



COUNTY IMPROVES WATERFRONT OPERATIONS

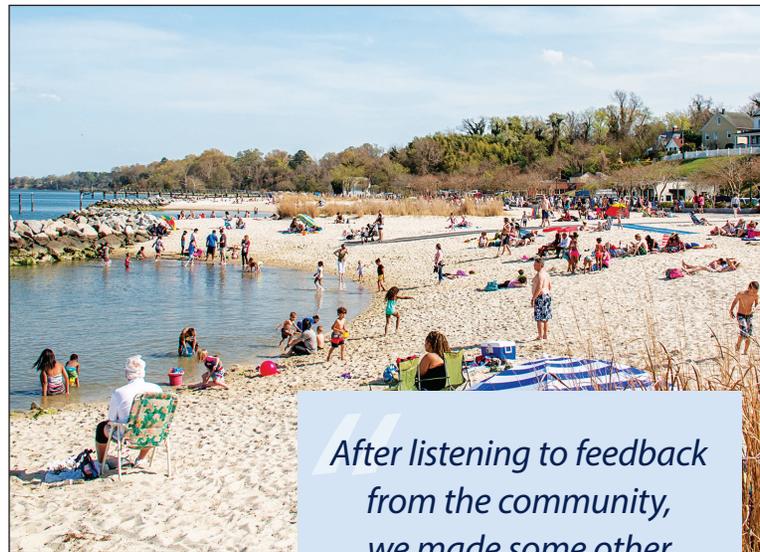
Visitors will be met by Waterfront Ambassadors and changes to parking, signage, garbage removal

When you visit Yorktown's waterfront this season, look for a new picnic pavilion at the Beach Picnic Area and a bicycle repair station near the beach. These are just a couple of new additions to make your visit more enjoyable. After listening to feedback from the community, we made some other improvements you'll see starting this summer.

Waterfront Ambassadors – This is a new program launching this year. We are hiring and training a team of part-time employees to work at the waterfront helping visitors find their destination, pointing out where to eat or where they can find an ATM, reminding individuals of waterfront rules, and serving as liaisons between the business owners and the County staff. Ambassadors will help our "regulars," but also will create a better experience for our out-of-town visitors. And, if these folks see trash cans overflowing, restrooms that need attention, or maintenance issues, be assured they'll get it taken care of.

Parking – During the biggest and best summer weekends, parking can be a challenge. We have a few groups in competition for places to park: beachgoers, shoppers/diners, and those attending special events. We want our businesses to succeed and that means having available parking for their patrons. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, the *lower level* of the parking garage will be closed to beachgoers. Staff will assist drivers and direct them to the best available parking space. The restrictions will include a three-hour time limit

on lower level parking from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Remember, this is only on the weekends and holidays.



After listening to feedback from the community, we made some other improvements you'll see starting this summer.

Signage – We have been studying our signage in Yorktown to make it more user-friendly and to ensure it provides adequate directions and instructions to visitors. With the new signage, we hope to promote an overall enhanced experience.

Mobi-Mat – This great amenity that provides easier access to the beach and water

received rave reviews last summer and has been installed for the second year. Don't forget to also inquire about our Mobi-Chair for disabled guests to enjoy the water. Contact the Dockmaster at (757) 890-3370 or dockmaster@yorkcounty.gov.

Yorktown Trolley – The Trolley is a highlight of Historic Yorktown and the best service to the waterfront. We are acquiring two new trolleys (our current trolleys are aging out) and increasing the trolley service with additional hours and weekends through the end of the year. With the installation of the Mobi-Mat last year, we have seen an increase in the use of the Trolley by disabled visitors. In fact, on one day last summer, the wheelchair lift was utilized 21 times! The new trolleys will allow for faster loading and unloading of passengers.

Garbage Collection – The County contracts for custodial services. We've amended the contract increasing the

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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 February 2018 meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/bos.

FEBRUARY 20, 2018

- Authorized the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds of up to \$8.7 million to be sold through the Virginia Public School Authority. Major projects include the HVAC replacement at Tabb Elementary, the Grafton School Complex and Yorktown Elementary roof replacements, and temporary module classrooms.

MARCH 6, 2018

- Authorized the extension of the County's sanitary sewer system to the Riverside Rehabilitation Hospital currently under construction on Route 17. To provide sanitary sewer service, the developer is required to install 297 feet of sewer main to connect to existing County facilities. This addition will not adversely affect current capacity of the system.

