



THE MESSENGER

The Official Newsletter of Smithy Glen

October - December 2025



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

*The **open forum meeting** that will be held in the fourth quarter of 2025 will be on **Oct 28th (Annual)**. There will be no Nov or Dec meetings due to them falling in holiday weeks. All residents are invited to ask questions and give their views on community issues. We look forward to seeing you there! Due to clubhouse damage, meetings may be moved - stay tuned!*

Help Still Needed Neighbors!

In addition to the request below for someone to put together the quarterly Messenger for the community, we're looking for homeowners to help out and provide assistance with common area clean-up, flowerbed inspections, house and fence inspections. If you're interested, please leave your name with the office.

Smithy Glen Yard of the Month

We had a wonderful year celebrating those homeowners going the extra mile and making their yards the absolutely best. We've had wonderful looking houses all year, more to come! Let's all help keep Smithy Glen looking great!

Coventry Neighborhood Calendar

OCT 2025 ACTIVITIES

- 11 - Fall Yard Sale 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 13 - Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 14 - Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
- 20 - Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 26 - Halloween Trunk N' Treat @ HL 2:00 PM
- 27 - Architectural Review Committee 6:30 PM
- 28 - Smithy Glen (**Annual**) MTG 7:00 PM

NOV 2025 ACTIVITIES

- 5 - Finch Terrace (**Annual**) MTG 7:00 PM
- 10 - Coventry HOA (**Annual**) MTG 7:00 PM
- *Coventry Elementary School
- 11 - Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
- 17 - Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 24 - Architectural Review Committee 6:30 PM

DEC 2025 ACTIVITIES

- 6 - Children's Holiday Party 9:00 PM
- 8 - Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 9 - Ferguson Glade (**Annual**) MTG 7:00 PM
- 11 - Light Contest
- 15 - Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
- 22 - Architectural Review Committee 6:30 PM

Coventry Book Club - There has been great showing during the first few meetings. They meet the third Monday of each month at 7:00 in the clubhouse. Come out and meet some of your neighbors and enjoy wonderful discussion.



SMITHY GLEN HOA BOARD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BE A PART OF OUR TEAM

Your Support Makes All The Difference

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
- Newsletter Editor
- Facebook Admin

Do you have an idea for a new Committee? We want to hear from YOU!

HOW TO JOIN US

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

BENEFITS

- ✓ Make New Friends
- ✓ Build Connections
- ✓ Help with Inspections
- ✓ Help Maintain Communication Among Residents
- ✓ Contribute Thoughtful Decision Making



OUR VISION

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

Smithy Glen Residents!



We're on the lookout for someone to serve as our Messenger editor.

Do you have a creative mind? Do you have a couple of hours each quarter to organize?

Are you passionate about communication and community engagement?

If you're ready to make a positive impact, and foster a sense of community in our neighborhood, we need you for the Smithy Glen Messenger team!

To apply or learn more, please contact the main office.



Trash Totes and Service: 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.



Holiday lighting shall not be operative prior to Thanksgiving, and not later than the following 7th of January. It must be totally removed by January 22nd. The ARC suggests that you make sure your lighting display is not objectionable to your neighbors or adjacent properties, or across the street from you. Festive lighting during other times of the year requires approval from the ARC.



New to the area? Looking for new and fun activities for your kids and family? There is a great resource to visit. **Myactivechild.com** has a great page with information on things from Toddler Time, Field hockey, Ice hockey, cheerleading, Museums and Historical places, pumpkin patches to Tutoring programs and Programs for Children with Special needs. This is just a SMALL portion of programs available - give it a look!

Happy Halloween!

Stay Safe and Healthy this Halloween York County's Recommended Trick-Or-Treat Hours and Ages Announced In York County, trick-or-treating is recommended for children ages 12 and under from 6 to 8 p.m. on October 31 – Halloween! Trick-or-treat safety tips:

- All costumes, wigs, and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags or give them glow sticks.
- Consider wearing bright and/or light-colored costumes, which are easier to see at night.
- Opt for non-toxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision.
- Have an adult accompany younger children.
- Residents are asked to turn on porch lights to identify homes that wish to receive trick-or-treaters. Please avoid houses where porch lights are off.
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies.
- Remind children to be careful, watch for traffic, and to use flashlights.
- Motorists should watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs, and enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

For general questions about Halloween safety, call York County Fire & Life Safety at 757-890-3600, or the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office at 757-890-3630. In an emergency, always call 9-1-1.



A quick reminder - if you plan on doing any work to the exterior of your residence (windows, doors, fence etc) before you complete the work, you must have an approved ARC request. Adhering to the guidelines is vital to:

1. Preserving Property Values
2. Promotes Community Harmony
3. Ensuring Fairness
4. Maintaining Safety and Functionality
5. Enhancing Long-Term Planning

Please be familiar with the guidelines before starting a project. Submit the proper requests and engage with the HOA. If you fail to get approval prior to completing the job, you face having to remove or replace the completed work - don't risk the large financial input!

Animals: Residents may have a maximum of TWO four legged animals. All dogs must be on a leash, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

Nuisances: These include behaviors which 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.

Today marks the start of early voting in Virginia! You don't have to wait until Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, to cast your ballot. Registered voters may vote by mail or in person at the Registrar's offices in Washington Square Shopping Center (Route 17 in Grafton) and Victory Village Shopping Center (Mooretown Road in Lightfoot). In-person early voting is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., through October 31. Saturday voting will also be offered on October 25 and November 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For complete election details—including sample ballots, voting precincts, and registration status—visit the [Voter Registration website](#).

Political signs cannot be placed in the common areas without written permission from the Master Association. Political signs no larger than 18" x 36" may be placed on private property. They may be displayed up to one month before an election and must be removed 48 hours after the election.

