



## BIG PROJECTS, BIG RESULTS

Capital Projects improve sustainability, safeguard environment



All of these projects will modernize and upgrade the York County infrastructure.

The newly constructed road and pedestrian bridge across the dam at Queens Lake.

One of the County's largest capital improvements in recent years is the Queens Lake Sewer Project. Begun in fiscal year 2010, the \$20 million investment, including engineering, easements, and construction, is scheduled for completion in early 2018.

Other projects in the upper County underway include the Carver Gardens Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation and Water Project and construction of a much-needed main water line connecting both ends of the County. The Carver Gardens project rehabilitates the existing sanitary sewer system for the neighborhood and replaces the water system to provide a cleaner and more reliable water supply to about 100 properties. The water system is designed and being built in accordance with Newport News Waterworks standards for its eventual ownership, operation, and maintenance. The north County also will benefit from a new trunk line being constructed in partnership with Waterworks. This service, comparable to other areas of the County, will provide improved

## OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

### Grafton Fire Station Replacement

The design of a new fire station to replace the 50+ year old existing station is in its final stages and construction will go out to bid by the end of the year. The new 15,000 square foot fire station will be located at the corner of Dare Rd. and N. Constitution Dr.

**Yorktown Library** Design of future 10,000 square foot expansion to accommodate growth in patrons and programming.

### Water Country Parkway Realignment

This will shift the intersection of Water Country Parkway with Route 199 approximately 390 feet to the north so that it aligns with the existing signalized intersection of Marquis Parkway.

### Cook Road/Ballard Street Shoulder Widening

The project will add paved shoulders to both lanes of Cook Rd. between its intersections with Ballard St. and the northern end of Surrender Rd., and to Ballard St. from Cook to the Colonial Parkway.

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

This list features a sampling of items that were considered by the Board of Supervisors since the second August meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

### AUGUST 15, 2017

- Reclassified land at the end of Byrd Lane and approved a special use permit for a 170-unit senior housing facility on the property. The proposed development will be accessed from Victory Boulevard at the traffic signal currently serving Walmart.

### SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

- Authorized a change to the contract for the Victory Industrial Park/Route 17 drainage improvement project engineering services to increase the scope to account for the purchase of property on Route 17, which will be the location of stormwater management downstream from the realigned culverts under the road.

### SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

- Authorized the County Attorney to submit to the York County Circuit Court a consent agreement amending the manner in which York County and Poquoson share costs for the maintenance of certain facilities and programs. In 1975, when Poquoson left York County and established itself as an independent city, the Circuit Court determined a shared funding arrangement for on-going joint assets and services such as the Courts and the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Civil Process and Court Security functions. The new cost-sharing agreement recognizes that York's population has increased at a greater rate than Poquoson's and provides a process for achieving a more equitable assignment of costs.

### OCTOBER 3, 2017

- Agreed to the acquisition of a Mobile Command Vehicle for Sheriff's operations. The vehicle is wired for modern emergency communications and comes equipped with a generator.
- Appointed Vice-Chairman Jeff Wassmer as the County's representative to the Peninsula Airport Commission (PAC). Upon the creation of the PAC in 1946, the Acts of Assembly stated regional localities could appoint a representative to the commission. Chairman Sheila Noll stated Mr. Wassmer's appointment will "help ensure good and sound management of the public funds required to operate the airport."

### OCTOBER 17, 2017

- Indicated support of GO Virginia applications to request funding for an Unmanned Systems Testing and Demonstration Center and a Regional Broadband FiberOptic Network. In order to qualify for funding through the GO Virginia state program, applications must be endorsed by local governments. Decisions should be made by the end of the calendar year concerning what, if any, funding is awarded to these projects.

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## CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA WINTER 2017

"Citizen News" is published quarterly for the citizens of York County. One copy is mailed to each household in the County. Address comments to P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, VA, 23690, call 890-3300, or email [piofc@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:piofc@yorkcounty.gov).

