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FY2015 Budget Development Calendar

The Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015) budget development is currently in process.

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled budget work sessions on the following Tuesdays:

- March 4 (tentative)
- March 25
- April 1
- April 8
- April 22
- April 29
- May 1

Work sessions begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the East Room of York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown.

The County Administrator's proposed budget will be presented at the March 18 Board of Supervisors meeting in York Hall. On March 19, the proposed budget will be available online at www.yorkcounty.gov.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in York Hall to gather public comment regarding the proposed budget. If you are unable to attend and would like to comment on the proposed budget, you may send an email to *bos@yorkcounty.gov*, call the Budget Comment Line at 890-3220, or mail your comments to:

York Hall, 301 Main Street, Yorktown

Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 532
Yorktown, VA 23690-0532

Please include your name and address with your comments so that they may be included in the official record of the public hearing.

Adoption of the FY2015 Budget, Capital Improvements Plan, and tax rates is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, in York Hall. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

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Board of Supervisors Actions

November 19, 2013

•Authorized miniature golf, batting cages, and a golf driving range at 301 Lightfoot Road.

•Authorized major modifications to the design and layout of an existing retail center (The Marquis) and authorized the establishment of a gas station located at 300 Whittakers Trace within the project.

•Authorized with revisions the reclassification of 100.7 acres of land located at 900 Marquis Parkway on the east side of Interstate 64 south of the Route 199 (Marquis Center Parkway) interchange from EO-Economic Opportunity to PD-Planned Development.

•Approved an amendment to the York County Code relating to prohibited plainly audible noise.

•Accepted and appropriated $61,931 in US Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration funds to be used for overtime payments and one Administrative Assistant for the Norfolk Resident Office Task Force.

December 3, 2013

•Authorized procurement arrangements for Old Wormley Creek Lift Station #23 and Real Estate Assessment software.

December 17, 2013

•Approved modifications to the requirement that The Reserve at Williamsburg planned development to eliminate the age-restricted senior housing requirement for the undeveloped portions of the project.

•Added the Sherwood Forest subdivision to the list of specific areas where parking of certain classifications of commercial, recreational, and passenger carrying vehicles on public streets is prohibited. (See related article on page 8.)

January 7, 2014

•Elected Donald E. Wiggins as Chairman and Thomas G. Shepperd as Vice Chairman for 2014. The Board will continue to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in York Hall. There will be no first Tuesday meeting in July and November.

February 4, 2014

•Authorized a commercial stable located at 201 Hansford Lane.

•Tabled a proposed amendment to include "Places of Worship" as a land use which may utilize electronic changeable message or image signs for which the message or image may change as frequently as every eight seconds.

•Endorsed the findings and recommendations of the Virginia Department of Transportation concerning a 4-Way Stop traffic control configuration at the intersection of Dare Road, Lakeside Drive, and Railway Road.

•Approved the acquisition of five parcels of property on Dare Road for a replacement fire station.

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Board Appointments

•**Beautification Committee**
Kimberly Culliton, Barbara Dunbar, Wanda Fralick, Don Hastings

•**Chesapeake Bay Board**
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•**Planning Commission**
Montgoussaint Jons

•**Transportation Safety Commission**
Ronald Fowler

•**Williamsburg Regional Library Board**
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County Administrator.....James O. McReynolds
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Head Start accepting applications

York County Head Start is accepting applications for children ages 3, 4, and 5, including children with disabilities, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Head Start classrooms are located at the Griffin-Yeates Center, Bethel Manor Elementary, and Yorktown Elementary.

Family Services staff will be conducting on-site recruitment on the following dates:

- February 18, Boy's & Girl's Club, 3 to 6 p.m.
- March 5, Bethel Manor Head Start Trailer, 3 to 5 p.m.
- March 6 & 12, Charles Brown Park, 2 to 5 p.m.
- March 13, Yorktown Head Start Trailer, 3 to 5 p.m.

