COVENTRY EDITOR FEBRUARY 2022

NOTES

• Web update: If you haven't visited coventrypark.org lately, you've missed some of the additions and new information that's now available. There's a new "Calendar" page that lists important events, projects, and notices. There's also a Community Directory that lists name, address, phone, and email of co-owners who agreed to have their information published. The first time you visit, you'll have to sign up with a username and password because this site is only available to co-owners. All others are blocked.

Classifieds

- **Co-owner** seeks to hire someone to remove snow from car and move car before and after plowing. Call 248-280-0734.
- Need someone to clean snow from my car and remove and return it after snowplowing is done. Eileen Prestel, 1926 Torquay, 248-435-6810.
- Looking for writers to contribute articles for the Caller. Contact Roger Opipari, roger@opipari.biz.

Next board meeting

7pm, Thursday Feb. 17



Community manager's report

It has already been quite a start to the new year! Please join me in welcoming Assistant Community Association Manager Carly Schmeling to Coventry ParkHomes. Some of you may already know

Carly, as she has been with In Rhodes for almost three years. Carly recently transitioned to Coventry when Chelsie moved to another project.

With winter comes that fluffy white stuff that can sometimes be a little annoying. However, if we all do our part, the snow removal process becomes quite simple and much safer for all.

If you have a neighbor who needs assistance with relocating their vehicle for the snow removal process, reach out and lend a helping hand. You never know when it will be your turn to need someone's help.

Wishing you and yours a very happy 2022! Stay safe, stay warm and God Bless.

Board meeting schedule

Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month; there are no board meetings in July or December. Open session board meetings start at 7pm.

- January 20
- February 17
- March 17 (St. Patrick's Day)
- April 21 (annual meeting and election)
- May 19
- June 16
- July: no meeting
- August 18
- September 15
- October 20
- November 17
- December no meeting

Due to COVID-19 status, board meetings will be held online via Zoom until further notice.



Storing trash on patios (limited common areas) is not allowed

At the last board meeting, there was discussion about whether trash can be stored in patio areas, since our bylaws do not prohibit it.

In fact, according to our bylaws (Article VI, Section 7, entitled "Aesthetics"), it is expressely prohibited: "The common elements, limited and general (including carports) shall not be used for storage of supplies, materials, personal property or trash or refuse of any kind, except as provided in duly adopted rules and regulations of the association."

Also, the Policy Handbook, which fills in the cracks of issues not directly addressed in the bylaws, ". . . maintains the harmony of condominium living with the best interests of the association in mind."

The Policy Handbook also states the prohibition on trash storage in literally the same language: "The common elements, limited and general (including carports) shall not be used for storage of supplies, materials, personal property or trash or refuse of any kind, except as provided in duly adopted rules and regulations of the association."

Happy 2022!

President Anne Pereira

I do hope everyone is safe and enjoyed a wonderful holiday season.

January is a "down" month, and most people will focus on winter purging, cleaning, more cooking, etc. I like to think of January as being the beginning of a new year, and that summer is now one month closer.

We had a very successful and enjoyable holiday party. The committee really worked hard, the decorations were lively, food delicious, and everyone was quite chatty. It's fun to meet neighbors and get to know each other better! Covid protocols were in place as well.

Board meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. We hope to go back to in-person meetings, but Covid is still lingering so we will continue to hold them via Zoom.

Snow removal continues to be an issue. You MUST move your car. If you unable to, please ask a neighbor or move it to one of the safe zones. New snow removal guidelines are in this newsletter and on our website, coventrypark.org.

We are now on social media: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter have official pages that will be monitored. Please search for Coventry Park Homes.

Clubhouse is open 7:30am-4pm. There is salt there if you need extra. Please follow Covid protocol in the clubhouse.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in various activities. If you'd like to submit an article for the Caller, let us know. Article should be Coventry focused.

Remember to lock your doors (cars and homes) as we have had a rash of break-ins. If you see something, say something, and call 911. It might be a good idea to keep your porch light on as well.

Stay warm and safe. Reach out if you need anything. The board really appreciates your input.

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New: effective January 2022

Coventry Parkhomes snow removal process

Main roads: Coventry and Wickham will be plowed and salted first. Sidewalks will then be cleared and salted.

Parking spaces will be plowed in the order shown on the maps below.

- #1 clubhouse parking lot (used for relocation)
- #2 on south side of Torquay Ave. (used for relocation)
- #3 on Coventry Ct. (used for relocation)
- #4 on Ridge Ct. (used for relocation)
- #5 on Seabright Ct.
- #6-#7 along Parmenter St.
- #8 on Cara Ct.
- #9 along east side of Coventry Street (in front of buildings 50 & 51)
- #10 on Shire Ct.
- #11 along east side of Coventry Street (in front of bldg. 35)
- #12 on Newport Ct.
- #13 along east side of Coventry Street (north of bldg. 31)
- #14-#16 on courts on the north side of Torquay Ave.
- #17 facing Crooks Rd. (used for relocation)
- #18 at end of Wickham, near the wall (used for relocation)
- #19-#26 on courts off Wickham St. starting from the right upon entrance and circling around until complete.

