

COVENTRY

NEWSLETTER

TOP 5 MASTER BOARD PROJECTS

This year the master board had quite a few things to tackle to maintain the safety and quality of our amenities. Turn to Pg 5 to see the major projects we have been working on this year.

ANNUAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE! Your annual member's meeting is Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 at Coventry Elementary School. We will have heavy refreshments and \$100 gift card prizes for those that come and vote. This is one meeting you don't want to miss!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you using your gifts for good? Coventry is always looking for helping hands with various projects. If you are looking to give back to your community we'd love to have you!



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Let's FALL is love with our community! In this edition we have information about upcoming fall and winter 2024 events, project updates, and reminders about our annual meeting that you won't want to miss.

Fall is time for brisk morning walks, hot cups of coffee, cozy fires in the fireplace, and the best time to build up this community you call home. Our annual meeting this year will be a time of gathering. It is a member's meeting, for all community members to come together and celebrate and vote on what's best for your community. If you haven't participated in the past we invite you to start. If we don't vote on certain tax items it could cost our community a lot of money. So please come or turn in your proxy to the office by November 12th to have your vote counted.

COVENTRY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Thursday

10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm

Friday 2pm-5pm

MASTER BOARD

President: Julianne Post

Vice President: Gary Cusack

Treasurer: Randy Wojick

Secretary: Ruthann Grabowski

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www.coventryhoaofyorktown.org



**Want to make a difference?
Why not consider joining a
committee?
We are always looking for
volunteers to help make our
community better!**

**Beautification
Committee**

**Newsletter/Social
Media Committee**

**Architectural Review
Committee**

**Social & Recreation
Committee**

IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS

SUICIDE CRISIS LIFELINE: 988

YORK COUNTY POLICE
Emergency: 911
Non-emergency:
757- 890-3621
Sheriff's office: 757- 890-3630

**YORK COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT** Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency:
757-890-9631

DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER
OUTAGE Report Outages:
888-667-3000

YORK COUNTY RECYCLING:
757-890-3780

President's Letter

By Julianne Post

Master Board President

First, I want to say welcome. If you are new, welcome. If you are a long time resident, welcome. Thank you for being a part of Coventry and choosing here to be your home. I'm grateful you're here and caring enough to invest time and read our community newsletter. We hope you are noticing the changes around our community that your master board has been working so hard on since we were voted on.

While we've had some changes to the plans as we've had to deal with some unexpected things pop up along the way, overall we are on track to address our goals for 2024. This board came on with a united mission of address safety issues within our community and ensuring we are doing the best we can financially, physically, and mentally to support our community.

Our biggest projects we chose to work on included a playground renovation at the clubhouse area, tree removal and replanting which is slated for these last few months of the year, updating our marquees and other forms of communication, and updating our systems and policies. Together, the board decided in January, what items were the biggest priority and how we were going to tackle them together. Gary and Randy have worked tirelessly on getting the new playground project done, Ruthann has worked on planning out and reworking our social events to better serve the ENTIRE community, and Randy has worked extremely hard on cutting costs and preparing the annual budget to accurately reflect the increasing needs of our aging community and years of neglect. Our Master Board is united in ensuring that our community will last and be financially stable, as we are homeowners and volunteers too.

This year the board is proposing a \$2 monthly increase to dues. We hope that you can attend the annual meeting to hear details about this and updates on what the board will be using this money for in 2025. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating with you and the rest of our community we all call home!

Cheers,

Julianne Post

**COVENTRY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM**

The Volunteer Program is a vital part of our Community. We have long standing Committees responsible for specific areas and also "one time" events that need volunteers. We welcome and encourage all our residents to become involved. If you are interested in joining an established Committee, or would like to propose and lead a new committee that is not shown below, please return this form to the CHOA office.

_____ **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:** This committee meets monthly to consider and act upon applications submitted for exterior alterations of properties. The committee recommends architectural rules and guideline changes to the Master Board. Members are appointed by the Coventry Board of Directors.