For a complete list of available services, visit the “HOW DO I?” page at <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/9/How-Do-I>

PRESIDENT: Rob Fitzmaurice
VICE PRESIDENT: Ron Moore
TREASURER: Ann Goodwin/Shana Steiner
SECRETARY: Vacant - TBD
DIRECTOR: Matt Cobaugh

YORK COUNTY RECYCLING: 757-890-3780

**Main Website: www.coventryhoaofyorktown.org
www.facebook.com/CoventryNeighborhoodHOA
www.facebook.com/groups/CoventryWatch**

Christmas is just around the corner - please make sure you are aware of the Smithy Glen covenants regarding prohibited items like portable basketball goals and electric motor scooters.

PAINTING - We continue to paint on our projected schedule and can only stay on schedule with your help. Prior to painting, approximately a week before, you'll receive a notice that painting/power washing will be completed - it's imperative you move items off your porch pads/patios and out of the way. If you fail to move your items, the house will not be cleaned/painted, and no make-up dates will be honored. It's a simple task to take care of - please do your part. Also, to ensure you don't get hit with a bill to replace rotten wood in your soffit, make sure you are cleaning out your gutters! If the reason for rotten wood is overflow from dirty/clogged gutters, the HOA will not pay for those repairs. Repairs due to homeowner neglect will be the homeowners responsibility.



Household Chemical Collections and Computer Recycling 2025 Schedule of Events



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

Events are for residents of all VPPSA communities; proof of residency may be required.

	<u>Williamsburg/ James City County</u>	<u>York County</u>	<u>Hampton</u>	<u>Poquoson</u>
Location:	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
Time:	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon
Dates:	February 8, 2025 April 12, 2025 June 14, 2025 August 9, 2025 October 11, 2025	May 10, 2025 September 13, 2025 November 8, 2025	March 15, 2025 May 17, 2025 July 19, 2025 September 20, 2025 November 15, 2025	October 4, 2025

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
- ▶ **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 accepted for **Hampton** residents only; other communities dispose of at your convenience centers.*
- ▶ **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 feet, all compact fluorescents (CFLs), rechargeable batteries
- ▶ **Propane Cylinders:** 1 and 20 pound cylinders only; limit 2 per vehicle per event for James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, and York County residents; unlimited per vehicle per event for Hampton residents.

If you have any questions, please call us at 757-259-9850 or go to our website at www.vppsa.org

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- ◆ **Televisions**
- ◆ **Alkaline Batteries**
- ◆ **Explosives**
- ◆ **Ammunition or Gun Powder**
- ◆ **Household Trash**
- ◆ **Business or Medical Waste**
- ◆ **Radioactive Products**
- ◆ **Large quantities of unknown materials**
- ◆ **Containers larger than 20 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 31" and flat-panel TVs - LCD, plasma, and LED - smaller than 49". Mobile phones are accepted at no charge (limit three items per household per day). See 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.*

NOTE: All of the above prices may be subject to change.

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 or call us at 757-259-9850.

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



**VIRGINIA PENINSULAS
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY
475 McLaws Circle, Suite 3B
Williamsburg, VA 23185**

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Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Collections



2025 Schedule & Procedures



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

Yorktown 2025

► CONCERTS ► FESTIVALS ► EVENTS

Fall

September & October • Saturdays
(Excluding October 4)

YORKTOWN MARKET DAYS
8 AM to 12 PM unless otherwise noted

September 4, 11, 18 & 25 • Thursdays
RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK
CONCERT SERIES
6:30 to 8:30 PM

September 6 • Saturday
MARKET DAYS - First Responders
Market
8 AM to 12 PM

September 28 • Sunday
YORKTOWN ART STROLL
Freight Shed & Riverwalk Landing
10 AM to 5 PM

October 2 & 9 • Thursdays
RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK
CONCERT SERIES
6:30 to 8:30 PM

October 4 & 5 • Saturday & Sunday
YORKTOWN WINE & OYSTER FESTIVAL
12 to 6 PM, \$

October 11 • Saturday
MARKET DAYS - Fall Festival
9 AM to 3 PM

October 18 • Saturday
MARKET DAYS - Victory Market
9 AM to 12 PM

October 19 • Sunday
YORKTOWN DAY
Victory Monument & Historic Main Street
9 AM to 5 PM

October 25 • Saturday
MARKET DAYS - Paws at the River
9 AM to 3 PM

October 26 • Sunday
YORKTOBERFEST
12 to 5:30 PM, \$

November 1 • Saturday
YORK COUNTY VINTAGE MARKET
McReynolds Athletic Complex
9 AM to 3 PM

November 8 & 9 • Saturday & Sunday
MARKET DAYS - Maritime Festival
9 AM to 3 PM

November 15 • Saturday
MARKET DAYS - Harvest Festival
9 AM to 3 PM



Holiday

December 5 • Friday
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
Victory Monument & Riverwalk Landing
7:30 PM

December 6 & 7 • Saturday & Sunday
CHRISTMAS MARKET ON MAIN
Historic Main Street
Sat. 10 AM to 3 PM & Sun. 11 AM to 3 PM

December 6 • Saturday
YORKTOWN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE
Yorktown Waterfront, 7 PM

December 7 • Sunday
COOKIES WITH SANTA
York Hall, 1 to 4 PM

December 12 • Friday
AN ENCHANTED EVENING ON
MAIN STREET
Historic Main Street, 5 to 9 PM

December 13 • Saturday
MARKET DAYS - Mistletoe Market
9 AM to 3 PM; Toyland Parade at 1:30 PM

**All events are FREE and at Riverwalk Landing unless otherwise noted*



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