Violations may be coming!

You may be fined if you do not comply with Coventry's snow removal rules.

When our contractor is on site plowing snow in our community, you must not:

- Leave your car in its parking space.
- Park on a sidewalk.
- Park closer than 12 inches from the sidewalk.

If you do, you may receive a noncompliance violation notice citing Coventry's snow removal regulations. If you don't comply a second time, you may be fined \$50.

If you don't comply a third time, you may be fined \$100. A third noncompliance may result in a \$150 fine.

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Snow removal and salting take approximately 4 hours of daylight to complete. Therefore, it is imperative that you promptly relocate any vehicles within 20 minutes after the plows blow their horns. Failure to do so may result in fines for non-compliance.

• At the board president's request, the vendor will only blow horns during daylight hours to ensure that you can safely relocate your vehicles. If snow plowing can't be finished before dark, the vendor will return

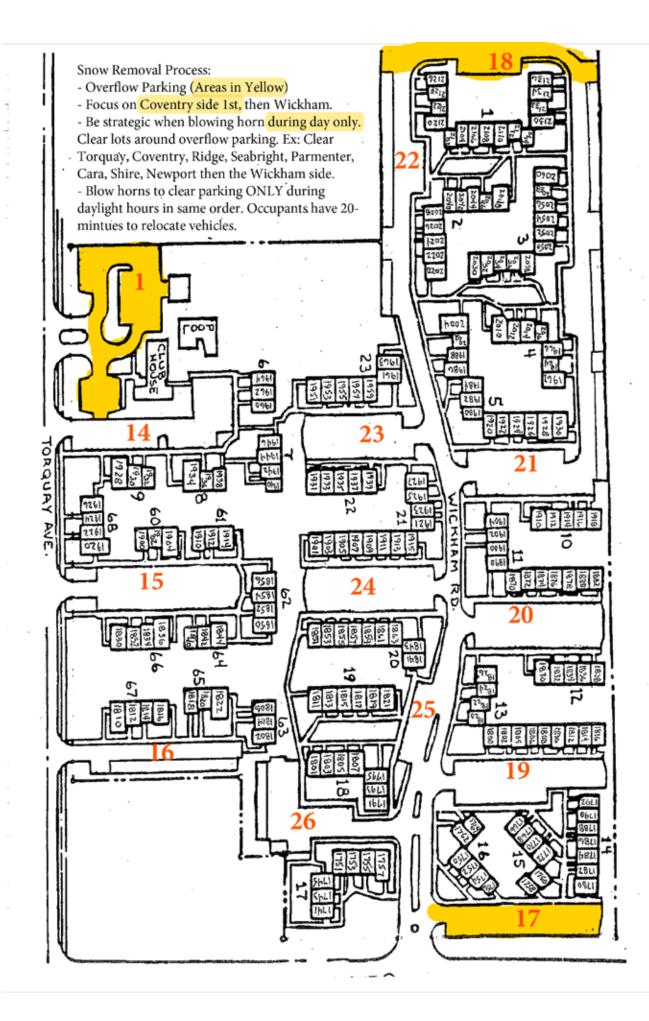
at 8:30am the following morning blowing horns to alert occupants to relocate their vehicles within 20 minutes.