_____ **BEAUTIFICATION:** This committee meets quarterly to assist the Master Board in maintaining the existing landscape, identifying safety hazards, and developing beautification and landscaping projects for the Common Property. Members are appointed by the President of the Organization.

_____ **HEARING COMMITTEE:** This committee meets as required to recommend rules and penalties for Board adoption, and establish procedures for identification, notification, and amicable settlement of possible violations of the rules and restrictions in the governing documents. monthly to consider and act upon applications submitted for exterior alterations of properties. Members are appointed by the President of the Organization.

_____ **LAKE AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT:** This committee meets quarterly to advise and assist the Board in managing the lakes and retention ponds within the development, as well as monitoring storm water drainage issues. Members are appointed by the President of the Organization.

_____ **NEWSLETTER:** This committee meets quarterly to generate and distribute the Coventry Chronicles, an official publication of the Association. Volunteers write articles, type/and or deliver the newsletter. Members are appointed by the President of the Organization.

_____ **NOMINATING/ELECTION:** This committee meets as needed to compile a slate of qualified candidates willing to serve in an elected position on the Master Board of Directors. The committee assists in monitoring annual elections. Members are appointed by the Coventry Board of Directors.

_____ **SOCIAL AND RECREATION:** This committee meets quarterly to plan social events (ie Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Celebration, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Fall Harvest Party, and Children's Holiday Party). The committee researches and recommends other recreation projects to the Board to maintain Community Spirit and Involvement. Members are appointed by the President of the Organization.

_____ **SAILFISH SWIM TEAM:** The swim team relies solely upon volunteer support. Available positions include timekeepers, pool meet preparations, award/gift coordinators, banquet volunteers, and overall team assistance.

_____ **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** A member in good standing is eligible to serve on the Master Association Board of Directors. Homeowners who reside in the Sub-Associations of Finch Terrace, Ferguson Glade, and Smithy Glen are also eligible to serve on their respective Board. If interested, contact the Coventry office for election dates and Candidate Interest Form.

_____ **PROPOSE A COMMITTEE:**



COVENTRY GUIDELINES ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

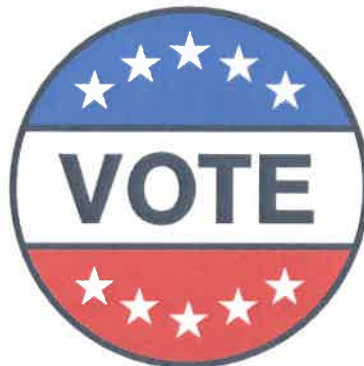
Coventry Homeowners Associations (CHOA) have guidelines and regulations to maintain a particular aesthetic and preserve property values within our shared community. This includes the prohibition of political campaign signs.

CHOA aims to maintain a sense of neutrality and unity within our community. Allowing political campaign signs can create divisions among residents with differing political views. By avoiding political signage, CHOA strives to create a harmonious living environment focusing on shared interest and community cohesion.

CHOA does have rules regarding the appearance of properties within the community. Political campaign signs are temporary structures that might clash with the neighborhood's desired visual appeal. These signs could disrupt the overall aesthetic or architectural theme CHOA seeks to maintain.

CHOA enforces rules that help protect property values by ensuring a consistent and well-maintained appearance throughout the community. Political campaign signs, mainly if they are numerous or oversized, might be seen as detracting from the overall attractiveness of the neighborhood. Some residents or potential homebuyers may view excessive political signage as a negative factor, potentially affecting property values.

For the above reasons, neutrality and unity, aesthetic considerations, and property values, Coventry HOA does not allow political campaign signs within our community. We do however, encourage you to get out and vote!



SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER 2024

- 7 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 8 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
- 12 Fall Yard Sale 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 22 Smithy Glen Annual MTG 7:00 PM
- 27 **Trunk or Treat 2pm @ HL Recreation Area**
- 28 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 2024

- 2 Fall Clean Up 9am @ Clubhouse
- 6 Finch Terrace Annual MTG 7:00 PM
- 12 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
- 13 Coventry HOA Annual MTG @ Coventry Elementary School 7:00 PM
- 18 Book Club 7pm @ Clubhouse
- 25 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
- 26 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 2024

- 4 Bow Making 7pm @ Clubhouse
- 5 Light Contest
- 7 Breakfast with the Conductor 9:30am @ Clubhouse
- 9 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 10 Ferguson Glade Annual MTG 7:00 PM
- 16 Book Club 7pm @ Clubhouse
- 23 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 pm
- 24 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS

October 27th



Halloween Trunk or Treat at Harvest Lake Recreation Area 2:00pm

November 13th



Annual Member's Meeting at Coventry Elementary School with prizes! Check In 6:45pm

December 14th



Polar Express kids event at the clubhouse Saturday at 2:00pm

Quarter 1

COMPLETED

- Create year long plan
- Soccer nets replaced at Harvest Lake
- Staff Reviews/Raises
- HL Bullhorn Lighting fixed
- Gather quotes for Playground Renovation
- Review GPSA proposals
- Clubhouse Window Replacement
- Beautification Day Promoted
- Review & Finalize Pool Policies & New Brochure
- Create new mobile payment for guest pool passes
- Clubhouse pool pump repaired

Quarter 2

COMPLETED

- Pool repairs to hand rails
- Marquee Repairs
- Gather quotes for bulkhead/erosion repairs
- Oversee Pool/Landscape contractors

Quarter 3

COMPLETED

- Prepare annual budget
- Demo/Install new Clubhouse Playground
- Annual audit
- Prepare annual mailout
- Replaced a board member
- Redid the quarterly newsletter template
- Replace HL Pool Fence

Quarter 4

PENDING

- Maintenance Staff hired
- Geese Patrol
- Portal System
- Bulkhead/erosion phase 1
- Tree removal/replanting phase 1

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS AND AGES

IN YORK COUNTY, TRICK-OR-TREATING IS RECOMMENDED FOR CHILDREN AGES 12 AND UNDER FROM 6 TO 8 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWEEN!

**OUR YORK COUNTY FIRE CHIEF STEVE KOPCZYNSKI AND YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFF RON MONTGOMERY OFFER
TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY TIPS:**

- ☒ ALL COSTUMES, WIGS, AND ACCESSORIES SHOULD BE FIRE-RESISTANT.**
- ☒ IF CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED OUT AFTER DARK, THEY SHOULD FASTEN REFLECTIVE TAPE TO THEIR COSTUMES AND BAGS OR BE GIVEN GLOW STICKS.**
- ☒ CONSIDER WEARING BRIGHT OR LIGHT-COLORED COSTUMES, WHICH ARE EASIER TO SEE AT NIGHT.**
- ☒ OPT FOR NON-TOXIC HALLOWEEN MAKEUP OVER MASKS, WHICH CAN OBSCURE VISION.**
 - ☒ HAVE AN ADULT ACCOMPANY YOUNGER CHILDREN.**
- ☒ RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO TURN ON PORCH LIGHTS TO IDENTIFY HOMES THAT WISH TO RECEIVE TRICK-OR-TREATERS. PLEASE AVOID HOUSES WHERE PORCH LIGHTS ARE OFF.**
 - ☒ TEACH YOUR CHILDREN NEVER TO ENTER A STRANGER'S HOME OR CAR.**
- ☒ TELL YOUR CHILDREN NOT TO EAT ANY TREATS UNTIL THEY RETURN HOME, AND TAKE CARE TO AVOID ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.**
- ☒ REMIND CHILDREN TO BE CAREFUL, WATCH FOR TRAFFIC, AND TO USE FLASHLIGHTS.**
- ☒ MOTORISTS SHOULD CAREFULLY WATCH FOR CHILDREN WALKING ON ROADWAYS, MEDIANS, AND CURBS AND ENTER DRIVEWAYS AND ALLEYS.**

**FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT HALLOWEEN SAFETY, CALL YORK COUNTY FIRE & LIFE SAFETY AT 757 890 3600 OR THE YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFF'S OFFICE AT 757 890 3630.
IN AN EMERGENCY, ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1.**

COVENTRY LEAF COLLECTION



**Coventry leaf collection begins in early November.
Leaf collection program beginning soon!
It's time to get your rakes in motion!**

Leaf collection begins in early November for residents who live on publicly maintained roads. An unlimited number of clear (yes, CLEAR) bags of leaves may be placed at the roadside on the Monday of our collection week.

