



THE MESSENGER

The Official Newsletter of Smithy Glen

July - September 2024



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KINGSTON COURT * LINDEN COURT * MONUMENT COURT * STERLING COURT * WEXFORD COURT * WROUGHT IRON BEND

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 open forum meetings that will be held in the third quarter of 2024 will be on Jul 23rd and Sep 25th. All residents are invited to ask questions and give their views on community issues. We look forward to seeing you there!!!



From the President's Desk

Each time I look to put information out to everyone I'm faced with issues that continually come up in our Community and it just seems as if residents pay no attention. You'll notice that several of the articles continue to repeat, like picking up after your dogs, this is a horrible issue we're dealing with. PLEASE pick up after your pups, it's inconsiderate to not pick up and respect your fellow residents ability to traverse our Community without fear of stepping on a dog land mine.

Also, it's Summertime now and many residents are enjoying the pools. We ask that you not hang your wet towels over the wooden porch railings. The dampness of the towels can and do damage the rails, which costs all of us in replacing them. If you continue to place the wet towels on the rail, we may be faced to look at not paying for repairs by the Association, but the homeowner will face paying for any repairs. We currently do this for those homeowners that don't clean out their gutters. When the wood behind the gutters rot, the homeowner must pay for the repairs rather than the HOA, we all shouldn't pay for someone else's negligence.

Finally, trash totes and excess trash. The totes in Smithy Glen are not to be put out on the curb before 5 pm the night before service (Wed) and need to be stored in your garage or inside your fenced yard after service (Thur). Also, everything must be placed inside the tote, not along side - those items will not be picked up. I know this is a lot of information, but as a Community, we need to do better, to help keep it looking great.

Respectfully,

SG President

Coventry Neighborhood Calendar

JULY 2024 ACTIVITIES

8 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
9 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
15 Swim Team MTG 7:00 PM
22 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
23 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

AUG 2024 ACTIVITIES

7 Finch Terrace MTG 7:00 PM
12 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
13 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
19 Swim Team MTG 7:00 PM
26 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
27 Smithy Glen EXEC BOARD ONLY MTG 7:00 PM

SEP 2024 ACTIVITIES

3 Pools Close
9 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
10 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
24 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
25 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM



CALLING ALL CREATIVE MINDS!

Join Our Smithy Glen HOA Newsletter Team!

Our Newsletter Editor has relocated from the neighborhood so we are currently on the lookout for a talented individual to serve as our Newsletter Editor! Do you have a few hours to volunteer every quarter? Are you passionate about communication and community engagement?

If you're ready to make a positive impact and play a vital role in fostering a sense of community within our neighborhood, we want to hear from you!

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

CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE COURTS

Watching out for the Children's Safety!

During the March 2024 open meeting, a community member complained about **children playing in the streets without paying attention to passing cars**. Recently, a child on a bicycle narrowly avoided being hit by a vehicle. Currently, this seems to be an issue for Crescent Court families. Smithy Glen has several grassy community areas designated for children to play in; perhaps parents could encourage the children to utilize the grassy spaces instead of the parking area or playing on streets. On the other side, as drivers, you are responsible to look out for them also.

FENCE REPAIR

They are nearing 30 years old and need attention!!

Inspections were recently completed and over 100 of the 315 fences had an issue. They vary from a 5 minute fix, applying a few nails or screws to the homeowner needing to call a repair person to replace the entire fence because it's just about to fall down. Please take the notices seriously and **make the repairs as soon as possible, and ensure your repairman gets the area marked by Ms. Utility - 811**. This is also a great time to power wash your house! There is a lot of mold/mildew on houses out there!

Fourth of July Fireworks!

July 4, 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Riverwalk Landing & Historic Main Street

Bring your flags and flip flops - the fun starts with a parade down Historic Main Street! Evening activities include a bell ringing ceremony, patriotic concert and fireworks display over the York River. Grab your red, white and blue gear and celebrate where America won her independence. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m.

