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Board adopts budget; Raises tax rate one cent

Funding increases for Education and Public Safety

The Board of Supervisors adopted an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) and set tax rates for calendar year 2013 at a meeting on May 2 in York Hall. The county's budget for FY2014 is \$130.1 million with a real estate tax rate set at \$0.7515 per \$100 of assessed valuation - a one cent increase over the previous year's tax rate. All other tax rates remain unchanged. Of the \$130.1 million, \$57.9 million will go to education and education services and \$30.1 million for public safety. The adopted budget is available to view on the county's website and also at the county's libraries and the Public Information Office.

The budget process began in October 2012 when county departments were asked to submit their requests for the coming fiscal year. Requests were then reviewed and analyzed by the Budget and Financial Reporting Division staff and the analysis was provided to the County Administrator who then formulated a budget proposal for presentation to the Board of Supervisors

and review by citizens.

Following a public forum, a public hearing and a series of work sessions, the budget was adopted.

At its March 19 meeting, the Board of Supervisors formally adjusted the budget adoption schedule and subsequent due date for the payment of personal property and real estate taxes. Because of the revised budget adoption date, which was moved forward by one month to ensure availability of complete data from the state and federal governments, the due date for the first half of 2013 personal property and real estate taxes is June 25. Tax bills will be mailed the last week of May.

Vehicle registration fees are included in the personal property tax bill. (Please see the article on page 3.)

- Real Estate Tax Rate - \$0.7515 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Personal Property Tax Rate - \$4.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Business Personal Property Tax Rate - \$4.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Boat (over 5 tons) Tax Rate - \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed valuation

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Board of Supervisors Actions

February 19, 2013

- Reclassified land located at 313 and 315 Dorothy Drive from Planned Development, Residential Multi-Family, and General Business to conditional R20. The property is to be developed with a maximum of nine homes.
- Adopted Ordinance 13-2 to delete Section 16-8, Carrying Concealed Weapons, from the York County Code in its entirety.

March 5, 2013

- Held a work session on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

March 19, 2013

- Adopted Ordinance 13-3 to amend sections of the York County Code relating to motor vehicle registration fees and personal property and other taxes, changing the due date for the first installment of all property taxes and motor vehicle registration fees to June 25; eliminating the requirement to file personal property tax returns on motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers and boats in certain instances; and providing for proration of, and due dates for, registration fees and personal property taxes for motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers and boats which acquire a tax situs in the county after January 1.
- Voted to sponsor an application to amend Section 20.5-93 of the York County Subdivision Ordinance (Chapter 20.5, York County Code) to exempt boundary line adjustment from the requirement to correct right-of-way deficiencies.
- Approved participation in the Virginia Association of Counties Risk Pool Line of Duty Act (LODA) Trust and authorized the County Administrator to execute the membership agreement and to act on behalf of York County on matters relative to the trust. The LODA provides health insurance benefits for uniformed officers disabled in the line of duty and their families, as well as death benefits to and continued health insurance for families of officers killed in the line of duty. The LODA covers both volunteer and paid hazardous duty personnel and their survivors.

April 2, 2013

- Authorized an extension of the county's sewer system to a proposed development in Seaford known as Osborn Landing.

April 16, 2013

- Adopted Ordinance 13-5 to amend various sections of the York County Zoning Ordinance pertaining to signs.
- Adopted resolutions to commend and congratulate the recipients of the 2013 Outstanding Youth of the Year awards. The following individuals were selected in these categories: Compassion - Joseph Monk; Courage - Abigail Jones; Community Service - Ryan Sidhu; and Overall Achievement - Morgan Irons.

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Board Appointments

•Colonial Community Criminal Justice Board

Steven Reandean

•TNCC Advisory Board

Elizabeth Tai

If you would like to serve on a board, commission, or committee, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov, select "Online Service," and then "Board Bank Application." Complete the application and return it to the County Administration Office. When a vacancy occurs, the Board will review applications and make an appointment. For information, call 890-3320.

