

Coventry Chronicles

January- March 2021

***Calendar of Events***

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Coventry Clubhouse unless otherwise noted. Master Board Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. for Executive Session and 7:00 p.m. for Open Session. Homeowners are **welcomed and encouraged** to attend.

**January Activities**

4 CHOA Meeting

12 Ferguson Glade Meeting

18 Swim Team

25 ARC Meeting

26 Smithy Glen Meeting

**February Activities**

1 CHOA Meeting

3 **FT ANNUAL Meeting**

9 Ferguson Glade Meeting

15 Swim Team

22 ARC Meeting

23 Smithy Glen Meeting

**March Activities**

1 CHOA Meeting

9 Ferguson Glade Meeting

15 Swim Team

22 ARC Meeting

23 Smithy Glen Meeting

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***Coventry Board Members***

Tony Collins – President

David Wilson – Vice President

John Rogne – Treasurer

Brian Kross- Secretary

Kelly Burleson - Director

***Coventry Office Staff***

Annette Sauer

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***Hours***

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[www.facebook.com/groups/CoventryWatch](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CoventryWatch)

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***Dear Homeowners,***

“WOW, it’s a new year!” There is so much for us to be excited about as we get started with the many new plans for our community this year. First, we want to welcome our new Office Manager to Coventry, Ms. Rachael A. Falls. Please take a moment to stop by the Coventry office to meet Rachael and say hello to her and Annette. We have changed the office staff hours to Tuesday – Friday from 10 to 5. Both Rachael and Annette will be in the office during those hours. Also, please take the time to say hello to BJ if you see him in the neighborhood, as he continues to offer service and maintenance in our community.

As we all are faced with the concerns related to the Covid-19 virus, I ask that we all follow the safety guidelines that are suggested from the news shows and from our Governor that relate to methods that will help protect you and your neighbors.

We will continue to groom our soccer field at Harvest Lake with the hope that our community families will find our soccer field to be one of the best areas for fun. We plan to have new portable restroom facilities added to the Harvest Lake area and the Clubhouse area for those times when the pool restrooms are closed, and running home might not be an option. The new restrooms with have hand washing units within the room. We are waiting for two new fountains that have been ordered for the Coventry Blvd. lake and for the Honeysuckle lake. The lake fountains will create a touch of beauty to the lakes while circulating the water and contributing to the cleanliness of the water. And, when it is safe to gather indoors again, we will be having *FREE* Zumba indoors on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Coventry clubhouse on a weekly basis.

We are still looking for that one person or perhaps team that will head up and plan a community pickle-ball league.

I would be remiss if not to thank the many volunteers that give their time, dedication and passion to improve and make a difference for our community and their neighbors. In my 37 years involved in community service, I must say I feel so blessed to be part of the Coventry team of volunteers. It’s the variety of ideas, a mixture of different talents, passions aimed in different directions, a willingness to give, a desire for improvement, and a heart to serve, that produces such a successful team. The more talent and willingness to serve that we get from people, the more we can accomplish. Each person can help in making a difference.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve you. Your feedback is helpful and necessary in helping your Board find solutions to your concerns. ***We need YOU!***

Tony D. Collins Sr.

President, Coventry Homeowners Association

***Ferguson Glade News***

Especially in the winter months, the streets around Ferguson Glade can become quite dark. Even though street lights are present, the area could benefit from a little more lighting in order to help facilitate neighborhood safety. The HOA would like to ask you to consider leaving your garage door lights on at night to help light up the streets. Because the homes are so close to the street, having these lights on will make a difference in the village. Thank you for your consideration.

***Light Contest Winners***

Thank you so much to all of our community members for volunteering your time to judge the Coventry light contest!

Thank you to all of our neighbors that participated to help spread cheer this winter.

Congratulations to the winners below:

**Smithy Glen**

1st Place: 114 Andover Court

2nd Place: 104 Crescent Court

**Ferguson Bend**

1st Place: 408 Ferguson Bend

2nd Place: 321 Ferguson Bend

**Finch Terrace**

1st Place: 400 Belmont Circle

2nd Place: 134 Chanticlair Drive

**Davis Forge**

1st Place: 323 Blacksmith Arch

2nd Place: 102 Ferrier Place

**Faison Green**

1st Place: 242 Judith Circle

2nd Place: 103 Kathleen Place

**Justinian Grove**

1st Place: 109 Ivy Arch

2nd Place: 412 Peachtree Lane

**Lilburne Meadows**

1st Place: 117 Lilburne Way

2nd Place: 103 Crimson Court

**Presson Arbor**

1st Place: 109 Lochmere Court

2nd Place: 105 Harvest Way

***Kids Korner***

Our Coventry kids answer the question:

What are you favorite at-home activities to do with your family during the winter?