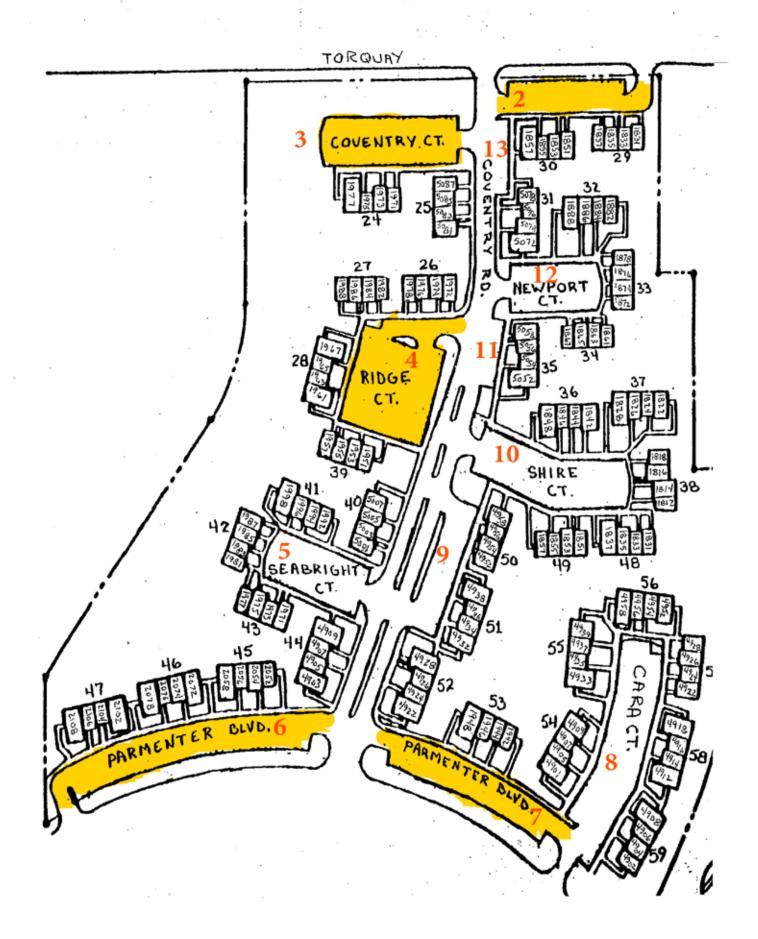
- A minimum of 3 parking spaces must be vacant for equipment to safely clear snow. If you move your car but your neighbor doesn't, the spaces can't be cleared.
- Neither the vendor, management, nor the board can police non-compliant co-owners/occupants. We highly suggest you ask your neighbor to clean and relocate their

During the last big snowstorm, 66 cars (19% of co-owners) were not moved, complicating snow removal, leaving many areas unplowed: 26 on the Wickham side, 40 on the Coventry/Torquay side.

vehicle if you want your space to be cleared. If for some reason you are not comfortable approaching your neighbor or they are unwilling to cooperate, please submit a picture of the vehicle, address the vehicle belongs to, and a description of the issue to the office of In Rhodes Management so compliance can be pursued. Please note that all complaints are considered confidential, and your information will only be shared with the b 1842 Shire Ct 1,480ft2 3br 2.1bath \$228,000 oard of directors.

- If you're unable to relocate your vehicle, a neighbor may be willing to relocate it for you. Just ask.
- PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG SIDEWALKS. Snow trucks will have no room to back-up and pull snow from parking spaces, and emergency vehicles won't be able to get through.





Leave your porch light on for safety! Turn your porch light off for safety!

Jeanne Wolf

So, which is it? The studies are contradictory. "Leave the lights on so burglars will think someone is home." Or, "turn your lights off, then burglars will have trouble seeing what they're doing."

One thing that is consistent, however, is that crime goes down in areas with well-lit streets.

Burglar alarm systems add another layer of protection—if you use them right. FBI statistics show that most residential break-ins occur in daylight. Unfortunately, most people turn off their alarms during the daytime when they're in and out. Clever burglars know how to be in and out quickly, even when you're actually in your own yard.

The most effective burglary deterrent in homes is a good relationship with your neighbors. Know your neighbors, and tell them when you're gone on vacation. Look out for each other, especially when you know someone is absent for several days. Here in Coventry, many residents are retired, and they serve as watchful eyes for suspicious activity.

Here are some tips about porch lights:

- Leaving lights on all day and night actually attracts burglars.
- Leave your lights off at night if no one is around to witness or report a crime. Otherwise, lights on only help burglars.
- Having both indoor and outdoor lights on timers is a better deterrent since it appears someone is always there.
- Motion-detecting lights also signal a change and might cause neighbors to look out to check.
- When you are home at night, leave the porch light on as it signals that you are home or that someone will be arriving after dark.
- Turn the porch light off when you go to bed to signal normal living hours.
- Security cameras, especially those with new vision technology which can record in the dark, are a good deterrent for burglars.
- Look out for each other.



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Emergency numbers

Emergencies only:

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 911

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COVENTRY REALTY NEWS

ACTIVE

2130 Wickham 1,300ft² 3*br* 1.1*bath* \$2,000 LEASE **1959 Wickham** 1,040ft² 2*br* 1.1*bath* \$185,000 **4952 Cara Ct** 878ft² 2*br* 2*bath* \$1,600 LEASE

PENDING

1973 Seabright Ct 1,280ft² 3*br* 1.1*bath* \$215,000 **1978 Ridge Ct** 1,480ft² 3*br* 1.2*bath* \$219,900

SOLD

2028 Wickham 1,280ft² 3*br* 1.1*bath* \$210,000 **1918 Wickham** 1,226ft² 2*br* 1.1*bath* \$240,000 **1842 Shire Ct** 1,480ft² 3*br* 2.1*bath* \$228,000

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