County Administrator ..... Neil Morgan  
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Public Information Officer ..... Gail L. Whittaker

## DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

Tax bills for the second half of the **2017 Personal Property and Real Estate taxes** are due by December 5. Taxes are late on December 6; penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, are assessed as required by County ordinance. If you did not receive your tax bill, information is available online. Taxes may be paid by mail or online (see mailing info below) or at the Treasurer's Office either in person or via the dropoff at the Finance Building.

Dog owners! **2018 dog licenses** must be purchased by December 31st. Licenses cost \$5.00. All dogs over the age of four months are required to have a current license and a rabies vaccination. Purchase your dog license by mail (P.O. Box 251, Yorktown, VA, 23690-0251), in person at the Treasurer's Office (Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Blvd.), or online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer). Call the Treasurer's Office at (757) 890-3420 for complete details. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Property owners can expect to find the **2018 real estate assessment** notices in the mail by the end of December. The notices give owners an assessed value for their land, their home/structure (referred to as an "improvement"), and a total assessed value. Also included in the mailing is information on how to request a review of your assessment. Real estate property is reassessed every two years. Complete assessment information is available online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/realestateassessment](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/realestateassessment). You can always speak with an assessor by calling (757) 890-3720 during office hours.

Nominations for the **York County Outstanding Youth Award Scholarship** program are due Tuesday, February 20. Nominate a student in one or more of the following categories: Community Service, Compassion, Courage, and Overall Achievement. Nomination forms are downloadable from [www.ycyc.info](http://www.ycyc.info) and several other locations. Call Parks, Recreation and Tourism at (757) 890-3500 for program details.

Students in grades 8-11 in public, private or home school are invited to apply to the **York County Youth Commission for the 2018-2019 school year**. An application form, personal essay and letter of recommendation are due in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Office by Monday, March 12. Selections will be made in the spring.

The **Commissioner of the Revenue's Office** has important 2018 deadline dates for licenses and forms. Keep an eye out for the February issue of "Citizen News" and a complete list of dates.

## Tide Chart

## WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

### LAFAYETTE JOINS THE CONVERSATION

After 12 years, the Washington and Comte de Grasse statues at Riverwalk Landing have been joined by the Marquis de Lafayette. The placement of this statue brings us one step closer to the original four-statue concept. Welcome, Monsieur!



### NEW IN TOWN - WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

York County recently welcomed the following new businesses with ribbon-cutting ceremonies:

- Grunow's Kitchen
- Jam Central Station
- Sweet Caroline's Marketplace
- In Balance Mobile Yoga



### GROUPS JOIN FORCES TO BUILD PICNIC SHELTER AT BEACH PICNIC AREA

The Yorktown Rotary Club has donated money and time to construct a picnic shelter at the Yorktown waterfront Beach Picnic area. Coordinated in partnership with York County and the National Park Service, the Rotary Club plans to have the shelter completed and ready for use by year's end.

**A Note from the Editor:** Welcome to a fresh, new "Citizen News," updated after several years in the same format. We've also increased the font size and upgraded the paper stock for better readability. Please let us know what you think of the new look by dropping us an email to [piofc@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:piofc@yorkcounty.gov).

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Home-Based Business Program Wins Third Award

York County Economic Development has won the 2017 International Economic Development Council Gold Award for the creation and implementation of the Home-Based Business Assistance Program. Earlier this year, the office was awarded a National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award and named one of NACo's Top 100 Brilliant Ideas at Work Across the Nation. Also, the Virginia Association of Counties selected the program to win its Best Achievement Award!

This comprehensive economic development initiative was created to help the home-based portion of our business community grow and thrive. It includes a Transition Grant, an annual Home-Based Business Resource Fair & Conference, and a monthly Home-Based Business Lunch & Learn Series, all of which provide resources, support, and opportunities for our home-based business owners.

