



# The Messenger

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SMITHY GLEN

SPRING 2026

JANUARY-MARCH



Andover Court | Chadwick Court | Crescent Court | Durham Court | Foundry Court | Hamlet Court | Kensington Court | Kingston Court | Linden Court | Monument Court | Sterling Court | Wexford Court | Wrought Iron Bend

## Meetings

The Smithy Glen Board of Directors holds open meetings every month for the residents, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, at 7pm at the Clubhouse. The next 2026 open meetings are scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

Hi Smithy Glen Neighbors,

Well, 2025 is officially in the rearview mirror! The Smithy Glen Board and I want to start by sending a huge THANK YOU to all the amazing volunteers who gave their time and energy to our community throughout the year. Your dedication makes Smithy Glen a truly special place to live.

We hit the ground running in 2025, tackling important repairs and, as you know, kicking off the next phase of our roof replacement project. And guess what? We're keeping the momentum going!

This year, 2026, we're focused on completing roof replacements for Foundry Court, Crescent Court, and Kingston Court. Many of you have asked how we prioritize which courts get addressed first. It's a great question! We rely on the expertise of our roofing companies, who assess all the roofs in Smithy Glen and tell us which are in the most urgent need of replacement. Remember those really bad ones we took care of early last year? This time around, we're continuing with the next three courts according to their recommendations.

So, expect to see some action in Foundry, Crescent, and Kingston Courts during the first part of 2026 as we replace those roofs. It's a significant investment – we've allocated \$350,000 for the complete project – but essential to protecting our homes. Time and weather have definitely taken their toll, and these roofs need to be addressed.

And don't worry, we're not stopping there! We'll continue working our way through the community, addressing additional Courts until every roof is in tip-top shape.

Here's to a fantastic and well-maintained 2026!

**Rob Fitzmaurice**  
SG, President

## Yard of the Month



**As the winter months are colder, Yard of the Month has gone into hibernation.**

**Stay tuned as Yard of the Month continues in April 2026!**

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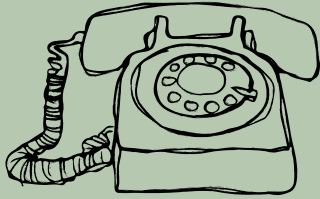
As we welcome 2026, the Coventry Homeowners Association wishes all our neighbors a joyful and prosperous New Year!

This past year, our community continued to shine—thanks to beautifully maintained homes, fun neighborhood events, and the kindness of residents who make Coventry such a special place to live. Looking ahead, the HOA is excited for another year of connection and improvement. Watch for updates on upcoming projects and gatherings in our newsletter and online.

*Happy  
New Year*

Here's to good health, great neighbors, and another wonderful year in Coventry!

### Important Local Numbers



**Suicide Crisis Line**  
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: 757-890-3630

#### Dominion Energy Power Outage

Report Outage: 888-667-3000

#### York County Recycling

757-890-3780

### Contact the HOA Office

#### Office Hours:

Sat/Sun/Mon: Closed  
Tue/Wed/Thur: 10am - 6pm  
Fri: 2pm - 6pm

**Phone:** 757-867-9200

**E-mail:** coventryhoa@verizon.net

### Coventry Reminders:

Coventry is a community, which means we have rules to keep our neighborhoods attractive and welcoming. Here are some important guidelines to follow:

**Holiday Lights:** Remember that all holiday lights from late November, December, and early January need to be unlit by January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and need to be completely removed no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

**Animals:** Residents may have a maximum of two (2) four-legged animals. All dogs must be on a leash, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet. If a dog "waste station" is missing bags, please note the location and let the office know.

**Nuisances:** These include behaviors that affect your neighbors, such as: unusually loud music, continuously barking dogs, irresponsible use of bicycles, skateboards, and scooters. This also includes unsightly materials left out where they can be seen by neighbors.

**Flower Beds:** The flower beds on your property are the residents' responsibility to be kept in a neat and attractive condition. Weeds must be removed in a timely manner, beds should be mulched annually, and shrubs need to be pruned on a regular basis.

**Alterations to Exterior of Home:** Remember that if you plan on making any changes to the exterior of your home, you need to complete an ARC request form. The form needs to be filled out well in advance, as work cannot begin until approval is received. If the work is completed and/or the request is denied, it will be at the homeowner's responsibility to pay to have the modification back to the original form. ARC forms can be found either in the office or on the Coventry HOA website.

# Yorktown<sup>2026</sup>

► CONCERTS ► FESTIVALS ► EVENTS

- **February 14<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Market Days - Valentine's Day Winter Market | 10am to 2pm
- **February 20<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>:**
  - York County Restaurant Week
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Market Days - Winter Market | 10am to 2pm
- **March 14<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Market Days - St. Patrick's Day Winter Market | 10am - 2pm
- **March 28<sup>th</sup>:**
  - Market Days - Winter Market | 10am to 2pm

## Volunteers Needed!

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 our local issues, from beautifying our homes and common areas, to updating and producing our newsletters and social media methods of communication. Joining a neighborhood committee isn't just an opportunity to give back, it's also a chance to connect with your neighbors and build lasting friendships.

## Current Open Committees:

- Flower Bed Inspections
- Fence Inspections
- Facebook Admin

## Our Vision

The Smithy Glen HOA is committed to ensuring that our funds are wisely spent and are invested to maintain our community as a great place to live. Our valued volunteers help to minimize costs and keep the Board informed of important issues, ensuring effective community management.

## How to Join!

Stop by the Club House Office and leave your name and contact information. They will forward your information to the Smithy Glen Board.