Personal Property/Real Estate Taxes Due

Citizens should receive their York County Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills for the first half of 2013 during the last week of May. The tax bills are due on or before June 25. Taxes are considered late on June 26 and penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, will be assessed. If you do not receive your bill by June 1, you will be able to view tax information on-line (see website address below and choose "Online Services"). Since York County prorates personal property taxes, citizens are taxed for the actual number of months the property was owned during the first half of 2013.

Note: Vehicle registration fees are included in the first half of the 2013 Personal Property tax bill.

Taxes and vehicle registration fees may be paid by mail or on-line via the website. Taxes may also be paid at the office or deposited in the drop box at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard in Yorktown. The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer or call 890-3420.

York County Head Start

Enrollment Information Fair
FREE PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The York County Head Start Staff are currently recruiting eligible 3, 4, and 5 year old children, including those with disabilities, for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

**Limited transportation available at the Griffin-Yeates Center*

Family Services staff will be conducting On-Site Recruitment on the following dates:

- May 7: Tabb Library, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 15: Yorktown Library, 1 to 4 p.m.
- May 24: Boys and Girls Club, 1 to 4 p.m.
- May 28: Yorktown Head Start Trailer, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- May 29: Bethel Manor Head Start Trailer, 1 to 4 p.m.

For eligibility determination please bring your family's 2012 Income verification (W-2, 1040 form, TANF statement, one month of pay stubs), and your child's original birth certificate, updated/completed immunization records signed on school entrance form MC#213G. Please bring copies of current physical and dental exams and proof of your family's residency.

For more information, or assistance with completing the enrollment or health verifications, please call the 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.



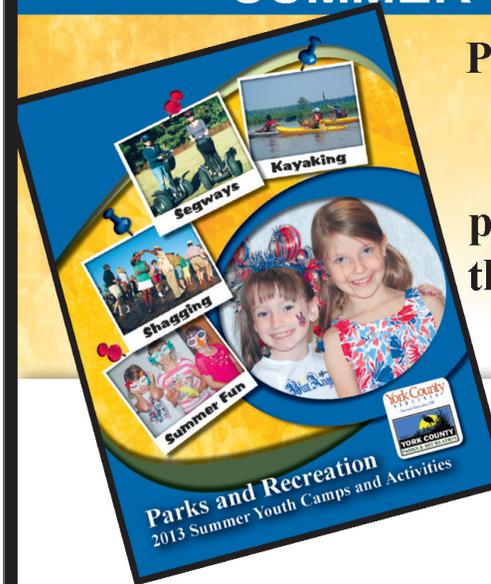
Foster Parents Needed

York-Poquoson Department of Social Services is currently recruiting families to provide temporary homes to children in need. This is a journey that will forever change the life of a child, but be prepared, because this journey will also change your life!

In order to become a foster parent, you must complete a 27-hour training program and mutual family assessment. The process of becoming a foster parent may seem a little daunting, but the rewards are great.

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Overall at York-Poquoson Department of Social Services at 890-3787.

YORK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER GUIDE



Parks & Recreation activities and programs are published ONLINE through it's website publications.

What's in this Issue!

- Summer Camps & Activities
- Summer Fun Program
- Adult Fitness
- Yorktown Summer Concert Series
- Yorktown Market Days
- Fall Soccer Registration
- New Quarter Park Camps and Activities ... and much more!

www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec

Local Business Report

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New Business Announcements

York County would like to welcome to our business community the following companies, which recently held grand opening ceremonies (listed in order shown):

- Dunkin' Donuts
- Studio South
- Williamsburg Pediatric Dentistry
- State Farm (not shown)

For a complete list of new businesses in York County or for access to the York County Grand Opening Guide, visit our website at www.YesYorkCounty.com.

York County Economic Development Updates

York EDA launches Buy Local Initiative

On May 31, the York County EDA will launch its new Buy Local initiative and website, appropriately titled "Keep It In York County." The campaign aims to educate local residents and businesses about the direct benefits to them, namely lower taxes and increased choices and services, from buying local and to encourage them to do so whenever possible.



The main component of the campaign is a new interactive website that features a free, searchable, online database of all of York County's existing commercially-based businesses. It will include a basic listing (including business name, physical address, phone number, and web address), however, businesses will be encouraged to enhance their listing for free with photos, logos, coupons, events, descriptions, taglines and more.