**2018 Business Retention Survey** Every two years, the Office of Economic Development sends out a business retention survey to a sample of over 850 commercially-based businesses in the County. The purpose is to identify any needs or specific problems that may be impacting the success or expansion of businesses in York County and to gauge the current business climate. The survey, available early next year, will be available online also.

The office appreciates the contributions made by each of the County's businesses, resulting in jobs for our residents and revenue for the community. Your thoughts and concerns matter to us and the office would like to hear from you. We encourage all York County businesses, both home and commercially based, to participate by completing the survey at [www.YesYorkCounty.com](http://www.YesYorkCounty.com). If you prefer one being mailed to you, please call the office at (757) 890-3317 and one will be sent to you. Survey results will be published online.



*Buy Local*

# Keep It In York County

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**BUSINESS GUIDE • COUPONS • EVENT CALENDAR**

### 2018 Distinguished Business Affair

Attention York County businesses! Save the date for the 2018 Distinguished Business Affair. Plan to join us for fun, food, and networking on Tuesday, February 13, as we honor new investments in York County in 2017. Also at the event, the *John D. "Pete" Sterrett, Jr. Small Business of the Year* award will be presented by the Chamber of Commerce. Submit your nominations at [www.yorkcountyycc.org](http://www.yorkcountyycc.org).



**Buy Local!** Don't forget to update your free business listing on York County's buy local website - [www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com](http://www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com) - before the holiday shopping season begins on November 25th, which is Small Business Saturday. We are placing several ads and sending multiple promotional emails throughout the remainder of the year encouraging locals to visit and explore our site AND to shop local.

If you or someone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, or if you have ideas to help improve the County's business environment, please contact us. Don't forget to visit [www.YesYorkCounty.com](http://www.YesYorkCounty.com) for more on these stories. Like us on Facebook @YesYorkVA.

## By The Numbers

32

Vendors set up shop in the 1st Annual Vintage Marketplace on Nov. 4th

216

New Real Estate parcels added in 2017 to the land records maintained by the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office

40%

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## YCS D CALENDAR

### November 2016

22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

### December 2016

8 Early Dismissal

20 Early Dismissal

21-29 Winter Break

### January 2017

1 Winter Break

15 MLK Holiday

24-26 Early Dismissal - Exams

29 Student Holiday

# Elementary Attendance Zone Review

An attendance zone review for York County School Division elementary schools began in the fall of 2016 to address a growth in elementary enrollment over the last several years. This has resulted in some schools approaching instructional capacity, while other schools have space to accommodate more students.

This fall, an Attendance Zone Committee consisting of parents and school staff representing each elementary school reviewed options to adjust attendance boundaries with the goal of balancing elementary school enrollment. The committee will make a recommendation to the School Board, which will review and set the new attendance zones.

The timeline for community feedback and board meetings on this topic can be found in the column to the right.

## Important Dates

**December 4, 2017**

*Committee recommendations presentation to School Board*

**December 18, 2017**

*Public Hearing on attendance zone adjustments*

**January 8, 2017**

*Discussion of committee recommendations by School Board*

**January 22, 2017**

*Approval of new elementary attendance zones*

Additional information is available on the division website at:  
[yorkcountyschools.org/AttendanceZone](http://yorkcountyschools.org/AttendanceZone)

# Adult Education Classes

## English as a Second Language

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
(Tuesday and Thursday)

Bethel Baptist Church  
1004 Yorktown Road  
Yorktown, VA 23693

Winter Registration: Jan. 9, 2018



9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
(Monday and Wednesday)

Thomas Nelson  
Community College  
Hampton III Building, Room 701  
Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA

Winter Registration: Jan. 8, 2018

## General Education Development (GED)

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
(Tuesday and Thursday)

York High School  
9300 George Washington  
Memorial Highway  
Yorktown, VA 23692

Winter Registration: Jan. 9, 2018

YCS D adult education classes are free and open to the public. For information regarding classes, schedules, requirements, and registration, please contact Sandy Hespe, Coordinator, at 898-0469 or visit [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org).