## Coventry Neighborhood Calendar



### January 2026

- 9:** Beautification Committee  
10:00 AM
- 13:** Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 20:** Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 20:** ARC MTG 6:30 PM
- 28:** Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

### February 2026

- 10:** Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 15:** Beautification Committee Pruning  
Clinic @ White Fence Entrance  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- 17:** Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 24:** ARC MTG 6:30 PM
- 25:** Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

### March 2026

- 10:** Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 17:** Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 21:** Scrapbooking, Card Making, &  
Craft Night 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- 24:** ARC MTG 6:30 PM
- 25:** Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

For a full list of events such as other community meeting, refer to the Coventry HOA Website! Also check the boards at the entrance to the neighborhood for updates!

## **If You See Something, Say Something**

In our community, looking out for one another isn't being nosy—it's being neighborly. Please contact the Smithy Glen Board or a nearby neighbor if you notice that a resident may need help with yardwork, or if a neighbor hasn't moved their car or taken their trash tote to the curb for several weeks. They may be injured, ill, overwhelmed, or even away on military deployment and unaware of an issue at home. Likewise, if a home's lights haven't been on for days, porch packages are piling up, or you hear an ongoing smoke alarm, a quick check-in can make all the difference. Together, we can help keep our neighborhood safe, supportive, and connected. Simply call the office or email, information can be found on other pages of the newsletter.

## **Trash and Tote Services**

All household trash **MUST** be contained in the proper trash tote. Our refuse company is not obligated to pick up any trash that is outside the trash tote. If you have large items to dispose of, you may contact GFL (our provider) at 757-487-2220 and request a special pick up for which they will charge a small fee, or you can take the item(s) to the York County disposal site.

Trash totes may be placed at curbside after 5:00pm (the evening prior to service day) and returned to your storage area inside your fenced area or in your garage not later than 7 pm the day of service. Pulling the tote up to the garage or along side of your house is not acceptable. In the event of a Federal holiday, the trash may be delayed one day.

Remember! Smithy Glen collection is Thursday, so home owners/renters may place trash totes out after 5pm Wednesday, and they must be returned by 7pm Thursday to their storage location.

## **Household Good Collection**

The 2026 Household Good Collection schedule has yet to be published by VPPSA. The York County Disposal site is:

105 Service Drive, Yorktown  
(enter from County Drive off Goodwin Neck Road)

The schedule will hopefully be published in the next issue, but if you want to check yourself, go to the website below!

<https://vppsa.org/upcoming-events/>

## **Smithy Glen Board Members**

**PRESIDENT:** Rob Fitzmaurice

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Ron Moore

**TREASURER:** Shana Steiner

**SECRETARY:** Vacant

**DIRECTOR:** Matt Cobaugh

## **Have an Idea????**



Do you have an idea for an article in the newsletter?

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 March 2026.

Thanks from the Editor!

## Did You Know...

Local residents enjoy free admission every day to Jamestown Settlement and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown!

## Who is eligible?

- Residents of James City County, York County and the City of Williamsburg
- Qualifying Zip Codes: 23185, 23187, 23188, 23089, 23090, 23127, 23168, 23690, 23691, 23692, 23693, 23694, 23696, 23665
- William & Mary students (with current student ID card)

## What do you need to bring?

Bring proof of residency to the visitor services desks at each museum. Each guest must show their own personal proof of local residence.

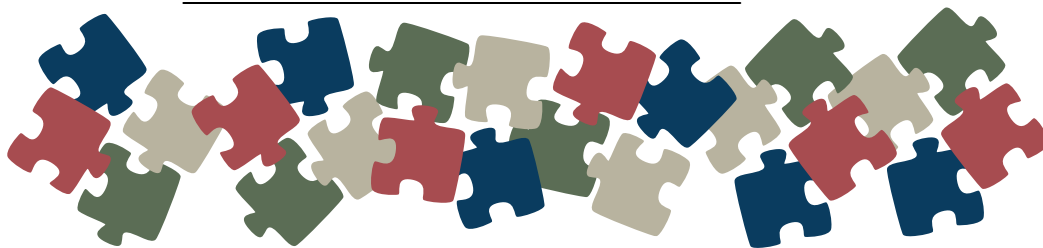
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Digital copies of current utility bills
- William & Mary current student ID card
- If you are active military and your driver's license is from your home state, bring your military ID card and proof of local residence

## What is included?

- Access to our interactive exhibits, including 180-degree theaters, life-size re-creations, outdoor experiences, and more
- Access to daytime special events and special exhibitions offered throughout the year. Separate ticketed programs do not qualify for free admission

## Coventry Scramble — How fast can you unscramble these?

- RYTCNEVO → \_\_\_\_\_
- WTKRYOON → \_\_\_\_\_
- MTNYCMUOI → \_\_\_\_\_
- OFOD → \_\_\_\_\_
- OOLP → \_\_\_\_\_
- RDABO → \_\_\_\_\_
- EMTINGE → \_\_\_\_\_
- YRDA → \_\_\_\_\_



Answers: Coventry, Yorktown, Yorktown, Community, Food, Pool, Board, Meeting, Yard



## Recipe Corner

### Easy Winter Cranberry-Orange Punch

#### Ingredients:

- 1 bottle cranberry juice (64 oz)
- 1 bottle ginger ale (1 liter)
- 1 cup orange juice
- Fresh orange slices
- Fresh cranberries (optional)

#### Instructions:

Chill all ingredients.  
In a large pitcher or bowl, combine cranberry juice and orange juice. Add ginger ale just before serving. Garnish with sliced oranges and cranberries.

**Tip:** For a festive touch, freeze cranberries in ice cubes!

