



Hello from the Editor: By Jeanne Wolf

I am returning to the job of Coventry Caller editor after a hiatus of a few years. Many things have changed since I held that job. The biggest

change for me is having the newsletter go from printbased to online based.

I'm ready to face these formatting and production challenges, however, because so many competent people are involved in these technical aspects of publishing the Caller on the website.

Emailing the Caller to all co-owners and posting each issue on our website saves paper and distribution costs. (Paper copies are available to people who request them from In Rhodes Management.)

I look forward to working with the Coventry Board, the various Committees, and all the residents who wish to contribute ideas and articles. Feel free to send me messages and articles at: JWolf@TheEditingEdge.biz. You can also send text messages to 248-840-6473.

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- POLICY HANDBOOK—ANN MASSUCCI



# Stop. Think. Reduce.

Consumers Energy GAS is a SHARED utility expense among ALL Co-owners. Be a good neighbors! Keep costs down by closing your doors and windows

in cold temperatures.

Your neighbors' wallet will appreciate it!

#### **Coventry Realty**

Information courtesy of co-owner Kathy Haack, Max Broock Realtors C: 248-561-3671 email: khaack@maxbroock.com



Active:	
1851 Shire Ct	1458 SQ FT 3 BR 1.1 Bath Lease \$2,300.00
1927 Wickham	878 SQ FT 2 BR 1 Bath Ranch \$185,000.00
1852 Torquay	1286 SQ FT 2 BR 1.1 Bath \$210,000.00
2124 Wickham	1286 SQ FT 2 BR 1.1 Bath \$215,000.00
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Pending: 5074 Coventry	1458 SQ FT 3 BR 1.1 Bath \$195,000.00
Sold:	
1822 Wickham	1226 SQ FT 2 BR 1.1 Bath Lease \$1,900.00
2106 Parmente	<b>r</b> 1418 SQ FT 3 BR 2.1 Bath

Lease \$2,100.00



By Allan Rupp, Finance & Reserve Committee Chairperson

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season!

It's hard to believe that we are already in February!

The Budget Committee met January 26 to discuss possible repairs and replacements that need to be addressed, some of which will require attention and money for the upcoming year.

The Committee identified 9 items that need attention. Some are a high priority, some are a high probability, and others are just part of a wish list. Items the Budget Committee discussed (not in priority order):

- 1. Asphalt-Parking lots and walking path (between the clubhouse and Wickham)
- 2. Clubhouse parking lot curbs
- 3. Clubhouse-Interior painting, chairs, and tables
- 4. Carport repairs
- 5. Sidewalk repairs
- 6. Roofing project
- 7. Gutter guards
- 8. Doors
- 9. Gutter cleaning



At this point, the Board of Directors has already approved some of these projects (e.g., re-roofing four test buildings), and work will start as the weather warms up. For other projects, we are in the process of getting multiple quotes to identify costs. All of the projects have been identified as either maintenance or reserve expenses.

Our Finance and Reserve Committee will meet in February to start putting these projects in our short term/long term plan, so Coventry can become a more transparent and efficient community.





### **Coventry Tea Party**

By Ann Massucci

There's a rumor floating around about a tea party at the Clubhouse Library. Check it out! No reservations necessary. Requirements are to show up with a teabag and a cup. We'll supply the hot water and a sweet treat. Conversation is provided by everyone.

#### Date: Thursday, February 16

#### Time: 10:30 AM

You'll see the newly organized library. Sue McCombs, our new librarian, has done a great job. We now have a children's center and a classic book area—all with comfortable seating. See you there!

# **Clubhouse Renovations**

By Daniela Marino, Clubhouse Committee Chairperson

Our Coventry Clubhouse has undergone various repairs and improvements throughout 2022.

The new carpet is the most obvious change. We selected carpet tiles for practical, esthetic, and cost-effective reasons. These new tiles can be removed and cleaned individually. In addition, the pattern and color of the current carpet squares hide stains, creates a flow, and combines with a variety of color palettes.

The dance floor was screened and refinished to restore its lustrous glow. In-house repairs



and updates have also taken place in various areas, including the bathrooms and Library.

We plan to replace the chairs in the Card Room in 2023, budget permitting, as well as begin some painting in the Clubhouse. The Clubhouse Committee has an ongoing "wish list" which is updated annually, and we set new goals on a regular basis to ensure that one of Coventry's greatest amenities is well maintained.

The Coventry Board of Directors and our Finance and Reserve Committee have implemented many improvements on site. We look forward to further progress in 2023.

A special thank you to the hard-working and dedicated members of the Clubhouse Committee: Ann Massucci (Liaison), Renee Wattenberg (Pool Liaison), Gary Donley, Bonnie Erikson, Sue McCombs, Anne Pereira, Kathy Rupp, and Sharon Wetherington

# Brief Notes from the January 2023 Board Meeting

By Chris Nasso

- Board Meeting: The Board and Margie Elzerman, Community Manager, are working on moving some items from the Executive Meetings to the Open Informational meeting so more information may be shared with co-owners.
- Bylaw Amendments: The Board is considering amendments relating to fireplaces, carports, and unit leasing rules, all of which would be beneficial to the community.
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations: Some co-owners have asked about installing charging stations. The Board needs to research this.
- Gutter Cleaning: The Board terminated the contract with the current company that cleans gutters and is soliciting bids from new companies.
- Roof replacement: The roofs on four test buildings (Buildings 15, 18, 22, and 23) will be replaced this year. The replacement will be a complete tear-off. The cost of doing this will not be much higher than a shingle cover. In Rhodes management sent bids for the four buildings to more than 25 roofing vendors, and 15 vendors responded. The Board discussed the top bids and chose a vendor during the January open meeting.