## Did you know?

YCS D students have free access to Microsoft Office 365 Suite cloud-based software & Microsoft Office.



## STUDENT HOTLINE

(757) 890-5000



Winter holidays are for families and friends to spend time together laughing, eating, and sharing warm and happy memories. But, the holidays, unfortunately, mean a greater risk for fires. Follow these tips to ensure you have a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### Holiday Decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



### Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room to go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

Source: NFPA Public  
Education Division  
[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)

### Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove top.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

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# Yorktown 2017 CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

### THE FIFES & DRUMS OF YORK TOWN

Friday, December 1 • 7 PM  
Victory Monument. Free. 757.898.9418

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Friday, December 1 • 7:30 PM  
Procession from Victory Monument to  
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

### CHRISTMAS MARKET ON MAIN

Saturday, December 2 • 10 AM to 3 PM  
Historic Main Street. Free. 757.877.2933

### YORKTOWN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Saturday, December 2 • 6 to 8 PM  
Yorktown Waterfront. Free. 757.890.4970

### COOKIES WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 3 • 1 to 4 PM  
York Hall. Free. 757.890.4490



### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS

Saturday, December 9 • 8:30 AM  
Riverwalk Restaurant. Tickets Required.  
757.875.1522

### YORKTOWN HOLIDAY MARKET

Saturday, December 9 • 9 AM to 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

### TOYLAND PARADE

Saturday, December 9 • 1 PM  
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

### "AT CHRISTMAS BE MERRIE"

Friday, December 15 • 6 to 9 PM  
Saturday, December 16 • 10 AM to 4 PM  
Nelson House & Main St. Free. 757.898.2410



## SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXHIBITS & EVENTS

### CHRISTMAS IN YORKTOWN EXHIBIT

November & December  
Tuesday - Saturday • 10 am to 4 pm & Sunday • 1 to 4 pm  
The Gallery at York Hall. Free. 757.890.4490

### A COLONIAL CHRISTMAS

December 1 - 31 • 9 am to 5 pm (closed Christmas Day)  
American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. Admission \$. 757.253.4838

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONY

December 16 • 12 pm  
Yorktown National Cemetery. Free. 757.856.2287

[WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG](http://WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG)

EVENT WEATHER HOTLINE 757.890.3520 | DATES, TIMES & EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE CALL 757.890.3500 FOR MORE INFO.

## WINTER SAFETY FROM PAGE 6

### Home Heating Safety

- If you use a space heater in your home, garage, or shed, maintain a minimum clearance of three feet.
- Be sure electric heaters don't overload the circuit and be sure to avoid using extension cords. If you must use one, only use a cord that has the necessary rating to carry the amp load. Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come into contact with water.
- Keep space heaters away from flammable/combustible materials and don't use them to dry gloves, coats, etc.
- If you use a kerosene heater, be sure it is operating properly and does not allow carbon monoxide to form (make sure you have working alarms!), and never refill the kerosene indoors or while the heater is hot.
- If you use gas logs or a conventional fireplace, take the appropriate precautions to ensure the equipment is used safely and as intended.
- Do you heat with gas, propane, kerosene, a fireplace, or a woodstove? If so, be sure you have a working smoke alarm AND a working carbon monoxide



alarm. Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in America. It is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and non-irritating and can be a by-product of many things in your home.

### It's Snow Much Fun!

- Are you hoping for snow this winter? If we do see an accumulation, be sure to enjoy the wintry weather responsibly. For example, when playing or sledding, do so in areas where it is permitted and never allow yourself or someone else to be towed behind a vehicle on a sled. This is a dangerous practice and may be illegal.

For additional winter weather safety and preparedness tips, visit the Ready York County Virginia website at [www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com](http://www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com).