MARCH 20, 2018

- Approved a reclassification and special use permit for the construction of a car wash on property at 102 Pine Street and 103 Oak Street; reclassified land at 2000 Springfield Road for the construction of a senior housing/independent living development.
- Authorized contracts for architectural and engineering services for the Yorktown Library expansion (\$460,176), and for the Fire Station 1 construction project (\$6.4 million).

APRIL 3, 2018

- The Board discussed community support funding as a part of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget following a presentation by Walt Akers of the Community Services Grants Advisory Committee.

APRIL 17, 2018

- The Board held a Budget Public Hearing to receive public comment about the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and tax rates for 2018. No tax rate increases were recommended in the budget.
- The Board amended the York County Code changing the license tax on dogs from \$5 per year to a lifetime tax of \$10.

MAY 1, 2018

- The Board adopted the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, Fiscal Year 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Program, and tax rates for calendar year 2018.
- The Board held a work session to discuss the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Review process. The Plan must be reviewed every five years and addresses land use, transportation, affordable housing, public facilities, sea level rise/recurrent flooding, etc. This process requires citizen input and an outreach campaign is being designed with implementation later this year.

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CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA SUMMER 2018

"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.

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DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

The York County Treasurer reminds you that **tax bills for the first half of 2018** should be in your mailbox the last week of May. The tax bills - for personal property and real estate - 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 may look up your tax information online at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer (choose "Online Services"). Remember, citizens are taxed for the actual number of months the property was owned in the first half of 2018.

Taxes and vehicle registration fees may be paid by mail or online at the website. Taxes may also be paid at the Treasurer's Office, or deposited in the Treasurer's Office dropbox, at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown.

The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website or call (757) 890-3420.

New for 2018: ALL York County property owners, including properties that have a mortgage company in escrow to pay taxes, will be receiving real estate tax bills. If a mortgage company is responsible for payment of taxes, the bill is for your records only.

DMV Connect - a portable outreach program that brings services to busy residents - has scheduled visits to the Yorktown Library, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway. DMV Connect is able to conduct any DMV transaction that can be done at the local office with the exception of testing and vital records. Upcoming dates are June 20 and August 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about DMV Connect, visit the website www.dmvnow.com.

June 12 Primaries - The Democratic and Republican parties are holding primaries to select nominees for the U.S. House of Representatives. The Republican party also will be selecting a nominee for U.S. Senate. Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

You may be able to **vote absentee** if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to visit your polling place on June 12. The deadline to apply by mail, fax, email, or online is Tuesday, June 5, at 5 p.m.; the deadline to apply in person is Saturday, June 9, at 5 p.m. For detailed absentee ballot instructions, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting, call (757) 890-3440, or visit the office at 224 Ballard Street, Yorktown. The Registrar's Office will be open on Saturday, June 9, to assist with absentee registration.

Tide Chart

WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES TO YORK CO.

Mark Bellamy, former Director of Public Works, became Deputy County Administrator upon the April 30 retirement of J. Mark Carter. Promoted as the new Public Works Director is Brian Woodward. Also, Susan Kassel is now the Director of the newly formed Department of Planning and Development Services. Additional staff promotions also occurred with these changes. Congratulations to these employees on their advancements.

NEW IN TOWN - WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

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

- Carolina BBQ & Seafood
- Larry's Alehouse & Deli
- Habana Hemingway Cafe
- Destination Athlete
- The Chipper



MORE NEW IN TOWN COMING SOON

- Bubba's Shrimp Shack
- Autobell Car Wash
- Play A Round Family Fun Center
- Tractor Supply