Home-based businesses may also request a free listing on the site; however, because listings are address-based, the owner must give express written permission to the EDA to list their business on the website. If interested, please e-mail Melissa.Davidson@yorkcounty.gov for assistance.

The website will provide a one-stop-shop for finding local businesses and events and explain the reasons that buying local directly benefits residents, businesses, and our entire community. The site will also host a community calendar, to help promote local events, sales, and specials, a feature meant to keep visitors periodically checking back to the site. Visit the new site at www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com today.

The campaign logo design was graciously donated by York County-based Arcphor Strategy (www.arcphor.com).

Featured Business in the News

AVID LLC, an aerospace engineering and software development firm headquartered in Yorktown, recently completed its first public flight demonstration of its EDF-8 aircraft. The EDF-8, an electric, ducted-fan, unmanned air vehicle (UAV), is the most compact flying platform to carry a one pound payload for 20 minutes. Designed to fly safely through an 18-inch porthole with a comfortable margin around it, the performance is unique. The stability of the vehicle is excellent and provides an ideal platform for photos and video.

For more information and to see a video of the flight, visit www.avid aerospace.com.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.YesYorkCounty.com to access our Site Selector database of available commercial property and to sign up for our E-Newsletter.





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2013 Summer Academies

Elementary School Academy

Tabb Elementary School
Open House
 June 20 1 – 2 p.m.
 Dates/Time/Location:
 June 24 - July 24
 7:45 – 11:45 a.m./Monday – Thursday

Middle School Academies

8 a.m. – noon/Monday – Thursday
 Tabb High School

- English and Math: June 24 - July 24
- Science: June 24 - July 9
- History/Social Science: July 10 - July 24

High School Academies

8 a.m. – noon/Monday – Thursday
 Tabb High School

High School Academy
 (Multiple Courses Available)
 June 24 - July 25

High School SOL Academy

- English 11/Writing (MC/SP): June 24 – July 10
- English 11/Reading: July 11 – 23
- Earth Science: June 24 - July 8
- Algebra I: July 9 - 23

Virtual High School Summer Academy

- Online Learning
- Summer Academy Computer Lab Available
8 a.m. - noon at THS



Students within YCSD should visit their school guidance department to receive the necessary forms for Summer Academies. Registration for Summer Academies is available at each school until June 7. Students who have not registered by June 7 must register on Monday – Wednesday, June 17 – 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Summer Academy school location. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 20.**

YCSD Calendar

May 27
Memorial Day Holiday

June 11-13
Early Dismissal - Exams

June 13
Last Day of School

June 14
Graduation

June 20
Report Cards Issued

YCSD Registration 2013

Are you new to York County or do you have a new kindergartner? In order to register your child with the York County School

Division, you must provide the following required records:

1. The child's original certificate of birth (or certified copy)
2. The child's Social Security card
3. A current School Entrance Physical (MCH-213G)
4. An Immunization Certificate
5. Proof of York County residency

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before Sept. 30. Enrollment requirements and a list of acceptable documents are available at each school and on the York County School Division's website at yorkcountyschools.org. Scan this QR code with your smart device for registration information.



Teachers of the Year

YCSD would like congratulate the school and division level winners for Teacher of the Year for 2014.

YCSD Teacher of the Year

Jennie MacBlane, Bethel Manor Elementary School

Elementary Teacher of the Year

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Middle School Teacher of the Year

Cheryl Williams, Queens Lake Middle

High School Teacher of the Year

Cory Martin, Tabb High

Kimberly Harris	Coventry Elementary
Sherin Linsley	Mt. Vernon Elementary
Elizabeth Hoffman	Waller Mill Elementary
Lisa Seidle	Grafton Bethel Elementary
Joel Argall	Yorktown Elementary
Merry Carter	Tabb Elementary
Kimberly Stratton	Seaford Elementary
Lyndsay Kimbro	Magruder Elementary
Brooke Bultman	Dare Elementary
Jennie MacBlane	Bethel Manor Elementary
Cory Martin	Tabb High
Wallace Green	Grafton High
Jared Lorio	York River Academy
Cathy Wiley	Bruton High
Bonnie Ellis	York High
Steve Miller	Grafton Middle
Michael Young	Tabb Middle
Tanisha Carmichael	Yorktown Middle
Cheryl Williams	Queens Lake Middle

The 2013-14 school year begins
 on Tuesday, September 3rd!