## HELP FIRST RESPONDERS HELP YOU..... REGISTER FOR OUR HEADS UP PROGRAM

York County Heads Up accepts registrations throughout the year. Heads Up allows persons with pre-existing conditions to register with our 911 Center any special information. If an emergency call is received from your location, our personnel are notified via Heads Up that the person in need of emergency assistance has certain conditions that may affect the County's response.



The program serves individuals who are non-ambulatory, those who are sensory impaired, persons reliant on medical equipment, residents who are mentally impaired, and those with special physical needs. Visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/fire](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fire) for a registration form or call (757) 890-3621. Don't forget to register for York Alert, the County's emergency notification system, at [www.yorkcounty.gov/yorkalert](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/yorkalert).

## YORK NAMED TOP DIGITAL COUNTY



York County placed sixth among counties with populations up to 150,000 in the Digital Counties Survey. Conducted by the Center for Digital Government in partnership with

the National Association of Counties, the survey identifies the best technology practices among U.S. counties, including initiatives that streamline delivery of government services, encourage collaboration and shared services, enhance cybersecurity, and even reduce carbon emissions.

## Cabin Fever CONCERT SERIES

**THURSDAYS • 7 to 8:30 PM**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM  
**YORKTOWN FREIGHT SHED**  
(331 Water Street)

JAN 25	HM Johnson Band
FEB 1	Flatland Bluegrass Band
FEB 8	Ron Fetner Trio
FEB 15	Kim Person and Lana Puckett
FEB 22	Little Bit of Swing
MAR 3	Jennifer Gammill Jazz Band

*Limited seating \* No tickets or reservations \* First come - first served*

**WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG | 757 890 3500**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

The stress of the holidays is upon us. Take a break this season to rejuvenate, relax, refresh, and recharge in a **free, one-hour mindfulness workshop**. The class is held Sunday, December 10, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. For registration information, visit the online events calendar at [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library).

The York County Public Library hosts **First-Time Homebuyer classes** throughout 2018. Let real estate experts from the Virginia Housing Development Authority show you how to prepare for your journey towards home ownership. Look for registration information on our website in January. The Saturday workshops are 10:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on January 20, February 17, March 24, April 21, May 19, August 18, September 15, and October 20.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' **DMV Connect**

portable customer service center is visiting the Yorktown Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20th. DMV Connect can process all transactions *except* vital records and testing.

Join us for the holiday version of **Kids Create** at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 9th in the Tabb Library meeting room. Kids are invited to make holiday cards for the people they love. Enjoy our **Holiday Story Time** featuring festive stories and a craft at 1 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. These activities are recommended for kids 3 and up.

All aboard! **Kids Run Trains** returns to the Tabb Library December 16th and 17th and the Yorktown Library January 13th and 14th. Come see the interactive model train layout and try your hand at operating the trains. Saturday hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday hours: 1 to 3 p.m.



Kids Run Trains  
December 16th and 17th  
at Tabb Library,  
and January 13th and  
14th at Yorktown.

The libraries are closed December 22nd through 25th for the Christmas holiday, and December 29th through January 1st for the New Year's holiday.



**It's never too early to get them ready for school!**

Now accepting applications for eligible 3, 4, and 5 year olds including children with special needs!

Applications available at Tabb & Yorktown Libraries, Griffin-Yeates Center or online at [yorkcounty.gov/communityservices](http://yorkcounty.gov/communityservices)

### Program Features

- Monday – Friday
- Low Child-Staff Ratio
- Free Breakfast & Lunch
- Family Support & Parent Education Services
- No Cost for Tuition