For eligibility determination, please bring your family's 2013 income verification, your child's original birth certificate, and updated/completed immunization records signed on the Virginia School Entrance Form MCH213G. Also, please bring copies of current physical and dental exams and proof of residency.

For more information on recruitment sites or assistance completing the enrollment or health verifications, please call Family Services staff at 890-3888.

Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

York County CERT Training Program

The York County Department of Fire and Life Safety is currently accepting applications for registration for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course. The next program is planned to start in the late winter/early spring. Information and the proposed schedule of courses soon will be posted on the department's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.

Those interested in particpating in the program need to be prepared to make a committment to one night a week in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday mornings over a two-month period of time. The course includes presentations, discussions and practical experiences on:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety/Fire Extinguisher Use
- Disaster Medical Care
- Light Search and Rescue
- and more

For more information, call Fire and Life Safety at 890-3600 or visit the website.

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014
12PM - 6PM
WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

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SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014
10AM - 5PM
WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

Voter Registration Information

This fall, York County voters will cast votes for a member of the **U.S. Senate and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives**. Any **primaries for Republican or Democratic nominations** for these offices will be held on **June 10.** If a primary is held, the polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Any qualified resident of Virginia may apply for voter registration or update his or her registration information at the Registrar's Office, the Yorktown or Tabb libraries, or the Griffin-Yeates Center. Voter registration applications are also available on the Registrar's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/voting. Qualified residents who will be 18 years of age on or before November 4 may register and vote in the June 10 primary.

The deadline to register to vote, or to make changes to your voter registration information prior to the primary, is Monday, May 19. If you mail your application, it must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 19. If the application is delivered in person, by you or a family member/friend, it must be received in the office by May 19.

A partnership between the State Board of Elections and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles now allows most Virginia residents to apply to register to vote, or update their registration information, online. Residents can take advantage of this service by visiting www.vote.virginia.gov.

Did you know that you are able to check your registration status online? Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Verify Your Voter Registration Here." You will be able to check your registration status AND find out where you go to cast your vote.

If you need to obtain an **absentee ballot**, you must complete an absentee ballot application and return it to the Registrar's Office. The deadline for an absentee ballot to be delivered by mail is Tuesday, June 3, at 5 p.m. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot in person is Saturday, June 7, at 5 p.m. The Registrar's Office will be open on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate in-person absentee voters.

For more information, please contact the Registrar's Office by phone - 890-3440; by fax - 890-3449; by email - *registrar@yorkcounty.gov*; and by TDD for hearing impaired - 890-3300.

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YORK COUNTY'S 2013
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Local Business Report will return in the summer edition of Citizen News.

York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PR&T)

For activities and events, visit our Spring Season Program Guide ONLINE at:

www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!

Call 890-3500 for more details.

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York County School Division
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NOTE: Please see calendar below for scheduled makeup days. Calendar is subject to change further as a result of cancellations due to inclement weather.

FY15 Operating Budget Update

The York County School Division is in the process of developing the FY15 Operating Budget. Over the last five years, our schools have experienced historic reductions in state aid. As a result, the division has had to eliminate 143 positions, reduce instructional and operational spending, and implement new fees for students. YCSD spends significantly fewer dollars per students than our eight nearby comparator divisions, despite the fact that the state rates York County as having a relatively high ability to fund K-12 education.

While student achievement generally remains high, data indicates some areas of concern relating to our students' performance. In order to sustain and build upon the excellence our community has come to expect from our schools, it is important that FY15 Operating Budget address some of the deficits that have occurred in previous years.

The Superintendent's preliminary recommendations for next year's budget includes reductions of more than $1.5 million, including savings relating to electricity, health insurance and decreased compensation due to staff turnover. The preliminary recommendations also include more than $2.4 million to address rising student enrollment and to meet federal and state requirements relating to the Virginia Retirement System and serving students with special needs. Other preliminary recommendations include funding to improve the teacher salary scale, which has been frozen for multiple years, as well as partially restoring funding for textbooks and critical technology infrastructure.

