

President's Report

Anne Pereira, president

Spring and April are like rebirths. We're outdoors more and the community seems to come alive again. It's also the end of the current board: 4 directors positions are up for re-election, and 3 still have years left on their terms. The job is endless and thankless. A board member needs to be fair, consistent, communicate, and be budget wise, among other things.

The past few months I have heard a great deal of criticism toward the board (and myself personally). Please know that this board has always been open to ideas and transparency. There is much I would like to see here as well, but with a community of 350 homes, we must do what is best for everyone for the greater good of the community and not an individual.

It's not about you or me. It's a community. We must be cohesive. I have been told so many times that joining a board is pointless. Maybe that's why we only have 20 or so people at a meeting. I'm sure it's the reason the same people always volunteer at events or attend them.

But complaining becomes whining when you the co-owner don't act for the greater good and not just yourself.

Is the pool crowded? Yes, it's summer. Lots of kids? Yes, because our demographics are changing. Is snow removal a problem? Yes, because people don't move their cars. Rats? Yes because of garbage, bird feeders, and feeding squirrels. That's OK – we'll pay another \$1,000 this month for rodent control.

The grass is greener where you water it. It doesn't get better if you ignore it and walk away. A community is only as good as the people. We can all close our eyes and whine and publicly shame and insult board members. Again, water the grass where you want it to be green.

Be part of the solution so we can all be proud of where we live.

Best, Anne

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NOTES

• **Please note.** The group called Action at Coventry Team (ACT) is not an official organization of Coventry Parkhomes. Coventry Parkhomes and the board of directors have not endorsed any candidate.

Anne F. Pereira, president

• **Thinking of renting** your unit? Be sure to read Article VI, Section 2, of the bylaws. Failure to comply could result in fines. You must contact In Rhodes, 248-652-8221, for permission and specifications before you can rent your unit.

• **Website login change**
To improve security, when you go to *coventrypark.org*, you must login before you get to the Home page. We did this so that only co-owners will have access to all pages on our site.

• **The Social Committee** needs co-owners interested in organizing parties, and meeting and getting to know our neighbors.

Community manager's report

Margie Elzerman

Happy spring! At the end of this month (weather permitting), we will perform our annual spring inspection walk, which is done to ensure that your community continues its beautification, issues are uncovered and addressed, and all co-owners comply with the Association's Governing Documents.

The Annual Membership Meeting is April 21 via Zoom. Be sure to either attend the meeting or turn in your proxy.

For those who don't have Zoom access, the board welcomes you to the clubhouse to view the meeting on a big screen TV. A board member will be there to facilitate should you have any questions.

A guest speaker from Maris Brown Insurance will present insurance tips and options. Jeff Vollmer, the association's attorney, will oversee election results along with In Rhodes Management President Angela Phillips and Vice President Thayer Moran.

Coming events for 2022

April 16: Saturday, Easter Egg Hunt

May 14: Saturday, Mother's Day Tea/Brunch

June 17: Friday, Father's Day, beer, wine, and food truck

June: Garden Walk

July 4: Monday, picnic at the park

July: Community garage sale

October 30: Sunday, Halloween party

November 23: Wednesday, Thanksgiving dinner

December 14: Wednesday, annual Christmas dinner

Questions? Call Board Member Zoe Harris, 707-815-0210.

We still have a rat problem

The rats are winning!

The number of rats at Coventry has not significantly diminished in the last 12 months.

Rats, seen on our property at night as well as day, can harm pets and wildlife. Co-owners must take these necessary steps to reduce our rat population:

- Remove all bird feeders until further notice. They are a food source for rats. Rats are more prevalent around units that have bird feeders.
- Do not store any trash outside.
- Pick up dog waste immediately.
- Do not feed squirrels or any other wild animals.
- Do not put or leave used kitty litter outside.

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Parking rules review

Here's a condensed review of important parking rules. Be sure to read the details in the Policy Handbook, pages 27-29, so you can comply.

- Trucks and commercial vehicles cannot be parked on Coventry property unless making deliveries or pick-ups in the normal course of business.
- Each unit in Coventry can regularly park two cars on Coventry property. Visitor parking is for intermittent use only, not for day-to-day parking.
- There is no parking or standing along curbs. Coventry Road and Wickham are fire lanes, and cars are subject to ticketing and/or fines.
- Common element parking areas at Coventry are to be used for parking only. Extensive repairs or items like draining oil and other similar practices are not allowed.
- Motorcycle kickstands can bore holes in asphalt, so a kickstand rest **MUST** be used when parking these vehicles. Any damages to asphalt will be repaired by the association and invoiced to the responsible resident co-owner/renter(s).