## HAPPENINGS THIS WINTER!

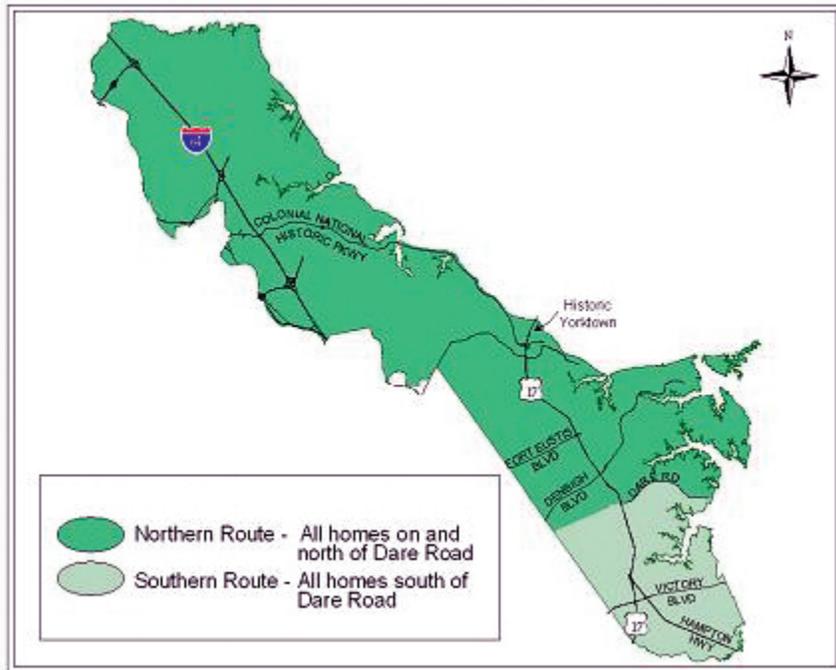
- Fitness & Instructional Classes
- Winter Instructional Basketball
- Spring Youth & Adult League Sports
- Family Roller Skating
- Senior Center Activities
- Yorktown Holiday Events & Winter Concerts

757.890.3500

[www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)

## WASTE MANAGEMENT WANTS YOU TO KNOW....

**2017-18 Leaf Collection Began November 6** Now through the end of January, residents may place an unlimited number of clear bags of leaves at the front roadside for collection every other week. Bags must be at the front roadside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Pickup will be completed by the end of the week. For leaf collection, the County is divided into two zones:



*Northern Zone* includes homes on and north of Dare Road, including neighborhoods along Wolf Trap Road, Goodwin Neck Road, and homes in and near Marlbank, Edgehill, Queens Lake, Hubbard's Lane, Skimino, and Lightfoot. December and January collection weeks for this zone are:

December 11 & 25  
January 8, 22, & 29

*Southern Zone* includes homes south of Dare Road, including neighborhoods in Grafton, Tabb, Brandywine, Coventry, Kiln Creek, Calthrop Neck, Running Man, and Cary's Chapel Road area. December and January collection weeks for this zone are:

December 4 & 18  
January 1, 15, & 29

York County participates in a regional debagging operation at the VPPSA Compost Facility. In order for this process to work effectively, certain types of bags are preferred. Bags should be no thicker than one millimeter and should have no drawstrings.

## PROJECTS FROM PAGE 1

water flow and water quality to residents and businesses including the Sentara Regional Hospital.

In addition to improving service, the environmental impact is an important aspect of these types of projects. This is especially true for a significant sewer rehabilitation project and major stormwater initiative south of Yorktown. The Hollywood Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project will reduce the amount of ground water and storm water in our sanitary sewer system, helping reduce overflows during rain events.

Work continues on the series of stormwater projects referred to as Wormley Creek Headwaters. Next up, construction of a new BMP followed by creek restoration work. This capital project, underway for several years, is part of a long-range plan to continue improvements addressing the Edgehill drainage concerns.

All of these projects will modernize and upgrade the York County infrastructure in keeping with the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Priority of Cost-effective Environmental Stewardship. While many times the work is underground and out of sight, it represents major investments designed and built for the long-term benefit and quality of life for the residents of York County.

**Curbside Collection During the Holidays** Curbside garbage and recycling collections move one day beginning with each holiday.

During Thanksgiving week, Thursday collections scheduled for November 23rd, are moved to Friday, November 24th, and Friday collections moved to Saturday the 25th.

