

Yorkshire Homeowners Association, Inc.

Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

The President's Report – 2013

It is my pleasure to report to you that our community corporation remains in sound financial and operating order. Our community has recently been enhanced with addition of our newest neighbors William & Carole Pearson of 122 Yorkshire Dr. having moved into Bob and Jo Whitley's home. We wish Bob and Jo the best of luck in their new home in Fords Colony and thank Bob for his service to the association. We also welcome Bill Blood and Ann Trinca of 10 Whitby Court who are moving here from Reston, VA but still have a junior in HS with a year left to go.

Our community remained very active this last year upholding past traditions of the fall picnic, community garage sales, work-weekends and the Christmas Eve Holiday luminary party. All of these provide wonderful opportunities to get together, share some laughs and get to know what great neighbors we have in our community.

Some of our most wonderful resources willingly provide their time and effort to enhance the beauty and operation of our association. In particular I would like to recognize the efforts of Cherri Spellmeyer and the entire Landscaping committee which includes Mary Ann Dallas, Jean Fox, and Sharon Arbona for their tireless efforts to organize work weekends, manage the landscaping services, and monitor the health of our common areas. Few realize the amount of time and effort that goes into these tasks. Once again, I also congratulate them for their City Beautification Award. In addition, I would like to thank Richard DuChateau for his continued support as our webmaster. He does an outstanding job developing and maintaining our community website. If you have not visited our site I encourage you to do so. You will find a wealth of up to date information about our association.

The site can be found at yorkshirehomeowners.org.

There are also several neighbors that support us in ways we would only notice if they they failed to take the initiative on their own. Our flags always fly on national holidays, the luminaries are always picked up early Christmas morning and the community tables always arrive on time for the fall picnic. For this we can thank Jerry and Liz Hedgepath, Ken and Kitty Lewis, Bruce Grisson and Bob Grossman. My apologies if I have missed anyone else.

Over the past two years I have had the privilege of serving our community as a member of our Board of Directors, and as your President this last year. It has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated, energetic and selfless group of people on our board and committees.

I would like to recognize these individuals and express our appreciation for their service: Jerry Welborn serves as Vice President and is very supportive of our board, Nikki Drake has recently completed her second year on the board as Secretary and, the truth be told, really does run the association providing all the meeting minutes, follow up on disclosure packet requests and acting as our historical and procedural reference for most any question. We thank her for her outstanding service and welcome Bruce Ullman who has gratuitously agreed to take over the duties of Secretary this coming year.

Jerry Howell has done a fantastic job as Treasurer making sure we comply with state regulations governing homeowners associations, keeping our bank records straight and our bills paid on time.

These fellow officers coupled with the counsel and advice from Mike Dallas our Member At Large, Cherri Spellmeyer, and Julie Hummel who has also kindly agreed to take over as chairman of the Architectural Review Committee have made my job enjoyable and worthwhile.

As we embark on this new year we do so on solid financial footing but not without future needs and challenges. We have been blessed with the willingness of a dozen people giving their time during work weekends to help keep our common areas beautiful and supplement the professional services we hire. I encourage you to provide your attention and support to our up coming landscaping report which details future needs that if not planned for and addressed may find ourselves in a position where our property values are impacted. We are thankfully in a position to address all of our most immediate needs but anticipate in the not too distant future challenges that if properly planned for can be remedied in a phased approach. Of course we serve at the pleasure of the association and will take whatever action including maintaining a steady state approach based the majority decision.

I conclude with a reminder to please stay in contact as a community and let me or Bruce know of any resident who may have lost a loved one, has fallen ill or may be in the hospital so that we can lend our prayers and support as good and caring neighbors.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Hummel
President