Updates on the FY15 Operating Budget process can be found on the YCSD website, yorkcountyschools.org, under the "Top News" section on the main page.

YCSD TV York County School Division

Tune into Cox Channel 47 for the latest news, programs and events from the York County School Division on YCSD TV-47.

YCSD Calendar

Feb. 17	**Scheduled Makeup Day**
Feb. 28	Early Dismissal
Apr. 4	Early Dismissal
Apr. 7 - 11	Spring Break
Apr. 21	**Scheduled Makeup Day**
Apr. 24	Report Cards Issued
May 9	Early Dismissal
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday

YFPE, Inc.

Did you know the York Foundation for Public Education, Inc. is great way for the York County Community to support our schools? The foundation is a non-profit agency that provides schools and teachers with grants, resource development funds and additional programs that otherwise would not be possible. The foundation also awards scholarships to teachers, para professionals, YCSD employees and seniors throughout the division. Visit the YFPE, Inc. at yorkcountyschools.org/yfpe.

What's Happening @ Your Library

Have you discovered your library's **eCollection**? The library offers more than 6,500 downloadable eBooks and audiobooks through our OverDrive and OneClick digital eCollections. Browse the titles for adults, teens and children; check out with your library card; and download to your computer, tablet or portable device. To get started, choose the "eCollection" link on our website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

The York County Public Library is pleased to announce the availability of "**National Geographic Kids**." Fun and informative, "National Geographic Kids" will take children on amazing adventures in science, nature, culture, archaeology and space. It includes "National Geographic Kids" magazine 2009-present (three month embargo), "National Geographic Kids" books, and downloadable images perfect for student assignments. This resource is geared for children ages 6 to 14. Access "National Geographic Kids" through the "Research & Homework" link on the library's website.

The first spring session of **Tiny Tales, Toddler Tales and Preschool Story Time** begins March 10 and runs through April 18. There will be no classes during spring break, April 7-11. Registration begins on March 3 for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales. Preschool Story Time registration begins on March 4. The second spring story time session runs from April 28 through May 30. Registration for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales begins April 21, while Preschool Story Time registration begins April 22. To register for sessions at the Tabb Library, call 890-5110 or register in person at the Tabb Youth Services desk. To register for sessions at the Yorktown Library, call 890-3236 or register in person at the Yorktown Youth Services desk.

The **Peninsula Youth Orchestra** presents its annual Lollipop Concert on Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. The orchestra consists of dedicated young musicians from middle and high school, college and young adults. Michael Sundblad conducts this talented group. The performance is free and open to all.

The **Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' DMV2Go** mobile customer service center continues its regular stops in York County. The next DMV2Go visit is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. DMV2Go is a full service office on wheels that conducts DMV transactions that would usually have to be done at a DMV office, including applying for or renewing driver's licenses and ID cards, obtaining vehicle titles and license plates, ordering disabled parking placards or plates, and more.

Both the Tabb and Yorktown libraries will be **closed** Sunday, April 20, in observance of **Easter**. The libraries will reopen at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 21.

For more information on library programs, visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/library, contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary. Visit the Tabb branch at 100 Long Green Boulevard, or the Yorktown branch at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Consumer Use Tax - File Online!

You can file and pay your monthly Consumer Use Tax online! It's quick, easy and convenient.

Businesses required to file and pay Consumer Use Tax and the $2.00 Nightly Room Tax may file and pay online. Log on to www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue, select E-Commissoner Online, and follow the instructions on how to file and make payments.

Reminder: In an effort to save taxpayer dollars, a form for each type of tax was mailed in January. Forms will no longer be printed and mailed each month.

If you need assistance, please call 890-3383; email *revofc@yorkcounty.gov*; or visit the website, www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

Tornado Drill March 11

Tornadoes can hit any part of Virginia at any time of year and any time of day. There are two things every family should do to get ready:

- Get a NOAA Weather Radio with SAME alerts, and
- Participate in the statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 11, at 9:45 a.m.

