



Fox Tales

Fox Ridge of Williamsburg Home Owners Association

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COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, October 10th 10:00 am @ Fox Cove Rain or Shine

Fox Ridge is a great place to live and raise a family, but some areas have collected trash-beyond what the landscapers will pick up. The Fox Run entrance and stormwater collection areas are particularly bad.

Like many towns and HOA's, we are asking volunteers - our Association members (kids included), to help clean up the community. Beyond aesthetics, this activity will help keep annual dues low, minimize pest infestations, prevent debris from entering waterways, and keep wildlife safe. Plus, clean neighborhoods have higher property values!

Show your pride in Fox Ridge and volunteer on Saturday, October 10th.

Work areas will be assigned. Trash bags and gloves will be provided.

Beverages and snacks will be provided by the Board.

Small acts, multiplied by others, can transform our community!

HOW LONG DOES LITTER LAST?

NEWSPAPER	2-4 WEEKS	DISPOSABLE DIAPER	OVER 500 YEARS
PLASTIC BAG	OVER 500 YEARS	PLASTIC BOTTLE	OVER 1000 YEARS
TIN CAN	80 -100 YEARS	GLASS	FOREVER

**The National
Weather Service
has just published
instructions on
how to bake a
lasagna in your
mailbox**



**REMEMBER TO
DRINK
LOTS OF
WATER**
**AND STAY INDOORS BETWEEN
11:00 AM AND NOVEMBER 2ND**



**Be thankful it's
not snowing**
**Imagine
shovelling snow
in this heat**

A FEW GOOD MEN

Gentlemen, and ladies too, the association needs your help to dismantle, and discard the playground equipment - the first step in creating a new play area. Bring your tools, and a chainsaw if you've got one...

Saturday, November 7th

Rain or Shine 10:00 am - 12:00ish Fox Cove

Email FOXRIDGEVAHOA@gmail.com Let us know you want to help.

Your help and participation will go a long way in managing the cost.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

HOAFOXRIDGE.org SITE VISITS

MONTH	VISITS
February	275
March	307
April	167
May	276
June	239
July	198

Site Launched 2/1/2026

FEMA recently updated their flood maps. As a result, James City County sent a *Notice of Flood Hazard* to Fox Ridge, other Associations, and individual homeowners regarding possible changes in property status. It includes the number for the Department of Community Development, that can help if you are concerned about your property. It also has important information about homeowner's insurance coverage for flooding. A copy of the notice and map are included with this newsletter.

Note: The Association is only responsible for flood and storm damage to common property.

FYI...

Please do not tamper with or remove signs or decorations placed by the Association.

Entrances Decorations are paid for by board members; they are not the property of the Association. More than once decorations have been removed. Most recently, the garden flag and stand, reminding drivers to slow down, was stolen from Fox Hill.

Don't be that person.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

SEPTEMBER 26TH 8:00 am – 2:00pm

Please let us know if you plan to participate (just for a headcount)

email FOXRIDGEVAHOA@gmail.com

The Association will promote the sale online and place signs on Centerville Road.

Participants should promote on their social media and prepare yard signs.

Consider placing directional signs at corners- especially if you're in a cul-de-sac.

Looking for a New Career?

James City County is hiring for positions from Accounting Technicians to Waterworks Operator! Visit their Career Center and apply at careers.jamescitycountyva.gov or HR.Recruit@jamescitycountyva.gov or call 757-253-6680



Notice of Flood Hazard

You are receiving this notice because your property is located in or near a flood hazard area, as mapped by FEMA, or it has been subject to repetitive flooding in the past. This notice is part of James City County's **Flood Hazard Awareness Program**, which helps to make flood insurance available to County residents at reduced rates. **This notice has two goals: (1) to inform you about flood hazards in James City County and (2) to suggest action that you can take to protect yourself and your property.**

Flood Hazards in James City County

There have been several flood events in the past that have caused property damage in the County, including Hurricanes Isabel (2003) and Ida (2009). Flooding can result from a large rain event or even from a high wind event. Not all flooding occurs in waterfront areas or high-risk flood zones. Flooding caused by heavy rainfall can occur literally anywhere.