Questions? Call Community Manager Margie Elzerman, 248-652-8221.

ANNUAL MEETING
THUR., APRIL 21
7PM VIA ZOOM



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Proposals from March board meeting

The board of directors approved the following proposals during its March 17 open meeting. Details will be included in the meeting minutes, which will be distributed to all co-owners after they are approved.

- **Pool light replacement.** Replace 5 light fixtures with LEDs, which offer longevity and energy efficiency (\$7,400 reserve expense.) Functioning lights are essential for nighttime swimming. All 5 lights were burned out by the end of the 2021 season.

- **Pool caulking.** Caulking is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. (\$2,160 operating expense)

- **Open and close the pool.** Open: cover is removed, cleaned, and stored; pool is drained and cleaned; filtration system is set up. Close: water is pumped down; water lines are drained, blown clear, and inlets are plugged; filtration system is drained and winterized; cover is installed. (\$2,685 operating expense)

The following proposals are pending:

- Concrete and landscaping replacement
- Leaf removal (in addition to leaf removal currently covered in the lawn maintenance contract).
- Seepage/grading.

Our annual meeting is April 21

Our annual meeting is held each year to discuss the affairs of the association, to conduct ordinary business, as well as special business like the election of directors.

This year, four (4) board positions will be filled. The deadline for nominations was March 18. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the meeting.

To validate the meeting and hold the election, a quorum of 35% of co-owners must be present or represented by proxy. If you can't attend the meeting, consider assigning your proxy to another homeowner or submitting it for quorum purposes only.

Contact In Rhodes Management, 248-652-8221, with questions. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

St Patrick's Day party was a success

Director Zoe Harris

Thirty co-owners attended the March 16 St Patrick's Day party.

We talked, laughed, and sang karaoke. Yes, I brought my karaoke and it was a hit! We have more events coming up, and I hope all of you can attend.

Thank you to our talented and fierce Social Committee comprising Sharon Wetherington, Bonnie Erickson, Maya Lane Harris, Penny Cottrill, and Kathy Thorton.

We have three new co-owners joining us: Kate Walsh, Julie Bommarito, and Rosie. And a very special thanks to Ann Massucci for heading all past Social Committee events. And she will be joining us again.

Please sign up for our Easter Egg Hunt, especially if you have young children. We're looking forward to seeing everyone.



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Happy Easter



April 16, Noon
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Invite your kids and grandkids! We will have lots of fun events, including our very own Easter egg hunt!



RSVP to Zoe 1 (707) 815 0210

For Volunteering and Suggestions send her a message



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Susanne Jacobson, Geraldine Pasquinelli

Welcoming. Board Liaison: TBD.

Daniela and Bill Marino

Pool. Board Liaison: Anne Pereira.

Chairperson, Eniko Fischer. Laura Carey, Andrea Dell, Daniela Marino, Trish Smith, Peg Smith, Mark Stowers. Pool Supervisor, Alex Stowers. Contact: CoventryIdeas@hotmail.com

In Rhodes Management

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Margie Elzerman, community manager

Emergency numbers

Emergencies only:

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

Non-Emergency Police: 248-246-3500

Consumers Energy (Gas): 800-477-5050

DTE Energy: 800-477-4747

COVENTRY REALTY NEWS

ACTIVE

PENDING

1832 Wickham 2br 2.1bath 1,286ft² \$229,900.

1930 Wickham 2br 1bath 878ft² Ranch \$174,900.

SOLD

1745 Wickham 2br 1bath 878ft² Ranch \$190,000.

1978 Ridge Ct 3br 1.2bath 1,480ft² \$217,500.

1913 Wickham 3br 1.1bath 1,280ft² \$220,000.

1865 Newporte Ct 1,458ft² 3br 2.5bath \$255,000

2130 Wickham 1,300ft² 3br 1.1bath 1 Lease \$2,000.

1842 Shire Ct 3br 2.1bath 1,480ft² Lease \$2,300.

*Information courtesy of co-owner
Kathy Haack, Max Broock Realtors*