (the Arapahoe and the Iroquois), and a Princess tribe (the Mohawk). Camping destinations include Christopher Run on Lake Anna, Westview on the James in Goochland County, Camp Whitehall on the Mattaponi River, Chickahominy Park on the Chickahominy River, and others. The campers also spend the weekend fishing, canoeing, hiking, swimming, competing in relay races, and bonding around the campfire. The tribes work on community service projects and other projects designed to earn badges throughout the year.



Last year, fourteen dads from Church Run formed the Iroquois Indian Guides tribe of the Cherokee Nation at the Tuckahoe YMCA. In its inception year, the tribe was awarded the Longhouse Award during the Spring camping event! The prestigious award is given to a single tribe for the tribe's spirit, impact to the community, charitable contributions and volunteering. This young tribe, ages 5 years old and older, had an active year ranging from helping the Virginia Food Bank and the Toys for Tots Foundation to helping clean up in Belle Isle in the City of Richmond, to mention a few. Older boys in the Arapahoe Tribe hiked the mountains around Sherando Lake off the Blue Ridge Parkway, received survival training from the Blue Ridge Mountain rescue service, and raised money to send underprivileged kids to summer basketball camp.

New tribes are formed every season, usually when the children are between 5 and 8 years old. If you have an interest in starting a new tribe of boys or girls the same age, from the neighborhood or otherwise, contact Kerry Wortzel at 332-0578 or the Tuckahoe YMCA for more information.

Updated Social Calendar

By: Marcy Kaplan

Here are the dates for upcoming neighborhood Co-op events:

September 26— Agecroft Hall Family Concern with Richmond Ballet - 5:30pm.

October 9—Apple Festival at Carter's Museum in Charlottesville

October 11—Pumpkin Patch Trip (Co-op) - School is out.

October 13 - Quarterly Co-Op Meeting (details TBD)

October 24- Halloween parade followed by Chili Cookoff! It will be a Halloween Extravaganza! Please let Debbie Parrot or Kelly Harris know if you are interested in helping to plan this event.

November 12—Kid's race; Times-Dispatch Run (night before the Richmond Marathon)

Early December—Cookie Exchange hosted by Kelly Harris—more details to follow!

December 10—Holiday party and white elephant gift exchange hosted by Mancini family

Java Hour: Aimed for families with younger children (ages 4 and under), these are informal playdates with other moms and young children in the neighborhood. Please contact Marcy Kaplan at ecomarcy@comcast.net.



Henrico County Projects

By: Joe Cosby

The following is an update of road projects taking place in the area:

John Rolfe Parkway

Construction of John Rolfe Parkway Phase 1 from Broad Street to Pump Road remains under construction with some sections already open. Some traffic changes will occur in the next few weeks but completion of the intersection at Church/Pump/John Rolfe is scheduled for Spring 2011. Phase II from Pump to Ridgefield Road is underway with a scheduled completion date of Spring 2012.

North Gayton – Shady Grove

This is a design build project with both construction and design occurring concurrently. Construction is underway with a Spring 2012 completion date that will result in connection from Shady Grove Road at Pouncey Tract to North Gayton Road at Broad Street. Together this project and the John Rolfe Parkway will reduce traffic congestion at Broad Street and Pump Road intersection.

Three Chopt Water Line Extension

Construction of the Three Chopt Water Line extension continues with a November 2010 completion date still on target. This project extends a 30 inch water main from Gaskins Road near the County water treatment facility to just west of Thamesford Way. The project will allow Henrico to provide water to Goochland County. Once installation of the water main is complete road repair will include milling and repaving. Additionally, the County has indicated that adjacent areas disturbed during construction will be restored.

Three Chopt Road Improvements

Improvements and widening of Three Chopt Road will occur sometime after the completion of the above projects with a tentative start date of 2012. Design work for this project is underway and updates will be provided as they become available.

Fall Reminders

Notes from the Architectural Review Committee

Fall Leaf Removal

Autumn leaves will soon be falling. Make sure your leaf removal plans minimize the amount of time the bags or piles of leaves will remain at the curb. Henrico will soon be publishing their leaf removal schedule. If you use this removal approach, please try to coordinate closely with the dates indicated for Church Run. Long term storage of leaves at the curb is both unsightly and a traffic hazard.

Yard Maintenance

Please try to make sure your yard is maintained in a manner that will make both you and your neighbors proud. The CR Standards define the minimum expectations for the neighborhood but enforcement of these Standards should be the last resort. Hopefully it is the desire to keep our neighborhood looking nice and not required compliance with Standards that is our primary motivation. You may not be interested in competing for yard of the month but a little time devoted to mowing the lawn, trimming the shrubs and removing leaves and debris from the yard and street gutter will go a long way toward being thought of as a good neighbor and not “that neighbor”.

Pet Control

If you have a dog or cat please make sure they are also good neighbors. A barking dog is one of the most common complaints in the neighborhood. If your dog is one of the pets contributing to this problem please increase supervision of the animal or keep it indoors. CR homes are close to each other and the sound of a barking dog travels a great distance so please try to be considerate.

Same Places, New Faces

By: Marcy Kaplan

We would like to remind our residents to provide updates for the directory. Please do so by visiting the Church Run website, churchrun.org, under "Resident Information" or emailing either your Street Representative or me if there is any information that needs to be updated or corrected. If you have any questions, or did not receive your directory, please contact Marcy Kaplan, eco-marcy@comcast.net.

Please join the Communications Committee in welcoming the following new residents to our neighborhood:

Jarred and Sarah Nowell of 3895 Ensley Court.

Melissa Curchison of 3754 Churchwood Place.

Henry and Rachel Williams of 3730 Byfield Place.

Thanhhuong and Stacey Le of 11313 Belhaven Court.

Matthew and Kristan Streadbeck of 3766 Churchwood Place.

K.C. and Jen Funk have moved to 11201 Ensley Place.



HOA News—New Security Measures In Place On The Website



By: Marcy Kaplan

You will find new security measures in place. These security features will be in place for the items listed under the "Resident Information" field to the far left side of the home page. You will be prompted to register for a user name and password. This request will be validated and cross referenced to the e-mail address that we have on file with our association directory. Once the verification has been confirmed, your request will be validated and an e-mail will be sent to you indicating your username and password has been activated. Since this validation process is performed by a designated moderator, please allow 24 to 48 hours for this validation process.

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Newsletter Mission

The Church Run Herald is the official publication for the Church Run Homeowners' Association. It is the Newsletter Committee's goal to increase community pride and build support for local and neighborhood events. This goal is embedded in the Committee's mission statement:

"To develop a greater sense of community and a higher degree of involvement in

neighborhood initiatives by means of informing, engaging and educating residents on issues that impact Church Run's quality of life."



The Church Run Herald is published quarterly. Submit your ideas to Kerry Wortzel, the newsletter editor, or contact your Street Representative. Your questions, comments, suggestions, and requests for information or specific articles are welcome. The Committee also extends an invitation to all residents to become part of the team!