Here is another way to consider your flood risk. A 100-year floodplain is an area that will be flooded on the average once every 100 years. This means there is a 1% chance of flooding in any given year. Over the life of a 30-year mortgage, there is about a 25% chance that the area will flood. Smaller floods have a greater chance of occurring in any year and can still create a significant flood hazard to people and property. Therefore, even if your property is not in the 100-year (1% chance) floodplain area, there is no guarantee that you will not experience flooding.

To determine if the property you currently own or property you are considering buying is located in a flood hazard area, contact the Department of Community Development at 757-253-6671. The service is offered free of charge to the general public, real estate and insurance firms and lending agencies.

Protect Your Property- Flood Insurance

Your homeowner's insurance policy will not cover losses due to flooding. James City County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program which makes flood insurance available to everyone in the County. If your home is damaged in a flood event, flood insurance is required to qualify for federally regulated loans or flood relief.

A flood insurance policy will help pay for repairs after a flood, and in some cases, it will help pay the cost of elevating a substantially damaged building. If you are considering flood insurance, please be aware there is a 30-day waiting period before a flood insurance policy takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

Here are some additional tips for protecting your property:

- If your property has been previously flooded, consider elevating your home. There may be grant funds available for this purpose. Another option may be relocating the home out of the floodplain area. For information, call the Housing Office at 757-259-5349.
- Construct flood walls around your property to protect it from flood waters.
- The County can provide residents with names of floodproofing contractors, contractor selection procedures, and review of floodproofing plans. County staff can perform site visits upon request to assess flooding issues. Call the Housing Office at 757-259-5349 for more information.
- In emergencies, sand bags placed around a building can partially limit the rise of flood water, and furniture, appliances and other personal property can be temporarily raised above flood level.

Flood Safety – Protect Yourself

James City County has developed a flood warning system in conjunction with the hurricane warning systems for all areas of the County. Warnings will be disseminated by radio (WMBG 740 AM, THE TIDE 92.3 FM), TV, weather radio, and by police and fire vehicles equipped with public address systems. This warning system alerts residents in advance of flood hazards and provides information about what to do in the event of a flood. Residents can also sign up for JCC Alert at jccalert.org to receive email and phone alerts about flood hazards.

Here are some additional actions you can take to protect yourself in the event of a flood:

- Plan escape routes to higher ground.
- During times of heavy rainfall, and/or higher than normal tides, monitor the water level in nearby waterways and stay tuned to media and JCC Alert for possible flood warnings.
- Evacuate flood hazard areas in times of impending flood or when advised to do so by the Police or Fire Department.
- Do not drive through flooded areas; turn around – don't drown. If your car stalls in high water, abandon it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Keep children away from flood waters, ditches, culverts, and storm drains.
- Be especially cautious at night during flood events.
- Know how to shut off your utilities (electricity, gas, etc.) and turn them off in the event you experience flooding.

Learn More

- Visit jamescitycountyva.gov/455/floodplains.
- Contact the Department of Community Development: 757-253-6671 or community.development@jamescitycountyva.gov.
- Visit fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program or ready.gov/floods.

