



# **WELCOME TO COVENTRY**

**COVENTRY HOMEOWNERS'  
ASSOCIATION**

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## **A New Year's Message from the HOA President**

Dear Coventry Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you and your families healthy, happy, and refreshed as we look ahead to 2026. A new year always brings a sense of optimism, and it's exciting to reflect on what we've accomplished together while looking forward to what's ahead for our community.

One major milestone we reached this past quarter was the completion of the first phase of restoring Patrick Lake. This is an important step toward the lake's long-term health. Over the next several months, the sediment will need time to dry before it can be adequately removed, and we appreciate everyone's patience as this process continues.

We're also pleased to share that clubhouse repairs will begin in January and are expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. Along with the repairs, we'll be making a few updates—including a fresh new color and updated window treatments—to help enhance this shared space for everyone to enjoy.

Another exciting development is that in January, we will be signing the trail easement documents with York County. Once finalized, the County will officially assume responsibility for maintaining the main trail along Owen Davis Boulevard and Coventry Boulevard on the lakeside. This is a significant step toward ensuring the long-term care and maintenance of one of our most enjoyable amenities.

On the community side, thank you to everyone who participated in this year's neighborhood Christmas light competition. The displays were truly beautiful and added so much holiday cheer throughout Coventry. A very special shoutout goes to Ruthann for organizing the Children's Holiday Craft event in November. The kids had a wonderful time—my granddaughters included—and it was a joy to see so many smiling faces. Thank you, Ruthann, for making it such a memorable event!

As always, thank you for being part of what makes Coventry such a special place to live. Your involvement, support, and sense of community are what keep our neighborhood thriving. We are always looking for volunteers, and we are looking for someone to lead the social committee. If you are interested, please contact the office. I look forward to another great year ahead and all that we will accomplish together.

Warm regards,

David Dierberger

President, Coventry Homeowners Association

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ARTICLE**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS!**

**THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (BC) AND IT'S VOLUNTEERS HAVE HAD A SUCCESSFUL 2025. MORE CLEAN-UP OF OVER GROWN TREES AND SHRUBS, HARDSCAPING PROJECTS, AND AN INVITATION TO FUTURE GARDENERS & VOLUNTEERS IN ASSISTING IN OUR CHILDREN'S LEARNING GARDEN. THE CHILDREN'S LEARNING GARDEN WAS OVERWHELMED BY THE MANY VENDORS THAT DONATED TIME AND MATERIALS. ON THE DAY OF PREPARING GARDENS & FLOWER BEDS, AN OUTPOURING OF VOLUNTEERS CAME TO HELP. WHAT TEAM WORK!**

**THE NEW YEAR NOT ONLY BRINGS HOPE, BUT CONTINUES TO BRING COMMUNITY AWARENESS. THE BC CARRIES OUT PROJECTS THAT NOT ONLY ENHANCES OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, BUT HELPS EDUCATE CULTURAL PRACTICES. FROM CORRECT TIMES FOR PLANTING AND PRUNING, SELECTING PROPER PLANTS FOR OUR AREA (NATIVE PLANTS PREFERABLY), BEST TIMES TO FERTILIZER TREES AND SHRUBS, AND WHEN TO ESTABLISH A HEALTHY LAWN. YOUR BC IS HERE TO HELP.**

**THE BC HOPES TO ENCOURAGE MORE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP ON PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. GENERALLY GIVING A FEW HOURS ON A SATURDAY MORNING A FEW TIMES EACH YEAR. A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME MAKES SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE AND ENHANCES OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.**

**THANK YOU!**

**STEPHEN ORLANDO  
BEAUTIFICATION CHAIRPERSON & VOLUNTEER**



## Woodpeckers Found in Virginia

Virginia is home to eight different woodpecker species. Below, you'll find out what they are and a little about each.

Starting with the Pileated Woodpecker, the largest of those found throughout Virginia, with a wingspan of 26 to 30 inches, this bird is mainly black, with a distinctive white stripe on its face and neck that gives it a mask-like appearance, and a red head. These birds may frustrate you in the spring by pecking at your house trim and sounding like a jackhammer inside your home. Their preferred diet includes wood-boring beetles, ants, and other insects found in decaying trees, although they are omnivorous and also eat some plants. When they search for food, they leave a recognizable signature—a large, rectangular hole. The Pileated Woodpecker finds a single mate and keeps that mate for life.

The Downy Woodpecker is the smallest of the woodpeckers, with a wingspan of just 13 inches. These small birds are found throughout most of North America and are a personal favorite because of their fuzzy stomachs. They have a red patch on their heads, and the black-and-white striped pattern on their backs makes them look like they have polka dots. In winter, these birds travel in mixed-species flocks, which offer better predator detection and lead to more successful foraging.