SAME alerts is a feature that lets you program your radio for your area. NOAA weather radios are available at a variety of stores in our area as well as online.

On March 11, York County Fire and Life Safety and the Commonwealth of Virginia, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, will conduct a statewide tornado drill so that schools, businesses and families can practice their tornado emergency plans.

For more information, visit www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com, www.weather.gov/safety.php, and www.readyvirginia.gov.

Upcoming Deadlines

Business License applications and payments - deadline to file and pay is March 3.

Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools - deadline to file is March 3.

Veteran Exemption in Real Estate for 100% Service-Related Disability - deadline to file is April 1.

Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled, Real Estate and Mobile Home Owners - deadline to file is April 1.

2013 Virginia State Income Tax - deadline to file is May 1.

For more information about **State Income Tax**, call 890-3381.

For more information about **Business License** renewals, call 890-3383.

For more information about **Veteran Exemption** and **Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled**, call 890-3382.

Additional information can be found on the office website at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue or by emailing *revofc@yorkcounty.gov*. The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office is located in the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown.

Youth Commission News

The York County Youth Commission is reminding citizens of the following two annual program opportunities for high school students. Detailed information and the respective forms are available online at www.ycyc.info. Hard copies also are available in the York County and Williamsburg/James City County libraries.

For any questions about either of these programs, please call Parks, Recreation and Tourism at 890-3500.

Nominations due February 26 for 2014 Outstanding Youth Award Scholarships

Citizens are invited to help celebrate some of the good news about our high school aged youth by nominating a deserving student for one of the county's four $500 Outstanding Youth Award Scholarships sponsored each year by the Board of Supervisors and the Youth Commission. The due date for nominations in the four categories of Compassion, Courage, Community Service and Overall Achievement has been extended to Wednesday, February 26.

Nominees must be residents of York County and enrolled in grades 9-12 in public, private, or homeschool. A selection committee will review the nominations and choose an award recipient for each category. The four award recipients will each receive an educational scholarship and be formally recognized with their families and nominators at a reception in their honor and at a Board of Supervisors meeting in May. The Supervisors will send a letter and signed certificate to all nominees congratulating them on their nomination.

Applications due March 5 for 2014-2015 Youth Commission

The York County Board of Supervisors is currently seeking students who are interested in representing youth interests and concerns by serving on the York County Youth Commission for the 2014-2015 school year. Applicants must be York County residents who are currently enrolled in grades 8-11 in either public, private or homeschool.

The Youth Commission's primary purpose is to serve as a link between the Board and the county's youth by representing youth-related needs and issues. In addition, Commission members typically participate in rewarding community service projects, learn about county government, develop leadership and teambuilding skills, and sponsor county-wide high school social events.

On-Street Parking Restrictions

Since the initial adoption in 2002, the list of county subdivisions whose streets are covered by the parking restrictions applicable to large commercial, recreational and passenger-carrying vehicles has grown as additional neighborhoods/subdivisions have requested to be included.

These restrictions prohibit the parking of any of the following types of vehicles on the public streets within the designated community:

Commercial Vehicles

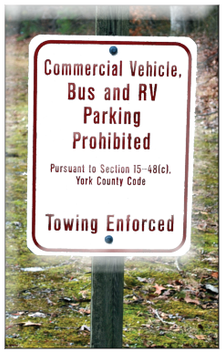
- Greater than 10,000 lbs. gross weight, or
- Greater than 21 feet in length
- Any HazMat vehicle
- Heavy construction equipment
- Tractor truck, trailer, dump truck, concrete mixer, towing vehicle, beverage/food truck or trailer

Passenger Carrying Vehicles

- 16 passenger or more or
- Licensed as a common or contract carrier or
- Licensed as a limousine

Recreational Vehicles

- Gross weight greater than 10,000 lbs. or
- Greater than 21 feet in length



Neighborhoods where these restrictions are in place can be found at www.yorkcounty.gov/Portals/0/code/Code.pdf, (perform a seach for "Parking of certain classifications of vehicles in certain designated areas"). All streets within the listed areas are subject to the restrictions.

