



April-June 2023

Coventry Chronicles

The quarterly newsletter for the Coventry Homeowners Association in Yorktown, VA



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HOA Board Member Update

On January 6th, 2023 the HOA Board of Directors met to decide on official positions. A paper vote was conducted by exiting Secretary of the HOA Board, Brian Kross. The vote concluded with directors in the following positions:

President: Julianne Post, Justinian Grove
Vice President: Ruthann Gray-Grabowski, Faison Green
Treasurer: Randy Wojcik, Davis Forge
Secretary: Jiselle Anderson, Smithy Glen
Director: Tony Collins, Presson Arbor

As of February 10th, 2023 Director Tony Collins has decided to step down as Director. Per the Coventry HOA By-Laws, the Board is currently seeking out a new Director to take part in reaching the goals of the 2023 HOA Board, which are to improve communication and amenities.

Make sure to check out Julianne Post's first ever "From the President's Desk" and join the HOA Board at the next monthly, HOA meeting.



From The President's Desk

"If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself." -Henry Ford

I would like to start by thanking our previous President, Tony Collins, for all of his hard work over the past 19 years of him being President. If it were not for him we would not have some of our wonderful amenities, loyal connections, and great foundation to build on top of.

In January 2023, I was voted in as President to serve a year-long position. Alongside me comes a hard-working, dedicated team of our Vice-President Ruthann Grabowski, Treasurer Randy Wojcik, Secretary Jiselle Anderson, and our lovely office Staff Rachael & Annette. Together, we plan to serve our community with grace and resilience. We welcome your thoughts and ideas as we move forward in planning out the rest of 2023.

This year we would like to welcome two new Vendors to our community to take on our massive contracts. Please welcome with me U.S. Lawns for our landscape contract and Clearwater Pool Management for our pool contract. We are excited about how these changes will positively impact our community.

As a board, we are looking to delegate work and work together as a team. If you are interested in helping us with specific projects, long or short term, we would love to hear from you. Many hands make light work. This year we have several committees that are helping support the community: Architectural Review Committee, Document Review Committee, Beautification Committee, Recreation/Social Event Committee, Social Media Committee, and Newsletter Committee. If you feel like you would be able to help us in one of these areas we'd love to hear from you!

I love Walt Disney's quote, "Around here we don't look backwards for very long... We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." As your President, I'm very interested in seeing a positive and supportive community surround us. I may not always have the best path, but I can guarantee you that I will always seek the most positive outcome for all of us in the community. I'm grateful you chose me to serve. Thank you for the opportunity and the grace as we navigate this transition together!

Cheers,
Julianne Post
Master Board President
Coventry Homeowners Association

EASTER EGG HUNT

April 8th at 10 AM at the
Clubhouse grounds.

For children who live in
Coventry ages 1 to 10. Only
helps kids who need it, and
don't hog the eggs!

THE EASTER BUNNY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Friday, April 7th at 9:30 AM at
the Clubhouse to fill 1500 eggs!!!

Saturday, April 8th at 8:30 am at
the clubhouse to hide eggs
including those donated by Liz
Moore and Associates, which
means about 3000 eggs to hide!!!

Lots of eggs means we need lots
of people. No sign-up needed, just
show up with your helping hands.



Submitted by resident
Gary Cusack



Yes, walking is a great source of exercise along with opportunities to meet and talk with our friends and neighbors. But we can add additional initiative with our walks. Have you ever noticed some little area in our neighborhood that could look a whole lot better if only somebody cared for it once in a while? Ever wonder how good you would feel if you were that somebody? This could be your chance to find out how rewarding caring for our Coventry community can be.

Each of us needs to be conscientious about not creating litter. Unfortunately, when someone is not careful, then we all need to pick up the dropped "ball." That's what the Adopt-A-Spot program is all about-picking up the litter dropped by other people.

It doesn't sound like fun, but amazingly enough, it is. And keeping your "spot" clean is one of the most rewarding volunteer activities in which you can participate. When you look back over the area you cleaned in the previous hour or two, you will feel a deep sense of satisfaction and pride.