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In the News

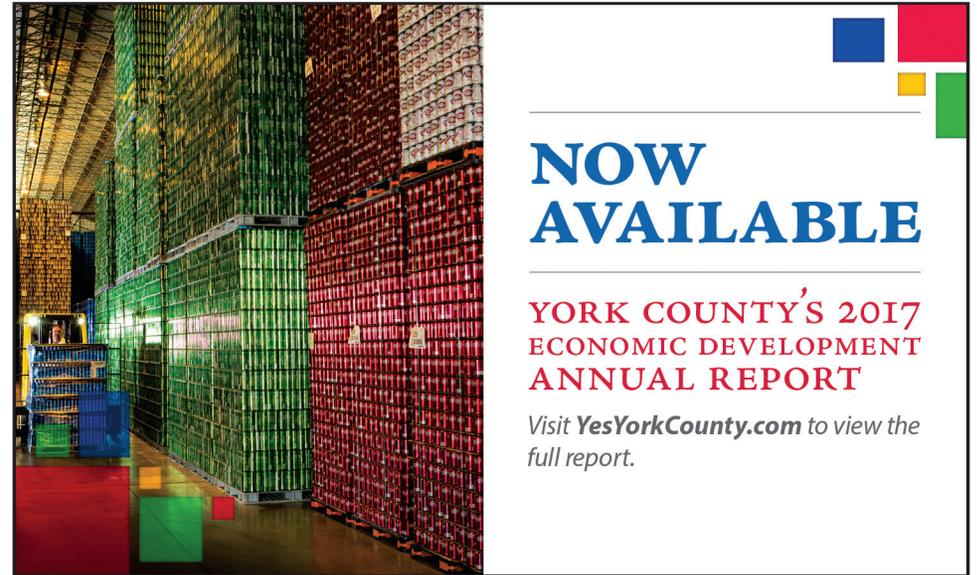
- Riverside breaks ground on new Yorktown Rehabilitation Center
- TruBlue of Yorktown celebrates 5th anniversary
- York's Texas Roadhouse manager honored
- Grafton Farm Fresh purchased by Kroger
- Big Lots coming to Victory Village in July
- Proposed drone facility in York awarded grant funding
- Dodd RV named Dealer of the Year by DealerRater.com
- Virginia Beer Company celebrates 2nd anniversary
- Great Wolf Lodge ranked as Top Family Hotel by TripAdvisor
- Water Country USA and Great Wolf Lodge named as Top US Destinations by Expedia.com

Economic Development Authority (EDA) Assists Expanding Snow Companies

In the spring of 2017, the EDA awarded an economic development grant to the Snow Companies to help finalize its decision to acquire and renovate a vacant 40,000 square foot office building on Waller Mill Road. Today, the Snow Companies has completely renovated the building and the business, recently acquired by the Omnicom Health Group, is thriving. Snow is a growing company in the health care marketing and communications industry providing excellent employment opportunities.

2018 Business Appreciation Reception The Economic Development Authorities of York County, the City of Williamsburg, and James City County are hosting the annual joint Business Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, June 7. This event helps to honor our existing businesses for all of the many contributions they make to the Greater Williamsburg community, such as providing products and services to citizens, creating employment opportunities, and contributing many volunteer hours and donations to various community organizations.

We Want to Feature Your Business! A main focus of the Office of Economic Development is to help market our local businesses. In



addition to assistance programs, including the E-Commerce Grant Program and the Google Street View for Business Grant Program, we offer York County businesses the following opportunities to promote their products and services:

- **"Buy Local" Website** - Free business and event listing for all York County businesses
- **"Buy Local" E-Newsletter** - A monthly publication featuring a selection of various offers and events from the website
- **Business Anniversaries Promotion** - Article and photos of long-standing county businesses
- **Ribbon Cuttings and Grand Openings** - Free planning services and promotion offered for your new business location
- **"Coffee at Home"** - A new video program featuring unique Home-Based Businesses

If you would like us to feature your business, please reach out to us at econdev@yorkcounty.gov.

By The Numbers

200
6,240
\$1.3M

Spaces available in the Safety Town program teaching safety to pre-kindergartners (www.yorkcounty.gov/safetytown)

Pounds of paper collected at the April 28 shredding event

Value of volunteer hours donations in 2017 (49,078 hours plus \$89,886 monetary and in-kind donations)



302 Dare Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-0300 yorkcountyschools.org

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

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

YCSO TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Jaimee Buckley
Queens Lake Middle School

ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Rebecca Cobb
Magruder Elementary School

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Jaimee Buckley
Queens Lake Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Jamie Norton
York River Academy

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Angela Reeves	Bethel Manor Elementary
Gerri Klepeisz	Coventry Elementary
Lauren Hautz	Dare Elementary
Kimberly Clore	Grafton Bethel Elementary
Rebecca Cobb	Magruder Elementary
Sarah Andrews	Mt. Vernon Elementary
Lindsey Leach	Seaford Elementary
Caitlin Spruill	Tabb Elementary
Roger Searles	Waller Mill Elementary
Jenny Dawson	Yorktown Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Emily Spady	Grafton Middle
Jaimee Buckley	Queens Lake Middle
Brittany Taylor	Tabb Middle
Melissa Madrigal	Yorktown Middle

HIGH SCHOOLS

Shana Gist	Bruton High
Wallace Green	Grafton High
Richard Howell	Tabb High
Lauren Noehl	York High
Jamie Norton	York River Academy