Suspected violation of these restrictions can be reported to the Sheriff's Office. Violations are considered to be traffic infractions punishable by a fine of not more than $200.

Requests from property owner associations or groups of residents to have additional subdivisions covered by the restrictions should be directed to the County Administrator's office by calling 890-3320 or emailing *ctyadm@yorkcounty.gov*.

"Help for the Homeless" Awareness Event February 28

A York County community-wide "Help for the Homeless" event is scheduled for York High School's Bailey Field on Friday, February 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. This event is open to families and students of all ages. All attendees will be able to learn more about the plight of the homeless and be given the opportunity to help those in need. Admission is free, but donations are encouraged and will be used to help support programs providing direct assistance to homeless individuals in our area.

Activities scheduled for the evening include homelessness "fact poster" displays, panel discussion with individuals who have been homeless and those who work with the homeless, group sharing and discussion, a "Shine Your Light for the Homeless" support walk with glow sticks (available for a small donation), and more.

Monetary donations will be accepted and churches, service organizations, neighborhood organizations, families and individuals are encouraged to collect funds ahead of time and bring them to the event. Collect your spare change in the two weeks prior to the event - a little goes a long way! Consider skipping lunch one day and donating the money you would normally spend on that meal. All donations will be distributed to local support organizations. A list of all recipient homelessness support groups will be announced at the event.

The "Help for the Homeless" event is sponsored by the York County Youth Commission. For more information about the event, or if you wish to volunteer some time, visit www.ycyc.info or contact York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism at 890-3500. For event updates, please call 890-3502.

York County Waste Management Center

Recycling program schedule

Please follow this schedule when placing your recycling materials at the roadside for pickup. For a complete listing of materials that can be recycled, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement. Thank you for participating in the county's recycling program!

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Placement/removal of trash carts; Weather delays

Residents who subscribe to the county's curbside collection program for garbage and recycling are reminded that the York County Code establishes the following requirements concerning placement and removal of trash and recycling carts at the roadside:

- Trash and recycling carts shall be placed at the curb ready for collection prior to 7 a.m. on the day scheduled for their collection but not more than 12 hours before that time.
- Carts shall be removed from the roadside no later than midnight of the day of collection.

Residents who will be away from home on vacation or business should ensure that they make the necessary arrangements with reliable friends or neighbors to have the trash carts placed and/or removed from the roadside in accordance with the above schedule prior to departing.

Compliance with these basic requirements will contribute considerably to the aesthetics of neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life that residents of York County have come to appreciate and expect.

For more information about the county's trash and recycling collection programs, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement or call 890-3780. The website contains information about curbside collection as well as citizen drop-offs at the Transfer Station, special collections (household chemical, electronics), and more.

In case of inclement weather that cancels collections, trash collection will be delayed for the number of days it is impacted, up to a maximum of two days (ex: a missed Tuesday would be collected on Wednesday; however a missed Tuesday and Wednesday would be collected Thursday and Friday, respectively, with the last collection of the week performed on Sunday). Makeup recycling collection would be determined based on the situation. For updated information about changes to the collection schedule, citizens should access the York County website at www.yorkcounty.gov, monitor the county's cable channel (Cox channel 46 and Verizon channel 38), or call 890-3780. Citizens are encouraged to subscribe to our email notification system located at www.yorkcounty.gov (select "Subscribe to Notifications" on the left side under "How Do I?").

Proposed Rezonings have land use implications

Last September the Board of Supervisors adopted an updated Comprehensive Plan for the county. This was the culmination of a 19-month review process involving 18 public meetings and work sessions, including six public information and input sessions - four joint community forums conducted with James City County and Williamsburg and two public meetings focusing specifically on York County. The product of this effort, *Charting the Course to 2035: The County of York Comprehensive Plan*, is the long-range plan for the physical development of the county. The land use designations established by the Plan set the broad policies on which specifc zoning decisions are based.