Graduation 2013

June 13, 2013

at Yorktown Middle School Auditorium
 6:00 p.m. -- York River Academy

June 14, 2013

at William and Mary Hall

9:00 a.m. -- Tabb High School
 12:00 p.m. -- York High School
 3:30 p.m. -- Grafton High School
 7:00 p.m. -- Bruton High School

Scoop the Poop: "Bring it! Bag it! Toss it!"

Pet waste is not fertilizer. Pet waste requires proper disposal in a waste receptacle. Owners who do not properly dispose of their pet's waste are risking public and environmental health. In York County, stormwater systems and sanitary sewer systems are separate; contents of stormwater systems do not go to a wastewater treatment plant. Pet waste left out and exposed to rainfall (stormwater), can allow harmful bacteria and nutrients to enter our stormwater system and get carried to local water bodies untreated.

Not properly disposing of pet waste can cause our local waterways to be deemed unsafe and unfit for recreation, drinking, or fishing. Pet waste contains harmful levels of fecal coliform bacteria and viruses that are a public health risk, and nutrients, which enrich the receiving waterways and increase problematic algae.

Pet waste management is by far the simplest and best task a responsible pet owner can take to help reduce pollutants that enter the environment. On your next walk or in your back yard, you can make a positive impact on our water quality by simply "Scooping the Poop!" Askhrgreen.org suggests that pet owners follow three easy steps:

1. Bring it! Carry a pet waste bag, or re-use an old shopping bag.
2. Bag it! Use the bag as a glove or scoop, turn it inside out, and seal the bag.
3. Toss it! Bags belong in the trash can.

To get your community involved, locate or install a pet-waste bag station in your neighborhood or pet friendly areas. Ask local veterinarians or pet shelters to provide bag holders for new pet owners.



YOUR GO-TO RESOURCE FOR EVERYTHING GREEN IN HAMPTON ROADS

In an effort to curb pollutants entering our waterways, York County enforces an illicit discharge ordinance adopted in 2006 designed to protect our rivers, creeks and lakes from pollution - including the pollutants found in pet waste (Chapter 23.3 of the York County Code).

For more information, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov/eds or www.askhrgreen.org for additional environmental resources.

Consumer Use Tax

Businesses are required to file and pay Consumer Use Tax, Transient Occupancy Tax, and the \$2.00 Nightly Room Tax each month. These taxes may now be filed and paid online. Log onto www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue, select "E-Commissioner On-line" and look for the heading on the left-hand column.

Reminder: Forms will no longer be printed and mailed each month.

For assistance, please call 890-3383 or e-mail revofc@yorkcounty.gov.

County Code Info.

Grass and Weeds Ordinance

The County Code generally requires property owners to mow portions of their property located within 150 feet of their dwelling/principal structure or within 150 feet of any dwelling/principal structure on an adjoining property to keep grass and weed heights at 12 inches or less. This same 12 inches or less requirement applies to grass and weeds within 50 feet of a road right-of-way. Violators will be mailed a notice and, if the grass or weeds are not cut, a contractor will be hired to perform the work and a bill will be sent to the property owner.

Landscaping, Sight Triangles & Vehicular Safety

While trees, shrubs and other landscaping contribute to the attractiveness of neighborhoods and individual properties, improperly located or maintained landscaping at the intersection of streets and driveways can create driving hazards by blocking motorists' line of sight. The County Code requires sight triangles at street intersections and street/driveway intersections to be kept free of obstructions between three feet and six feet above ground level. Sight triangles are 20 feet by 20 feet in size or larger based on street classification and are measured along the pavement edge for private driveways and along the right-of-way line for public street intersections.

