



The Messenger

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SMITHY GLEN

JULY-SEPTEMBER 2026



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Meetings

The Smithy Glen Board of Directors holds open meetings every month for the residents, on the 4th Tuesday, at 7pm at the Clubhouse. The next 2026 open meetings are scheduled for July 28th, August 25th, and September 22nd. 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,

As our nation marks the 250th anniversary of American independence, we join communities across the country in reflecting on the ideals that have guided us for generations—liberty, service, and the shared responsibility of building a stronger future together. This historic milestone invites us to honor the courage of those who secured our freedom, the perseverance of those who defended it, and the everyday contributions of neighbors who continue to strengthen the fabric of our country.

Here in our community, we see those values reflected in the way residents look out for one another, care for their homes, and take pride in the place we all share. The spirit of independence is not only a national legacy—it lives in the small acts of cooperation, respect, and unity that make neighborhoods thrive.

As we celebrate this 250th Independence Day, may we carry forward the same hope, determination, and belief in possibility that shaped our nation's beginning. Wishing all residents a meaningful and patriotic holiday.

Rob Fitzmaurice

Smithy Glen President



Yard of the Month



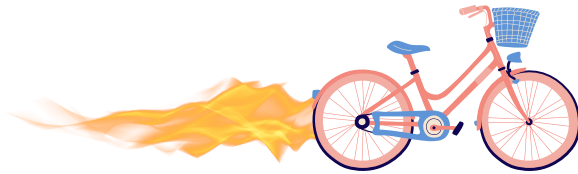
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215 Wexford Ct

E-Bikes

Concerns have come up over the improper use of e-bikes by children on Virginia roads. Recently, in California, a 14 year old boy performing wheelies on his e-bike killed an 81 year old veteran who was crossing a street on his way home from his substitute teaching job at a nearby school. The boy and his mother were previously warned by police that the boy could not ride the e-bike on the road.

The mother, who is 50, is now charged with involuntary manslaughter, child endangerment, being an accessory after the fact, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, loaning a motor vehicle to an unlicensed driver, and providing false information to police. If found guilty, she faces up to seven years in prison.



Summer Break and Back to School!

As we enjoy the summer months and the longer days that come with them, our community will see more children outdoors riding bikes, playing with friends, and enjoying their break from school. We encourage all residents to remain mindful while driving through the neighborhood by observing posted speed limits, stopping completely at stop signs, and staying alert for children who may unexpectedly enter the roadway.

While summer is in full swing, the start of a new school year will be here before we know it. As families begin preparing for the return to school, please remember that school buses will soon be back on our streets. Drivers should exercise extra caution during morning and afternoon bus routes, watch for children gathering at bus stops, and always stop when required by law for loading and unloading school buses.

Together, we can help keep our neighborhood safe and enjoyable for everyone throughout the summer and into the new school year. Thank you for doing your part to make our community a safer place for our children.



From the Editor:

I have decided that this will be my last Edition of the Messenger due to other obligations.

I wish you all the best, thanks for letting be your Editor for the past several issues!

~Lauren M.



Want to be the next Editor?

If you're interested in being the next newsletter editor, please reach out to the Front Office!

Thanks from the Editor!

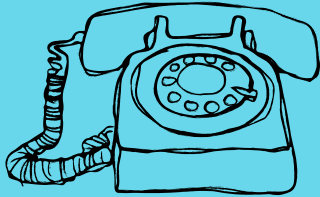


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We believe that by working together, we can foster our community spirit and keep Smithy Glen a premier neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you at all of Coventry's spring and summer events!

Should you have any questions, please complete a Community Action Form (CAF).

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/Fri:

10am - 6pm

Phone: 757-867-9200

E-mail: Office@coventryhoa.com

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:

Home and Yard: Spring is an excellent time to clean gutters and downspouts and inspect your home's exterior for any winter damage. Please also check and clean your dryer vents to help prevent fire hazards.

Pest Control - Warmer weather can lead to an increase in pests. Please be proactive in managing pest control on your property to prevent infestations from spreading to neighboring homes.