Not only will you feel good, but research by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. shows regularly cleaning areas helps reduce the amount of litter that is dropped on the site. According to Keep America Beautiful, litter tends to accumulate where people feel no sense of ownership, when they think other people will pick up after them, and when litter has already accumulated.

Whether you are one person or a member of a group, you can Adopt-A-Spot along Coventry Blvd, Owen Davis Blvd, or other areas within our community. **Contact the York County Outreach Coordinator (757 890 3780) to Adopt-a-Spot and perform litter pickup, as well as walk with a purpose.**



SPLASH INTO SUMMER WITH THE **COVENTRY SAILFISH SWIM TEAM**

Summer swim is a great way to improve swim strokes, learn to swim, stay in shape for fall sports and HAVE FUN! No competitive swimming experience is needed!

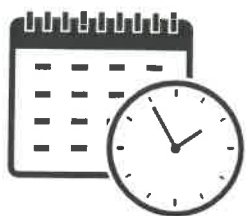
The Coventry Sailfish swim team, a member of the GPSA summer swim league, is open to all Coventry HOA homeowners and affiliate pool members**

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2023!

For more information, contact coventrysailfish@gmail.com, visit our website at www.coventrysailfish.swimtopia.com or scan the code below.



**Annual Affiliate pool memberships are available to local non-Coventry HOA members, and provide access to both Coventry swimming pools. Please contact the Coventry HOA at 757-867-9200 for more information. Affiliate members MUST show proof of membership by the first day of practice.



Community and Local Events

April 2023

- 1 10K & 5K Victory YMCA Race/Family Fun Run at Riverwalk Landing, 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 8 Yorktown Market Days - Go Green Marke @ Riverwalk Landing 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 8 Coventry Easter Egg Hunt Celebration 10 AM**
- 10 Coventry HOA Meeting @ the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**
- 11 Ferguson Glade HOA Meeting @ the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**
- 15 Yorktown Market Days - Sister Cities French Market @ Riverwalk Landing 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- 22 Yorktown Market Days @ Riverwalk Landing 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 23 Tour of Trucks at the Langley Speedway 12:00- 3:00 PM
- 24 ARC Meeting @ 6:30 PM**
- 25 Smithy Glen HOA Meeting, @ the Clubhouse, 7:00 PM**
- 29 Yorktown Market Days - Pirate Invasion Market @ Riverwalk Landing, 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 29-30 Pirates Invade Yorktown Weekend, 10:00 AM- 5:00 PM both days.

May 2023

- 3 Finch Terrance HOA Meeting 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 6 Coventry Community Garage Sale 8:00 AM- 2:00 PM
- 8 Coventry HOA Meeting for all residents, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 9 Ferguson Glade HOA Mtg, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 6 Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival @ Riverwalk Landing, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- 7 Art at the River Juried Art Show, @ Riverwalk Landing, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- 13 Yorktown Market Days - Vintage Market/Car Show on Main Street 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 20, 27 Yorktown Market Days @ Riverwalk Landing, 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- 22 ARC Meeting @ 6:30 PM**
- 23 Smithy Glen HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 27 Coventry HOA Pools Open**

June 2023

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Sounds of Summer Concert Series @ Riverwalk, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- 3, 10, 17, 24 Yorktown Market Days @ Riverwalk Landing 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
- 5, 19 Community Yoga at the Watermen's Museum 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM
- 12 Coventry HOA Meeting for all residents, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 13 Ferguson Glade HOA Mtg, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 26 ARC Meeting @ 6:30 PM**
- 27 Smithy Glen HOA Mtg, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**

Current as of printing,

Please check Facebook and neighborhood marque for any schedule changes that may be necessary

Coventry's Food Truck Season Menu

LOCATED 100 WROUGHTIRON WAY

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SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

9 AM -
12 PM

GEORGIA RIB'S & CATERING

THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH

5 PM -
8 PM

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FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

5 PM -
8 PM

SKRIMP SHACK

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH

5 PM -
8 PM

AND MORE TO COME!!!