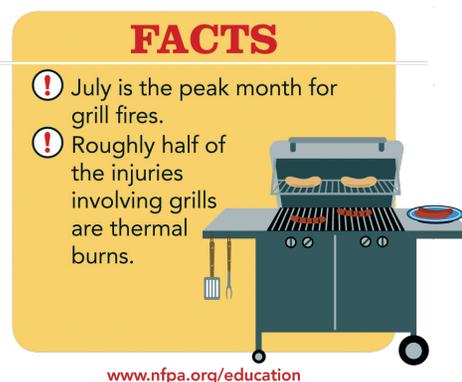
Property owners are encouraged to check the "sight triangle" at their driveway and any adjoining street intersections and to consider "pruning in June" to help maintain sight distance and safety.

Grilling Safety Tips

Grilling is one of the most popular ways to cook. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. Grills can also cause serious burn injuries. The National Fire Protection Association and the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety offer the following information.

Safety Tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet from the grill.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Only light your grill with the lid open.



Charcoal Grills

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as fuel. If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

When using a grill with an electric charcoal starter, remember that they get extremely hot and stay hot for a while after they are disconnected. Be careful where you place it to cool and be sure to use an extension cord that is rated for outdoor use. Let the coals cool at least 72 hours before disposing of them in a metal container.

Propane Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before you use it for the first time each year. To do this, apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. If there's a leak, the hose will release bubbles. If your grill has a leak, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop or you smell gas when cooking, call 9-1-1.

June 11 Democratic Primary

A Democratic Primary will be held on Tuesday, June 11, to nominate candidates for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General. All regular York County polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A sample ballot is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

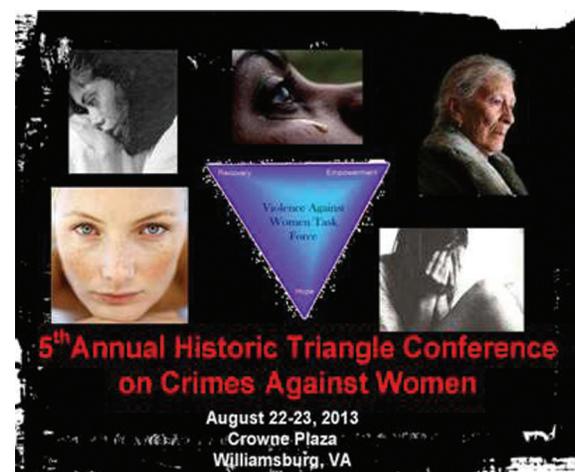
The deadline to register to vote or to update your address or other registration information, is Monday, May 20. A Voter Registration application can be obtained and submitted at the Registrar's Office, Yorktown and Tabb libraries, and the Griffin-Yeates Center. Applications are available at the Registrar's website.

You may be able to vote absentee if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to go to your polling place on June 11. Absentee ballots are now available. Absentee voting information can be found on the website. The last day to submit an absentee application by mail, fax, or by e-mail is Tuesday, June 4. The deadline to apply in person is Saturday, June 8.

For more information, call the Registrar's office at 890-3440, by fax to 890-3449, and e-mail to registrar@yorkcounty.gov.

Conference on Crime Aug. 22/23

The York County Violence Against Women Task Force is currently planning the 5th Annual Historic Triangle Conference on Crimes Against Women, at Crowne Plaza in Williamsburg this August 22-23. This event will include



two days of speakers from across the country, offering advanced training on sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking for advocates, law enforcement, probation and parole, prosecutors, military personnel, school professionals, counselors, health care providers, and allied professionals.

Information is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/vawtf.

What's Happening @ Your Library

The Library will host two writers' workshops at the Tabb Library in June. Dr. Robert Arnett will present "An Introduction to Screenwriting" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 1. Dr. Arnett, an Associate Professor in Old Dominion University's Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, will discuss what screenwriters do and how to get started as a budding screenwriter. Narielle Living, author of the mysteries "Signs of the South" and "Past Unfinished," will present "Editing Your Writing" from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 29. Registration is required for the workshops and begins Monday, May 13, through the Event Calendar on the Library's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library. Contact the Tabb Library Reference Department at 890-5120 for additional information.

The Tabb Library is hosting a series of adult education programs, Create the Life You Want, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month through October. Online registration is available through the Library's Event Calendar.