Only clear bags will be accepted; all other bags will not be collected.

For leaf collection, the County is divided into two zones: the Southern zone includes homes South of Dare Road, which includes Coventry HOA, while the Northern zone includes home on and north of Dare Road. Collections are held every other week in each zone. In the Southern zone, leaf collections begin November 4th with the Northern zone collections starting November 11th. A final sweep of the county will be the week of January 27, 2025.

CRAPEMYRTLE BARK SCALE: A NEW INSECT PEST IN COVENTRY HOA



A new insect has invaded the Hampton Roads area and Coventry HOA. The insect is called the Crapemyrtle Bark Scale (CMBS). If left undetected or untreated, the CMBS will spread rapidly in your tree. A heavy infestation will result in white crusted clusters of insects, which may blanket small stems and be visible on the trunks. It would be best to look for streaks of black sooty mold that appear on the bark. In a severe case, it will look like the tree has been burnt black. The sooty mold grows as a by-product of the sucking insects.

As these insects feed, they give off a sweet substance called honeydew. Wherever this honeydew lands, the stems, leaves, and trunk get sticky, and a black sooty mold will form. If white specks accompany that sooty mold on the trunks or branches, that is the crape myrtle bark scale.

The recommended treatment is systemic insecticides containing imidacloprid or dinotefuran as a drench applied to the root zone. A systemic insecticide is mixed with water and poured into the ground so the roots can absorb the product into the tree. Two products recently used the HOA members (who have said they worked) were Merit-75WP and Bonide Annual Tree and Shrub Insect Control. Others listed in the below websites include Bayer Advanced Garden Tree and Shrub Insect Control. All contain one of the two main insecticides listed above. Be sure to read and follow the application instructions for your product carefully. According to one article, the best time to apply the systemic insecticide is in late March through early May.

For more information, you can visit:

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/crapemyrtle-bark-scale/>
<https://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/fsa-7086.pdf>

Or contact our Virginia Cooperative Extension local office at:

<https://www.yorkcounty.gov/1015/Virginia-Cooperative-Extension>

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Kitty has been supporting Coventry social events for a number of years including our annual Easter Egg Hunts & Holiday events. We appreciate the partnership, community involvement, and generosity that Kitty brings!



Questions about the real estate market?

Contact me to learn if the time is right for you to make a move!

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FALL LOCAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 2024

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- 3rd Rhythms on the Riverwalk with Paul Urban & Friends 6:30-8:30pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 5th Yorktown Wine Festival 12:00pm-6:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 6th "The Southern Strategy, from a British Perspective" Lecture from 2:00-3:00pm @ York Hall
 - 7th Community Yoga 6:00-8:00pm @ Watermen's Museum
 - 10th Rhythms on the Riverwalk with Good Shot Judy 6:30-8:30pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 12th Yorktown Market Days - Fall Festival 9:00am-3:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 19th Yorktown Day 9:00am-5:00pm @ Historic Main Street
 - 20th Lamb's Artillery Demonstration 12:45-3:30pm @ Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center
 - 26th Yorktown Market Days - Paws at the River 9:00am-3:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 27th Yorktoberfest 12:00-5:30pm @ Riverwalk Landing

