

A Secret of the Coventry

By President Brian Bogue

There's a little secret in our neighborhood. It is located right on the corner of Jeffrey and Saucony. At this corner, you will find The Little Free Library. The homeowners have created this crafty home for the neighborhood. While many of the books inside are for children, there are adult and contemporary pieces as well. The rules are simple: come visit and grab a book, when you are done bring it back. Have a couple you want to donate? Put them inside, as long as there is room. So while everyone is out enjoying the weather this summer, stop by take a peek.



Garage Sale Tips and Tricks

By Trustee Emily Smith

It's that time of year again! Garage sale season. There are so many people who look forward to this time of year for the excitement of snagging a deal or once in a lifetime find. This year the Coventry will be hosting its Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21st and Sunday, May 22nd. Since most of the major COVID restrictions have recently been lifted I'm sure there will be quite a few garage sale enthusiasts ready for the hunt. To make the most of this year's sale I have compiled a few tips to help you prepare!

1. Enlist some help: Garage sales require a lot of attention, make sure you have friends or family to assist with sales or to keep an eye on your items. Also, if you don't think you have enough items to host your own sale, buddy up with a neighbor(s).

2. Cleanliness: Make sure your items are clean, especially in these current times.

Not only will it help you sell your items but it allows you to ask for more money for items in good condition.

3. Pricing: Be sure to price your items fairly. Keep in mind, your items may be old or used, so don't try to get the same amount you paid. A good rule of thumb is to aim for 10% of the retail price. But expect negotiations, even if your prices are fair. Another option is to bundle smaller-like items. And don't forget to have enough change and smaller bills on hand to make change. You may also want to consider electronic payments. The most common apps are Cash App, Venmo, Google Pay and Apple Pay.

4. What not to sell: Quality jewelry, silver, antiques or collectibles (consult a reputable dealer or have them appraised), recalled or unsafe products, some older baby items that may not meet current safety standards (for example: cribs, car seats, walkers or baby gates) used beauty products, outdated electronics or broken appliances, dirty or damaged clothing.

Here's hoping for good weather and successful sales!



Community Garage Sale

Saturday May 21st 9 am - 3 pm
Guelaguetza Mexican Street Food & Ice Cream
11:00 am
Sunday May 22nd 9 am - 3 pm
Buckeye Shaved Ice 11:00 am

Meetings 2022

During 2022, most monthly HOA board/trustee meetings are being held virtually via Zoom, typically the first week of each month. Please check our website for updates on the next HOA meeting.

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Spring Landscaping

By President Brian Bogue

Spring is upon us – finally. With the new season, we will start to work on the landscaping at our front entrance. We will be putting out new mulch, weeding and will have work done to maintain this through the fall. Additionally, we are considering putting a new landscaping project at our other entrance at Saucony and Spindler and we would like to get feedback from our residents about it. This new landscaping project will not be that big and will only be on the north side of Saucony Drive.

It would be worked on over the next three years, so we can be conscious of costs. The thought is that we would start with something like the mockup photo (see fig. 1). Next year we would work on getting a sign. Nothing has been decided yet, but like I said, please feel free to let us know your thoughts!



fig.1



Neighborhood Bike Parade

By Secretary David Connolly

On May 22, 2021 we hosted the first- ever Coventry neighborhood “bike parade”, and what fun it was! Around 45 kids (of all ages) assembled in Adidas Court and were given American flags to decorate their bikes. We rode as a group on Reebok, Nike, Saucony and Jeffrey Drives, ending in Jarrow Court for drinks and donuts. The weather was perfect and despite the concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, we all had fun getting to see neighborhood friends and meeting some new ones.

This year we will do it again, but at the end of summer rather than beginning. We are planning for this year’s bike parade on the morning of Saturday, September 10th (the weekend after Labor Day). Door prizes and refreshments are likely. More details will be announced as the time gets closer, but mark your calendars and plan to come out and join in the fun!



Coventry Neighborhood Garage Sale

By Secretary David Connolly

The Coventry HOA will host a community garage sale again in 2022, on Saturday and Sunday May 21-22. After two years of the pandemic, maybe you are ready to clear out unnecessary “stuff” from your house and garage?! We will promote the neighborhood sale dates (Facebook, Craigslist, Nextdoor, etc.) and post signs on those dates to facilitate participation. We hope that this will become a fun, helpful and perhaps profitable annual activity.

For this event we have also booked the Guelaguetza Mexican Street Food & Ice Cream truck to be present on Saturday May 21st at 11:00 am and on Sunday, May 22nd we will have the Buckeye Shaved Ice truck at 11:00 am.

