



***The Smithy Glen Board of Directors holds open meetings every other month for the residents, on the 4th Tuesday, at 7PM at the Clubhouse.***

***The two open forum meetings that will be held in the first quarter of 2024 will be held on 23 January and 26 March. All residents are invited to ask questions, say what's on their minds and give their views on community issues. We look forward to seeing you there!!!***



 ***From the President's Desk***

I would like to take a couple minutes and welcome all the homeowners to the Smithy Glen Homeowners (SGHOA) Community. As we start off 2024, the entire board wants to thank every homeowner that helped make 2023 very prosperous. Every resident is a part of our Community, whether you've been in here for 30 years, or three months - as a homeowner, your voice is just as important! All we ask is that before you bring an issue to the board, look in the Coventry and Smithy Glen Covenants to know the rules set forth in them. We look forward to seeing everyone at one of our meetings, it is one of the best ways to let your voice be heard, and find out first-hand what the Board is looking at completing in the future.

For those who have helped out by picking up litter in Smithy Glen, everyone identifying violations in the community, to those volunteering time working with the Beautification committee – A great big Thank You for

volunteering your time and talents to help our community.

The Smithy Glen Board would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the men and women who serve our country and communities with such courage and bravery. From our first responders to all our military members and their families as well, we salute you. Your strength is inspiring, your dedication unwavering, and sacrifice unending. Thank you for protecting us, our freedom and our country so that we can all have the opportunity to live the life we want to live!

Respectfully,

***Rob Fitzmaurice***

Rob Fitzmaurice, SG President

***Coventry Neighborhood Calendar***

**JANUARY 2024 ACTIVITIES**

- 8 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM**
- 22 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM**
- 23 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM**

**FEBRUARY 2024 ACTIVITIES**

- 12 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM**
- 26 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM**
- 27 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM**

**MARCH 2024 ACTIVITIES**

- 11 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM**
- 25 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM**
- 26 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM**

## COVENTRY HOA COMMUNITY WEBSITE

<https://coventryhoaoforktown.org>

Often at meetings residents are directed to the Coventry Community website to download forms, check the calendar of events, review the Architectural Guidelines, and to stay up-to-date with what's happening around the neighborhood. Often someone in the crowd will say "I had no idea we have a website!" Residents should bookmark this site and get in the habit of looking for information on this site.



The website is not new and has been around for many years. What is new is that **many communications that used to be mailed are now online** for you to review.



The **NAVIGATION RIBBON** at the top of the Home Page will take you to everything the site offers. In the picture above, this Navigation Ribbon is outlined in **RED**.

Another big change is that **all newsletters are now available on-line**. Simply Click on **NEWSLETTER**, then choose which quarterly newsletter you want to read. The Coventry Chronicles and the Smithy Glen Messenger newsletters are available as readable/downloadable pdfs.

When you click on the **MORE** tab, the Dropdown Menu will provide you access to several different options. For

example, you will be able to review:

- A Roster of the Board of Directors
- 2024 Assessments/Payment Sheets. Note that the 2024 assessments were mailed to homeowners in addition to being published to the website.
- All Covenants, Resolutions, and Architectural Guidelines for the Master Assoc and all Sub-Assoc
- All forms, such as the Exterior Alteration Applic, CAFs, and Volunteer Interest Form
- All Approved past Board Meeting Minutes (Jan 2022 to present)

To know when meetings or neighborhood events will be held, click on **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**.

You will find it easy to Stay up to date and In the Know by regularly visiting our community website!



## DID YOU KNOW?

### *HISTORY OF COVENTRY (continued)*

In our last column we related how this area was deeded to Owen Davis by King Charles back in the 1600's. Mr. Davis was a blacksmith, among other occupations, hence the names of Smithy Glen and Davis Forge, as well as numerous street names.

William Ferguson, a grandson of Owen Davis, inherited the land which he farmed. The Ferguson Glade neighborhood was named in his honor.

Finch Terrace derived its name from Finches Dam, now Harvest Lake, a natural feature of the Coventry area mentioned as early as 1800.

Stay tuned for more history of our community in a later edition.





**NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY**

**Online County Magazine:** York County Citizen news is available free on-line at:

<https://www.yorkcounty.gov/1610/Citizen-News-Quarterly>.



This is a great resource to learn about the Fall activities, Park hours, Yorktown Market Days, Open Air Concerts, and other happenings in Yorktown.

