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Coventry Chronicles

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



Welcome to Spring Coventry! In this edition we have information on the Coventry Spring Yard Sale, kid safety on the streets, information on Community Beautification Day, a '**Letter from the President**' article and more.

If you are new to the neighborhood make sure to check out the official Coventry website at <https://coventryhoaofyorktown.org/>. You can find our covenants and resolutions, the quarterly newsletter, the monthly board meeting minutes, and numerous other important documents and forms. The following individuals are part of your 2024 Master HOA Board:

President: Julianne Post
Vice President: Ruthann Gray-Grabowski
Treasurer: Randy Wojcik
Secretary: Jiselle Anderson
Director: Gary Cusack

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From The President's Desk

"A small act of kindness can have a very large impact on someone else."

-Christian Taylor, Olympic Gold Medalist, World Champion

You never know the impact your words or actions might have on someone else. Living in Coventry has its ups and downs, but I truly believe if we all focus on the common goal of making our community better then we will all not just survive, but thrive. Our current Master Board has a common goal of pursuing what's best for Coventry from financial and systems, to our contracts and amenities. It's up to the homeowners though to help us shape the culture of generosity, kindness, and helpfulness.

On April 20, 2024 we will be hosting our Annual Community Beautification Day at 9am at the Clubhouse. This is a great opportunity to bond with neighbors and help your community. We hope to see you there!

Our Egg hunt was wonderful thanks to our social chair Ruthann Grabowski and our long-time supporter Kitty Holzbach. We are so grateful to have someone like her helping with our community events! Our next community event will be our Annual Beautification Day. After that we are looking at a summer Luau in place of our 4th of July party which limits our celebration to 250 people due to pool limits. We want to replace our 4th of July party with a summer party where ALL residents can be included and invited to participate. Come to our May meeting to hear more about this event or stay tuned on Facebook and our website to save the date!

This year we have some big projects going on including tree trimming, fixing our bulkhead/erosion issues, and replacing our Clubhouse playground. In the first quarter, the Master Board created a year-long plan together, hired a Groundskeeper Maintenance technician, fixed our lighting issues, fixed our marquees, prepped for pool opening, and started our project of fixing the window at the clubhouse and the playground renovation.

Moving into the second quarter, we look forward to reviewing all handbooks, marketing materials, and charters we have for committees, replacing the playground, replacing the soccer nets at Harvest Lake, and removing trees, among the numerous things that come up in between meetings. I'd like to say a big thank you to our current contracts US Lawns and Clearwater Pool Management for their efforts this year. I personally am excited for summer and to be able to utilize our beautiful amenities!

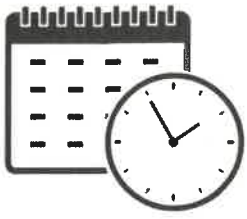
Please attend our next board meeting to give your comments or questions. All meeting dates can be found on our website. Thank you for your support! We hope to see you at the next monthly meeting.

Cheers,

Julianne Post

Master Board President

Coventry Homeowners Association



Community and Local Events

April 2024

- 8 Coventry HOA Meeting for all residents, 7 pm @ the Clubhouse**
- 9 Ferguson Glade HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 13 Yorktown Market Days - Go Green Market, 8 AM - 12 PM @ Riverwalk Landing
- 15 Swim Team Meeting 7:00 pm**
- 20 Yorktown Market Days - Sister Cities French Market, 8 AM - 3 PM @ Riverwalk Landing
- 22 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM**
- 23 Smithy Glen HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 27,28 Yorktown Market Days - Pirate Invasion Market, 8 AM - 3 PM @ Riverwalk Landing

May 2024

- 4 Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival, 12 PM - 6 PM @ Riverwalk Landing
- 5 Art at the River Juried Art Show, 10 AM - 4 PM @ Riverwalk Landing
- 4 Coventry Spring Yard Sale 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**
- 7 Finch Terrace HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 11 Yorktown Market Days - Vintage Market/Car Show on Main Street, 8 AM - 12 PM @ Riverwalk Landing
- 13 Coventry HOA Meeting for all residents, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 14 Ferguson Glade HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**
- 20 Coventry Swim Team Meeting, 7pm @ Clubhouse**
- 25 Coventry Pools Open**
- 27 Architectural Review Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm**
- 28 Smithy Glen HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**

June 2024

- 2 Workboat Races, 10 AM - 4 PM @ Riverwalk Landing Piers
- 6 Sounds of Summer Concert Series 6:30 PM - 9 PM @ Riverwalk Landing
- 10 Coventry HOA Meeting for all residents, 7pm @ Clubhouse**
- 11 Ferguson Glade HOA Meeting, 7pm @ Clubhouse**
- 17 Coventry Swim Team Meeting, 7pm @ Clubhouse**
- 24 Architectural Review Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm**
- 25 Smithy Glen HOA Meeting, 7 pm @ Clubhouse**

Current as of printing,

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

Coventry 2024 HOA DUES

There are several changes in dues for 2024. Required dues are as followed:

**Single Family Homes: \$60 by the 1st of each month
(\$75 after the 30th)**

Ferguson Glade: \$134 (\$149 after the 16th)

Finch Terrace: \$180 (\$205 after the 16th)

Smithy Glen: \$158 (\$183 after the 16th)

These 2024 assessment amounts, and payment sheets have been posted on the Coventry HOA website.



Coventry Beautification

It's spring! The time you get this newsletter, so many beautiful flowers will be in full bloom: Azaleas, Daffodils, Forsythia, and native Dogwood trees will all make an appearance. The Beautification Committee (BC) has been busy with numerous projects. The Coventry Boulevard entrance sign was finally reinstalled on our beautiful stone monument. New LED light fixtures are featured along with transplanted flowers and shrubs. This season, the BC plans on adding more seasonal color including shade loving Hosta (Plantain Lily), Helleborus (Lenten Rose) and Impatiens to areas where a lawn is difficult to grow. A new Azalea bed was installed along the walking path on Owen Davis Boulevard which enhances the park bench and hardscaping. What's next on the BC list? More clean up of overgrown and declining trees. The BC is working with a certified arborist as work will be done in phases. We welcome two new members to the BC, Goioa (pronounced Joya) and Diane. If you would like to help improve our neighborhoods, consider simply picking up trash or gather falling limbs on your next walk. Join us on Community Beautification Day, Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Volunteers, please meet at the clubhouse promptly at 9:00 A.M.

Thank you.

Stephen A. Orlando Beautification Committee Chairperson

COVENTRY COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION DAY



Saturday, April 20th
9:00 A.M. to 12:00
noon. Meet us at the
Clubhouse!



SATURDAY
04-20-2024

Rain Date is Saturday, April 27th

Cormorants

By resident Kelly Myers



Cormorants

Cormorants are native to North America and the double crested cormorant is common along the Chesapeake Bay, but they also live along the banks of rivers and lakes. With their matt black feathers and gangly appearance, they tend to look pre-historic. Often, they can be seen perched on rocks, logs, piers, and pilings with wings out drying their feathers, regulating their body temperature, and napping. A cormorant's feathers are not as waterproof as other waterfowl. They lack the preen oil that waterproofs the feathers and thus the feathers become waterlogged. Notably, they have teal eyes and mouths that are bright blue on the inside. In terms of size, they average 32 inches in length and their wingspan averages 52 inches. These birds roost in evergreens or deciduous trees. The double crested cormorants can dive up to 25 feet under water. There are other species of this bird that can dive up to 150 feet. Dense bones and solid bodies contribute to their expert diving abilities. A cormorant will eat up to a pound of fish each day.

The male chooses a nest site and then works to attract a female. The couple work on building the nest together. The male brings the nest materials while the female builds it. The sticks used are finger-sized and mixed with seaweed, flotsam and lined with grass. These birds are not above stealing nest materials from other nests that are not being guarded. Nests average between 1.5 and 3 feet in diameter. Females lay between 1 and 7 pale blue eggs and typically two broods in a season. It takes 25 to 28 days for the egg(s) to hatch and then another 21 to 28 days for the birds to mature.

The population of these birds in the 1800's and early 1900's declined. Due to hunting and persecution, they were often shot. They continued to decline in the mid-1900's for reasons attributed to the use of pesticides. Currently the global population is approximately 630,000 and is a low conservation concern.

TIPS FOR KID'S SAFETY

SAFETY ON THE ROAD



Children are more susceptible to traffic accidents and injuries when there is no adult supervision. In addition to never allowing your children to play near roadways unaccompanied, you may lessen risk by teaching them to: look right, then left, then right again before crossing the road, and only cross the road if they are holding the hand of an adult or older kid.

DON'T RUN NEAR A BUSY STREET.

If you are walking on a road with no sidewalk, always face the traffic (better yet, avoid these roads altogether)



The Coventry Chronicle Invites You to Join Our

Coventry Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 4th
8:00am - 2:00pm



Get great deals on
household goods,
antiques, collectibles,
toys, furniture & many
more.



Cigarette Butt Litter!

Yes, cigarette butts are a significant litter problem. They are the most commonly littered items in the world. According to Keep America Beautiful, an estimated 4.5 trillion cigarette butts are littered worldwide each year, most of which end up in the environment, including our lakes, streams, and wooded areas.

Cigarette butts are not biodegradable and can take years to break down. As they degrade, they release harmful chemicals into the environment, including nicotine, heavy metals, and plastic microfibers. These chemicals can leach into soil and water, potentially harming wildlife and our ecosystems.

In addition to the environmental impact, cigarette butt litter can be unsightly and costly to clean up. Many communities spend significant resources cleaning cigarette butt litter from streets, sidewalks, and parks.

Encouraging cigarette users to pick up litter, including cigarette butts, can be a positive step in reducing waste and promoting environmental stewardship. Here are some ways to encourage cigarette users to pick up litter:

Educating people about litter's impact on the environment and wildlife can help raise awareness about the importance of proper disposal. This education can be provided through schools, community organizations, and public awareness campaigns.

Organizing litter cleanups can engage cigarette users and other community members in picking up litter. This can also help build community awareness and encourage people to take responsibility for their waste.

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Bring your own mat



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