Check Facebook and marque for updates.



COVENTRY
HOA
RESOLUTIONS
1ST QUARTER

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE
PASSED THIS FIRST QUARTER 2024**

The annual meeting date [will be] for the second Monday of November, since no records exist to show when the first annual meeting was held.

A resident or homeowner can be hired by the Coventry Homeowner's Association (CHOA) if that individual is deemed capable of completing the work to the standards expected by CHOA.

Coventry Homeowner's Association (CHOA) non-exempt employees are required to receive and sign a contract, a list of duties and responsibilities, and an employment handbook once each document is created by CHOA.

Coventry Homeowner's Association non-exempt employees are required, once created by CHOA, to receive and maintain a training manual for his/her position and ensure that each manual remains up-to-date with current duties and responsibilities.

"The CHOA Board shall authorize overtime by a majority vote... except in cases of an emergency situation. In an emergency case, a single Board member has the authority to authorize overtime, however, they shall inform the rest of the Board members as soon as possible of the situation.

Newest ARC Guidelines for Single Family Homes

For fences certain non-wood materials may be approved:

·**Composite materials** shall be a wood grain or brush stroke pattern surface and be light natural wood color such as pine or red cedar. White, black, gray or other non-wood colors are discouraged, but will be considered on a case-by-case basis when trying to match existing architectural feature. Approved products include the Veranda product in the color wood grain brown. Acceptable types are Jatoba and Heartwood from Veranda and Amberwood and Rosewood from Wolf.

·**Vinyl:** Approved vinyl products include Bufftech Products in the color wood grain brown or wood grain white. Acceptable types are Brazilian Blend Select Cedar and Sierra Bland Select Cedar from Home Depot.

·**PVC Picket fences** shall be submitted for approval as to manufacturer types.



Metal Roofs

Metal roofs are not acceptable as the primary roofing material for any roof. It may be accepted as an accent roof such as porches or bay windows. Colors will be considered on a case-by-case basis when trying to match existing architectural features.

Pavers

for pavers, natural stone and paving bricks are allowed for use in driveways and walkways. Colors will be considered on a case-by-case basis when trying to match existing architectural features.



For a copy of the ARC Exterior Alteration Application go to COVENTRYHOAOFYORKTOWN.ORG/external-alteration-app and once completed turn the form into the office.