SAFE EXCHANGE ZONE

Don't Be a Victim!

When buying/selling items online you can use the Safe Exchange Zones located at the new Sheriff's office (159 Goodwin Neck Road). The designated zones are under 24 hour surveillance and allows for the public to make purchases and exchange transactions in an area monitored rather than conducting exchanges at a private residence.



SOME THINGS ARE WORTH REPEATING!

Our past newsletters have addressed issues that may not be comfortable, but necessary to talk about. We want to maintain a positive tone but need to be realistic about the issues that neighbors are concerned about. So, let's review a few of the issues that continue to be in the top Facebook and CAF discussions and are raised by our residents during open meetings.

DOGS!!!!

Be a Good Neighbor!

During almost every Meeting, Smithy Glen residents urge the Board to increase efforts in educating residents about the issue of dogs leaving waste in flower beds. Despite repeated mentions in past newsletters, there seems to be a limit to what can be done. The plea remains for residents to demonstrate courtesy towards their neighbors by refraining from allowing their pets to relieve themselves in flower beds.

Without a name or picture, the Board's ability to address the issue is severely limited. However, it begs the question: why should residents feel compelled to report on each other just to prevent dogs from relieving themselves in their neighbors' flower beds? And why are multiple time offenders not learning from the excessive fines? We've been having a horrible time with people just letting their dogs relieve themselves, and make no effort to clean up their mess. If you have a dog, it's your responsibility to clean up after them. The picture was just one of the most recent violations, 10 feet from the mutt mitts and trash can - it's not that hard. If you see someone not cleaning up, report it, give a description - and it's even better if you know where the dog resides. Fill out a CAF! It's the only way to help solve the problem.



As responsible pet owners, it is our duty to keep our furry friends safe and happy while also being respectful of our neighbors and community. **Using a leash and picking up after your dog are not only CHOA mandates, but also important steps in being a good neighbor. Picking up after your pet helps keep our community clean and enjoyable for all. It's important to remember that our actions impact those around us, and it's our responsibility to be considerate of our neighbors who walk the paths and the children who run and play in the grassy common areas.**

Leashing your dog does NOT mean putting a leash on it and allowing it to roam. It means the owner is supposed to hold the end of the leash and guide the dog on the walk. Picking up after your dog does not mean doing it only when neighbors observe you – it means doing it every time your dog has a bowel movement!

Smithy Glen governing document titled "Design Document Smithy Glen HOA Sub", Use restrictions, para G, page 8, Animals, states:

No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred, or kept upon any Lot or within any townhouse thereon or in the Common Area, except such dogs, cats, or other household pets as may be permitted by the rules and regulations adopted by the Association. Homeowners are restricted to two four legged Pets. The document also clearly states that No animals should be allowed to run free. All dogs must be on a leash.





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>



Have you visited the **Yorktown Learning Garden**? Located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road, it was established by the Virginia Cooperative Extension-York County/Poquoson Master Gardeners established the Learning Garden in 1994 as an educational garden designed to display ornamental plants that thrive on the Peninsula. Each plant is marked with the botanical and common name to help you identify the plant and species. The Learning Garden is open to the public and anyone wanting to take a self-tour is welcome to do so. Plant lists may be found in the mailbox within each garden section.

ARC

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. 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!



SATURDAYS

APRIL 13 TO OCTOBER 26

(except May 4 & Oct. 5)

8 AM TO 12 PM

Riverwalk Landing
425 Water Street, Yorktown

2024 Themed Markets

APR 13	GO GREEN MARKET
APR 20	SISTER CITIES FRENCH MARKET
APR 27 & 28	PIRATE INVASION MARKET
MAY 11	VINTAGE MARKET/CAR SHOW ON MAIN STREET
JUL 13	FUN IN THE SUN MARKET
AUG 3 & 10	NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK
SEP 7	FIRST RESPONDERS MARKET
OCT 12	FALL FESTIVAL
OCT 19	YORKTOWN VICTORY MARKET
OCT 26	PAWS AT THE RIVER
NOV 9 & 10	MARITIME FESTIVAL
NOV 16	HARVEST FESTIVAL
DEC 14	MISTLETOE MARKET

Some themed markets have extended hours. See back for details.



