



One Minute with Coventry Vice President Bill Marino

Where are you from originally?

I was born on the east side of Detroit and I graduated from Lakeshore High School in St Clair Shores. I earned a BA degree in History from Wayne State and worked on my MA in Theology in Rome, Italy where I lived for 25 years. I have also resided in Florida and Los Angeles for several years at a time.

How did you end up at Coventry?

When my wife Daniela and I left Rome in 2014 we wanted to live near my family in Oakland County. Having lived in condos most of our lives, we decided Coventry was a good choice for location and price.

You have been on the board for two years. What have you learned?

Every owner has a right to a vision. A Board Member needs to respect the visions of others, take into account the views of the majority, and make the best decisions for the future of the community.

What are your goals as a board member?

I would like to cut spending and balance our books before taking on any more aesthetic projects. We need to provide for the safety and security of Coventry by comparing costs on all projects that need to be done in a prudent and timely fashion. Every owner has a right to a vision. A Board Member needs to respect the visions of others, take into account the views of the majority, and make the best decisions for the future of the community.

What at Coventry appeals to you the most?

My wife loves the pool and the sense of community. I really enjoy the park by the pool and the people who treat one another with neighborly respect. Coventry is a great place for walking.

What is something about you that no one knows? (dance, cook, fly planes, extreme kayaker? Anything) I pray a lot (probably too much), especially for the people who are at odds with me.

Info

• **Yard waste bags** are available at the clubhouse – free. Please do not fill them beyond 50 pounds. Place them with your normal trash for pickup. Yard waste placed curbside on any other day will not be picked up.

• **Do Not Knock Registry:**

Keep unwanted salesmen and women off your doorstep. Register at www.romi.gov or by calling the City Clerk's office at 248-246-3110.

• **Be Mindful of What you Flush:** If any diapers, wipes, feminine products, etc. are found in a sewer line in a condo, the owner will be charged for the sewer call.

• **Pool passes** still available during normal pool hours:

Monday through Thursday –
11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday through Sunday –
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Holidays: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Contact Pool Manager Alexandra Stowers with any questions. stowersalexandra@gmail.com

• **Water aerobics:** 10:00 a.m., Monday through Thursday and 9:15 a.m., Friday through Sunday. \$5 per week. Direct questions or any suggestions to Pool Manager, Alexandra Stowers. stowersalexandra@gmail.com.

GEORGE THOMAS COONEY OBITUARY - Coventry Co-owner and Former Board Member



George Thomas Cooney of Royal Oak, Michigan died on July 26, 2022, his 88th birthday. He was born in 1934 in South Amboy, NJ. Son of John and Matilda Cooney. He had a very full life with his beautiful wife Joan (nee Schulster) of 63 years. Together they raised five children, including their special needs son John.

George is a graduate of St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, NJ and Seton Hall University. He went on to become a Systems Engineer. During his career, he, Joan and their children lived in New Jersey, Texas, Connecticut, and Michigan. George and Joan enjoyed travels throughout the United States and abroad.

For the past 30 years, they resided in Royal Oak. George was involved with several church communities and volunteer organizations. He proudly served in the United States Army and was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Clawson. George was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, Godfather, cousin and friend. George was a man of great faith and was the beloved patriarch of the Cooney family. He will be deeply missed by many for his gentle nature, optimism and fun loving spirit.

George is survived by his wife Joan, children Mary (Ron) Emerson, Michael Cooney, Eileen (Dennis) Drenikowski, son-in-law David King, many loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, brother Robert Cooney, sister-in-law Jane Cooney and brother-in-law Joseph (Carmen) Schulster. George is preceded in death by his parents, his son John Cooney, his daughter Patricia King and his brother Don Cooney.

Memorial donations may be made to Mary's Children Family Center at [maryschildrenfamilycenter.org](https://www.maryschildrenfamilycenter.org)

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News From the Social Committee

My name is Zoe and I'm one of 13 volunteers in our Social Club.

So far, we had six Successful events. Among them being Mother's Day, where we had our men cook for the ladies. We also had a picnic on Father's day and most recently was our Community Picnic.

We had over 60 people attend. There was great food, the games were fun and most of all we connected with our neighbors. I personally think we should make them into Annual Events.

Our Rummage sale was canceled this year due to some liability issues.

If you have questions about that, please ask our Board Committee liaison, Ann Massucci.

Our next big event is for our kids, Halloween, Trunk & Treat.

Sunday, October 30th. I'm calling our Young adults to join us. Of course everyone is WELCOME.