NOVEMBER 2024

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- 1st-3rd HarmoniCon @ American Revolution Museum of Yorktown
 - 2nd York County Vintage Market 9:00am-3:00pm @ McReynolds Athletic Complex
 - 2nd Royal Artillery Demonstration 10:15am-2:00pm @ Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center
 - 4th Community Yoga 6:00-8:00pm @ Watermen's Museum
 - 6th-8th Yorktown Tea Festival 10:00am-3:00pm @ Townwide
 - 6th 250th Anniversary of Yorktown Tea Party Teaser Concert 6:00-8:00pm @ Watermen's Museum
 - 7th-8th Yorktown Tea Party 1774 @ Yorktown Waterfront
 - 8th Colonial Tea Ball 7:00pm-10:00pm @ American Revolution Museum of Yorktown
 - 9th Yorktown Maritime Heritage and Sea Shanty Festival 9:00am-5:00pm @ Watermen's Museum
 - 9th-10th Yorktown Market Days Maritime Festival 9:00am-3:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 11th Veteran's Day Commemoration at the American Revolution Museum of Yorktown 9:00am-5:00pm
 - 11th Veterans Day Prayer Service 10:00-11:00am @ Grace Episcopal Church
 - 11th Veterans Day Ceremony 12:00pm-1:00pm @ York Hall
 - 16th Yorktown Market Days - Harvest Festival 9:00am-3:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 29th-30th Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia 9:00am-5:00pm @ American Revolution Museum of Yorktown

DECEMBER 2024

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- 2nd Community Yoga 6:00-8:00pm @ Watermen's Museum
 - 6th Christmas Tree Lighting 7:30-9:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 7th & 8th Christmas Market on the Main 10:00am-3:00pm @ Historic Main Street
 - 7th & 8th Viking Yuletide Celebration 10:00am-4:00pm @ Watermen's Museum
 - 7th Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade 6:00-8:00pm @ Yorktown Waterfront
 - 8th Cookies with Santa 1:00-4:00pm @ York Hall
 - 13th An Enchanted Evening on Main Street 5:00-9:00pm @ Historic Main Street
 - 14th Yorktown Market Days - Mistletoe Market 9:00am-3:00pm @ Riverwalk Landing
 - 20th-31st Christmastide in Virginia 9:00-5:00pm @ American Revolution Museum of Yorktown
(CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

COMMUNITY BUILDER CHALLENGES

BOO SOMEONE!

Here is a quick run down of Getting Booed explained in 4 steps:

1. Enjoy your treats!
2. Make your boo tag like ----> or find one posted on our facebook page
3. Make 2 copies of this sheet to put one in each of your Boo Bags or Buckets
4. Make 2 Boo Bags (with instructions) and secretly deliver them to two neighbors who have not been booed! (doorbell ditching with gifts!)



NOVEMBER 2024

- Write a note to your neighbor thanking them for being such a great neighbor!
- Go to a local elementary school and read to a classroom.
- Volunteer at a local nonprofit like Thrive that is making a difference in our community.
- Help a neighbor rake their leaves.
- Write a thank you note to your community volunteers.
- Bless a family with a Thanksgiving meal.

DECEMBER 2024

- Go visit a local retirement center and spend time with the residents.
- Make homemade ornaments and give them to your friends and neighbors.
- Volunteer with Wreaths Across America to lay wreaths at Veterans cemeteries
- Bake a batch of cookies and deliver them hot to someone you care about.
- Host a gingerbread making contest.
- Take a hot cocoa break with a neighbor.
- Write letters for soldiers overseas.

**"BE KIND, FOR EVERYONE YOU MEET IS
FIGHTING A BATTLE YOU KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT."
WENDY MASS, "THE CANDYMAKERS"**