June 8 - Blocks in Life

July 13 - Dynamic Communications

August 10 - Problem Solving

In cooperation with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, York County will host the DMV's mobile customer service center DMV2Go on Tuesdays, June 18 and August 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. DMV2Go is a full service office-on-wheels equipped to process all

DMV transactions including applying for or renewing driver's licenses and ID cards, applying for a Veteran ID card, obtaining vehicle titles and license plates, ordering disabled parking placards or plates, getting fishing and hunting licenses, and more. DMV2Go visits the Yorktown Library on the third Tuesday of every other month unless otherwise announced.

Children, teens and adults are invited to participate in the Library's summer reading programs from June 24 through August 2. Registration begins Monday, June 17, at both the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries and on-line. A list of programs and activities will be available at registration and on the Library's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

Getting ready for summer vacation? Thanks to eReaders, tablets, MP3 players, smartphones, and more, you can bring your Library along without using up any luggage space. Before you go and while you're away, visit the Library on-line and download eBooks and audiobooks for your reading and listening pleasure. Over 4,000 downloadable audiobooks and 1,000 eBooks are available for York County Public Library patrons to check out.

For more information on library programs, visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/library or contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207. Visit the Tabb Library at 100 Long Green Blvd. or the Yorktown Library at 8500 George Washington Memorial Hwy. Hours are Monday - 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.

Changes made to personal property registration

The Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 13-3, which changed the method of filing personal property returns to "file by exception." Anyone who moves into York County or purchases a new vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, or boat should register their property with the Commissioner of the Revenue. Depending on the property, it will have to be registered with DMV and Game & Inland Fisheries, but it won't have to be re-registered with York County *unless* you relocate out of the county, state, or sell the item(s).

You must notify the Commissioner of the Revenue within 60 days if there is a change in the name or address of the person(s) owning or leasing the property, the property

has changed location (i.e. you move), any other change affecting the assessment or level of the personal property tax for which a return has been filed, and any change in the use of a vehicle that affects the eligibility requirements for tax relief.

The Board also adopted an ordinance that allows for the proration of taxes due for trailers, semi-trailers, and boats.

For more information about personal property registration and proration, call the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at 890-3381 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

York County Waste Management Center

Changes to Solid Waste Collection Program Effective May 1

York County implemented a restructured Solid Waste Curbside Collection program that became effective May 1. Highlights of the new program include:

- The Basic Service option of the curbside collections program will provide one 96-gallon cart for weekly garbage collection and one 96-gallon cart for every-other-week collection of recyclable materials.
- There are no changes to the fees for additional services such as backyard, long driveway, and extra garbage containers. However, billed amounts will be adjusted to reflect the new Basic Service described above. Please see the table below for revised fees.
- For those who qualify, a \$7.00 fee reduction per bi-monthly billing period is still available under Section 19-78 of the County Code. This section pertains to low income households.
- These changes to the trash portion of your utility bill will take effect May 1, and will be reflected on your July 15 bill.
- Delivery of the new recycling carts began in April and was completed within the month. You may keep your old recycling bin or bring it to the Waste Management center for redistribution to our schools and/or to be processed for recycling.
- Collection days and routes will continue with little change; however, recycling collections will occur on an every-other-week basis. To determine which week your recycling will be collected, please see the postcard included in the information packet along with the letter that was attached to your cart.
- The new, larger recycling carts will enable participation in a "Recycling Perks" program. This rewards program is based on the frequency of recycling and provides discounts and other incentives to subscribers by local businesses and retail establishments. (See www.recyclingperks.com)
- More details on billing rates may be found in Chapter 19-73 of the County Code under "Online Services" of the York County website (www.yorkcounty.gov).

For more information, please call the Waste Management Division at 890-3780, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

PAPER

Newspaper and Inserts, Magazines and Catalogs, Junk Mail, Telephone Books, Cereal Boxes, Paper Grocery Bags, Corrugated Cardboard (remember to break it down to maximize space in your recycling cart!)



GLASS

Clear, Brown or Green Glass Jars and bottles are accepted. Please rinse and remove lids—remember... Metal lids CAN be recycled!

