#### 2025 OCTOBER- DECEMBER EDITION

#### COVENTRY

#### NEWSLETTER

#### NEW WEB SITE ADDRESS

The new web site address is: www.coventryhoa.com

See page 4 for new emails to contact the office

#### **CHOA UPDATES**

- Clubhouse damage update
- Nomination Committee
- New site manager
- · Children's Garden update
- · Holiday events
- Critter Corner
- · Ads from our sponsors
- · A tribute to Coventry kids

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The CHOA Master Board Annual
Meeting will be held Monday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>
2025 at 7pm in Coventry Elem School
Cafeteria. A quorum of an owner from at
least 100 homes must be present to
approve the budget and elect new board
members.

Two board seats are open. Interested residents must own a home in Coventry and be in good standing with paid dues and no infractions outstanding. See inside for more info on the nomination process.

## Coventry

It's fall in the neighborhood, and a great time to start those home maintenance projects that were put off in the heat of the summer. It's time to plant spring bulbs and ready gardens for the cold months to come. If you want to make changes that differ from the original features of your home and property, please complete an Architectural Review Form.

It's important to keep the speed limit when driving through Coventry. Fall brings out school children and more people walking and riding in the neighborhood. The speed limit is 25 mph throughout Coventry with lower speeds in the neighborhoods recommended.

If you are a renter, you are welcome to participate in Coventry social events. While only homeowners can attend CHOA Meetings, which represent the interests of homeowners, you can participate with the Beatification Committee, most social activities like the Neighborhood Yard Sale, Holiday Lights Contest, Book Club, and Children's Events.

Remember that Coventry amenities are for use of Coventry residents and our bona fide guests only. Please do not share keys to courts, or publicize invitations to the general public on social media or other platforms that invite non residents to use the amenities. See Resolution 2024-2 from October 2024 for more info.

#### COVENTRY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

100 Wrought Iron Bend Yorktown, Virginia 23693 757 867-9200

www.coventryhoa.com

#### Hours of Operation:

Tuesday thru Friday 10 am - 6 pm closed Mon, Sat, Sun

#### STAFF

Danielle Cooke Site Manager Danielle@coventryhoa.com

Janez McLaurin
Site Administrator
Office@coventryhoa.com

Eric Rowlands Maintenance Manager



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

Architectural Review Committee

Social Activities
Committee

# Master Board President: Gary Cusack Vice President: Theresa Swartzbaugh Treasurer: David Dierberger Secretary: Ruthann Gray Grabowski Director: Stephen Orlando

#### President's Letter

#### By Gary Cusack

#### **Master Board President**

Dear Coventry Homeowners,

As your HOA Board, we're committed to making Coventry a safe, attractive, and vibrant community for everyone. One of our key priorities is keeping our shared amenities—like the clubhouse, pools, pavilions, walking trails, lakes, playgrounds, tennis and pickleball courts, and beautifully landscaped common areas—in top shape. These spaces play a crucial role in the quality of life in Coventry, and maintaining them requires ongoing investment.

#### Why Are Dues Increasing?

Over the past two years, Coventry's dues have remained stable, while labor, insurance, utilities, and maintenance costs have continued to rise. Like any household, the HOA is coping with inflation, increasing vendor rates, and the expenses of repairing or replacing outdated equipment. Additionally, we are undertaking major projects to keep our amenities in excellent condition—such as lake cleanup, new signs, and improved security—which enhances property values and strengthens community spirit.

After careful review of our long-term financial situation, your Board has decided that raising dues is necessary to:

Address increasing operational costs.

• Maintain and enhance the amenities we all depend on.

 Build sufficient reserves for future capital projects and unforeseen repairs.

#### What This Means for Homeowners

Adjusting the dues is a thoughtful decision. Every dollar collected will go straight toward making Coventry one of York County's most desirable neighborhoods. You'll see these funds at work through well-maintained landscaping, safe and functional recreation areas, cleaner lakes and ponds, and reliable maintenance services that support our community's long-term well-being.

#### **Our Commitment to You**

We know that any increase affects household budgets, and we're dedicated to using your dues responsibly, transparently, and to benefit our residents directly. Every decision we make as a Board is driven by one goal: protecting and improving the quality of life for every Coventry homeowner.

Thank you for your ongoing support, engagement, and partnership as we work together to protect the beauty and value of our community.

