

Last Word

Cell towers

"If anyone wants to see firsthand the intrusive ugliness of what phone companies and cell tower builders promote as a camouflaged pine tree tower, I invite you to view one from my backyard. Call 258-4658. James City supervisors and Planning Commission members will be given first priority."

Kingsmill covenants

"I am also a longtime resident of Kingsmill. Like a previous caller, when I moved into the neighborhood I received a thick booklet of rules and regulations, which have served the community well for the 18 years I've lived there. Why there is a need to issue new rules and regulations and for a compliance officer is a mystery. Have the community standards changed in the last several years? Have homeowners' property fallen into decay and property values decayed in the last several years? I love living at Kingsmill. My property as well as my neighbors' properties are well-kept and tidy. We ought to be treating each other as neighbors, not as a police state with Gestapo methods or enforcement. It behooves the KCSA to immediately revisit this issue."

"Ongoing controversies involving cell towers, changes forced on tennis club members and now covenant enforcement all combine to illustrate perfectly a basic flaw in current Kingsmill management, both resort and KCSA. Management develops detailed plans supposedly designed to improve Kingsmill overall. However, they then fail to carefully think through the actual execution of those plans. The plans are then launched in ways that immediately alienate those impacted the most. Management is next forced to respond in haste in a crises mode to firestorms created by their own inept work. Kingsmill is fast becoming a case study in poor management. The two paragraphs by editor Rusty Carter in the Dec. 17 Gazette editorial are a perfect summary of Kingsmill today?"