2018 SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMY

Dare and Magruder elementary schools
June 25 – July 25
7:45 – 11:45 a.m. / Monday – Thursday

Open House
June 21, 1 – 2 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOL ACADEMIES

Grafton High School
8 a.m. – noon / Monday - Thursday
English and Math: June 25 – July 25
Science: June 25 – July 10
History/Social Science: July 11 – July 25

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES

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

High School SOL Academy
English 11/Writing (MC/SP): June 25 – July 11
English 11/Reading: July 11 – 25
Earth Science: June 25 – July 10
Algebra I: July 11 – 15

Virtual High School Summer Academy
Online Learning
Summer Academy Computer Lab Available
8 a.m. – noon at GHS

*Students within YCSO 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 8. Students who have not registered by June 8 must register on Tuesday & Wednesday, June 19 & 20, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Summer Academy school location. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 20.***

YCSO CALENDAR

May 2018

11	Early Dismissal
17	Interim Reports Issued
28	Memorial Day Holiday

June 2018

12-14	Early Dismissal, all schools
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GRADUATION 2018

June 14

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

June 15

at William and Mary Hall
9 a.m. Bruton High School
12 p.m. Tabb High School
3:30 p.m. York High School
7 p.m. Grafton High School

YCSO REGISTRATION

Are you new to York County or do you have a new kindergartner? To register your child with the York County School Division, you must provide the following required records:

- The child's original certificate of birth (or certified copy)
- A current School Entrance Physical (MCH-213G)
- An immunization certificate
- Proof of York County residency

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before September 30.

Enrollment requirements and a list of acceptable documents are available at each school and at yorkcountyschools.org.



Yorktown CONCERT 2018 CONNECTION

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!



YORKTOWN
Sounds OF SUMMER
AT RIVERWALK

Concert Series

June 7, 14, 21 & 28
July 12, 19, 26 & Aug 2

Thursdays, 7 - 9:30 pm
Riverwalk Landing



CELEBRATE
★★★ *Yorktown*
COMMITTEE
Concert Series

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
August 5, 12, 19 & 26

Sundays @ 5:00 pm
Grace Church



PATRIOTIC
Concert Series

August 7, 14, 21 & 28

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8 pm

Riverwalk Landing



VS VIRGINIA SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

September 1

Saturday @ 7:30 pm
(Pre-concert starts at 6 pm)

Riverwalk Landing

WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

**Before the hurricane. Before
the evacuation. Before the traffic.
Know your zone.**



Go to KnowYourZoneVa.org to find
your storm evacuation zone.



Last year, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, in partnership with local Fire/Emergency Management departments, launched the Know Your Zone initiative to identify areas prone to flooding as well as neighborhoods where evacuation would be impossible due to flooded streets. In York County, staff from GIS/Mapping worked with the Department of Fire & Life Safety to identify these zones. Evacuation zones are categorized from A to D, with A being the most significant or early flooding and D the flooding that would occur in a catastrophic storm scenario. Residents should visit www.KnowYourZoneVA.org to determine their evacuation zone. If a storm occurs that may result in significant flooding, authorities will use these zones when recommending evacuation.

"We have many homes and entire neighborhoods that are prone to storm surge flooding as well as others that would not likely flood," said Fire Chief Stephen P. Kopczynski. "However, both those prone to flooding as well as those that are not should still effectively plan. Those flood prone areas need to know that they should evacuate. And those that are not prone to flooding should still know their zone because the evacuation route for some of these areas would be blocked due to floodwaters even while the homes themselves are high and dry. *That's* why this campaign is so important.

"This is the time for residents to familiarize themselves with their evacuation zone, route, and plan, as well as make preparations for potential tropical weather this hurricane season, which begins June 1 and continues through November 30," Kopczynski added. "Visit our website - www.readyyorkcountyva.com - for helpful information."

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION WELCOMES CITIZEN INPUT

The York County Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) recently conducted two public outreach efforts to give residents an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns about transportation safety in the County. First, the TSC posted an online survey on the County website. Although this was not a scientific survey and should not be used to draw conclusions about the opinions of the general population, it yielded interesting results. Among other things, the survey asked people to identify locations in the County where they feel less safe when driving a car, riding a bike, or walking. Not surprisingly, Route 17 was at or near the top of the list in almost every category: it was identified as the most dangerous road for pedestrians and the second most dangerous for bicyclists, while the intersection of Route 17 and Victory Boulevard was identified as the most dangerous intersection. Other major roads - such as Hampton Highway, Victory Boulevard, and Big Bethel Road - were also high on these lists, but so were Allens Mill Road and Cook Road. In addition to the survey, the TSC held a community forum in the East Room of York Hall. This event allowed for back-and-forth dialogue between the citizens and the TSC members. Those who participated were thankful for the opportunity to have their comments heard.