METAL

Metal Cans, Aluminum Cans, and Aluminum Foil Products (please remove food and/or food residues)



PLASTIC

Plastic bottles and jugs. Remember to "check for a neck!" Plastic lids are OK on or off the bottle.

New Service	New Bi-monthly Fee
• One garbage cart plus one 96-gallon recycling cart	----- \$37.00
• Two garbage carts plus one 96-gallon recycling cart	----- \$53.00

Mosquito Control update



The mosquito is the most lethal predator in the world because it is the vector of a variety of deadly diseases. Mosquitoes kill a reported two million people a year, mostly in Africa and third world nations. Fortunately, for the most part, we are not faced with such a threat. Last year, however, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported that the West Nile Virus mosquito outbreak was the worst ever in the United States. The number of cases reported was 3,545 which included 134 deaths.

The Mosquito Control division in York County does its utmost to reduce the mosquito threat by source reduction, stocking mosquito fish, and dispensing biological applications, in addition to spray applications (which is a last resort method of control). The size of mosquito populations is crucial to disease transmission threat. Most important, however, is educating citizens in mosquito prevention and stressing how they can be a part of the reduction of mosquitoes in their own backyards. A prevention and awareness program is presented to third grade students in the county teaching them how to be mosquito beaters.

Mosquito FAQs

Q: What can I do to prevent mosquito bites?

A: Wear long, loose, and light colored clothing along with a repellent containing DEET (make sure you use the proper strength for children vs. adults).

Q: What determines if and when an area is sprayed?

A: Surveillance data, citizen volunteer monitor light trap reporting, and the number of calls received from a specific

location or neighborhood are the determining factors. Spraying is based on an evident mosquito problem.

Q: How can I find out when our area will be sprayed?

A: Call the Mosquito Spray Hotline - 890-3793 - after 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to find out if spraying will occur that day. You can also check the Mosquito Control's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol where the information is updated daily, Monday through Friday.

Q: Can I request that my private off-road lane be sprayed?

A: You will need to submit a signed "Mosquito Spraying Release" notice. Call 890-3791 to request a form.

Q: Can I request a spray for a special event?

A: Yes! Call 890-3791 at least two weeks before your event. The cost is \$40.

Q: Can I request that my residence not be ground sprayed?

A: Call 890-3791 or e-mail gallagher@yorkcounty.gov and provide your name, address and telephone number.

Q: Does Langley AFB continue to provide aerial spraying in York County?

A: No. If a mosquito situation poses a potential health threat, then a commercial aerial spray is provided.

Call Mosquito Control at 890-3791 for more information.

Charting the Course to 2035

The Planning Commission has nearly completed its work on the update of the York County Comprehensive Plan, after which the draft Plan will be considered by the Board of Supervisors with final adoption expected to occur in late summer/early fall of this year. The Comprehensive Plan - or Comp Plan, for short - is the long-range plan for the physical development of the county. Every city and county in Virginia is required to have one and to review it at least once every five years. York County's review process kicked off on February 2, 2012 with a community forum - conducted jointly with James City County and the

City of Williamsburg - at Magruder Elementary School. In the fifteen months since then, there have been another 16 meetings and work sessions on the Comp Plan, with more to occur, including a Board of Supervisors public hearing, in the months ahead.

The draft document - Charting the Court to 2035 - has been available for review on the Planning Division's website since last December. The address is www.yorkcounty.gov/planning. Citizens are encouraged to read the draft Plan and provide any comments or questions to the Planning Division at planning@yorkcounty.gov or by calling 890-3404.



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4-H Growing Mums for Profit

The award-winning 4-H Chrysanthemum Project combines the skills of growing plants with the knowledge of how to account for, market and sell a "product." Youth ages 10 to 15 will receive materials to grow 20 chrysanthemums and will attend five educational sessions (one hour each) throughout the summer. Classes will meet May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11, and August 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Ella Taylor Road. Registration form and fee of \$10 must be received before the first class. Registration forms are available by calling 890-4940 and can be found on-line at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.



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.

Peninsula Master Gardener Training

Residents of York County, Gloucester, Hampton, Newport News and Poquoson can apply now for the Peninsula Master Gardener Training, which will begin in September. Application deadline is May 31.