The Hairy Woodpecker is the larger relative to the Downy Woodpecker, with a wingspan of 16 to 20 inches. Both species are commonly found together across most of their North American ranges. Likewise, the Hairy Woodpecker and the Pileated Woodpecker are frequently seen near each other. The Hairy Woodpecker arrives when it hears the drumming of the Pileated Woodpecker excavating for insects and often scavenges the deep holes left by the larger bird after they move on. It is an opportunist when it comes to finding food, also spotting and drinking sap that leaks from wells in bark created by sapsuckers. While the typical lifespan of this woodpecker ranges from five to ten years, the oldest recorded individual was a male that lived nearly 16 years.

The Red-Cockaded Woodpecker is native to Virginia. The male has a brown-and-white striped back, a black-and-white head with a tiny red patch on the side. The female resembles the male, but without red. It is the only Virginia woodpecker whose numbers are threatened. In 2002, only two breeding pairs remained in Virginia. The decline in their numbers is due to habitat loss of mature pine forests. This woodpecker excavates nesting sites in mature pine forests. The male and female cooperate, but excavation can take months. Since 2002, their numbers have grown through efforts to preserve and restore longleaf pine forests and by installing nest boxes to provide new nesting sites for families. The only public place to see the Red-Cockaded is in the Big Woods Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Sussex County. A WMA permit or a valid hunting or fishing license is required.

The Northern Flicker has a striking appearance. It is primarily brown with black barring, a cream-colored spotted underside, a black crescent on the chest, and red bars on the nape and around the eye. While some subspecies of the Northern Flicker have faced challenges, the bird generally does well because it can adapt to human-altered landscapes. Its preferred nesting sites are dead or dying trees, but it will also burrow into wooden utility poles and fence posts. They eat termites, ants, caterpillars, and beetles, along with various plant materials. They are active birds with a chattering call.

Contrary to its name, the Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker has a white to very pale yellow underside. They are mainly black and white, with red on the top of their head, and males also feature a red throat. These birds prefer to collect tree sap from birch and maple trees, which also supplies food for ruby-throated hummingbirds, bats, and porcupines. They utilize human-made materials for territorial drumming. The Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker is the only entirely migratory woodpecker. The oldest bird was a male banded in New Jersey who was later found far away in South Carolina.

The Red-Bellied Woodpecker is another medium-sized bird with a wingspan of 14 to 17 inches. They are generally pale, featuring black bars on their backs and a red cap on their heads. This is another woodpecker you might be inclined to call a red-headed woodpecker. They are backyard visitors, sometimes visiting suet feeders and feeders with sunflower seeds and peanuts. They have also been seen sipping from hummingbird feeders. Their tongues can extend two inches past the end of their beak.

The Red-headed Woodpecker is also a native of Virginia, with a wingspan ranging from 14 to 17 inches. These birds are easy to identify by their head, fully covered in a striking, bright red. The breeding pair works together to build a nest in a dead or dying tree, with each bird sharing domestic duties. They are fiercely protective of their territory, even going so far as to destroy the nests and eggs of other species, including duck eggs. They are the only woodpecker known to hide and store food. An interesting fact about these birds is that Pleistocene-era fossils, dating back up to 2 million years, have been found in Virginia and Florida.

# NEWSLETTER

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## MASTER BOARD

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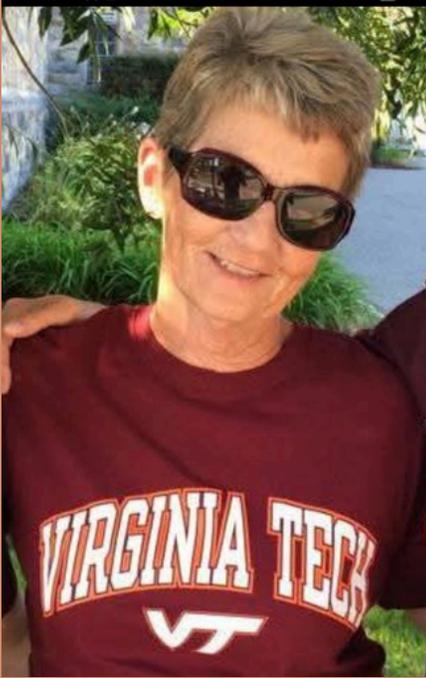
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- YORK COUNTY RECYCLING: 757-890-3780



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2026
- 4th Finch Terrace 7pm
- 9th Coventry HOA Meeting 7pm
- 10th Ferguson Glade 7pm
- 14th Beautification Pruning 10am-12
- 16th Book Club 7pm
- 19th Beautification Committee 10am
- 23rd ARC Meeting 6:30pm
- 24th Smithy Glen 7pm

- MARCH 2026
- 9th Coventry HOA Meeting 7pm
- 10th Ferguson Glade 7pm
- 16th Book Club Meeting 7pm
- 21st Craft Night 4pm-11pm
- 23rd ARC Meeting 6:30pm
- 24th Smithy Glen 7pm



ANN GODWIN-SMITHY GLEN  
TREASURER



RUTHANN GRABROWSKI-  
COVENTRY SECRETARY

Thank you for your unwavering years of dedication to our community here at Coventry. All you have done to make our community a better place; your efforts are truly appreciated.