With Warmest Regards,

#### Gary Cusack

CHOA Master Board President

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OCTOBER 2025

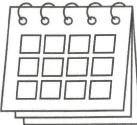
- 4 Community Day at Children's Garden 8 am
- 11 Community Yard Sale 8am to 2pm
- 13 CHOA Meeting 7pm CH
- 14 Ferguson Glade Meeting 7pm CH
- 20 Book Club 7pm CH
- 26 Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat 2pm HL MARQUEE
- · 28 Smithy Glen Annual Meeting 7pm CH

#### **NOVEMBER 2025**

- 5 Finch Terrace Annual Meeting 7pm CH
- 10 CHOA Annual Meeting 7pm CES Cafeteria
- 11 Ferguson Glade Meeting 7pm CH
- · 17 Book Club 7pm CH
- 25 Smithy Glen Meeting 7pm CH

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

- 3 Beautification Boughs and Bows Event 6pm CH
- 6 Children's Holiday Gift Make & Take 9:30 am CH
- 8 CHOA Meeting 7pm CH
- 9 Ferguson Glade Annual Meeting 7pm CH
- 11 Holiday Lights Contest
- 15 Book Club 7pm CH
- 23 Smithy Glen Meeting 7pm CH



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **OCT 26**



Coventry Children's Costume Parade and Trunk or Treat Sun, Oct 26 at 2pm Harvest Lake

#### NOV 10



CHOA ANNUAL MEETING Mon, Nov 10 at 7 pm Coventry Elem School Cafeteria

DEC 6



Children's Holiday Gift Make and Take 9:30 to 10:30 am Clubhouse

#### Clubhouse Update





On Thursday, September 25th at about 11:20 pm, a driver crashed his vehicle into the left side of the clubhouse between the pool house and the bathrooms. 911 was called by a passerby and the driver was observed running from the vehicle and was soon located by YCP Sheriff Dept. Our maintenance manager, Erik, and two of our master board members, were onsite within minutes. Our new security cameras were able to capture much of what occurred for insurance and for law enforcement.

The office staff was able to work off site when the electricity was turned off. The insurance representative, and electrician were on site the next day. Erik began framing the damaged area and covered the open areas to protect from the elements. Contractors are scheduled to give bids in the next few days, and it is our hope that the staff can quickly return to the office and the clubhouse can be used for scheduled activities.

We have cancelled and or rescheduled any upcoming clubhouse rentals since the room itself will not be in good order for rental events. While we have normal business scheduled to take place in the clubhouse, please watch the marquees and other media for any changes to dates, times or locations. It is our hope we will be back operationally in the coming few weeks.

#### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

#### Need to contact the office?

New Web Site: www.coventryhoa.com

Site Manager: Danielle@coventryhoa.com

Site Administrator: Office@coventryhoa.com

CHOA Master Board Board@coventryhoa.com

### and ONLINE BILL PAY

Town Management https://portal.goenumerate.com

After many years of homeowner requests, we are excited to offer online bill pay with an information portal through our new bookkeeping service with Town Management. After a 6 month transition period you will now be required to pay your dues and fees to Town Management

As a result of our contract bookkeeping service, our office staff no longer has any access to be able to check on your accounts or log payments. All of this is now done by Town Management. You will need to mail your checks to the address provided, or set up a bank draft or autopay.

#### The Portal offers the following features for you to use:

- Check your association's account transaction and make a payment
- Update your resident profile with the latest information
- · Access the latest documents uploaded by your community
- Contact your board or association manager
- View announcements and alerts for the community

Questions? Message admin@townmanagement.net Phone: 757- 565-6200

#### SIGN UP TODAY! IT'S EASY AND FREE



#### How to set up online payments with Alliance Association Bank, one-time payment or mail to:

#### Information needed for all payments

- Management ID: 7067
- Association ID: CHOA
- · Account Number: your residence account number

Assistance with recurring bill pay set-up – contact Alliance Association Bank at **844-739-2331.** 

#### Recurring Bill Pay with Alliance Association Bank

- You will need to use the bill payment service provided by Alliance Association Bank. To establish this service please go to the website: https://pay.allianceassociationbank.com/Home?cmcid=C7AF7C19
- Click on the Create Account link.
- Follow steps to create an account.

#### One-time eCheck or Credit Card Payment

- Go to the same website https://pay.allianceassociationbank.com/Home?cmcid=C7AF7C19
- Click on either One-time eCheck or Credit Card Payment
- A processing fee will be charged for all credit card payments.
- · Follow prompts to set up payment.

#### Mailing in payments or Online Bill Pay through your bank

You will need to use the following address:

Coventry Homeowners Association Inc c/o Town Management PO Box 97164 Las Vegas, NV 89193-7164

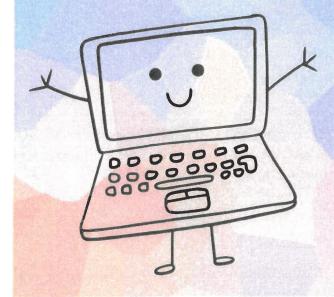
**Note**: Owners of more than one unit MUST SEND A SEPARATE CHECK and/or SET UP A SEPARATE ONLINE BILL PAY ACCOUNT FOR EACH UNIT because EACH UNIT has its own unique Account Number. Make all payments payable to your Association - **Coventry Homeowners Association Inc.** 

## MEET Danielle Cooke

The Coventry HOA is excited to welcome Danielle Cooke as our new Site Manager, working with Janez McLaurin in the office. Coming to us from Town Management, Danielle has come to know us through managing our community and many others in her previous role.