YORKTOWNMARKETDAYS.COM



Smithy Glen Yard of the Month

We've had a great start of the year with yards of the month. The homeowners clearly went above and beyond in the care of their flower beds and exterior of their houses, the entire Community benefits from their care. Let's keep up the good work - we're always looking for that next residence to nominate for YOM, maybe it could be you! Winners so far this year:

- 200 Hamlet Court (May)
- 501 Kingston Court (June)
- 302 Crescent Court (July)



Be Prepared

York County's Guide to Hurricane Season

As the Atlantic Hurricane Season approaches, it's essential for everyone in York County to be ready. Hurricanes can bring dangerous conditions like high winds, heavy rain, and flooding, causing significant damage and disruption. Predicted as an extremely busy season, it's vital for everyone to understand the importance of readiness.

Emergency Kit

Stock up on water, non-perishable food, flashlight, batteries, first aid supplies, and meds.



- Water
- Non-perishable food
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- First aid kit/Medications
- Personal hygiene items
- Copies of important documents
- Chargers and backup battery
- Multi-purpose tool
- Whistle to signal for help
- Manual can opener
- Cash
- Emergency blanket
- Pet supplies if applicable



Secure Your Home

Strengthen windows, doors, and roofs. Trim trees and secure outdoor items to prevent damage.



Plan Ahead

Develop a family emergency plan with evacuation routes and communication strategies.



Stay Informed

Develop a family emergency plan with evacuation routes and communication strategies.

Emergency Contacts and Resources

- York County Department of Fire and Life Safety: (757) 890-3600
- National Weather Service (Wakefield): <https://www.weather.gov/akq/>
- Know Your Zone: <https://knowyourzoneva.org>
- York County Emergency Alerts (York Alert) : Sign up for notifications and alerts that provide critical information quickly. Visit: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/376/York-Alert>



For more information, visit the [website](#) or call 757-890-3600, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In an emergency, always call 911.



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>
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 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 photocopyers 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 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,

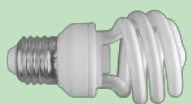
► **Miscellaneous:** charcoal fluids, dyes, kerosene, pool chemicals, fluorescent lights up to 8 ft, all compact fluorescents (CFLs), and rechargeable batteries (alkaline batteries are NO LONGER ACCEPTED, please put in your regular trash).

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

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 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 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

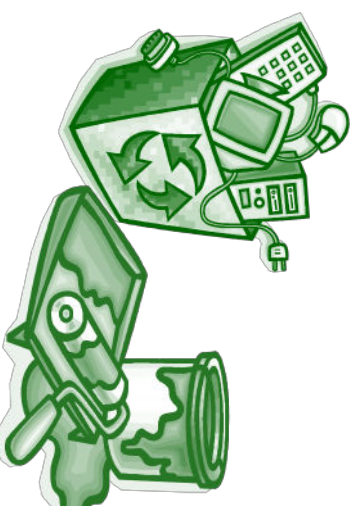
Williamsburg, VA 23185

Phone: 757-259-9850

www.vppsa.org

Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Collections

Schedule & Procedures



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

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

www.facebook.com/CoventryNeighborhoodHOA

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 Oct - Dec issue is September 15, 2024.

Thanks!



All concerts are FREE!

Thursdays 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Lineup:

- July 11 - The Gentlemen & Their Lady
- July 18 - The Embers
- July 25 - InsideOut Band
- August 1 - Band of Oz
- August 8 - The Deloreans
- August 15 - Slapnation



Share Your Plants

Do you have plants or bulbs you no longer want to maintain in your yard? Are you moving and are looking for ways to share those plants in pots? Plants such as Hosta, Liriope, and Azalea (just to name a few) can always be repurposed by the Beautification Committee to add to areas around Smithy Glen.