FALL CLEAN UP

Hosted by the Beautification
Committee of Coventry

**Meet at the Clubhouse
at 9am on Saturday,
November 2nd, 2024**



Bough Making

Party

Coventry Flyers - Real Estate Flyer

*Hosted by Coventry's Beautification
Committee*

**Wednesday
December 4th, 2024
7:00pm at the Clubhouse**

**BREAKFAST WITH
MR CONDUCTOR
SATURDAY, DEC 7 TH
COVENTRY CLUBHOUSE**

9:30 TO 10 AM KIDS BREAKFAST

**PROVIDED BY CHOA & KITTY HOLZBACH
KELLER WILLIAMS ELITE PENISULA**

10 TO 10:15 STORY TIME

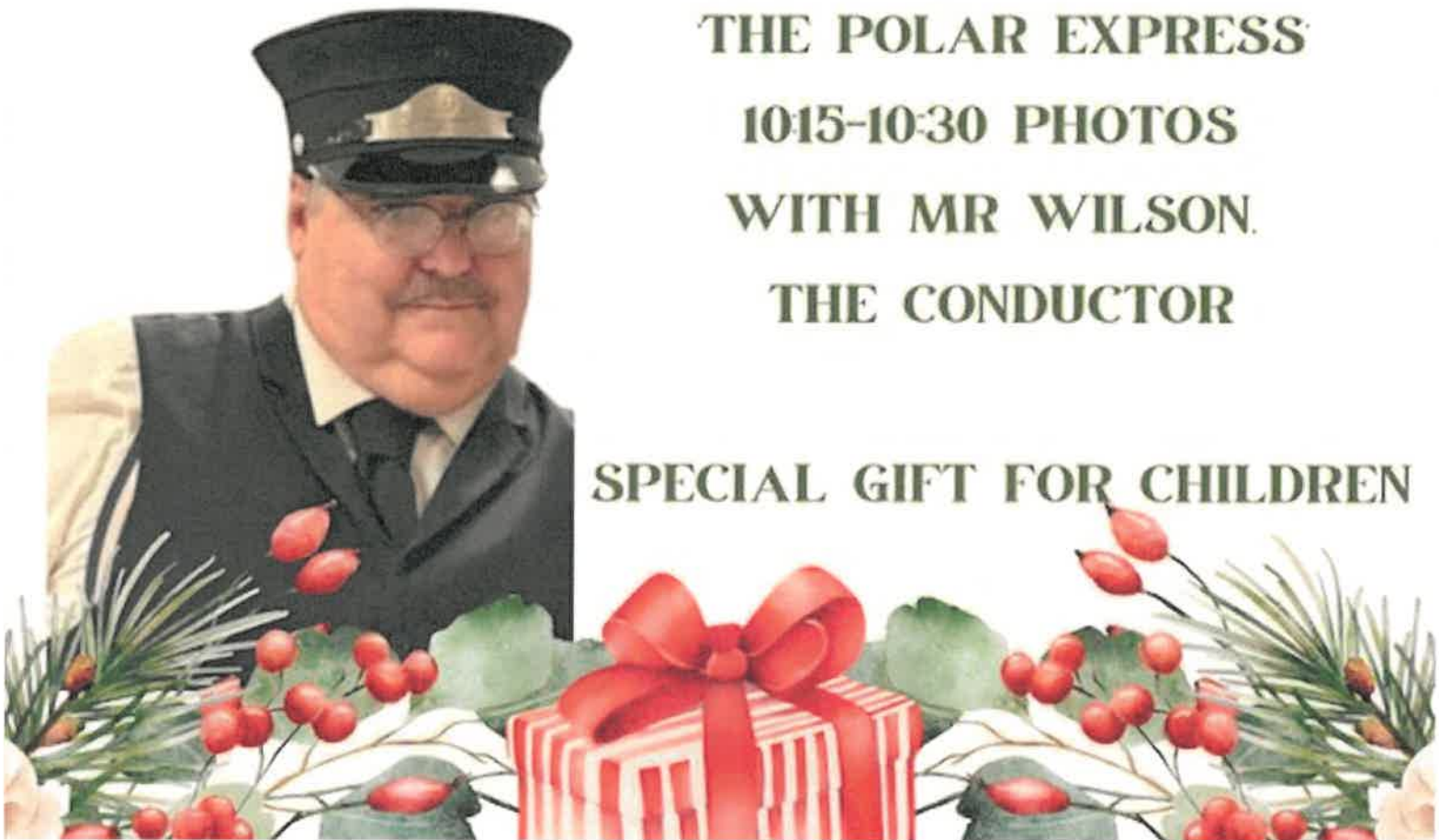
THE POLAR EXPRESS

10:15-10:30 PHOTOS

WITH MR WILSON.

THE CONDUCTOR

SPECIAL GIFT FOR CHILDREN



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Email us at
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to get involved with the design of
our quarterly newsletter!

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