She has already hit the ground running with the recent unexpected clubhouse damage and repairs, expertly handling administrative needs.

If you are in the office or see Danielle out in our community, please take the time to introduce yourself!





### COVENTRY NOMINATION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

by Theresa Swartzbaugh, CHOA VP

Coventry's annual meeting is coming up on November 10, 2025. There will be two board of director positions that our community will be voting on this year. Our nomination committee needs a few willing homeowners in good standing to interview our candidates and prepare the information homeowners will need to elect these positions. Please consider volunteering your time to serve our community. If you can help out, please contact me, Theresa Swartzbaugh via the office.

Have you considered running to fill one of the board positions? The nominating committee will address any questions you may have about running for position on the board of directors. To be considered you must be a homeowner and be in good standing, with no infractions or outstanding balances. The officers serve for 3 years. Please ask yourself, do you have a passion or vision for our community? A successful board of directors does more than hold meetings and enforce rules. An effective board is welcoming, encouraging, and transparent. If you would like to serve our community as a board of director, please complete a candidate interest form, also located at the office. Serving on the board of directors doesn't require any previous experience, and there is a learning curve. Training opportunities are provided.

You may also come to nomination committee meeting for additional information. If you have interest in doing more to serve our community, consider joining one of our committees. We always need interested residents!

The nomination committee will be meeting at the Coventry Clubhouse on the following Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- October 2, 2025 may be the pavilion
- October 9, 2025
- October 16, 2025
- October 23, 2025
- October 30, 2025



#### **11** Get Involved – Run for the Board!

Coventry HOA has two open seats on the Master Board.

- Shape the future of our community
- Help maintain and improve amenities
- Represent your neighbors

Interested? Submit your Candidate Interest Form and short candidate statement to the HOA office

Your voice matters – step up and serve!

#### Dear Neighbors,

One of Coventry's strengths has always been our spirit of volunteerism and community involvement. Our Homeowners Association depends on the time, energy, and dedication of residents who step forward to help guide our neighborhood's future. This year, we will have two open positions on the Coventry Master Board of Directors. Serving on the board is a rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact on our community. Board members work together to:

- · Manage the maintenance and enhancement of our amenities.
- Develop a plan for the long-term financial stability of our association.
- Support neighborhood safety, beautification, and quality of life.
- Represent the interests of all Coventry homeowners in decision-making.

#### Why Volunteer?

By joining the Master Board, you can share your perspective, skills, and ideas. Whether your background is in finance, project management, community building, or simply being a dedicated resident, your contributions can make a lasting impact. Serving on the board is also a meaningful way to connect with your neighbors and help keep Coventry one of the most desirable communities in York County.

#### How to Run

If you are interested in running for one of the open seats, please submit your Candidate Interest Form and a brief candidate statement to the HOA office. Candidates will be listed on the ballot for our upcoming annual meeting.

#### **Our Community Needs You**

The success of Coventry relies on volunteers willing to step up and share their talents. If you've ever thought about serving, now is the perfect time to get involved. We encourage you to consider running for one of these two important positions.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us keep Coventry vibrant, welcoming, and well-managed.

# COVENTRY Costume Parade and TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 26th 2pm at Harvest Lake

Coventry kids ages 0 to 12 treat bags provided!

If you can help with a trunk, just come and park in the spots next to and across from the pool house at 2pm.

If you have a trunk but need help with candy, contact the office



### FALL INTO READING WITH COVENTRY BOOK CLUB



#### **PLEASE JOIN US!**

Socialize, discuss, enjoy refreshments!

3rd Monday of each month 7pm - Clubhouse Join in anytime!

(even if you haven't read the book!)

- Oct theme FROZEN RIVER by Ariel Lawton
- Nov theme The Red Tent by Anita Diamont
- Dec theme December Stories (your choice)

Contact Mary Ann Dawson via the office for book suggestions or questions

Check out our Little Library near the clubhouse!

#### Coventry Community Children's Learning Garden

by Stephen Orlando

The Coventry Community Children's Learning Garden, located on Coventry Blvd next to the lake, is well underway! This is an opportunity for our community to realize the next generation of gardeners. The idea is not only to grow edibles, but to attract pollinators and activate a wider community to help in our overall neighborhoods aesthetically. There's been some detractors that were not in favor of this major endeavor. The energy and vitality will overcome that negativity. The more involvement and interest, the better.