We're grateful for your selfless service and the positive impact you made each and every day.

Your hard work and dedication to the community needs have been amazing and we want to give you ladies a huge thank you!!

*Thank  
you!*



## **CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY**

Construction has begun, marking the start of transforming plans into reality. This phase requires careful coordination of resources, skilled workers, and precise planning to ensure everything fits together smoothly. Safety is a top priority, with measures to protect both the workforce and the environment. As days go by, the structure starts to form, reflecting the vision and effort of everyone involved. This phase not only leads to the project's completion but also supports the community's growth and development. Renovations are expected to take 3-4 weeks. Stay tuned!!

Coventry Homeowners:

The Coventry Homeowners Association Board of Directors approved the 2026 budget.

Dues start on January 1, 2026, and expenses for items specific to each Village are shown in the chart below.

	Davis Forge	Faison Green	Justinian Grove	Presson Arbor	Lilburne Meadow	Smithy Glen	Ferguson Glade	Finch Terrace
Residential Assessment (Master)	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Sub-Association Operating						\$24.05	\$9.00	\$21.28
Sub-Association Reserve						\$65.10	\$88.00	\$89.30
Trash Collection						\$22.95		\$11.56
Termite Inspection						\$3.00		\$2.86
Lawn Maintenance						\$4.90		
Total Monthly Dues	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$185.00	\$162.00	\$190.00

Master Association Residential Assessment covers Master Association Operating Expenses and Reserve Contributions.

Lawn Maintenance Expenses: Cost of lawn care for Smithy Glens' unfenced yard area. Lawn service in other villages is provided or paid for by the homeowner individually.

For homeowners with an automatic payment set up, please review the change to your dues and make the necessary changes with your financial institution. New due amounts start on January 1.

Homeowners without automatic payments should send or drop off their payments at Coventry Homeowners Association, 100 Wrought Iron Bend, Yorktown, VA 23693-4539.

Payments must be dropped off by the 10th of each month so the office staff can mail them to the payment center for processing before the dues are considered late. Payments not submitted by the 10th should be sent directly to the payment center at: PO Box 97164, Las Vegas, NV 89193-7164. Payment received late will be charged a late fee.

Late Fee: The Master Association will charge a \$15.00 late fee for payments made after the 30th day of the month. Ferguson Glade, Finch Terrace, and Smithy Glen Associations will impose a \$15.00 late fee after the 16th day of the month.

If you have any questions, please stop by the office or call the staff at 757-867-9200.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Coventry Homeowners Association, Inc.

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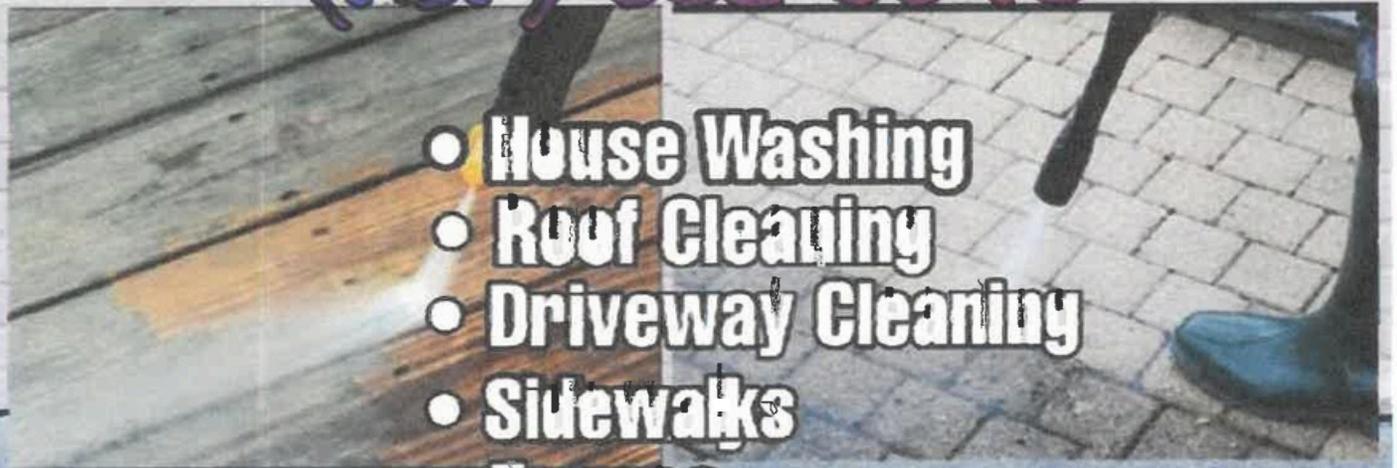


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