**New to the area and not sure how to navigate County Offices and Services?** for a complete list of available services, visit the "HOW DO I?" page at <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/9/How-Do-I->


**Yorktown Market Days** will begin a weekly schedule starting on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Shop for seasonal produce, fresh seafood, meats, breads, handmade soaps and candles, honey, gourmet dog treats, and a beautiful display of work from local artists.

The winter markets will be held on select Saturdays in February and March. We know the weather is unpredictable, so in the case of inclement weather, just as during the regular season, the market will move to the lower level of the Water Street Parking Terrace.



**2024 DUES INCREASE**  
*There's a \$7 Increase for 2024*

Every Home Owner should have received the official notice from the office in early January that advises of the 2024 increase in monthly assessments. The amount due for 2024 is **\$158 per month**.



December 13, 2023

All Coventry Homeowners:  
The Coventry Homeowners Association membership approved the budget at the Annual Meeting held December 11, 2023.  
Dues for the calendar year 2024 are as follows effective January 1, 2024:

Villages	Davis Forge	Faison Green	Justinian Grove	Presson Arbor	Lilburn Meadows	Smithy Glen	Ferguson Glade	Finch Terrace
Residential Assessment* (Master)	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Additional Reserve**						\$45.00	\$65.00	\$86.30
Trash Collection***						\$22.00		\$18.14
Termite Inspection						\$2.05		\$2.41
Operating Expense						\$24.05	\$9.00	\$13.15
Lawn Maintenance****						\$4.90		
<b>Total Monthly Dues</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$158.00</b>	<b>134.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>



**CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR A COMMITTEE**  
*The Community Needs YOU!*

Volunteering on neighborhood committees is a powerful way to make a difference right in your own backyard. By lending your time and expertise, you can have a direct impact on local issues, from beautifying our common areas and organizing community social events to addressing concerns such as lake management or managing the Facebook site.

Joining a neighborhood committee isn't just an opportunity to give back; it's a chance to connect with your neighbors, build lasting friendships, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations. So, step up, get involved, and be a catalyst for positive change in Coventry!

Should you be unable to engage in a committee, we invite you to attend the Smithy Glen HOA meetings. These occur every other month on the 4th Tuesday at 7 PM in the Clubhouse, offering residents the chance to contribute ideas to the Board for thoughtful decision-making. **Your involvement in meetings assists the Board in prioritizing projects and understanding the concerns residents find significant.**

## FUN FACT: WHAT IS GLITTER?

“All that glitters is not gold,” wrote William Shakespeare. And how prescient he was: Glitter today is a mix of plastic and aluminum.

When you think of festive parties — or even a particularly glamorous brand of eyeshadow — glitter might also come to mind. Everything from holiday decorations to greeting cards, as well as makeup and nail polish, are commonly speckled with glitter for a little extra pizzazz. The downside is that it gets everywhere, sticking to unwanted surfaces like skin and clothes, and requires a lot of effort (and patience) to remove.

But glitter isn't just sparkly and occasionally obnoxious — it's also bad for the environment. It's difficult to imagine Christmas and New Year's celebrations without the sparkles, but it may be time to rethink our use of glitter. Since glitter particles are so small, they're considered microplastics: a major source of ocean, air, and soil pollution. Glitter contaminates our soil, air, water and food. The majority of glitter eventually winds up in the ocean via the wastewater generated in our homes (including any glitter that might have been washed down your sink or tub) and from landfill run-off. Marine organisms like fish then eat the small plastic pieces because they can't distinguish the tiny synthetic bits from their natural food supply, making microplastic one of the world's most prolific and intractable pollutants. As these plastics bioaccumulate in the food chain, humans end up consuming them to the tune of about a credit card's worth of plastic every week, mostly through the water we drink and the seafood we eat.

Given the environmental harm of glitter, researchers are working to produce vegan glitter, having discovered that nanocrystals from cellulose — a natural material found in the cell walls in plants, fruits and vegetables — can bend light and create the desired vivid colors we love in glitter.



## TRASH PICKUP

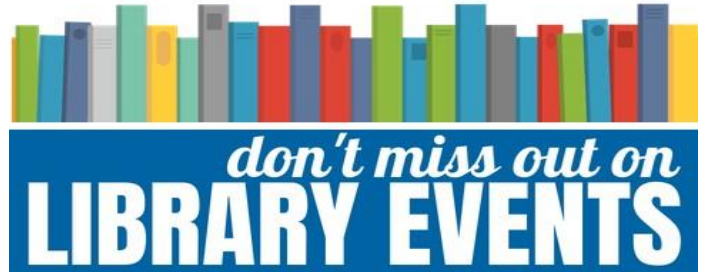
*Federal Holidays always move it a day later*



Check Facebook when in doubt ... but when we have a Federal Holiday, Trash is usually moved a day later than scheduled.

