

# The Coventry 2019 Winter Newsletter

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## **2019 Dues are \$25.00 and are due March 31, 2019**

- Payments should be made to The Coventry Civic Association
- Send Checks to PO Box 624 Hilliard, OH 43026
- Online payment may be made via PayPal. Use the email address [President@thecoventryonline.com](mailto:President@thecoventryonline.com) to send your payment
- Any dues paid after the due date will incur a \$20.00 late fee

## **Turning Over A New Leaf in 2019**

Some of you may have seen some online chat over the past few months questioning whether the Coventry Civic Association (or “HOA” – homeowners’ association) should continue to exist, including regrettably some unpleasant online interactions. For many years, residents have heard very little from or about the HOA, other than the annual letter requiring payment of the fee! However, a large number of Coventry residents felt that we should retain the HOA, and a helpful, productive meeting of residents and the Association board members was held on January 31 at Donato’s on South Rome-Hilliard Road.

In a nutshell, there have been several Coventry Civic Association boards during the past decade or more that were not transparent or active in communicating with the Coventry residents. Maintaining and passing on records and information was inconsistent at best. At the Jan. 31 meeting, the current officers described their recent work including the challenges, for example trying to track down past financial records.

Perhaps the most surprising and challenging issue is that there are no definitive by-laws for the HOA. Different versions of deed restrictions were provided to home buyers during the three different phases of home construction in the 1990s. Even documentation defining the make-up of the HOA board itself is ambiguous—things like how many members there should be, or lengths of officers’ terms!

**Quarterly Meeting** Come out and meet your neighbors at the next community meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 29, 7 p.m., Hilliard Library. Bring your questions and your ideas.

## **HOA VOTE**

As most of you are aware there was a recent vote to continue the HOA as it was set to expire at the end of 2018. This vote was passed by a majority of the homeowners. The HOA will continue for an additional 10 years.

## **Committees & Events**

The HOA will try to bring back some of the previous Coventry committees and events for 2019. Some of these include the Annual Garage Sale, Block Parties, Block Watch and the Welcome Committee. If you are interested in being involved, please contact either Shelley Schalip (614-771-4820) or Martha Hunley (614-314-5555).

## **Legal**

The board members have chosen a law firm with whom to develop by-laws that will be appropriate to preserve property values and support our sense of community as well as be in line with modern standards.

## **A Message From the President**

I wanted to thank everyone who took the time and put in the effort in the continuation of the HOA. I look forward to what we as a whole can accomplish.

With the continuation of the HOA we plan to update the HOA deed restriction and by-laws. In order to get these documents done it will take all of us working together to get them done. I ask that you email the board at [officers@thecoventryonline.com](mailto:officers@thecoventryonline.com) with your ideas and concerns. At the end of the day it will take two-thirds of the homeowners to agree on these new documents.

I also wanted to let you know that the City of Columbus has recently created the Far West Side Task Force. The responsibility of the task force is to create an area commission to assist Columbus City Council on matters pertaining to zoning and development in our area. This affects all the new planned development to our west that is in the City of Columbus. Their new website is below, I encourage you to be active as I plan to be a part of this new commission and use our HOA to influence how the City of Columbus plans to expand to our West.

<http://www.farwestsidecbus.org/>

**Evan Fracasso**

**HOA President**

## **Current Financials**

The Coventry Civic Association balance sheet has total assets of \$7,670 as of 12/31/2018. By paying our fees, the expected revenue for 2019 is \$4,825 (193 homes times \$25 each). Anticipated expenses are \$5,050, the majority of which covers the cost of maintaining the Coventry entryway on Rome-Hilliard Road.

More detailed financial summaries were shared at the Jan. 31 meeting and are available from the treasurer upon request. You may send your request to:

[Treasurer@thecoventryonline.com](mailto:Treasurer@thecoventryonline.com)

## **Current Officers**

President-Evan Fracasso 2219 Jarrow Dr

Vice-President-Jason Burk 5676 Converse Ct

Vice-President-Chad Gibson 5689 Converse Ct

Treasurer-Brandan Bonnet, CPA, APIR 2200  
Jeffrey Dr

Secretary-Jason Bornhorst 5569 Reebok

## **Community Communications**

If you need to contact the HOA please email [officers@thecoventryonline.com](mailto:officers@thecoventryonline.com) this goes to every member of the board.

Facebook- A new page has been created for the neighborhood, search: "The Coventry HOA-Hilliard"