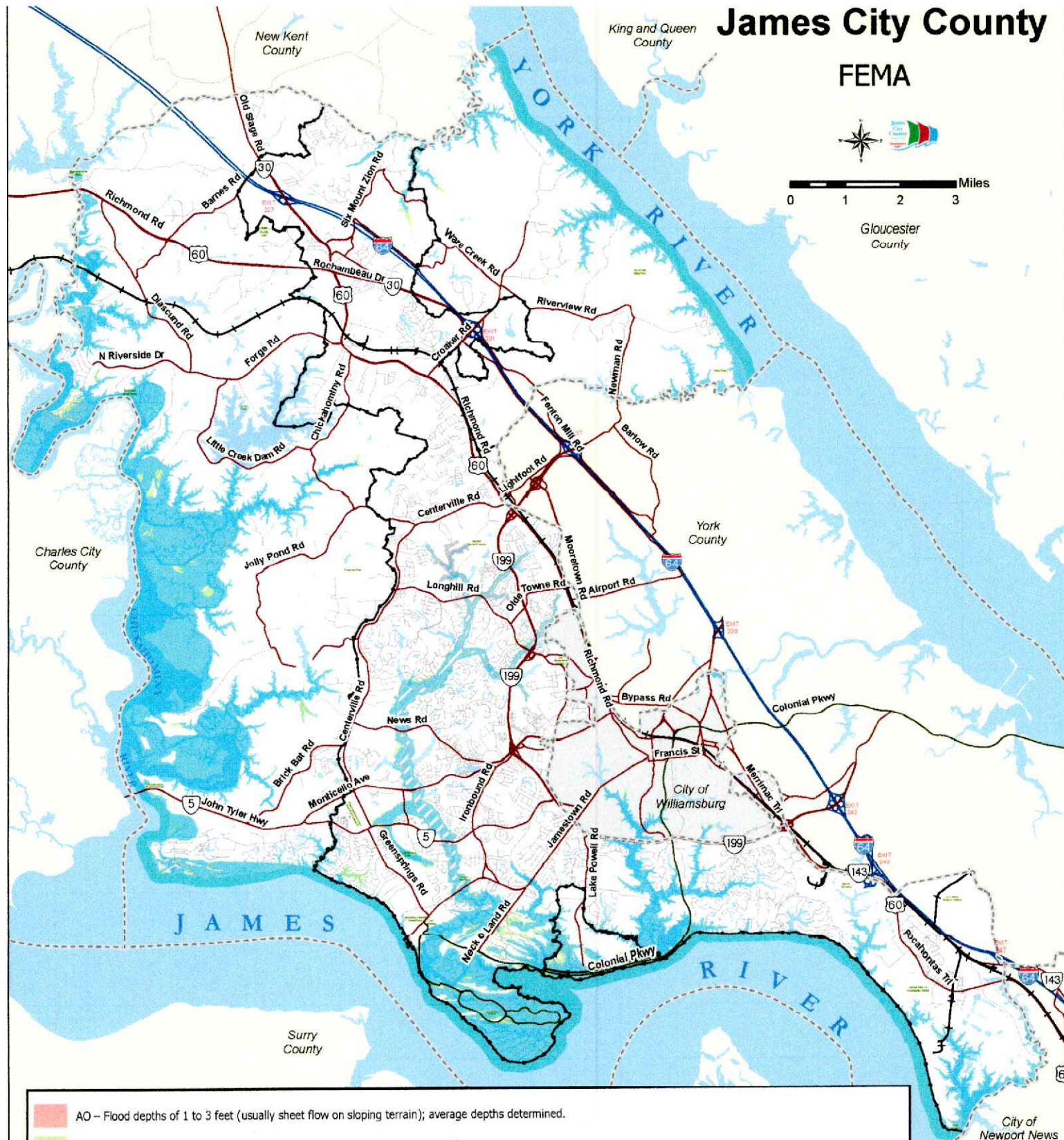
James City County

FEMA



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Gloucester County



- AO - Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined.
- 0.2% Annual Chance or X Shaded - Areas subject to 0.2% annual chance of flood.
- A - The Special Flood Hazard Area subject to 1% annual chance flood. . No base flood elevations determined.
- AE - The Special Flood Hazard Area subject to 1% annual chance flood. In FLOODWAY. Base flood elevations determined.
- AE - The Special Flood Hazard Area subject to 1% annual chance flood. Base flood elevations determined.
- VE - The Special Flood Hazard Area subject to 1% annual chance flood. This is a coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action). Base flood elevation determined

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