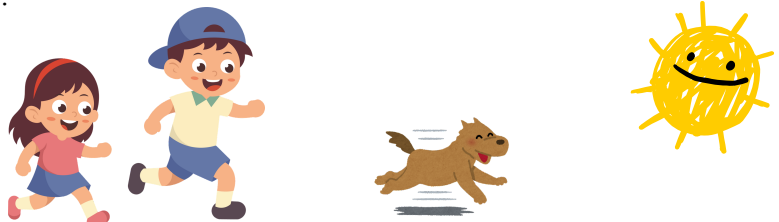
Trash totes - Bins must be stored out of sight. Please place them at the curb no earlier than 5 p.m. the evening before pickup and retrieve them by the end of collection day. This helps keep our streets looking tidy and prevents issues with animals.

Grilling - For those who enjoy barbecuing, please ensure your grill is operated a safe distance from siding and deck railings. Never leave a lit grill unattended!

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.

Pool Pass: Remember that if you have a Pool Pass, you will need to get a new sticker for 2026! If you need a new one or you have lost it, please visit the Club House for an initial issue or replacement.

Pets: Please be a responsible pet owner by keeping your dog on a leash, cleaning up after them immediately, and ensuring they do not cause a noise nuisance.



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CONCERTS FESTIVALS EVENTS

- **July 4th:**
 - Independence Day Celebrations - Check Out the Yorktown Website for more
- **July 11th:**
 - Market Days - Fun in the Sun | 8am to 12pm
- **July 18th, 25th; August 1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th; September 5th, 19th, and 26th**
 - Market Days - Spring Market | 8am to 12pm
- **August 8th:**
 - Market Days - National Farmers Market Week | 8am to 12pm
- **September 12th:**
 - Market Days - First Responders Market | 8am to 12pm
- **Go to the Yorktown Website for Specific Concert Days/Times and More!**

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.

CALL *for* VOLUNTEERS

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 complete an interest form with your name and contact information. They will forward your information to the Smithy Glen Board.

Coventry Neighborhood Calendar



July 2026

- 13:** Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 20:** Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 27:** ARC MTG 6:30 PM
- 28:** Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

August 2026

- 10:** Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 17:** Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 24:** ARC MTG 6:30 PM
- 25:** Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

September 2026

- 8:** CH Pool Closes
- 14:** Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 21:** Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 21:** HL Pool Closes
- 22:** Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM
- 28:** ARC MTG 6:30 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!

Thanks from the Editor!

Upcoming Maintenance for Your Home

As part of Smithy Glen HOA's ongoing commitment to maintaining our community, the Association has contracted professional vendors to complete two important maintenance projects this season: exterior painting and power washing, and termite prevention treatments.

Work crews will be painting shutters, front doors, railings, and attic vents throughout the neighborhood. Contractors will utilize homeowners' exterior water sources as needed for power washing and will move systematically from court to court until all scheduled areas have been completed. This maintenance is performed every few years to help preserve the appearance and value of our community.

Homeowners are asked to remove any personal items that may obstruct access to work areas, including decorations, planters, furniture, and other belongings. Doing so will help ensure the work can be completed safely and efficiently.

The HOA has also arranged for termite prevention treatments to help protect homes from potential damage and maintain the long-term integrity of our buildings. They will access several low-to-the-ground locations in the concrete to complete the work.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and patience as these important projects are completed.

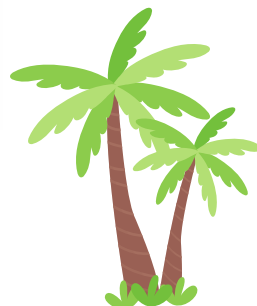
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Summer



Recipe Corner

Sun Tea

Ingredients:

4-8 Regular Tea Bags

Instructions:

Put 4 to 8 tea bags into a clean 2 quart or gallon glass container (4 teabags for a 2-quart container, 8 tea bags for a gallon container). Fill with water and cap.

Place in the sun for 3 to 5 hours

Remove tea bags, cool, and enjoy!

Tip: You can make it sweet by adding sugar after!