## TABB LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS

<https://www.yorkcounty.gov/library>



**Evening Yoga:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. 6:30-7:30

**Memory Cafe:** 3rd Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00

**Dungeons and Dragons:** 4th Tuesdays 6-8pm

**Tabletop Gaming:** 4th Sundays, 1:30-4:30

**Jigsaw Puzzle competition and Puzzle Swap:** 01/27 1:30-3:30



## PREPARING TO SELL OR LEASE YOUR HOME?

*Both Actions Require Board Coordination*

If you are embarking on a new adventure and will be moving, remember that PODS portable storage containers require coordination and permission from the Board and can only be placed in your driveway or in your parking space. You must fill out a Community Action Form and submit to the office several weeks before delivery of the POD for approval.

Also, should you **lease** out your home, you must notify the Office of your forwarding address so that you will be sure to receive all SG HOA notices and Annual Reports that are mailed to the homeowners.





## YORK COUNTY HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTIONS

### Computer Recycling, and Paper

**Shredding** is Saturday, **MARCH 9th**, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 105 Service Drive.

**This service is free.** Download the brochure for more information from the Waste Management website, <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/578/Waste-Management>

Acceptable Materials are those typically found in a home environment, such as household maintenance and cleaning products, paints, fuels, automotive chemicals, and lawn and garden products. The following computer items are also accepted at this event: Computers; Desktop and laptop computers, servers, computer monitors, cell phones, computer wiring, desktop printers including multifunction printers or "All in Ones", fax machines, and desktop photocopiers and scanners. Televisions are not accepted.



### HOW TO DISPOSE OF LATEX PAINT

*Follow the Procedures Listed Here*

You don't need to wait for a Chemical Collection Day to properly dispose of old cans of latex paint.

- If the paint is old and dry, you can leave the lid off and dispose of in your regular trash once the paint hardens.
- If the paint is still a liquid, you can add kitty litter or other absorbent material such as sawdust or mulch, and stir it well until it becomes very thick and will not drip or run (see the picture below). Once you've done this, you can leave the lid off for it to dry and then dispose of it in your regular trash. **Please note: this ONLY APPLIES to latex (water based) paint.**



### HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS

**DO NOT flush old medications down the toilet or pour down the sink!**

According to the director of Fisheries and Habitat Conservation, trace amounts of chemical compounds often associated with medications have been increasingly detected in our waters. Treatment plants are not designed to remove medications from wastewater. Therefore, chemicals disposed of in sinks and toilets can reach the environment unintentionally.

**Medications are NOT accepted at VPPSA Household Chemical Collection Events.** Check with your local pharmacy to see if they participate in a medication take-back program- many Walgreens do. If not, please take the following steps:

- Keep medications in the original bottle if possible, and mark out all identifying personal information on the prescription label.
- Crush solid medications or dissolve them in water, and mix with kitty litter, sawdust, coffee grounds or another substance that will make the drug unsuitable for human or animal consumption. This applies to liquid medications as well. The addition of foreign substances is to discourage children or others from removing the discarded medicines from the trash and taking them. Seal the bottle with the lid.
- Put the medicine bottle, preferably concealed within a non-recyclable container, in your household trash for disposal. (If it's too difficult to use the original container, you can also place the mix in a plastic baggie or other container.



### HOW TO DISPOSE OF COMPUTER ITEMS

*The acceptable List of Items*

Computer-related items accepted for recycling are limited to the following:

- Desktop and laptop computers
- Servers
- Monitors (both LCD and CRT types)
- Computer wiring
- Desktop printers including multi function printers, or "all in ones"
- Fax machines
- Desktop photocopiers and scanners
- Cell phones



# Household Chemical Collections and Computer Recycling 2024 Schedule of Events

*Providing environmentally safe disposal to the residents of Williamsburg, James City County,  
York County, Hampton and Poquoson since 1997.*

**Events are only for residents of the above listed communities; proof of residency may be required.**

	<u>Williamsburg/ James City County</u>	<u>York County</u>	<u>Hampton</u>	<u>Poquoson</u>
<b>Location:</b>	Warhill High School 4615 Opportunity Way Williamsburg	105 Service Drive, Yorktown (enter from County Drive off Goodwin Neck Road)	Hampton Coliseum Parking Lot Coliseum Drive Hampton	Poquoson Swimming Pool Parking Lot Municipal Drive Poquoson
<b>Time:</b>	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon
<b>Dates:</b>	February 10, 2024 April 13, 2024 June 8, 2024 August 10, 2024 October 12, 2024	March 9, 2024 May 11, 2024 July 13, 2024 September 14, 2024 November 9, 2024	March 16, 2024 May 18, 2024 July 20, 2024 September 21, 2024 November 16, 2024	October 5, 2024

**ALL EVENTS END PROMPTLY AT NOON!**

## WE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

▶ **Computers:** Desktop and laptop computers, servers, computer monitors, cell phones, computer wiring, desktop printers including multifunction printers or "All in Ones", fax machines, and desktop photocopiers and scanners.

