

Yorkshire Homeowners Association, Inc.
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President s Report

Your Board of Directors met soon after the Annual Meeting of the Association and organized itself by electing the following officers: President - Jim Douglas; Vice-President - Liz Hedgepeth; Secretary - Richard DuChateau; and Treasurer - Bill Bryant. Leslie Coe is a non-officer Director. Bill Bryant was named our Registered Agent, and Richard DuChateau was named our Webmaster.

Federal and State income tax returns were timely filed (we owe no tax), as were the necessary reports to the State Corporation Commission and the Real Estate Board, which is now the Common Interest Community Board.

A review of the Virginia Property Owners' Association Act revealed that all associations are now required to have a Fidelity Bond or Insurance of \$10,000 minimum that covers any fraud or theft of funds by any Officer, Director, or employee. Thus the Board undertook to review our entire insurance position, and determined that it would also be advisable to have Officers and Directors' Liability insurance. This latter coverage will help encourage more people to become active as an officer or director, and it also will reimburse for the defense of any suit. Thus we now have General Liability, Fraud and Crime, and Officer's and Director s Liability. The Board feels that this cost can be accommodated within present budget projections and current annual assessments.

We completed the landscaping of our entrance, and I have heard nothing but complements on its appearance. We thank our capable Landscape Committee of Cynthia Bryant, Mary Ann Dallas, and Sharon Arbona for seeing this project to its completion and in nursing it through a very tough growing season. We need to continue to see to appropriate seasonal plantings, and also to see to improving our lighting system.

With thanks to Julie Hummel and Marguerite Brown, we reinvigorated our calling tree as a part of the overall Williamsburg area community awareness and preparation program. Thankfully, we have not had to use it for any emergency circumstance, but it is there if we need it.

In July the Board heard a presentation on "deer management" as it relates to our surrounding area. When the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) determines that deer are over populated in an area, they can issue a permit to take deer (in this case with bow and arrow) during an extended season. Such is the case in our surrounding area, and a permit subsequently was issued specifically to named hunters for an area in Holly Hills. This special permit allowed hunting beginning in September rather than the normal season, which opens on October 1st. Two deer were taken during this extended time. It is emphasized that regardless of any permit from DGIF, a property

owner's permission is always required to hunt on any specific property. (If anyone is interested, I can refer you to the bow hunter.) We all owe thanks to the good work by your Architectural Control Committee, chairman Jerry Hedgepeth, Mary Ann Dallas, Ron Fox, and Shirley Hern.

Also, a special thanks to Ken Lewis and Jerry Hedgepeth for putting out our flags on the light poles during the holidays.

Lastly don't overlook using our web site <http://www.yorkshirehomeowners.org>. It's where we announce Board Meetings, etc. and post certain documents. Remember Board Meetings are open to all who wish to attend. Thanks to Richard DuChateau as Webmaster.

Finally, I would like to thank Bob Grossman for his invaluable assistance to me in transition as I undertook to fill his shoes as President; and thanks to each of our Directors, Liz Hedgepeth, Richard DuChateau, Bill Bryant, and Leslie Coe, who were most diligent in their duties on behalf of our Association.

We should also thank Will and Julie Hummel and Jerry and Liz Hedgepeth, and all others who assisted, in this year's luminaries program. Unfortunately wind conditions were such that many luminaries burned their bag and extinguished themselves. With this experience, I recommend that we undertake an analysis of the pros and cons, including the hazards associated with unattended flames, and report those findings to the membership and Board such that we can make an informed decision concerning the future of this program.

Everyone should have received a letter from me concerning the accident that damaged our monument. Special thanks go to Cynthia and Bill Bryant for spearheading the effort to gain the necessary information for the Board to make the contractual decisions required to undertake the appropriate repairs, and to Jerry Hedgepeth for his help in identifying potential contractors. We will have an updated report by the Landscape Committee, and I would expect your Board will be moving to acquire contractors in due course.

Respectfully,

Jim Douglas
President