As the first step in implementing the updated Plan, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will be considering a series of potential amendments to the Zoning Map in five areas of the county where the land use designations in the Plan have changed. Most of the proposed changes do not represent changes in policy but rather are intended to recognize changes in land use that have occurred since the previous Plan update in 2005. Significant acreage has been converted to conservation use in the last eight years with the recordation of conservation easements by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the acquisition of land for conservaton purposes by Newport News Waterworks and The Nature Conservancy. These properties have been redesignated Conservation in the updated Comprehensive Plan and are now proposed to be rezoned to RC (Resource Conservation).

In two cases the proposed rezonings have land use policy implications. One of these is in the area of Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, where two landlocked parcels at the end of the runway that are owned by the airport are proposed to be rezoned from RC to IL (Limited Industrial) to recognize the possible future expansion of the airport runway. Airports are not a permitted use in the RC zoning district, but are permitted with a Special Use Permit in the IL district.

The second area consists of 12 parcels with a combined area of 27 acres on the south side of Back Creek Road across from the HRSD treatment plant. Six of these parcels are occupied by single-family detached homes, and six are undeveloped. This small residential area abuts over 600 acres of land that was donated by BP Amoco to The Nature Conservancy in 2007 for conservation purposes. These twelve properties have been changed from General Industrial (IG) to Low Density Residential in the updated Plan and are proposed to be rezoned from IG to Rural Residential.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed rezonings at its February 12 meeting. After the Planning Commission has made its recommednations to the Board of Supervisors, the proposed changes will go to the Board for another public hearing and final action. Additional details about the proposed rezonings can be found on the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/planning, or you can contact the Planning Division at 890-3404 or by email to *planning@yorkcounty.gov*.

Be Ready for Spring Flooding

Spring flooding has arrived in Virginia and the damage can be costly! Just one inch of water in a home or office can mean several thousands of dollars in cleanup and repairs.

Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover damages and loss caused by flooding. Talk to your agent now about flood insurance. Here are some important facts:

- There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins
- Renters can buy flood insurance to cover personal belongings or business inventory
- Basement coverage includes repair or replacement of items such as water heaters, washers, dryers, etc.
- Buying flood insurance is the best thing you can do to protect your home/business and your family's finances
- Flood insurance is relatively inexpensive

Visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419 for more information about flood insurance.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

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Horticultural Extravaganza

The 2014 Horticultural Extravaganza is scheduled for March 1, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tabb High School. The Extravaganza will cover a broad amount of information for both the novice and experienced gardener:

Topics will cover all facets of gardening, including:

- Specialty Plants
- Environmental Gardening
- Being Self-Sustainable

The registration fee is $16 and includes a lunch. For more information, please call 890-4940 or email *ex199@vt.edu*.

Free Lawn Mowing Class for Youth

Virginia Cooperative Extension is offering the award-winning class on lawn mowing designed for youth ages 10 through 17. This course meets for four consecutive Tuesday nights in March (4, 11, 18, and 25) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Ella Taylor Road.

This fun and informative course teaches lawn mower safety and maintenance, lawn care basics, cutting techniques, and ideas on how to start and run a successful lawn mowing business.

This course has won national recognition as an outstanding county program offered to its citizens. Enrollment is limited with first priority given to York County and Poquoson residents. Parents are encouraged to attend classes with students.

Please call the York-Poquoson Extension Office at 890-4940 for registration materials or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

York/Poquoson Junior 4-H Camp

Registration has begun for the 2014 York-Poquoson Junior 4-H Camp. This year, York County and Poquoson youth will camp July 28-August 1 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg. Activities include archery, canoeing, marine science, swimming and having entirely too much fun!

Camp will cost $250 per camper. We are also offering sibling and adult volunteer discounts. Registration materials are available via the website, www.yorkcounty.gov/vce, by calling 890-4940, or by emailing *ex199@vt.edu*. Space is limited so sign up soon!