The intersection of Route 17/Goodwin Neck Rd.

One thing that is clear from both the forum and the survey is that people feel strongly about flashing yellow left-turn signals: some people love them and others hate them, but the general consensus of those who participated seems to be that they are good in some locations and not in others. One intersection in particular - Route 17 and Goodwin Neck Road - generated a number of negative comments. Another fairly common concern expressed by citizens both in the survey and at the forum is a desire for more sidewalks and bike paths.

As an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, the TSC assists the Board in the development of transportation safety programs and activities and makes recommendations on transportation safety improvements. The public input received by the TSC will be used to help guide these efforts.



SATURDAYS • 8 AM to 12 PM
Weekly through October 27
(Except October 6)

2018 THEMED MARKETS

Sep 8	Paws at the River	8 AM - 12 PM
Oct 13	Fall Festival	8 AM - 3 PM
Nov 10	Harvest Festival	9 AM - 3 PM
Nov 17	Holiday Open House	9 AM - 3 PM
Dec 8	Holiday Market	9 AM - 3 PM

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REGISTRATION DATES

July 16 - August 3

SEASON DATES

September 8 - October 27

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

Join us as we explore how art and music can relieve stress while building your creativity in **Artful Healing**, a two-part series held at the Tabb Library. **Paint Away Your Stress!** will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. Local artist David Duck helps attendees recreate a landscape while listening to calming music. **Enriching Mind, Body & Spirit Through Rhythm** will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, June 15. Music Therapist Becky Watson uses an interactive approach to show how rhythmic music can build coordination, improve your mood and nurture your creativity. To register for either event, visit the Events Calendar at www.yorkcounty.gov/library or call (757) 890-5120. This series is funded through a grant from the Arts Commission.

The Tabb Library is hosting **Ted-Style Community Talks** on Saturday, July 14, 11 a.m. to noon. Featured speakers and topics include:

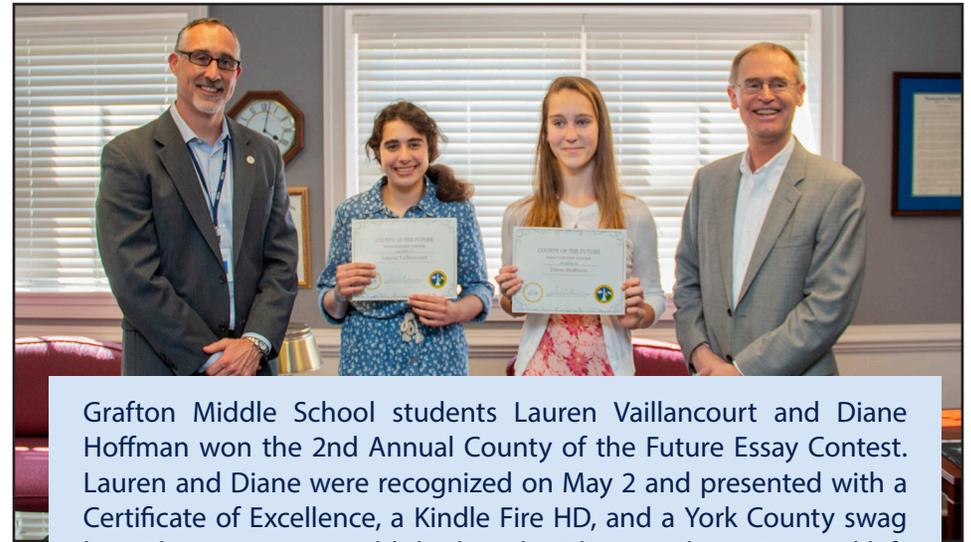
- Kevin Smith, Director of York County Public Library, discusses the Next Chapter of the Library.
- Naomi Lewis, Community Talks Moderator and Toastmasters District 66 Director, believes The World Needs Leaders.
- Courtney Buzzell, President of Proximo Marketing Strategies, shares Building Trust and Loyalty to Your Brand.

•Tom Davis, President of Local Voice Media, presents Restoring Local in a Shifting Media Landscape.