* Make cookies! -Joey, 7
* Play legos. – Chaos, 6
* Coloring. -Josie, 4
* Drinking hot chocolate. -Vincent, 7
* Watching movies with my family. – Sophia, 9

Submit your child’s artwork, photography, or original story to *coventryhoa@verizon.net*, or email for drop-off information.

***Nurse’s News***



***Service***

Most people picture a person in a white outfit holding a needle when thinking about the role of a nurse. However, it is the responsibility of a nurse to participate in public service. As MLK Service Day is upcoming in January, I feel it fitting to provide a list of websites where you can find local community organizations for which you may considering volunteering your time. It is the responsibility of each of us to be kind and provide service to our community and those in need.

Here are some websites that you can find local volunteer opportunities:

[www.volunteerhr.org](http://www.volunteerhr.org)

[www.powerof.org/volunteer](http://www.powerof.org/volunteer)

[www.nationalservice.gov/serve](http://www.nationalservice.gov/serve)

[www.volunteerhr.org/coronavirus](http://www.volunteerhr.org/coronavirus)

[www.volunteermatch.org/search/org22816.jsp](http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org22816.jsp)

***COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE***

Currently, the COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed world-wide. The first vaccines were administered on December 16, 2020. Vaccine efficacy demonstrates a 95% effectiveness against COVID beginning 28 days after the first dose. Vaccines are a two-step process, meaning they will require two different injections a certain amount of days apart.

***Finch Terrace News***

On each mailbox in Finch Terrace, there are mounted communication boards, which are similar to a bulletin board. Posted on these boards is information regarding trash/recycling schedules, upcoming events, meetings etc. FT HOA would like to remind the residents, homeowners and tenants to check these boards often for news and updates throughout the year.

***Martin Luther King Jr Day***

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 18, 2021 marks to 26th anniversary of the day of service to celebrate the Civil Rights leader life and legacy. This holiday represents “a day on, not a day off.” It is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer within their communities.

The following is an excerpt from the AmeriCorp website.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a vital figure of the modern era and a pivotal figure in the Civil Rights Movement. His lectures and dialogues stirred the concern and sparked the conscience of a generation. At the age of 19, Dr. King entered the Christian ministry and was ordained at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta.

In 1954, upon completion of graduate studies at Boston University, he accepted a call to serve at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. While there, he was an instrumental leader in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, made famous by the nonviolent resistance and arrest of Rosa Parks. He resigned this position in 1959 and moved back to Atlanta to direct the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



Brought to by Finch Terrace HOA.

From 1960 until his death in 1968, he served as a co-pastor with his father at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee where he had come to lead a peaceful march in support of striking sanitation workers and died on April 4, 1968.

Why should we serve on MLK Day? AmeriCorp has been charged with this tremendous task of helping our nation remember MLK and the importance of service. Dr. King said “Everyone can be great because everybody can serve.” Initiating service on this day can help to honor Dr. King’s life and teachings and make a difference in your community. The MLK Day of Service encourages all types of service, particularly projects that have a lasting impact and connect participants to ongoing service, as stated on the AmeriCorps website.

AmeriCorps and The King Center lead the MLK Day of Service in partnership with multiple national nonprofit organizations and other agencies. Each year, the CNCS awards grants to organizations to develop and coordinate service projects on the MLK Day of Service. A list of these are provided in the AmeriCorps website.

***Critter Corner***

**Foxes**

There are over 30 species of foxes in the world, but only four reside in North America: The Red, the Gray, the Arctic and the kit. The fox is the smallest of wild dogs in North America. All four share some common traits and of course, there are differences as well. The fox’s tail is about a third of the length of its body and is used in the cold weather by curling up tightly and covering their paws and nose to keep them warm.

It is important to know that foxes are not dangerous unless they are rabid. The Red fox is considered crepuscular; meaning they are typically active at dawn and at dusk but will hunt during the day if they have enough secure hiding places. So, daylight activity for this animal is not an indication of rabies. Rabies is rare in the fox. However, if there is concern of rabies, then typical signs in a fox include:

* + Partial paralysis
  + Circling or staggering
  + Acting aggressively for no reason (their natural response is to flee)
  + Acting unnaturally tame

The red fox has over 100 color variations; the most commonly known are the red fur with dark brown paws. Their ears and snouts are longer, and they appear much more canine-like. The reds are also the largest in height and demonstrate significant intelligence. When in captivity the red fox is very trainable and will do tricks for treats, similar to our domesticated dogs. The red fox is found over most of North America except Florida. Red fox fossils have been found that predate Columbus’ arrival in North America.