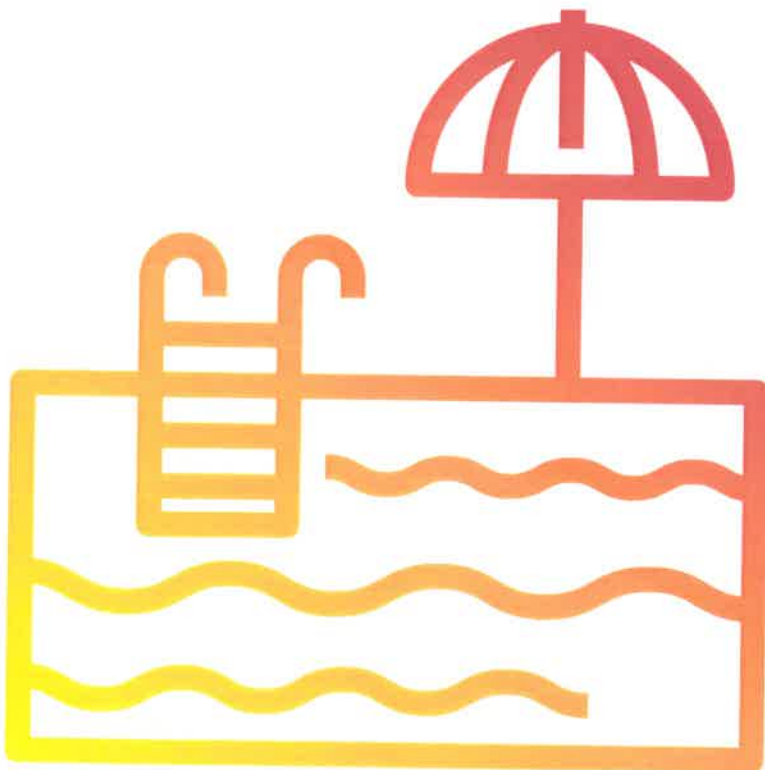
Coventry Beautification

"All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray. I've been for a walk and saw the leaves being thrown away." A small lyric change from a classic hit in regard to discarding viable nutrients that our lawns and gardens can benefit. Carbon, nitrogen, potassium and phosphorus is being sent off to landfills. A simple solution this Fall; keep a blanket of shredded leaves in your garden. Simply by running your lawn mower over fallen leaves instantly shreds them into precious fertilizer. Microorganisms and worms help decompose the leaves and feed your garden.

The Beautification Committee is pleased to announce some substantial projects that were recently approved by the Coventry Board Members. Projects include hardscaping along walkway benches, and large expansive Azalea beds to enhance and add seasonal color. Hopefully more projects will be forthcoming to bring our beautiful community back to par.

Again, special thanks to all our volunteers, board members and neighbors that come to monthly meetings. We invite the community to invest a small amount of time to make our neighborhoods and Coventry subdivision the best it can be.

Stephen A. Orlando
Beautification Committee Chairperson



POOL SEASON!

Saturday, May 27th

Memorial Day Weekend



Hours of Operation:

Clubhouse Pool

10 AM - 8 PM

Harvest Lake Pool

12 Noon - 8 PM

Critter Corner

Coventry's Large Bird Nesting Locations

By resident Kelly Myers

Did you know Coventry is home to many large birds including large raptors and wading birds like eagles, owls, Great Blue Herons, and egrets. If you love these large birds, then Coventry is in a fortunate and unique location. We have plenty of water, food, and large trees for nesting.

We currently have an eagle or eagles living in live tall trees that line the reservoir and Harvest Lake. Eagles may mate throughout the year and may lay eggs as early as January. Even though eagles have been removed from the list of endangered species, they are still protected by federal law. These birds like to nest in mature, or old-growth trees, cliffs, and rocky outcroppings. Coventry offers the nesting locations in our trees and a food source in the reservoir. This accounts for the routine appearance of an eagle, or eagles that can be seen flying over areas near the reservoir.

Grey herons typically breed from February through May or early June. They will typically nest in tall trees in groups. These groups are called "Heronries." It is possible to hear their chatter during the spring and summer months when visiting Smithy Glen. Their nests are ungainly, made of sticks and twigs.

Most of us know that the beautiful white birds you see wading in Coventry's retention ponds are called Egrets. They are a member of the heron family. They mate sometime between April and May and will nest with other heron species. They like swamps and wetlands where they can fish and typically nest 20 – 40 feet above ground in medium sized trees. Very occasionally they will nest very close to the ground near the water. These birds were hunted to near extinction in the 19th Century and were the subject of some of the first laws established to protect birds.

There are several different owl species in Virginia, and so for the purposes of this article, the nesting habits of the Great Horned Owl will be described. These birds will often inhabit abandoned nests built by other birds, or even squirrels from the prior year. They generally like to nest in high locations off the ground; sometimes as high as 100 feet. The types of trees they usually inhabit are cottonwood, beech, birch, and pine. They usually stay within a few miles of their nest year around.

It is nice to share our home with these giant and graceful birds. It is my hope that most of us enjoy seeing these feathered neighbors around in our trees and our bodies of waters.



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Cougar Dash 5K

Sponsored by the Coventry Elementary PTA

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Packet Pick-up & Vendor Expo: Friday, April 21 from
5-7:30 p.m.

Cougar Dash 5K

Cougar Dash 5K starts @ 9:00 a.m.
Registration includes medal and t shirt.

