

Yorkshire Homeowners Association, Inc.
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

The President's Report – 2012

Again, this year, I have the pleasure of reporting to you that our community corporation is well, safe and sound. Our financial condition is excellent and our entrance and common space has never looked more beautiful. Also, our community has been enhanced with our newest owners, Randy and Shelley Case, 116 Yorkshire Dr. and having Richard and Katherine Lawson moved into their house at 118 Yorkshire Dr., as well as John and Sue Tarley having moved back into their home at 112 Yorkshire --- wonderful additions to our Yorkshire family.

This past year has been a watershed for our community here in the heart of Williamsburg, Virginia. In celebration of our 25th anniversary since the creation of Yorkshire, we revised our corporation's important Document of Restrictions, unified all our mailboxes throughout the community with a 99% voluntary compliance --- we've held community-wide "garage sales," picnics, work-days and holiday celebrations and, thanks to our Landscape Committee, received the City of Williamsburg's "Beautification Award" of \$500 ... we are, in my opinion, the consummate American hometown community --- despite the fact that the vast majority of us are *legal aliens* just "North" of the City of Williamsburg --- but now proud citizens of our adopted "hometown."

Over the past four years I have had the privilege of serving our community as a member of our Board of Directors, with the past three years as your President. It has been a delight to work with some of the most talented, dedicated and selfless group of people one could hope for. These individuals deserve recognition and our appreciation for their great work: Linda Allen and Sharon Arbona have served as outstanding Vice Presidents, Nikki Drake is the consummate Secretary, and Bill Burdine has done a truly great job as Treasurer. These fellow officers coupled with the counsel and advice from William Hummel, Bob Whitley and Cherri Spellmeyer have made my job so enjoyable and worthwhile. In addition, I want to recognize the outstanding leadership of Cherri Spellmeyer as Chair of the Landscape Committee and her fellow members, Mary Ann Dallas, Jean Fox, Sharon Arbona and Liz Hedgepeth --- arguably, the hardest working committee in our community, Bob Whitley, Chair, the Architectural Control Committee, and his fellow members, Jim, Drake and Julie Hummel. These are simply great people who care about our community and give of their time and talent which benefits us all. Also I want to express my appreciation to Richard DuChateau who serves as our Web Master. Richard has done a great job designing and keeping our web site attractive and current.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to my fellow residents who, along with our attorney, have for the past six months given of themselves in helping to make major revisions to our original 25 year old Declaration of Restrictions. This was a monumental job, with what seemed to be, endless drafts, telephone calls, emails and meetings over a six month span: Jim Douglas, Bob Grossman, Mary Ann Dallas, Jim Drake, Richard DuChateau, Jerry Hedgepeth, Julie & Will Hummel, Bob Whitley and the members of the Board of Directors.

I am grateful to all these people and those of you who always show up when the need arises ... be it a community work day, holiday illumination party hosted by the Hummel's and our Annual Community Picnic chaired by Linda Allen and her committee.

Today, I complete my term as a member of the Board of Directors and your President. I am pleased to pass a healthy, stable and flourishing community to the excellent leadership of Will Hummel, Nikki Drake and the new members who are to be elected today --- Jerry Welborn, Jerry Howell and Mike Dallas. This will be an outstanding board to serve our community and protect our property values.

It has been an honor to serve you I thank you for the privilege.

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