



THE MESSENGER

The Official Newsletter of Smithy Glen

April – June 2024



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

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 one open forum meeting that will be held in the second quarter of 2024 will be on 28 May. 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

Spring is in the Air, and so is the pollen! As we start out another year, inspections will begin. Starting April 8th, the flowerbeds and shrubs around your house will be getting inspected. Every homeowner is responsible for the flower beds around their house. Last year we held inspections and follow up inspections which greatly improved how the community looked, thanks for your help in keeping our Community looking good. So, please get out there and get flowers planted, beds mulched and shrubs trimmed back.

In addition to the flower bed inspections, this year we are putting a special focus on your fences, which in most cases are reaching or are 30 years old - that's a lot of wear and tear on them. We will be looking for broken/missing/warped/loose boards, broken/missing lattes, needing to be stained, wrong stain color, and missing door handles or latches. Please take a look at your fences and fix them! Inspections start in May. One of the other items we've noticed is the number of houses that have mold/mildew on them. The mold/mildew causes damage to the siding, causing it to age at a faster rate. One thing to remember is that if the damage is caused by homeowner neglect,

the HOA will not pay for replacement. The same applies to those homes that have overflowing gutters, the HOA will not pay for replacement of the wood because of rot - neglect from the homeowner shouldn't drive a bill we all have to pay for, please do your part for the neighborhood, keep your gutters clean, mildew off the houses and keep your property looking great!

Respectfully,

Rob Fitzmaurice

Rob Fitzmaurice, SG President

Coventry Neighborhood Calendar

APRIL 2024 ACTIVITIES

- 8 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 15 Swim Team MTG 7:00 PM
- 25 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
- 23 Smithy Glen BOARD ONLY MTG 7:00 PM

MAY 2024 ACTIVITIES

- 4 Spring Yard Sale 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- 13 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 25 Pools OPEN
- 27 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
- 28 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

JUNE 2024 ACTIVITIES

- 10 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
- 17 Swim Team MTG 7:00 PM
- 24 Architectural Review Committee MTG 6:30 PM
- 25 Smithy Glen BOARD ONLY 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 these spaces instead of the Court area or playing on Wrought Iron Bend.



LOUD MUSIC

Not Everyone Loves your Stuff!!

Several families enjoy playing and sharing music while relaxing on their porches. However, not all neighbors have the same appreciation for music or the specific

genres being played. As it gets warmer, get to know your neighbors and learn if they want to listen/dance to your music. Otherwise, keep it under wraps or use earphones! Please remember the quiet hours!



LITTER

Don't Be a Litter Bug!

It's heartwarming to see the efforts of our neighborhood volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to pick up trash along our sidewalks and in our ditches.

Let's follow the example of our neighbors and take pride in our community by properly disposing of our trash and keeping our streets and sidewalks clean. Talk with your children. Together, we can make a positive difference and create a healthier and more beautiful environment for everyone to enjoy.



COVENTRY NEIGHBORHOOD IS SPONSORING

BEAUTIFICATION DAY

20 APRIL 2024

9AM TILL NOON

RAINDATE IS 27 APRIL 2024



MEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE @ 9am

TEAMS ARE NEEDED TO PRUNE, PLANT, AND RAKE IDENTIFIED SPOTS IN THE COMMON AREAS AND AT THE MONUMENTS. THE MORE HELPING HANDS WE HAVE, THE MORE WORK WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH TO BEAUTIFY OUR COMMUNITY!

BRING TOOLS, GARDEN GLOVES, AND A FEW CLEAR LEAF BAGS

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, BUT CHILDREN UNDER 7 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CAREGIVER.

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!!!!

C'mon Folks...Be a Good Neighbor!

During the March 2024 Open Meeting, a Hamlet Court resident urged 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.

NO NEIGHBOR should think it's funny or acceptable to allow your pet to pee and poop in other neighbor's flowerbeds. We have several residents who consistently do this and no fine seems to stop them. C'mon folks ... we can do better!!!



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?

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 Hooman 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.

The Learning Garden Plant Sale is held on the 1st Saturday in May from 8 am to noon. For more info, visit <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/855/York-Learning-Garden-Arboretum>



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



TABB LIBRARY ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Friends of the Library & More Book Sale: Saturday, 6 April, 1-3pm

Intro to 3D Printing: Wednesday, 13 April, 6:30-7:30pm

Ancestry.com Tutorial: Thursday, 11 April, 1:30-3pm

Trivia Night: Thursday, 11 April, 7-9pm

Gardening in Small Spaces: Saturday, 1-2pm

And Much More! Visit the website!

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
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 1 July issue is 15 June 2024.

Thanks!

SPRING CHECKLIST

- ✓ HVAC Tune-Up
- ✓ Clean/Repair Window Screens
- ✓ Pressure Wash Home (Exterior and Sidewalks)
- ✓ Clean Gutters
- ✓ Check Windows for Leaks
- ✓ Clean Exterior Debris (Leaves, Sticks)



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.