Gray foxes are the only species that can climb a tree, they are more cat-like, with nails like cats that are retractable. This species will typically inhabit areas the red fox does not. The gray foxes have course fur and their tails not as bushy and have a black stripe down the back. Consequently, they tend to avoid the colder regions. They are the bravest of the foxes. They will handily stand up to a dog and run it off. They are one of the smallest species in North America. These foxes are primarily nocturnal. They are the easiest to train and more affectionate than the other foxes in captivity

The Arctic has shorter ears and snout than the other foxes, and of course they have the thickest winter coat. It’s coat changes color with the seasons. This fox tends to get along better in groups of their own species. Based on behavior when captive in rescue organizations these foxes appear to be the smartest. They can be trained, but not easily. It takes time to form a bond of trust to train an artic fox. Wild animals should remain wild, so it is not recommended to try to have a fox as a pet. There are organizations that work to save foxes from fur farms and these animals can never live in the wild. They do not possess the skills to survive.

The smallest of the four foxes is the kit fox. It’s a desert fox preferring dry bushy areas and requires this habitat to survive. This animal is a nocturnal animal that spends its days in a burrow and its nights hunting. Their burrows will always have two openings: one for escape. Whereas most foxes flee when surprised, the kit will lay flat to the ground. This fox does not tolerate human presence.

***Thank you***

A special warm THANK YOU to ADA CROKE for always being so thoughtful and changing the HOA yard flag at her own expense. The HOA staff appreciates your kindness and improvement to our community and thanks you so much!



**FREE COVENTRY** **OUTSIDE** **ZUMBA**® **CLASSES**

**AT HARVEST LAKE – ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Twice a week - WEATHER PERMITTING**

**6:30 – 7:30 PM (Mon., Tues. or Thurs.)**

Zumba classes are still being held outdoors in Coventry on the tennis courts in Harvest Lake when the weather permits. To know when there is a class being held, look for the big Zumba flag located on the corner of Coventry and Honeysuckle, the marquees located at both Coventry entrances, or you can contact me to be put on my Zumba distribution list and you’ll receive an email notification. Please note that when it’s safe to move classes indoors, they will be held on Thursday nights in the clubhouse. Watch for updates.

Remember . . . Keep Zumba’ng! 💜

Contact your Zumba Instructor Jenny Collins with any questions

at (757) 508-4587 or at [collije2@gmail.com](mailto:collije2@gmail.com)

***Coventry Chronicles Ad Information***

The Coventry Chronicles is published four times a year. If you would like to get the word out about your business to over 1100 families living in Coventry, please consider advertising in the neighborhood newsletter.

Ads must be digital ready or an additional fee may apply. Make checks payable to Coventry HOA. They can be dropped off at the office or mailed to Coventry HOA, 100 Wrought Iron Bend, Yorktown, VA 23693.

***Littering in Coventry***

An interview with a community volunteer picking up litter around Coventry Blvd:

First, thank you for what you have been doing, but why do you pick up litter? Litter is an eye-soar and more importantly, it endangers the health or safety of residents as well as wildlife and clearly constitutes a nuisance to our community and environment. Additionally, with a consistent litter pick up program our homeowners’ property values have increased.

How long have you been picking up litter in our community? I have been picking up litter for the past three years and actively participate in York County’s Adopt-a-Spot litter pickup program.

Are there special equipment or techniques you use? All one needs is a good grabber-reaching tool, a bag, and waterproof shoes. One technique is to pull socks over the ends of pants; to keep pants dry.

What type and how much litter do you normally pick up? I mostly pick up, aluminum bottle and cans, assorted paper items, cardboard, cigarette butts/packaging, face masks, foam takeout containers, glass bottles, and assorted plastic items. Occasionally items of value are found, but generally, 6 to 10 pounds of litter is pick up and removed on a weekly basis.

Wow up to 10 pounds of litter every week! Who is responsible and where does this litter come from? A significant amount of the litter comes from the local convenience store; the remaining is from individuals discarding litter, as well as items are blown or toss out of passing vehicles.

Can anything be done about this litter issue? Yes, York County does have an ordinance stating property owners, including businesses, and Homeowner Associations are responsible to maintain such property at all times free from accumulation of solid waste, trash, garbage, refuse, litter or other substances.

What can individuals do to help Coventry and York County stay clean and litter free? First put litter into its place - a trash can. We can also teach our children the importance of keeping a clean and litter free community. There are areas within Coventry, especially along Coventry Blvd and Owen Davis Blvd, our paved walkways, and the wooded areas in Smithy Glen that need cleaning on a regular schedule.

Litter is a problem everywhere. In addition to spoiling our views and decreasing our property values, litter is harmful to the environment. Litter on the ground usually finds its way into a waterway, where wildlife can become sick or entangled in this trash. Additionally, Coventry HOA spends extra to have the landscaping company do a litter pickup before lawn maintenance.

Consider starting an Adopt-a-Spot program. Adopt-a-Spotis an enjoyable and educational program that engages volunteers (individuals, community groups, businesses, and homeowner associations) to undertake coordinated littercleanups of designated sites, and gives organizations the opportunity to contribute to a healthier and cleaner environment. If interested in creating your Adopt-a-Spot, York County can help providing Litter Cleanup Kits (bags, grabbers, safety vests, etc.), to get started contact York County Department of Public Works at 757 890 3775.