## **coventrypark.org** Coventry Information at Your Fingertips

By Chris Nasso

Our website, which is accessible via computer or smart phone, offers co-owners valuable information about our community. Here is brief summary:

Website Page	Contents
Home Page	Timely notices AND links to submit work orders and modification requests.
Calendar	Forthcoming events, projects, and notices.
Documents & Forms	Bylaws, Policy Handbook, maintenance matrix, snow removal process, modification request form, and much more.
Community Directory	Names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of co-owners who have agreed to have their information published.
Newsletters	<i>Coventry Callers</i> from January 2022 to the present.
Minutes	Board of Directors open meeting minutes from 2020 to the present.
Financials	Annual budget, Treasurer's reports, CD invest- ments, and the 2020 reserve study.
Contact	Email form to submit questions or comments about the website.

The site is exclusively for co-owners; the public can't access it. So, please don't direct realtors to our site. If realtors want to see our bylaws and other documents, direct them to CondoCerts.com. (Most realtors and brokers are familiar with this site.)

To access our site, you must first "sign up" or create a username and password. Once the web developer verifies that you're a co-owner, you will be able to "sign in" to the site using your username and password.

## Holiday Party was a Great Success

By Zoe Harris

ParkHomes Holiday 202

The last Coventry event of the year, the Annual Holiday Party, was met with great enthusiasm. I have heard from many that it was a wonderful, festive, and very enjoyable event.

We had 71 co-owners and their families attend. Lots of great food, conversation, and light entertainment. My daughter, Emma, who is a professional ballerina, danced for us and sang a Christmas song.

I want to thank all the people who volunteered to help: Daniela Marino, Chris Nasso, and Barb Glenda. Mark Stowers helped me with the sound system. But most of all, I am very grateful for my Social Committee members and volunteers. They worked very hard for the Holiday Party and all our events in 2022.

These people who gave so much are: Sharon Wetherington, Bonnie Erickson, Ann Massucci, Penny Cotrill, Julie Bommarito, Kate Walsh, Carole Gardel, Ed and Anne Periera, Nathan Ford, and Mary Johnston.

In addition, I thank my dear family members, David, Emma, and Maya Lane, who are always there to support me.

We are currently working on 2023 Community Social Events. Let's continue to build community and encourage all to join in our social gatherings. It's going to be a great year! Cheers!





# **Recycling Reminders ...**

This is a quick review for new residents to Coventry and for long-time residents who don't necessarily read the Policy Handbook for pleasure—or information.

There is no curbside recycling in Coventry. However, the Coventry Association provides on-site recycling bins in the Clubhouse parking lot as a convenient service for us all.

One bin is for paper and cardboard. You can put any paper you are discarding including newspapers, magazines, catalogues, phone books, and even cardboard and packing cases.

#### Paper bin rules:

- Plastic grocery or garbage bags cannot go in. If you carry papers to be recycled in a plastic bag, you must dump them out of the bag and dispose of the bag yourself. This is because plastic bags clog up the recycling machinery.
- Please break down large cardboard boxes. It costs Coventry money and time when these boxes have to be broken by staff.



The other bin takes plastic, metal, and glass. Metal items must fit through the bin openings, and aerosols must be empty. Please rinse containers that had food in them to deter rodents and insects.

#### This bin also has some rules:

- Plastic bags cannot go in here either—for the same reason that they can't be in the paper bin. Please dump your items out into the bin; do not throw in the items in a plastic bag.
- Things not allowed are ceramics, mirrors, dinnerware or window glass.
- Some items, like building/remodeling materials, cement, brick, glass block, auto parts, tires, stone, dirt, and tree stumps cannot be recycled nor put out for regular trash.
- In addition, hazardous materials like: paint, chemicals, auto oil and fluids, batteries, cleaners, medical waste, fluorescent light bulbs) cannot be recycled in our facility.

You can take these items to SOCCRA—located on Coolidge across from Meijer's. Make an appointment to drop off these materials by phone or computer website.

www.socrra.org + (248) 288-5150

# **COVENTRY CLASSIFIEDS**

#### Part-time caregiver wanted.

A Coventry senior would like to hire a caregiver/ companion for daytime conversation, meal prep, dog petting (a cute Pomeranian) as well as occasional shopping and light errands. Preferred hours are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

#### Contact: 248-660-4810 Laura Robb

Handyman Services Are you in need of some work around the house?

Contact: 313-680-9471 Chris

**English Language Lessons** Grammar, Accent Reduction, and Test Prep (SAT, ACT, GRE, GMAT, TOEFL)

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# Happy Valentines Day February 14th



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