



York County Honors Three Homeowners Associations with “Neighborhood of the Year” Awards

Yorktown, September 19—Coventry, Villages at Kiln Creek, and The Greenlands homeowners associations received “Neighborhood of the Year” awards from the York County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 18.

Each year, York County seeks nominations from homeowner associations throughout the County for programs that improve the quality of life in the County’s neighborhoods. Nominations are sought for three categories: Beautification, Community Cooperation and Spirit, and Safety.

The Villages of Kiln Creek received the **Beautification** award for its excellent effort to beautify its grounds and common areas. Over the past year, the Board of Directors made many improvements to the neighborhood, including the replacement of all village entrance signs that are more vibrant in color and easier to see at night. In addition, funds were allocated for the refurbishment of playground equipment and for the purchase of new equipment. Playground/park areas enhance the community aesthetically. In addition, more sitting areas were installed along the community’s walking trails and the swimming pool area was enhanced with an extended pool deck and pool coping.

The award for **Community Cooperation and Spirit Category** award went to The Greenlands. The neighborhood association’s Social Committee works diligently to offer a variety of programs to the residents. When new homeowners move into the neighborhood, they are greeted with a welcome packet of information, contact numbers, a list of babysitters, and even a packet of seeds. A variety of activities are held throughout the year, including an annual holiday party, Easter egg hunt, summer TGIF parties, an international-themed party, a fall festival and Halloween party/parade, and more. In addition, the association members maintain an active website with up-to-date information about events, news, photos and other information that serves to bind the neighborhood together. An email

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network reaches more than 200 residents with timely news. Other activities include a Neighborhood Watch program, neighborhood yard sales, and more.

In the **Safety** category, Coventry was selected as winner for its initiatives to stop increased and speeding traffic. The community’s two main streets, which connect Route 17 and 134, were being used as a thoroughfare for commercial traffic and semi-trucks. In a joint effort between Coventry and a neighboring sister community, residents met with representatives of York County and the Virginia Department of Transportation. The result was the designation of streets in Coventry as “No Through” streets for truck traffic.

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