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



Yorktown Market Days on the River

York County/Poquoson Master Gardeners will have a booth at the Yorktown Market Days on selected dates. Bring your plant or insect identification questions or concern, or come browse the information table on the following dates: May 11, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 12 and November 9.



Fall Fescue Lawn Maintenance

Do you already know that you will have to renovate the lawn this fall? Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. Put these Renovation Clinic dates on your calendar. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in the Lawn Renovation program. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to noon.

August 17 Grafton True Value Hardware, Route 17
Sept. 7 Ken Matthews Garden Center, Route 17

Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins June 1: Are you ready?

We cannot control what the weather is going to do and what, if any, tropical storm systems may come our way this hurricane season. But, we can be prepared. Being ready is the best thing we can do to protect our families and properties.

As hurricane season approaches, the York County government channel will broadcast a hurricane preparedness program entitled "People Get Ready." This regional television program with local emergency management officials and York County-specific information will be televised on a rotating schedule and contains important preparedness information for you and your family.

For the most up-to-date information about weather conditions and York County preparations, residents should tune to local television and radio (99.1 FM - official radio station for York County news and information) and the York County website for important news, updates, and protective action recommendations. If severe weather threatens, information can also be found on the county's cable channel (Cox Cable 46/Verizon 38) as well as the Ready York County Virginia website at www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com. Below is a hurricane preparedness checklist for your use. Please clip this list and check off the items as you prepare yourself for the upcoming hurricane season.

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

- Clip this checklist and mark off items as completed.
- Have a flashlight and battery powered radio with extra batteries. Listen to radio station WXGM 99.1 FM during a disaster to get important York County information.
- Have a first aid kit.
- Create an emergency contact list for family members.
- Use cell phone sparingly to preserve batteries.
- Check on neighbors.
- If you evacuate, pre-establish your plan and know the route you will take. However, once winds are strong enough to blow debris around, remain in your home.
- Secure your valuables in a safety deposit box or take them with you if you choose to evacuate.
- Secure your home if you leave.
- If you remain in your home, stay there until roads are cleared and traffic control is established.
- Build a disaster supply kit and buy non-perishable food.
- Plan to be self-sufficient in a public shelter. Shelters have very few amenities. Remember to plan for your pet and arrange for their shelter with your pet's veterinarian and/or kennel.
- Plan for family members and friends who have special needs. A shelter may not be the best place for someone receiving home health care. Develop the plan for special needs individuals in conjunction with your physician.
- Keep prescription medications filled and consult with physician for an additional supply before the storm.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased or damaged limbs, and strategically remove branches so that wind can blow through.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Hurricanes often bring long periods of heavy rain. Providing clear drainage will help prevent flooding.
- Dispose of garbage and/or recycling materials to keep them from collecting. Dispose of extra items as they accumulate, rather than waiting until a storm watch or warning.
- Be prepared to be without electricity and telephone. Reduce the amount of frozen and refrigerated food stored during late summer and early fall to minimize loss due to spoilage.
- Check insurance policies for adequate coverage.
- Keep cash on hand. Keep good records of disaster related expenses.
- Put important papers together in a waterproof container and keep them with you if you evacuate.
- Stay out of damaged areas, particularly public areas, until they are deemed safe.
- Keep your vehicles in good working order and keep the fuel tank topped off.
- Prepare your property for possible landfall by boarding up windows, placing lawn furniture and other loose items in a secure storage area, and unplugging electrical appliances.
- Follow instructions carefully when using a generator. Consult an electrician or visit Virginia Dominion Power's Web site - www.dom.com - for more information.

Storm surge is a significant threat to coastal residents and is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane. To determine if you live in an identified hurricane storm surge zone, visit <http://maps.yorkcounty.gov/propertyinfo/>. After selecting "I agree," enter your address and select "Interactive Property Map" in the right-hand corner. On the map page, select the appropriate check boxes for storm surge information.

You can also visit www.yorkcounty.gov and select "Online Services." Scroll through the listing until you reach "Property Information Lookup" and follow the same steps listed above.

In addition, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/fire for the Storm Surge Automated Lookup Tool. It just takes a quick search to find your property and your storm surge zone.