•W.J. Rogers, NASA Consultant and Education Leader, talks about NASA's Enhancing Your Creative Genius.

Join us at the Tabb Library from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, for a **Neighborhood Block Party** promoting neighborhood spirit, safety, and environmental awareness, and enjoy music, games, a petting zoo, entertainment, and more. Representatives will be there from the YMCA, Neighborhood Watch and CERT groups, and York County agencies including Fire and Life Safety, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), Recycling, Parks, Recreation & Tourism, and your Library. This program is sponsored by Greenlands, Tabb Lakes and Coventry Homeowners Associations and your Library.

AudioFile Magazine offers free summer listening for readers of Young Adult literature through its SYNC audiobook program. SYNC will give away two complete audiobooks a week through July 25. Each pair of SYNC titles will be available for download for seven days through the OverDrive app. Once downloaded they are yours to keep. Sign up for email or text alerts at www.audiobooksync.com.



Grafton Middle School students Lauren Vaillancourt and Diane Hoffman won the 2nd Annual County of the Future Essay Contest. Lauren and Diane were recognized on May 2 and presented with a Certificate of Excellence, a Kindle Fire HD, and a York County swag bag. Their essays are published on the Library website. Pictured left to right: Superintendent Dr. Victor Shandor, Lauren Vaillancourt, Diane Hoffman, and County Administrator Neil Morgan.

For more information on library programs, contact the Tabb Library at (757) 890-5120 or Yorktown Library at (757) 890-5207, visit our website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library, or like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary.

ADULT FALL SOFTBALL

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REGISTRATION DATES

RETURNING TEAMS:
August 6

NEW TEAMS:
August 13

FEE:
\$450 per team

Games are played at McReynolds Athletic Complex and Chisman Creek Park. Regular season runs from early September through the beginning of November, weather permitting. League includes Men's and Coed divisions.

Interested individuals who would like to play, but are not on a team can be distributed to all coaches. For more information, call 757.890.3511.

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York County
VIRGINIA
America's Future Since 1781

(Registration closes August 24 unless league team limits are met earlier.)

WASTE MANAGEMENT WANTS YOU TO KNOW....

WE NEED YOUR PLASTICS!

The York County Beautification Committee (YCBC) is collecting plastic bags and wraps as part of the Recycling Challenge, hosted by The Trex Company. Here's how it works: participants collect plastic bags and film with a goal of 500 lbs. of plastic in a six-month period, the plastics are sent to The Trex Company, and we receive a FREE Trex bench created from recycled plastic bags and film! The YCBC plans to make this an ongoing program and will donate any benches it receives to the County's schools.

Plastic bags can be delivered to the Dropoff Recycling Center - 145 Goodwin Neck Road - as well as at both branches of the York County Public Library - 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway and 100 Long Green Boulevard.

The following items are being collected (clean, dry, and free of food and residue, please!):

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap (such as those on cases of water)
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags (clean of all debris)
- Ziplock and other reclosable bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt Bags
- Cereal Bags

For more recycling information, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement or call (757) 890-3780.

TAKE THE RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

Help us collect **500** pounds of plastic bags by **July 31**



Turn This...

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... Into This!

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Dropoff recycling center
145 Goodwin Neck Rd.

Yorktown Library
8500 Geo. Wash. Mem. Hwy.

Tabb Library
100 Long Green Blvd

See challenge details at yorkcounty.gov/pw

Waterfront, continued from page 1

hours of waterfront trash service to help reduce the possibility of overflowing trash cans and litter on the beach and Riverwalk. The custodians also will be more efficient. In the past, the crews would dispose of garbage in the dumpsters behind the Administration Building. This year, we are working with our friends at the Watermen's Museum to share their dumpster, keeping our custodial staff along the waterfront.

Law Enforcement – County and Sheriff's Office staff are working together for an increased presence of law enforcement at the waterfront, so you will see a few more uniformed deputies at the beach.



York County Head Start

Now Enrolling for the 2018-2019 School Year!



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

Program Features

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

For more information, call (757) 890-3888

CALLING ALL ARTISTS IN GRADES K-12!



- Theme:** Beautiful "Clean" York County - Artwork should reflect a clean York County and how recycling and litter control efforts help keep it beautiful
- Eligibility:** York County K-12 Students - Participants must be York County K-12 students attending home, private, or public school
- Due Date:** July 27, 2018 - All entries should be submitted to York County Beautification Committee, ATTN: Laurie Halperin, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA 23692
- Size:** 8x10 inches - Please make sure your image is a landscape orientation; portrait is not easily utilized in this calendar
- Awards:** Winning artists receive a cash award of **\$100**

Please be sure to note the use of recycled materials in your art. Artwork is judged by the York County Beautification Committee based on the quality of the artwork and its adherence to the calendar's theme.