Our last event will be the most fun of all – our Annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 14. Please put that on your calendar.

A few ideas. I see that we have lots of new parents, and Young

Adults as well as Singles. I encourage them to start a club, using our own clubhouse. And of course, a Senior club.

If you are interested in starting any of these groups, please let me know. Feel free to text, call or email me.

Thank you all. If you have any questions, you can ask any of us.

And we welcome all volunteers. The more the merrier.

Social Club Volunteers:

1. Sharon Wetherington
2. Bonnie Erickson
3. Penny Cottrill
4. Julie Bommarito
5. Kate Walsh
6. Carole Gardel
7. Maya Lane Harris
8. Ed Pereira
9. Nathan Ford
10. Josue Saavedra
11. David Harris
12. Ann Massucci our Liaison
13. Zoe D. Harris 707.815.0210
azoe@mindspring.com

Finance/Reserve Committee

Coventry Treasurer Mike McCombs, with board approval, has made the following CD purchases for Coventry.

3-month.	6-month	9-month	1-year.
(1) \$200K at 2.45 (1) \$100k at 2.40	(1) \$200K at 2.80	(1) \$200K at 2.90	(1) \$200K at 3.05
2-year. (1) \$200K at 3.45. (1) \$200K at 3.45			

Total \$1,300,000.00 Balance \$91,373.51

Finance/Reserve Committee Members Are:

Jim Craft
Vince Antonapulos
Ed Nasrey
Mike McCombs - Board Liason
Chris Nasso
Rebecca Jaye
Ed Anderson
Rick Smith - Vice Chair
Allan Rupp - Chairperson





Unfortunately, it's that time of year again where wasps are becoming more and more active. We have received reports of people being stung up to 30-times by unknowingly bumping into a nest while cleaning their yards/decks.

Wasps and other stinging insects are most active from July through the late summer months of August and September as long as the weather is warm. **Wasps are generally more active in the middle of the day when it's warm**, and less active between dusk and dawn when temperatures are cooler. **Please be very careful and watch your children/pets near decks, shrubs, trees and puddle areas.**

If you notice a wasp nest, unless you have the proper equipment and sprays, please keep away. Take a photo (if possible) and email it along with details where it is located directly to margie@inrhodes.com and carly@inrhodes.com so we can get someone out to treat the area and remove the nest.

LANDLORDS: please forward this information to your tenants.



Library News - Sue McCombs



I have had a few inquiries regarding the library hours, and have been told typically the doors to the clubhouse open at 7:30 a.m. and close at around 4:00, Monday through Friday.

Thanks to the many books donated by Alexandra Stowers, we now have a young adult/teen section and thank you to everyone who donated so many nice books. With the generous donations, I feel we are now in need of more bookcases, so if anyone has any bookcases they no longer need, we would love to have them.

I would like to welcome Sharon Moloney to the library committee.

Just a reminder that the Coventry library is open and we have quite a nice selection of books to choose from. We have a small non-fiction section and we are starting a children's section. We are accepting gently used paperbacks and hard covers and any children's books.

We hope to make the library, not only a place where you can read, but also a place where you can socialize and meet new friends.

I would like to welcome Leah Janish to the library committee.

Also, I would like to hear some thoughts on our library starting a book club in September. You can email me at sem517@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Sue McCombs

Please submit any story or content ideas to CoventryStowers@gmail.com. If you'd like to write, copy edit, design or help sell ads, please send an email!



Residential Lock Box Program

The Royal Oak Fire Department has a unique program that helps both the First Responder and home owner. It's purpose is to expedite access to a citizen's residence and reduce the likelihood of property damage that would be caused by the response team if they had to force their way into a home to answer an emergency call.

A person calling 911 after suffering a fall, heart attack, or stroke might not be able to open their door. When firefighters arrive every second counts and without a lock box they would have to break through a door or window to gain entrance or waste valuable time.

The program is open to Royal Oak residents who live alone or are left alone on a regular basis and have a condition which may result in need of immediate assistance due to being incapacitated or unconscious. Residents that qualify include elderly, physically handicapped or those recovering from major surgery or injury.

To learn more, call ROFD (248) 246-3800.

(the phone number was wrong in last month's issue)

Garden Committee Update

The Garden Committee has finished planting for the Summer Season. The five pots at the clubhouse are the responsibility of the Committee and are looking colorful and healthy. Thank you, Keith, for keeping them watered.