Gardening not only offers food and purpose but teaches responsibility, patience and satisfaction that comes from nurturing something over an extended period of time. The Beautification Committee hopes to get the entire community involved. There is a lot of facets and factors putting this worthwhile asset together. We hope you're part of it Oct 4<sup>th</sup> or another date at Coventry's one of a kind Children's Learning Garden.

Thank you, and happy gardening!

#### Our Generous Children's Learning Garden Donors

- Gault Electric
- Smith Turf & Irrigation
- Outdoor Lighting Perspective
- Bennett's Creek Wholesale Nursery
- HND Garden Solutions
- Anderson's Greenhouse
- Peninsula Hardwood Mulch

Thank you!

#### **Beautification Committee**

🏲 HELP WANTED: 🦚

Calling all dirt-loving do-gooders (and even the dirt-avoiders

—we don't judge \*\*):

Our Children's Garden is about to LEVEL UP with some shiny new raised beds, and we need volunteers to help us get them in the ground!

Dates to dig:

October 4 at 8 am

Ctober 25

(aka two chances to lift heavy things and feel heroic)

"No green thumb? No problem. We just need:

✓ Willing hands

✓ Semi-clean sneakers

✓ A decent sense of humor

✓ Mild tolerance for dirt

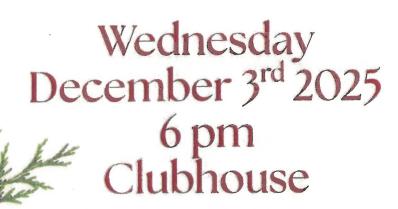
Let's make this garden GROW for the kiddos!! Please use the QR code below to sign up — or just show up with enthusiasm and maybe a shovel.



## Boughs and Bows sponsored by the Beautification Committee

Join us to create holiday greenery to decorate the Coventry monuments for the holidays

No experience needed!



Holiday Refreshments Provided



Saturday, December 6th 9:30 am to 10:30 am

Join Erin Alomar from Kaleidoscope Crafts in making a gift for a special person, and one for yourself!

Gift wrapped and ready for your holiday gift giving!



Photo depicts type of craft not actual available charms

Coventry kids ages 3 to 13

come by between 9:30 and 10:30 am

Parents welcome but don't peak!

FREE!



#### CRITTER CORNER



by Kelly C. Burleson

#### **OPOSSUMS**

Opossums, also known as possums, are a species we are all familiar with, but how much do we know about these critters. We rarely see them except for those that have sadly been hit by vehicles. Many people are afraid of these animals. While it is always wise to be cautious of any animal these little creatures are not vicious. They are generally docile and non-aggressive. They tend to avoid confrontation by escaping or playing dead, Just like any animal, if cornered they will show their teeth and/or bite in self-defense. Their name is derived from Algonquian Indian word apasum meaning white animal.

They are the only marsupial native to North America. Do not mistake them for a rat just because they have a hairless tail. They are not even related to rodents and in fact, if rodents are a problem, the opossum is on the job. Their diet includes rodents and other pests like slugs, cockroaches, crickets and other insects. If you don't like snakes, well, be advised opossums eat them. Speaking tails, the opossum's tail is referred to as prehensile meaning it is used for grasping. It is not used to hang upside down. This is a misconception. They also have opposable thumbs on its hind feed for grasping and their hands are soft and delicate with nails that are not designed for digging.

Opossums are born so small that 20 could fit into a teaspoon! They continue development in their mother's pouch just like their cousins the kangaroo and koala. When the pouch becomes too full the juveniles will come out and ride on their mother's back until they are ready to be on their own. Surprisingly their average life span is only one to two years because of humans and our domesticated animals. These critters have survived over 70 million years. They roamed the earth at the same time the dinosaurs did.

Do not be fearful if you happen to see an opossum during the daylight hours. It is highly unlikely an opossum will carry rabies. Their body temperate is lower than other mammals which does not provide an environment for the virus to grow. While they are nocturnal, there is no need to be fearful. Here are a few reasons you may see them during the day:

- Mama opossums must spend more time looking for food so they will sometimes be seen out wandering during the day
- Someone or something may disturb their hiding place so they will be out moving around to find a new hiding place
- During the winter they may have to forage while the temps are warmer
- On a few occasions a blind, sick or injured one will be seen wandering

Please be kind to these shy gentle creatures. They are helping us to naturally control the over population of other species we find objectionable. If you have concern that an animal is injured or not well then contact a wildlife rehabilitator: <a href="https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/">https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/injured/</a>.

To learn more about these animals visit: www.opposumsocietyus.org.

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