

**Yorkshire Downs Condominium Association (YDCA)**  
**Newsletter**  
**Apr 2012**

**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** In April, we completed the spring inspection of Yorkshire Downs Condominium community and we were impressed with how neat and green everything is around the area. Homeowner Spring cleanup of patios, painting fences and gates will begin in the next 30 days. The association will begin repairing and painting some areas of wood rot that were noted during the inspection. Thank all of you in advance for maintaining your homes. Being a condominium complex requires us to meet the Virginia Condominium Act, different from an apartment complex; we all are responsible for taking care of our areas to ensure it is neat, clean and safe. It is a team effort beyond what the YDCA's responsibilities are and should you ever have questions or concerns; please do not hesitate to contact the Community Group Management Company. Please join us at our monthly meetings and next year we hope you will join us at our annual meeting; we had two unsuccessful attempts to meet the 30 people minimum in 2012. Please sign up for the NEW WEBSITE to be part of the community and view future newsletters: [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Yorktown\\_Downs\\_Condos](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Yorktown_Downs_Condos)

**1. Vandalism/Crime:** There has been an alarming rise in vandalism over the past several months. We are asking all residents to keep an eye out on all crime and call 911 even if it is suspected. In addition, we will prosecute 100% if the vandals are found and identified. Please pass this on to your renters, families and guests. Homeowners are also approved to install cameras outside their homes; however, an architectural form must be completed and turned in to Community Group Management Company for board approval to ensure consistency. Please contact Ms. Marsha Hoiberg at 757-873-1800 for details on completing the form. Several homeowners have installed hi-visibility cameras to identify criminals or vandals and new lighting is being installed to support visibility in May. According to the Daily Press, by Amanda Kerr, published, March 27, 2012, six men have been charged in connection with burglaries in the Windy Shores, Yorkshire Downs Apartments and York Colony neighborhoods. Please continue to be vigilant in securing your homes, personal vehicles and stay aware of your surroundings. As the summer months approach us, it is imperative that we keep a look out in our neighborhood and report suspicious activities.

Additionally, the community has seen “bullying” of adults and children in the neighborhood. If you witness such acts, please call 911 and report the incident.

**2. Animal Requirements:** Thank you for cleaning up after your pets, please continue to do so. Please keep in mind, in order to maintain the cleanliness of our community, this is important. All violators of the by law will be fined.

**3. New Trash Contract/BULK TRASH:** Our new contract is underway, reduces to **TUESDAY** only. The board has worked to reduce budget spending, therefore, minimizing the increase in monthly association dues due to maintenance required on our aging buildings. **BULK TRASH:** Our community does NOT have bulk trash pickup. ALL homeowners must contact York County Waste Management or take all bulk wastes to the dump (\$7.00). Violators will be fined and pay all costs associated with proper disposal.

**4. Website:** Our new community website is: [http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Yorktown\\_Downs\\_Condos](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Yorktown_Downs_Condos). Magnets were mailed out to homeowners and renters. All future newsletters will be posted on the website to minimize the cost of mailing out items to homeowners and renters. If you do not have computer access, please contact Ms. Marsha Hoiberg at 757-873-1800 to add your name to newsletter mailing list. All others will have to go to the website to see the latest newsletter correspondence.

**5. Condominium Association Dues Account Balances Website:** Please go to [www.communitygroup.com](http://www.communitygroup.com) and register, using your account number. You will now be able to see your account online; this is a new service that Community Group provides at no cost to the association. Homeowners should go to the site and check your balance periodically and view any account credits.

**6. Spring Planting:** You may not trim or remove the association's shrubbery and if you plant flowers you do so at your own risk. If your planting encroaches on the sidewalks or associations landscaping they will be removed or cut back. Any landscaping other than flowers must be approved by the board, example - rose bushes.

**7. Satellite Dishes:** In order to keep the community consistent, dish placement must be approved by completing an architectural form, submitted to Community Group and approved by the board. Letters have been sent out to homeowners/renters that are placing dishes on “common” property.

*Warmest Regards,*  
*Yorkshire Downs Condominium Association Board*