Similarly, Christmas and New Year's Day collections are moved to the following day (Tuesday the 26th and 2nd, respectively) and all other collections that week are moved a day and completed on Saturday.



### Holiday Hours

**Waste Management Center Holiday Hours** All operations at the Waste Management facility are closed Thursday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving, Monday, December 25th for Christmas, and Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

In addition to those dates, the Administrative Offices are closed Friday, November 24th, Friday, December 22nd, and Friday, December 29th.

However, most operations (Transfer Station, Citizen Dropoff, and VPPSA Compost Facility) follow regular hours on those days.

**OUR BEST SHOTS**

**Yorktown Day 2017 - The 236th Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown**



The Fifes and Drums of York Town in the Yorktown Day Parade.



Color Guard at the Yorktown Day Ceremony.

**York County Administrator Neil Morgan Visits the Regional Fire Academy**



In addition to touring the facility and apparatus, Mr. Morgan greeted firefighters-in-training.



**McREYNOLDS ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

**Sponsorship Program**

*Advertisement opportunity for businesses & organizations*

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**Advertising Signs**

- **Scoreboard Sign:** 4' X 12' plastic sign mounted under scoreboard - **\$1,000.00**
- **Outfield/Sideline Fence Sign:** 2' 4" X 6" vinyl sign attached to outfield or sideline fence - **\$500.00**

*Order Now*

*for Contract period through November 16, 2018*

**McReynolds Athletic Complex is home to:**

YORK COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE  
 YORK COUNTY PARKS AND REC YOUTH SOCCER  
 YORK COUNTY ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES  
 YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TRAVEL TOURNAMENTS  
 HR LACROSSE EVENTS  
 VARIOUS ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

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*Policy and applications are available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)*

**For more information, please contact Bill Tobey at 757-890-3569 or [bill.tobey@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:bill.tobey@yorkcounty.gov)**



**PRT**

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

**York County VIRGINIA**

*America's Future Since 1781*



**First Annual Vintage Market Held at the McReynolds Athletic Center (MAC) - November 4th, 2017**



32 vendors set up and sold their wares at the first Vintage Market.



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## VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: CAMPS, TRAINING, & MORE

2018 HORTICULTURAL  
EXTRAVAGANZA  
REGISTRATION BEGINS  
DECEMBER 15TH



Mark your calendars and be sure to register for the Horticultural Extravaganza on Saturday, March 3rd, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Poquoson High School. The Extravaganza provides a broad amount of information for both the novice and more experienced gardener, including specialty plants, healthy lawns, pollinators, pruning, and more. The cost of the event (which includes lunch) is \$20 before January 31st and \$25 after that date. Registration ends February 16th. Visit our website for a registration form or call (757) 890-4940.

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### 2018 JUNIOR 4-H CAMP & TEEN CAMP COUNSELOR/COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATIONS

The 2018 Junior 4-H Camp for York County and Poquoson residents is July 30-August 3 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg. Registration for the camp begins February 1. Junior 4-H Camp is a week-long, residential camp for youth ages 9-13. Campers take classes such as archery, sailing, guitar, robotics, cupcake decorating, and marine science, and experience nightly campfires and fun evening programs.

Teens who are 14 can apply to serve as Counselors-in-Training during camp and Teens ages 15-18 may apply to serve as Camp Counselors. Applications for CITs and Counselors are due November 30th. Visit our website - [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce) - for applications and to learn more about the camp. Sign up for our email list on the website to receive emailed information regarding camp and other 4-H programs.

### PENINSULA MASTER NATURALIST BASIC TRAINING

Applications are being accepted for the Spring 2018 training. For more information and to download an application, visit <http://vmnpeninsula.weebly.com>.

### FREE PRUNING CLINICS

February is the time to prune ornamental plants. Our clinics teach you the proper way to prune your much-loved plants to promote proper vigor and growth. Clinics are held on Saturdays in February (dates TBD) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Grafton True Value Hardware, Ken Matthews Garden Center, and Taylor's Do-It Center in Poquoson.

### HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM

Sign up now for our Spring Healthy Virginia Lawns program with visits beginning in March. This program is designed to assist York County and Poquoson residents with taking care of their lawn in an economical and environmentally sound manner. For \$20, York/Poquoson Master Gardeners visit your site, measure your yard, take a soil sample, and provide customized feedback. If you would like to register for this program, call the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.

## GET UP-TO-DATE COUNTY NEWS

If you are a Facebook user and you do not follow us, please consider doing so. Our



Facebook page is updated daily with information about County events, meetings, items of interest, photos, emergency information (in the case of severe weather or other type of emergency situation), and more. We share information from several sources and want you to be "in the know."

At the time this publication went to print, we were almost to 5,000 followers! Help us reach that goal and beyond. To visit our page, log on to Facebook and search for "York County, Virginia" or type [www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva](http://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva) in your browser.



The County also has a Twitter page.

While not all the same information is placed on both social media platforms, Twitter followers won't miss out on important York County news. So, be sure to follow us on Twitter: @YorkCountyVAGov.

For more information about the County's social media presence, call us at (757) 890-3300 or email [piofc@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:piofc@yorkcounty.gov). Visit [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov) to view live meetings, register for email notices, pay a bill, view jobs, and more.

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# One More Thing

## YORK COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



With the recent election for state-wide offices, this is a good time to talk about the importance of the relationship between state and local government in Virginia – a relationship that is rarely discussed and, I suspect, not widely understood.

The Commonwealth of Virginia establishes the rules when it comes to local government. The General Assembly and the Governor determine the powers a locality holds and those powers reserved for the state. Often I hear citizens say that the County should take some action or pass some law when, in fact, we usually have no authority to do so without permission from the state. Impactful examples range from land use regulations, taxing authority, and arbitrary differences in authority granted to cities, towns, and counties.

The power of the state to shape what we do locally makes the County's annual legislative priorities so important. It is also the reason your elected Board of Supervisors (BOS) spends a lot of time meeting with state representatives to alert them to our most pressing concerns regarding how state action (or inaction) impacts York and other localities.

In my opinion, the most important York County legislative priorities this year are: requests for the General Assembly to ensure forward progress on widening I-64 to Richmond, more robust state funding of public schools, and equivalent taxation authority between counties and cities.

The progress we are making on I-64 widening, while a positive advancement, only gets us to Williamsburg, and the Hampton Roads economy is highly dependent on figuring out, in our lifetime, a way to widen I-64 all the way to Richmond.

Right sizing funding for public schools is the second critical priority. Many citizens are unaware that the state underfunds public schools in an amount around \$1 billion, based on the state's own standards of quality calculations. If the state took steps to close this gap, local governments would not be under so much pressure to make up the difference, which is what has been occurring in many localities around the Commonwealth since the Great Recession.

Finally, our BOS is calling for meals tax parity with cities and equal local authority with cities more generally. Did you know that Newport News and Hampton, as cities, are not restricted in setting their meals tax rate yet counties like York are limited to 4 cents per dollar? Why shouldn't counties have the authority to set our own rate based on the judgement of local elected officials just like cities? When you dine out in our neighboring jurisdictions, you pay 7.5 cents per dollar in meals tax, but the state does not allow the County to even consider a rate higher than 4 cents. If, as an example, the County could raise its rate, and the BOS decided to raise it to the Poquoson level of 6 cents per dollar, it would equal over \$3 million annually to the County that could further fund programs and services to our citizens. To put that in context, the local increase to the York County School Division budget this year was almost half of that - \$1.3 million.

In closing, let's not forget the authority of our state elected representatives to determine the effectiveness of local government. And, as you discuss issues and needs within the local government and the region, please remember to share your opinions not only with your local BOS, but with our state elected representatives. Contact information for your representatives – from the local level on up to federal offices – can be found on our website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/voting](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/voting).

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