\*\*\* **Please note that we can only accept the computer items listed above.**

▶ **Household Maintenance:** latex paint, oil based paint, stains, solvents, glue, varnishes, adhesives

▶ **Automotives- limited to:** gasoline and other fuels, waxes, gas/oil mixtures, brake fluid, engine cleaner, tar remover.

**NOTE: Motor oil and antifreeze are not accepted at most events since many communities already accept them at no charge. Call or check our website at [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org) for more information.**

▶ **Lawn & Garden:** insecticides, weed killers, pesticides, fertilizers, pest strips

▶ **Household Cleaning:** cleaners for oven, drain, toilet, septic tank etc., floor waxes, metal polishes, bleach, degreasers,

▶ **Miscellaneous:** charcoal fluids, dyes, kerosene, pool chemicals, fluorescent lights up to 8 ft, all compact fluorescents (CFLs), and rechargeable batteries (alkaline batteries are NO LONGER ACCEPTED; please put in your regular trash).

*If you have any questions, please call us at 757-259-9850 or go to our website at [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org)*

## WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- X Televisions
- X ALKALINE Batteries
- X Explosives
- X Ammunition or Gun Powder
- X Household Trash
- X Business or Medical Waste
- X Radioactive Products
- X Large quantities of unknown materials
- X We do not have the ability to pump nor will we allow containers larger than 35 gallons

### Household Chemical Collection

- Do not smoke.
- Do not leave material in hot unventilated areas for long periods.
- When possible, keep products in original container and ensure lids or caps are tight.
- Place items securely in boxes for transport.



- To prevent unfavorable chemical reactions, do not put multiple containers in bags or soft containers where they may spill or break.
- If you have a leaking container, place this item separately in a clear plastic bag, with newspaper or paper towels on the bottom. Secure in an upright position so it doesn't spill in your vehicle. Please notify staff that the item is leaking.
- MXI is the premiere service provider for household hazardous waste collection events sponsored by states, counties, and municipalities and provides disposal services at the VPPSA events. With a fleet of permitted vehicles, national network of terminals, staff of highly trained personnel, and a Materials Recovery Facility, MXI offers a full range of recycling and disposal services using the cutting edge of universal hazardous waste management technology.

### Computer Recycling

- Since 2001, our contractor, Computer Recycling of Virginia, has erased every hard drive using software that meets or exceeds all industry standards, including the NIST 800-88. Once the wipe process is complete, any hard drive that fails the wipe process is physically destroyed.
- The mission of Computer Recycling of Virginia, Inc. (CRVA) is to place educationally-useful equipment into Virginia's schools and non-profit organizations free of charge, while promoting electronics recycling throughout Virginia.

### At the collection:

- A VPPSA employee will ask which city or county you live in, and what materials you've brought. Proof of residency may be required.
- VPPSA staff will unload your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle unless requested to do otherwise.
- There are separate drop off points for household chemicals and computers.
- Be prepared to identify your materials. If unsure, tell VPPSA staff before they begin unloading.

*Thanks for your patience and cooperation.*

### Alternative Recycling and Disposal Sites

**Best Buy** accepts computer components at no charge (limit three items per household per day). Computer monitors and televisions are accepted at a \$29.99 charge per item (limit two items per household per day). TVs accepted are tube TVs smaller than 32" and flat-panel TVs - LCD, plasma, and LED - smaller than 50". Mobile phones are accepted at no charge (limit three items per household per day). See [www.bestbuy.com/recycling](http://www.bestbuy.com/recycling) for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items that Best Buy recycles.