In lieu of In Rhodes buying and planting flowers at the entrances of Wickham and Parmenter, the Garden Committee volunteered to do it. They have not fared as well as the pots. There were three issues working against us:

1. The weather has been unusually hot.
2. We were delayed in planting because the sprinkling system had to be repaired which meant we had to hold the plants for four weeks.
3. According to the soil test done by English Gardens, the alkaline level is high. Clay in the soil may cause this but also road salt can affect the soil. They recommend that we amend the soil with a compound called Mag-I-Cal which we purchased and donated.

Some of the plants at both entrances have been replaced by generous donors.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped in the planting and have watched over the plants. We are always looking for people who would like to join us. It was wonderful this week when Anna stepped forward and offered to replace some dead plants with some new ones.

Thank you!

Come join us. We look forward to meeting you.

coventrypark.org

Visit our website

The CoventryPark.org website offers valuable information for co-owners, who have exclusive access to the site.

(The general public can't access our site.)

Our website contains:

- A community calendar (includes future board meeting dates, maintenance dates, and more)
- Documents and forms (like the bylaws, Policy Handbook, and the modification request form)
- Our community directory
- Coventry Caller newsletter (all issues January 2021 to the present)
- Board meeting minutes (January 2020 to the present)
- Financials (treasurer's reports, 2022 budget, 2020 reserve study)

Sign up for access to the site so you can benefit from all the information it offers.

This and That and Then Some

The Library Committee is on the lookout for volunteers. Contact Sue McCombs if interested.

Board Meetings are now “Hybrid Zoom” meaning we have an “in-person” meeting everyone is invited to attend and we broadcast the meeting over Zoom for those co-owners who prefer to attend the meeting virtually. There is also a “Call In” option - check your meeting announcement email.

We are working to smooth out the audio and video glitches.

Due to unpredictable and expected inclement weather, the **Pool Party is rescheduled for next week Sunday, August 28 at 2 pm**. Still planning an outdoor party, however in case of rain we will move the Potluck inside the clubhouse and the rest of the outdoor activities may not occur. If you already signed up with a dish but you are unable to attend on this new date - you can adjust your SignupGenius



entry or leave it - no problem either way.

Please see attached flyer for updated details.

Pool Party NEW DATE - August 28, Sunday

☐ **Rain or Shine – in the Park or in Clubhouse**

- 2 pm – 4 pm - Potluck and Hotdogs

☐ **Weather permitting – outdoor activities**

- 4 pm – 7 pm - Games & Snacks
- 7 pm – 8 pm - Pizza
- 8 pm – 10 pm - Enjoy the Moonlit Pool

Hope to see everyone there - Let's be Neighborly!



Not just for Pool Enthusiasts - All Co-owners and Residents are Welcome!!!!

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Sign up with a dish by clicking link below or by scanning the QR code,
send an email, see a pool attendant - or just bring what you like!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044aaca92fa5fb6-coventry>

You may bring your own adult beverage, but it must not be shared with underaged attendees

Monetary donations can be placed into the box at the pool
or dropped into the Clubhouse slot in an envelope marked "Pool Party"



Please contact CoventryIdeas@hotmail.com or a **Pool Attendant**
with ideas, to donate, or to help!

A reminder about our “pets” policy

It's illegal to permit your pet to deposit poop in any place other than the premises where the animal is harbored.

Basically, your pet must leave its droppings at home or you must transport them back there. No exceptions, no excuses. It's simply a matter of respecting other co-owners.

If you have a complaint about a pet, email a written, signed complaint to margie@inrhodes.com with:

1. the date(s) and time(s) of the pet violation (if possible, take a photo of the pet in the act of the violation), and
2. The address where the pet lives.

Mark Your Calendar

October 30: Sunday, Halloween gathering

December 14: Wednesday, annual Holiday Party

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

COVENTRY REALTY

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

ACTIVE:

None

PENDING:

1867 Newporte 3BR 1.1 Bath 1,280 SQ Ft Lease \$2,200.

5001 Coventry 3 BR 2.1 Bath ,1480 Sq Ft \$220,000.

SOLD:

1812 Shire Ct 2 Br 1.1 Bath 1,286 Sq Ft \$230,000.

4936 Coventry 3 BR 1.1 Bath 1,280 sq ft \$235,000.



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Pool. Board Liaison: Renee Wattenberg. Chairperson, Eniko Fischer. Laura Carey, Andrea Dell, Daniela Marino, Trish Smith, Peg Smith, Mark Stowers. Pool Supervisor, Alex Stowers. Contact: *coventryIdeas@hotmail.com*

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