



THE MESSENGER

The Official Newsletter of Smithy Glen

January - March 2025



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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 first quarter of 2025 will be on **Jan 28th and Mar 25th**. All residents are invited to ask questions and give their views on community issues. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Coventry Neighborhood Calendar

JAN 2025 ACTIVITIES

13 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
14 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
20 Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
27 Architectural Review Committee MTG 7:00 PM
28 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

FEB 2025 ACTIVITIES

5 Finch Terrace MTG 7:00 PM
10 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
11 Ferguson Glade MTG 7:00 PM
17 Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
24 Architectural Review Committee MTG 7:00 PM
25 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM

MAR 2025 ACTIVITIES

10 Coventry HOA MTG 7:00 PM
11 Ferguson Glade Annual MTG 7:00 PM
17 Book Club MTG 7:00 PM
24 Architectural Review Committee MTG 7:00 PM
25 Smithy Glen MTG 7:00 PM



From the President's Desk

2025! The Smithy Glen Board would like to thank the volunteers that helped our Community during 2024. We're off and running with repairs in 2025 and have approved the first round of roofing replacements. During the first part of 2025, we will be replacing roofs in Sterling Ct, Durham Ct and along Wrought Iron Bend. This work does come at a cost, for the complete package we've allocated \$350,000, but they need to be done, and we'll continue with additional Courts in 2026 and beyond until everyone is complete. Also in 2025, we've entered into an agreement with Town Management to do our accounting and payment system. By now you should have received a notice from them, giving you options as to paying your monthly assessments. With the new system you can monitor your account and make credit card payments. Please ensure you create your specific account as soon as possible so you can take advantage of the benefits – you do not need to give banking or credit card information if you don't want to take advantage of the on-line payments. For those wishing to still write a check and drop it off at the office, that option is still available also. This is a new process for everyone, so please be patient as Town Management takes over these specific actions for us.

Coventry Book Club - There has been great showing during the first few meetings. They are going to meet every month. Come out and meet some of your neighbors and enjoy wonderful discussion. If you have questions e-mail madawson555@aol.com



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.



REQUEST FROM YOUR BOARD

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

NOTES FROM YOUR BY-LAWS

LIGHTING (Decorative)

Holiday lights shall not be operative prior to Thanksgiving, and not later the following 7th of January. They 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.



Saturday, February 1, is "Take Your Child to the Library Day." We'll celebrate our Winter Reading Challenge and have special activities for families. There will be a story time and community art project at the Tabb Library. At Yorktown Library, there will be a story time and family activity.



Preschoolers and their families are invited to enjoy a special story time with Deputy Kevin Taylor, Crime Prevention Specialist from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, as he shares some of his favorite stories with preschoolers and their families. This special event starts at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, January 6, at Tabb and Monday, February 10, at Yorktown. Registration is required.

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. 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.

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.*



York County School Zone Camera Project

In a major initiative to enhance the safety of children in our community, York County has launched new school zone speed enforcement cameras. Go-Live date wss September 25, 2024 and the citation cost is \$100. The cameras will be located at Bruton High, Dare Elementary, Grafton Bethel Elementary, Seaford Elementary, Tabb Elementary and York High. Our primary concern is the safety of our children. By implementing school zone speed cameras, the Sheriff can enforce speed limits more effectively, even when officers are not physically present. This technology ensures continuous monitoring and enhances the safety of school zones.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR *Library*



Are you passionate about York County Public Library? The Friends of the York County Library are searching for enthusiastic leaders to bring inspiring programs, books, and resources to our community—your passion and ideas can make a big impact! We are currently recruiting board of director members. Board positions include: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. If interested, please [email](#) Library Director Kevin Smith.

York County Public Library offers a variety of recurring programs for children, teens, families, and adults at both the Tabb and Yorktown branches. Programs for children include story times, crafts, science activities, and LEGO building among other exciting programs. Adult programs include book discussion groups, Writers' meetups, meditation, yoga and more. For a complete list of programs, visit the Library's [Events Calendar](#), or register for one of our [monthly newsletters](#).

Families are invited to a special story time about holiday celebrations around the world on Saturday, December 7, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Yorktown Library. There will be a variety of projects that can be made after the story time and taken home as a memory of the holiday stories. No registration is required.



Join us at the Yorktown Library on Saturday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m. for a festive holiday concert featuring the musical stylings of Lana Puckett and Kim Person, a gifted duo well known for their unique vocal styles, intricate guitar skills, and amazing tight vocal harmonies. The duo features Lana on vocals and acoustic guitar, and Kim on acoustic guitar, keyboards, and sound. For more information, [visit https://kimpersonmusic.com](https://kimpersonmusic.com).

Our annual Winter Reading Challenge runs from January 1 through February 1, 2025. This is an all-ages reading challenge—start the New Year off by challenging yourself and your family to read at least 5 books each. For more information, visit the library's Beanstack site, <https://yorkcounty.beanstack.org>.



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!

Cabin Fever

CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAYS • 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

Save the Dates
January 16, February 20 & March 20

YORKTOWN FREIGHT SHED
(331 Water Street)

Winter MARKETS

SATURDAYS * 10 AM to 2 PM
Riverwalk Landing • 425 Water St.

FEBRUARY 8 (Valentine's Day)
FEBRUARY 22
MARCH 15 (St. Patrick's Day)
MARCH 22

WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

Smithy Glen Yard of the Month We've had a wonderful year celebrating those homeowners going the extra mile and making their yards the absolutely best. We'll be starting up the Yard of the Month program in April 2025. Let's all help keep Smithy Glen looking great!

Board Games Meetup

4th Sundays, 1:30-4:30 PM
Tabb Library Meeting Room
For Adults & Teens Accompanied by an Adult | Questions? Call 757-890-5120

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Paint & Wine Night Fundraiser



7:00-9:00 PM

THURSDAY, JAN. 23, 2025

YORKTOWN LIBRARY

TICKETS: \$40

Purchase online at: <https://bit.ly/41DCEa2>

Includes supplies & 1 glass of wine. More glasses of wine available to purchase.

Proceeds support the Friends of the York County Public Library.



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 - 5pm

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 Apr - Jun issue is March 15, 2025.

Thanks!

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 porches pads 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.

FENCE REPAIR - The Smithy Glen board would like to thank everyone who stepped up and made much needed repairs to their fences. The new and repaired fences look exceptional! Remember that the wood needs to cure before staining, usually 3 months after installation. Also, be sure to use only the Smithy Glen approved color Sherwin Williams SuperDeck Oil Based Semi Transparent - "Riverwood" or Olympic Elite Semi-Solid "Canyon Sunset".

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.