**Batteries Plus** accepts the following: alkaline batteries at a charge of \$1.85 per pound; Compact Fluorescent Lamps at a charge of \$0.66 per bulb; four-foot fluorescent tubes at a charge of \$0.52 per tube; eight-foot fluorescent tubes at a charge of \$0.93 per tube; rechargeable batteries, such as Nickel-Metal Hydride and Nickel-Cadmium, are accepted at no charge. *Items should be loose when taken to the store as they will be weighed/ counted to determine the total charge. Batteries Plus accepts unlimited quantities.*

**Goodwill Industries** accepts computer components for recycling at no charge. Goodwill uses a U.S. Department of Defense-grade program on all donated devices to clean hard drives and erase personal and sensitive information. Additional electronics are accepted for donation. See <https://goodwillvirginia.org/donate/personal-donations/what-can-i-donate/> for a complete list.

**Home Depot and Lowe's** accept Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs and rechargeable batteries at no charge (fluorescent tubes are **not** accepted.)

To learn about all VPPSA programs, visit our website at [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org) or call us at 757-259-9850.

To stay informed on VPPSA programs, send your email address to us at [curbsiderecycling@vppsa.org](mailto:curbsiderecycling@vppsa.org) and we'll add you to our e-notification list.



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# Household Chemical and

# Computer Recycling Collections

## 2024

### Schedule & Procedures



**Virginia Peninsulas  
Public Service Authority  
757-259-9850**

THE SG BOARD IS CREATING AN EMAIL BLAST TO KEEP RESIDENTS INFORMED OF EMERGENCIES, DEADLINES, UPCOMING PROJECTS THAT MAY IMPACT YOUR ABILITY TO ACCESS YOUR HOME, GARBAGE PICKUP DATE CHANGES, AND REMINDERS OF WHEN THE NEWSLETTER IS POSTED ONLINE. PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EMAIL BLAST. YOUR EMAIL WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH OTHER RESIDENTS.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION/MEMBER EMAIL CONSENT/OPT OUT OPTIONS**

**To SMITHY GLEN HOMEOWNERS:** By signing this form, you will be (1) providing important contact information to be used in case of emergency and (2) agreeing to accept email notices for items that need timely distribution. It is up to you to notify the association whenever your email address changes, and to settle with other owners/residents of your unit on one email address for communications related to your property.

**Please complete the information below (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY):**

Homeowner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

**If home is rented, also provide the tenant contact information:**

Tenant Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned owner, request that SMITHY GLEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION to provide notices of the items listed below via email. This list will not be made public and will be used by the Smithy Glen Board solely for the purposes listed below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Additionally, if I have checked this blank, I wish to **opt out** of having my/our name and address and contact information available to the Smithy Glen Homeowners Association Board for the purposes listed below.



I certify that I am an owner of the lot or unit described below and that all residents of the property at the address listed below have authorized me to provide this written consent to use the following email address for communications. That email address is:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**[TYPE OR PRINT EMAIL ADDRESS CLEARLY PLEASE]**

\_\_\_\_\_ This consent shall remain in effect until revoked in writing. I understand that my signature must be authentic and I may either return this signed document to the association by mail or hand delivery or may affix an authenticated digital signature to it and return it by email as a PDF file.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL UPON RECEIVING CONSENT:**

**Notifications concerning the safety and welfare of residents.**

**Notifications of upcoming resident meetings.**

**Notifications that the newsletter has been posted online.**

**Notification of upcoming neighborhood projects that may impact your ability to access your home.**

**SMITHY GLEN BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT:** Rob Fitzmaurice  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ron Moore  
**TREASURER:** Ann Goodwin  
**SECRETARY:** MaryAnn Dawson  
**DIRECTOR:** Matt Cobaugh

**IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS**

**SUICIDE CRISIS LIFELINE:** 988  
**YORK COUNTY POLICE**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 757- 890-3621  
Sheriff's office: 757- 890-3630  
**YORK COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 757-890-9631  
**DOMINION VIRGINIA POWER OUTTAGE**  
Report Outages: 888-667-3000  
**YORK COUNTY RECYCLING:** 757-890-3780

Contact the HOA office at 757-867-9200  
E-mail: coventryhoa@verizon.net  
Office Hours: Closed: Sat/Sun/Mon  
Tue/Wed/Thur: 10am - 6pm  
Fri: 2pm – 5pm

*Main Website: [www.coventryhoaofyorktown.org](http://www.coventryhoaofyorktown.org)  
[www.facebook.com/CoventryNeighborhoodHOA](http://www.facebook.com/CoventryNeighborhoodHOA)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/CoventryWatch](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CoventryWatch)*

**HAVE AN IDEA FOR ARTICLES FOR OUR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?**

Please be sure to let us know by dropping a note in the main office!  
Newsletters are produced quarterly.

The deadline for submission for publication in the 1 April issue is 15 Mar 2024.

*Thanks!*



*Aerial Photo  
of  
a portion of  
Smithy Glen*