



Yorktown Announces 2nd Annual Christmas Market on Main Street – Saturday, December 1

Yorktown, November 20—Yorktown announces the 2nd Annual **Yorktown Christmas Market!** Located on historic Main Street, the Christmas Market will be held **Saturday, December 1**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market will feature entertainment, living history exhibits, antique classic cars, arts and crafts, demonstrations, roasted chestnuts, hot cider, food and much more.

The **Town Crier** will ring in the market at 10 a.m., followed by a performance of **The Fifes and Drums of York Town** to officially open the market along Main Street.

Entertainment begins on Main Street at 10:30 a.m. with the **Dickens Trio**, a strolling instrumental ensemble in period costume, followed by **Santa Brass** at 12:30 p.m. and **Publick Times Show Chorus** at 2:30 p.m. Don't miss **Santa Claus** on Main Street from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

Grace Church will be the scene of several performances beginning with Instrumentalist **Timothy Seaman** at 10:30 a.m., followed by the **Yorktown Chorale** at 12:30 p.m., and concluding with a 2:30 p.m. performance by **Stephen Cristoff**.

Riverwalk Landing will also feature seasonal entertainment throughout the day. At 10:30 a.m. Classical Guitarist **Chris Basford** will perform, followed by the **Doorway Singers** at 12:30 p.m. The entertainment concludes with a 2:30 p.m. caroling performance by the **Fire & Ice Women's Barbershop Quartet**. Look for Santa Claus at Riverwalk Landing from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Living history will be an ongoing theme at the market on Dec. 1. **The 1st Regiment Virginia Volunteer CSA** will demonstrate a Civil War Christmas camp with an artillery exhibit on the East Lawn of York Hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local collectors will display antique classic cars along historic Main Street, including York County's very first fire truck, a 1955 Dodge, and a 1938 Chevrolet taxicab.

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There will be no shortage of shopping and dining opportunities during the market. Crafters will line the streets with holiday arts and crafts for sale. Items ranging from wreaths, peanuts, jewelry, soaps, candles, and, of course, Christmas ornaments. The shops along Main Street and Riverwalk Landing will be open for shopping. **Nancy Thomas Gallery**, decorated for the season, will feature several emerging artists as well as Nancy's own work and decorations. The **Yorktown Shoppe** will introduce new additions to the Yorktown ornament collection by local artist Marlene Whiting.

The Gallery at York Hall hosts the "Christmas in Yorktown" exhibit featuring local artist Dick DePaul and art from the Senior Center of York. Additionally, local artist Linda Miller will provide a watercolor demonstration in the lobby of York Hall. **The York County Historical Museum** will feature a model train display on the lower level of York Hall. Plus, the historic buildings, including the Nelson House and Custom House, the Watermen's Museum (admission fee), and Grace Episcopal Church, will all be open and decorated for the holidays.

Food will be abundant and guests will have the option of sampling select menu items from the historic Yorktown dining establishments. Chef demonstrations will be featured by the Carrot Tree. Vendors will include **Nicks Riverwalk Restaurant, The Duke of York Restaurant, Carrot Tree**, and **Ben & Jerry's/Green Mountain Coffee**. Refreshments will also be served at **Swan Tavern Antiques, Nancy Thomas Gallery** and the **Gallery at York Hall**. Plus, visitors will have the chance to sample complimentary fresh-roasted chestnuts being served along Main Street.

Schedules for the Christmas Market are available on-line at yorkcounty.gov/tourism and will also be available on Saturday, December 1, at York Hall, 301 Main Street.

Free transportation will be available for the Christmas Market. The Yorktown trolley will run its normal route stopping at nine locations throughout town. Trolley hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visitors may park in any public parking area throughout historic Yorktown. Handicapped parking is located on the lower level of the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace, York Hall, at the National Park Service Visitor Center, and in limited quantities at all other public parking areas. The trolley is handicapped accessible.

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No rain dates are scheduled for the Christmas Market. For directions to Yorktown and a more detailed schedule of events for the holiday season, call 890-3500 or visit yorkcounty.gov/tourism. The Christmas market is co-sponsored by the York County Board of Supervisors and York County Historical Museum. Entertainment is provided by the Celebrate Yorktown Committee made possible by a grant from the York County Arts Commission.



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