"THANK YOU, YORK COUNTY"



Mark Carter receives a service award presented by Chairman Sheila Noll from the Board of Supervisors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the last issue of "Citizen News" by offering their comments and well wishes concerning my retirement. Words can't adequately express my appreciation for the kindness extended by members of the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, the County Administrator, Department Directors, fellow employees, and citizens. It has been my pleasure and privilege to know, work with, and learn from you all.

Forty-one years ago this June, I was happy to receive an offer to be a Planner in the

York County Planning Department and I consider myself and my family fortunate to have been a member of the York County community for all the years since. We've seen quite a few changes over those years, and to mention just a few: York's population was about 30,000 in 1977 (vs. 68,000 now) and I believe there were only six traffic signals on the entire length of Route 17; Denbigh and Victory Boulevards in the lower County and Route 199 in the upper County hadn't been constructed; there was a drive-in movie theater on the Tabb Wal-Mart site and a horse farm on the Lightfoot Lowes and Wal-Mart sites; there were only two fire stations in the County (Grafton and Tabb); Yorkshire Downs, Coventry, Kiln Creek, and many other residential communities hadn't been developed; the County library was still in rented space in the Grafton Shopping Center; and the Yorktown waterfront was in a state of uninviting disrepair.

Thanks to the citizens, business owners, developers, and others that we - the County staff - have had the opportunity to work with to help guide and facilitate the changes that have occurred and which, I hope most would agree, have made York County an even better place than it was those many years ago. Personally, I value most the opportunity to have been a part of the team of citizens, elected and appointed officials, and County staff who worked to make the Yorktown waterfront what it is today. I'll always remember Board of Supervisors member Dr. Ward Anderson's opening remarks at the first Focus on Yorktown workshop in 1989 when he said - "This could be the start of something big" - and his closing statement - "This was the start of something big" - and Riverwalk Landing represents the fulfillment of the many ideas and visions shared in that workshop.

It has been a privilege to be a member of the team of York County employees who work each day to serve the citizens of the County. Thanks for that opportunity and for all the kind thoughts and well wishes.

J. Mark Carter, Deputy County Administrator (Retired)

2018 YORKTOWN FOURTH OF JULY

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM** The Yorktown Independence Day 8K & 5K Run/Walk - York High School
- 9:00 AM** Parade on Water & Main Streets and music provided by U. S. Coast Guard Training Center Ceremonial Band Yorktown
- 4:00 PM** Event parking opens corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street
- 7:00 PM** Sounds of Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony - Riverwalk Landing Stage
- 8:00 PM** Glen Boswick & Lil' Bit of Swing Concert - Riverwalk Landing Stage
- 9:15 PM** FIREWORKS display over the York River

Visit our website for important event details on parking, maps, street closures and other restrictions.

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YORKTOWN TROLLEY OPERATES 10 AM TO 5 PM
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YORKTOWN Sounds OF SUMMER AT RIVERWALK

THURSDAYS • 7PM - 9:30PM
@ Riverwalk Landing

- JUNE 7 SLAPNATION
- JUNE 14 VINYL HEADLIGHTS
- JUNE 21 THE MAIN EVENT BAND
- JUNE 28 RIGHT ON BAND
- JULY 12 BAND OF OZ
- JULY 19 SOUL INTENT
- JULY 26 TIDEWATER DRIVE
- AUG. 2 EN'NOVATION

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VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: CAMPS, TRAINING, & MORE

A TALK IN THE GARDEN

The York-Poquoson Master Gardeners hold a monthly Talk in the Learning Garden at 301 Goodwin Neck Road. These talks are held from 11:30 a.m. to noon and feature something for everyone to improve their knowledge of lawns and landscape.

- June 21 - Container Gardening
- July 19 - Voles and Moles
- August 19 - Native Plants
- September 20 - Composting
- October 18 - How to Prune

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APPLY NOW FOR PENINSULA MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

The deadline to apply for the Master Gardener training course is August 1. Master Gardeners are volunteers who assist their local Cooperative Extension offices in educating the public in general gardening practices as well as the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers. The Master Gardener training course, offered in two formats from August through November, costs \$150 and includes a handbook and other training materials.

- In person - Tuesday and Thursday mornings, plus three Saturdays from September 4 through November 14
- Hybrid - Online lessons with Wednesday evening classes, plus three Saturdays from August 15 through November 14

FAIRIES AND FRIENDS POLLINATOR EDUCATION DAY

Children ages 10 and under and their families are invited to a FREE experience at the Learning Garden located at the Poquoson Museum, 968 Poquoson Avenue. Wear your wings and costumes on Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and enjoy magical garden activities, face-painting, and pollinator crafts.

HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM FALL VISITS

Sign up now for the fall program with visits beginning in August. This program is designed to help you take care of your lawn in an economic and environmentally sound manner. For \$20, York-Poquoson Master Gardeners will visit your site, measure your yard, take a soil sample, and provide customized feedback. Space is limited to 50 participants. Please register at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce or call (757) 890-4940.

FALL FESCUE LAWN CLINICS BEGIN IN AUGUST

Autumn is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in the lawn renovation program. Classes cost \$5 and are held from 10 a.m. to noon. Register at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce or by calling (757) 890-4940.

- August 18 - Grafton True Value Hardware
- August 25 - Ken Matthews Garden Center
- September 22 - Taylor's Do-It Center, Poquoson



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MOSQUITO CONTROL UPDATE



ELIMINATE STANDING WATER TO REDUCE MOSQUITO POPULATION

York County has a progressive mosquito control program. But we need your help to eliminate standing water from your yards, wading pools, flower pots and their bases, ditches, birdbaths, rain barrels, tires, and toys. Also, knotholes in trees! That's not something many of us would consider. But, according to our staff, thousands of mosquitoes can breed in knotholes. As soon as you find one, we suggest you fill it with sand or drill a small hole so the water will run out.

If you have standing water in your yard that cannot be drained (unused pools, low-lying areas, etc.), be sure to visit one of our libraries and pick up a pack of free mosquito dunks - a biological larvicide excellent in the fight against mosquitoes.

5TH ANNUAL TIRE COLLECTION

Our Tire Recycling event is Saturday, June 23. Residents may bring up to five tires to Public Works for disposal. More information coming soon.

One More Thing

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



Staff worked diligently to develop a budget based on our Board's strategic priorities.

The Board of Supervisors approved the operating budget and capital improvement plan for Fiscal Year 2019 at its May 1 meeting. Hopefully, you followed our process as it developed this spring.

Staff worked diligently to develop a budget based on our Board's strategic priorities. This year, the top three areas of focus were additional school investments, continued growth of our public safety capacity, and salary increases for our employees. It was not necessary to raise any tax rates or fees to support County operations over the next year.

A few weeks after my recommended budget was released, we received the disappointing news that the Board of Equalization reduced the assessed value of the Plains oil depot by 71 percent, based on an appeal from the company. I had not anticipated such a drastic decrease from our second largest taxpayer which, at least for now, translates into \$1.4 million of lost tax revenue next year. This was about half of all the new revenue in the original proposed budget. To adjust for this big reduction, the Board and I had no real choice but to greatly reduce our "pay go" or cash capital account by a similar amount. We had been gradually growing "pay go" in recent years to help fund our backlog of capital projects without borrowing excessively.

Decisions at the state level added a couple of unusual wrinkles to York budget decision-making this year. As of this writing, the state has still not approved a budget, although we expect it to soon. Also, we have been awaiting the final step to the state implementing Senate Bill 942 (SB942), a one-percent surcharge on the local sales tax rate. Before SB942 could go into effect, Williamsburg City Council was required to repeal its Tourism Development Fund tax, which it did at its meeting on May 10. This one-percent tax means that York County will receive an estimated \$4 million in additional revenue next year and regional tourism promotion funding will approximately double.

From my perspective, the successful implementation of this legislation would be extremely beneficial to York County. First, it will grow the tourism economy, which contributes many millions of dollars to our yearly budget. It would also make up for the fact that the state does not allow counties, unlike cities, to have an admissions tax, a tobacco tax, and imposes a limit on the meals tax. While we would pay the extra penny, much of the tax would be paid by our friends in neighboring jurisdictions, just like we support their budget when we go to a movie in Hampton or out to eat in Newport News. It would greatly strengthen our revenue base and reduce the likelihood of real estate tax increases in the future.

It would require the Board to amend the budget this summer and, if all of this happens, I would certainly recommend that we replenish funding in our "pay go" account for needed projects like a new facility for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office.