Adults:
Before March 10: \$25
Starting March 10: \$30
Youth (3-18):
Before March 10: \$15
Starting March 10: \$20

1 Mile Fun Run

1 Mile Fun Run starts @ 8:30 a.m.
Registration includes medal and t shirt.

\$15 all ages

*No same day on-site registrations.
*1.0hr late only guaranteed for registrations before April 7th.



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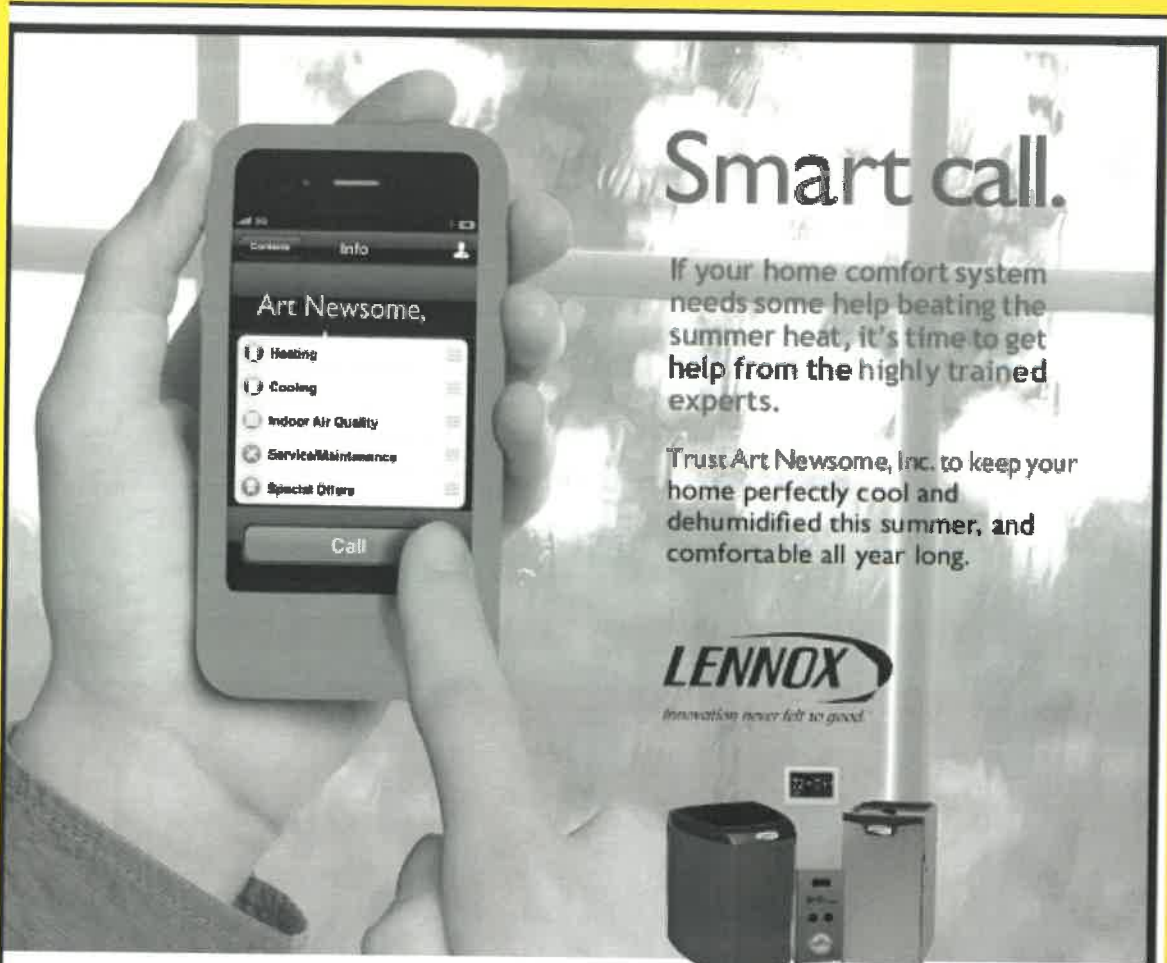
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