Master Gardener Plant Sale

The York County-Poquoson Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Learning Garden located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road (adjacent to York County's Public Safety Building).

Annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees will be for sale at the Learning Garden Plant Sale. This event is sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension-York/Poquoson. For more information, call 890-4940.

Calling All Future Master Gardeners!

Residents of York County, Poquoson, Gloucester, Hampton, and Newport News can apply now for the Peninsula Master Gardener Training, which will take place Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting in September.

For application and information, please call 890-4940 or email *ex199@vt.edu*.

Virginia Cooperative Extension provides educational programs conducted in workplaces, schools, and communities of Virginians. Research based information from Virginia Tech and Virginia State University is used by Extension Agents and their volunteers to teach people innovative ways to solve problems.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these programs, please call the York Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 to discuss accommodations ten days prior to the event.

2014 Mosquito Season soon will be upon us

Volunteers are neeed in the **Mosquito Monitor program** to help fight the bite! No previous experience is required. Volunteers will be trained and provided with a light trap for monitoring the mosquitoes. As a volunteer mosquito monitor, you will play an important role in reporting mosquito counts which will directly affect the ground and/or aerial spraying schedule.

This one-of-a-kind program has won national recognition as being unique in playing an important role in the mosquito control effort.

To volunteer, call 890-3791 no later than Friday, March 28. You can also submit volunteer information to *elizabeth.hodson@yorkcounty.gov*. Volunteers will be notified of the scheduled two-hour training in mid-April. Let's all be mosquito beaters in our prevention efforts!

Biological control "mosquito dunks" and mosquito fish are available to citizens for use in standing water such as unusued swimming pools or ornamental ponds. The dunks are being offered again this season as long as limited supplies last. One two-dunk pack is available per household and must be picked up by the homeowner. Stop by the Waste Management Center at 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Additional mosquito dunks may be purchased at local hardware stores, garden centers, and home improvement stores. Free mosquito fish can be obtained by calling 890-3791 or via email (at left). Leave your name, address, and telephone number along with the size of your unused swimming pool or backyard ornamental pond. Fish deliveries will not be made until June to mid-July and residents will be notified several days prior to the delivery date.

Mosquito season usually begins in mid-May. The start of the season depends on the amount of rain we receive this spring, the amount of standing water, and the water's temperature in the woodland areas. The **mosquito spray hotline** will be activated on Monday, May 19. Information also will be available on the mosquito control website - www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquito - which will provide daily information on where and when spraying is to be conducted (if needed and as weather conditions permit).

To report a mosquito concern, call 890-3790 or use the email address provided and give your name, address, and telephone number. If you do not want your property ground-sprayed, call 890-3791 or contact us via email. A spray avoidance request form will then be sent for you to sign. Also, this request can be submitted via our website. This needs to be done every year to update our list as citizens relocate or situations change.

Special thanks to Tom Gallagher, mosquito beater (retired), for his many years of service to the community.

Personal Property Tax information

If you have recently moved to York County or have recently purchased a new or replacement vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, boat or watercraft, you need to register your property with the Commissioner of the Revenue by providing the title, state registration, or bill of sale. After the vehicle has been registered with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles or the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, no additional returns will be required unless there is a change in residency or ownership status.

If you sell or trade a vehicle, please notifiy the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of the Revenue immediately to update records and make tax adjustments (if applicable).

All motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, boats or watercraft that have no change in residency or ownership will be assessed based on prior year information. Contact the Commissioner of the Revenue to report any change that will affect your tax bill.

Annual filing of Tax Return of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes must be made on or before **March 3** to avoid a 10% penalty ($10 minimum, not to exceed the amount of the tax).

If you do not receive a form or if you have questions regarding Personal Property Tax or proration, contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3381; email *revofc@yorkcounty.gov*; via the website, www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue; by mail to Ann H. Thomas, Commissioner of the Revnue, P.O. Box 90, Yorktown, VA 23690-0090; or in person at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown.