



CHARTING THE COURSE

Comprehensive Plan Review includes steering committee, citizen survey, and public meetings in 2019



What do New Quarter Park, the Tabb Library, and the Nelson's Grant mixed-use development have in common? All are a result of prior Comprehensive Plan reviews and subsequent adoptions by the Board of Supervisors, which are required by law every five years.



The Comprehensive Plan serves as a long-range guide for the development of the County. The document puts down on paper future plans for urban and economic development, the environment, transportation, recreation, etc.

The Board of Supervisors has appointed a group of interested citizens representing a variety of York County demographics to assist with the process, schedule town meetings, and propose a Comprehensive Plan to go before the Planning Commission prior to being forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final review and approval. The Compre-

hensive Plan Review Steering Committee (CPRSC) met early this month. This group of volunteers, along with County staff, business representatives, and a member of the Youth Commission, will play a major role in the Comprehensive Plan Review process (see article at right). "The Board of Supervisors looks to the Comprehensive Plan when it makes many of its decisions," Board of Supervisors District 3 member Chad Green said to the committee.

County Administrator Neil Morgan addressed the difficulty of looking ahead 20 years and added that "If we can inject long-term thinking into our short-term behavior, the results are most often positive."

Because this document is a long-range plan, citizen involvement is vital to the process. The County has contracted with Southeastern Institute of Research (SIR) to coordinate a random, scientific citizen survey that will begin in 2019. Representatives from SIR will call randomly selected home and cell telephones and ask a series of questions seeking your input on your vision for York County in 2040. SIR has experience working

Comprehensive Plan Review Steering Committee (CPRSC)

When reviewing the Comprehensive Plan in the past, the County has utilized the assistance of citizen representatives to form a steering committee. For the first time, the committee includes a member of the York County Youth Commission, giving us the perspective of a younger generation. Appointed to the CPRSC from the Youth Commission is Jacob Rizzio. The remaining committee members are: Chairman Michael King, Gregory "Skip" Brooks, Eric Henegar, Leigh Houghland, Montgoussaint Jons, R. Anderson Moberg, Richard Myer, Jr., Sheila Myers, Eugene Seiter, and Cowles "Buddy" Spencer. In addition, Board of Supervisors member Chad Green (District 3) and Deputy County Administrators Mark Bellamy and Vivian McGettigan serve on the committee.

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

- Discussed Legislative Priorities that will be submitted to the General Assembly. The list includes: Interstate 64 Widening from Richmond to Williamsburg, Economic Development - Unmanned Systems Program, Support for Public Schools, VDOT Maintenance, and Colonial Behavioral Health Services Initiatives. This list was finalized and approved at the October 2 meeting. You can review the list of priorities at www.yorkcounty.gov/bos.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

- Authorized the purchase of a knuckle-boom truck to replace one that has reached its 15-year life expectancy.
- Ratified a Declaration of Local Emergency that was issued due to the approach of Hurricane Florence, allowing the County to provide mitigation, preparedness, and other activities to protect life and property.

OCTOBER 2, 2018

- Accepted funds awarded by the Federal SAFER Grant for six new firefighters. The grant requires a local funding match of 25 percent in each of the first two grant years and 65 percent in the third year.
- Authorized purchase of thermal imaging cameras for the Department of Fire and Life Safety. These cameras allow firefighters to see through smoke-filled environments to locate people, hidden fires behind walls, and to perform other emergency activities. The use of these devices has been proven to save lives and property. Thirteen cameras are being purchased.

OCTOBER 16, 2018

- Approved the County's participation in the creation of a Regional Industrial Facility Authority (RIFA), which includes six peninsula localities and Gloucester. The RIFA members share the costs of development of the Unmanned Systems Testing and Demonstration Facility located on the Virginia Emergency Fuel Storage property in York County.
- Authorized an agreement with the Falcon Crest Homes Association to acquire property for the purpose of constructing a stormwater management pond. The County will enlarge the existing pond creating a larger facility to assist with stormwater runoff, thereby preventing flooding.
- Approved the purchase of three ambulances and a pumper/telesquirt to replace vehicles that are aging, have excessive mileage and/or mechanical issues, or require replacement parts that are no longer available. (See page 10 for a photo of the replacement Tower Ladder Truck received earlier this month.)
- Approved the purchase of mobile data terminals for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office and Fire and Life Safety. These units allow for integration with the Emergency Communications Center (911).

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CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA WINTER 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 (757) 890-3300, or email publicaffairs@yorkcounty.gov.

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DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is holding its 17th annual "Shop with a Sheriff" program in December. With the help of local churches and schools, at least



Sheriff Danny Diggs and a happy shopper.

75 children from York County and Poquoson will be selected to participate. At 8 a.m. on Saturday, December

15, these children will arrive at the Tabb K-Mart to go holiday shopping with York-Poquoson Deputies! In order to make this an extra special day for the children, the "Shop with a Sheriff" committee is hoping to raise as much money as possible prior to shopping day. In fact, this year we are hoping to be able to help children beyond the one day of shopping and provide for families in need during the entire month of December. If you would like to help out by donating to this program, please contact Captain Dennis Ivey at (757) 890-4192.

From the Treasurer's Office comes word that the **Lifetime Dog License** applications have been mailed. The license must be purchased by December 31 and are \$10 per license. All dogs over the age of four months are required to have a current license and rabies vaccination.

2018 Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills (second half of 2018) have been mailed and are due on or before December 5. If you did not receive your bill, visit the website and select "View 2018 Tax Bill." Taxes may be paid online, by mail, or in person. If you pay online, please take a minute to complete the Treasurer's Office survey.

Visit us at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer or call (757) 890-3420.

Beginning **January 1, residents/business owners** will be able to retrieve and file several important forms from the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office. The following all have a filing deadline of March 1:

- Annual Business License Renewals
- Tax Return of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes
- Tax Returns of Business Tangible Personal Property and Machinery and Tools
- Documentation for exemption from taxes by active duty military members and their spouses

For more information, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue or call (757) 890-3381.

Tide Chart

WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

WE WELCOME THESE NEW BUSINESSES

Visit www.YesYorkCounty.com for more about these recent grand openings:

- Play-A-Round Family Fun Center
- Infinity Chiropractic
- Purrocious Styles Cat Salon
- Vintage Faire
- Woods, Water, & More



CROSSROADS COMMUNITY YOUTH HOME CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Since 2008, Crossroads has served hundreds of at-risk youth resulting in reduced recidivism rates among juvenile offenders. Individual counseling assists teens during their stay at the facility. Crossroads is supported by York County and neighboring jurisdictions.



NEW FIRE STATION #1 CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDING ON SCHEDULE

Work progresses on the new Fire Station #1 at Dare Rd./ North Constitution Dr. Block walls are up for the bays, structural steel is in place, and the floor for the living quarters has been poured. Roof work is next!

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Coffee Shops Brewing for 2019

Coffee is hot in the food and tourism industry, and York County has supported the opening of three new coffee shops. Take your caffeine needs to these delicious new businesses:



Mobjack Bay Coffee Roasters
Main Street in Historic Yorktown
Roaster & Retailer



King of Clubs Coffee
Richmond Rd near Anna's Brick Oven
Roaster & Retailer



Hometown Café Coffee Shop
Heritage Square near Big Lots
Coffee, tea, and food, plus evening music and entertainment

Find more great businesses at YesYorkCounty.com

YORK COUNTY'S HOME-BASED BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HBB video series now a TV show

Look for our first 30-minute episode (combining three videos) of "Coffee at Home" on Cox 46/Verizon 38. Want to be featured next? Sign up during the HBB Conference.



EVENTS JUST FOR YOU

HBB Holiday Party and Lunch & Learn Wrapup
Wednesday, Dec. 12
Noon, Victory YMCA
Don't miss this special event, which includes a big announcement! Thanks to this year's HBB Lunch & Learn series speakers and partners. Exciting speaker lineup in the works for 2019!

HBB Conference
Friday, March 29, at York Hall in Historic Yorktown
A unique event with many resources and exhibitors, plus conference sessions on relevant topics. Be sure to visit our Coffee At Home mobile cafe! Register today at: HBBConference.com



Ribbon-cutting at Kroger, 6500 George Washington Memorial Highway, Grafton

Upgrades in Aisle 5

GRAFTON KROGER OPEN, FOOD LIONS REMODELED

It's official! Kroger is open and serving Grafton. Hundreds attended the ribbon-cutting and opening day celebration. This is just one of many grocery store openings and remodels happening this year. Check out the new and improved Food Lions in:

Yorktown
Patriots Square

Grafton
Washington Square

Tabb
Shady Banks

Williamsburg
James York Plaza

By The Numbers

288

Pounds of prescription medications turned in at the October Drug Take Back

1,157

Number of debris collection requests following Tropical Storm Michael

29,123

Number of votes cast in November 6 election (68% turnout)



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



Too Sick for School?

Early in the morning, it is often difficult to make a decision about whether or not your child is sick enough to stay home from school. With minor symptoms, you often cannot tell whether a child is going to get better or worse during the course of the day.

Please use the symptoms below as guidelines for when it is better for your child—and his/her classmates—to stay home and recuperate:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Excessive eye watering or drainage
- Fever over 100 degrees
- Any open sores which appear to be infected
- Active gastrointestinal symptoms
- Evidence of lice/nits that have not been treated
- Coughing up yellowish or greenish phlegm

Keeping a sick child at home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover. The health and wellness of all our students are top priorities. For questions about these guidelines, please contact your school nurse or family physician.

All Schools Fully Accredited

On September 27, the Virginia Department of Education officially announced that all 19 York County School Division schools are fully accredited for the 2018-19 school year. Accreditation is based on results from the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in four core academic areas (English, math, history and science) from the previous school year.

The school division and the School Board commend the hard work of our students and staff. Our students' success would not be possible without the dedicated teachers, administrators, staff and supportive families.

Adult Education Classes

English as a Second Language

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Bethel Baptist Church
1004 Yorktown Road
Yorktown, VA 23693

Registration: Jan. 8, 2019 Fee: \$75.00

General Education Development (GED)

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays

Life Long Learning Center
9300 George Washington Memorial Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692

Registration: Jan. 8, 2019 Fee: \$50.00

For more information please contact Sandy Hesse, Coordinator, at 898-0469 or visit yorkcountyschools.org.

YCSD CALENDAR

November 2018

21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2018

14 Interim Reports Issued

20-31 Winter Break

January 2019

1 Winter Break

21 MLK Holiday

23-25 Early Dismissal - Exams

28 Student Holiday

STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000

STUDENT PORTAL

Did you know that YCS students have access to a wide variety of online educational resources, both at school and at home, to support their academic success?



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY WANTS TO KNOW...CAN WE FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY?

After a significant weather event, such as the tropical storms that brushed past us this year, many County personnel fan out into the neighborhoods conducting damage assessments. As they drive through the County, they note the type of damage to report specifics including how bad it is and the location of structures impacted. As our teams went out recently, they noted that many homes do not have proper or adequate identification. **What if you have to call 911 for emergency responders to come to your home? Will we be able to find you?**

Have you ever logged into your navigation system only to have it lead you to the middle of a field? Even with all the location-finding



Without a house number visible from the road, we may not be able to easily find you in times of an emergency.

technology available today, **our first responders rely on house numbers to find you quickly.** Sure, navigation systems and GPS can get us to the neighborhood and street, but we might end up directed to the wrong house!

According to the York County Code, homes should have house numbers that are at least three inches tall and made of a durable and clearly visible

material, they should be a contrasting color (not blend in with the color of your home), and placed in a location visible from the road. If the home is more than 50 feet from the street, or if the entrance cannot be seen by the road, the number should be placed along a walk, driveway, or another suitable location so that the address number is visible. There are also requirements for homes on private lanes. Check out the Code online at www.yorkcounty.gov/903/County-Code.



This photo illustrates the problem encountered by fire apparatus on some narrow driveways. While this occurred in Michigan, it can happen here too. (Photo courtesy of Tri-City Times)

Another thing to consider: can emergency responders actually get to you? Or do you have a long driveway with thick trees and brush on either side, not allowing for

larger equipment to pass? Or is your long driveway too narrow or full of potholes for our apparatus to navigate? Can we reach you?

Remember, in an emergency, every moment counts. For every additional second it takes us to locate and get to your home, your emergency is escalating.

For more information, please call us at (757) 890-3600, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. **In case of an emergency, always call 911.**

HELP FIRST RESPONDERS HELP YOU MORE EFFECTIVELY

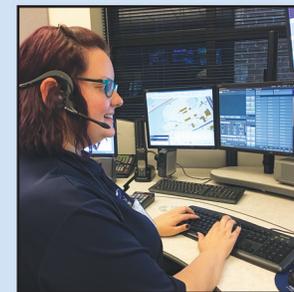
Register for Heads Up

- Pre-existing conditions
- Wheelchair confinement
- Sensory impairment
- Other important medical information



Go to www.yorkcounty.gov
Under "How Do I..."
Choose "Sign Up For Heads Up Program"

The County's **Heads Up** program provides emergency response personnel with information about pre-existing conditions or situations at the site of an emergency scene. This could be the presence of a wheelchair-bound resident or other important medical information. Why Heads Up? By being registered in this program, you can ensure that the first responders to the scene have been alerted by our 911 dispatchers and are aware of the special circumstances they may face when responding to that location.



Consider registering for this program through the instructions shown above.



County Administrator Neil Morgan works through a Comprehensive Plan-related activity at a recent York County Youth Commission meeting. The interaction gave these young people insight into the dynamics of long-term planning. They were an enthusiastic group and one commissioner, Jacob Rizzio, now serves on the steering committee!

with other Virginia localities in this process and SIR will present to staff, County leadership, and the steering committee their "Winning Communities of Tomorrow" trends analysis. We look forward to working with them to ensure that citizen opinion is gathered and applied.

What can you do to be a part of this process?

Attend the public meetings, provide input about what you'd like to see in York County in 20 years, and stay involved and informed! The County has launched a website, so be on the lookout for materials important to the development of the plan. Join in, share your opinion, and watch how the plan evolves from ideas into a guiding document that helps create the York County of the future.

Find all Comprehensive Plan materials, roster of the CPRSC, schedule of meetings and presentations, meeting recaps, and previous plans at...

www.York2040.com

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| JAN 31 | <i>Caroline Scruggs & the 504 Supreme Trio</i> |
| FEB 7 | <i>Smith-Wade (Duo)</i> |
| FEB 14 | <i>The Mullins Sisters</i> |
| FEB 21 | <i>Hot House Band</i> |
| FEB 28 | <i>Mercy Alliance</i> |
| MAR 7 | <i>Poisoned Dwarf</i> |

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Holiday Closings

York County offices and libraries are closed Thanksgiving and the day after, Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Eve and Day. Garbage and recycling are affected by the holidays. Additional closings and the holiday collection schedule are available at www.yorkcounty.gov.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

Celebrate the season with special holiday activities at your library. Enjoy festive holiday stories, songs, and a craft at our **Holiday Story Times for children ages 3 and up**. Join us on Saturday, December 1, at 1 p.m. at the Yorktown Library, or Saturday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tabb Library.

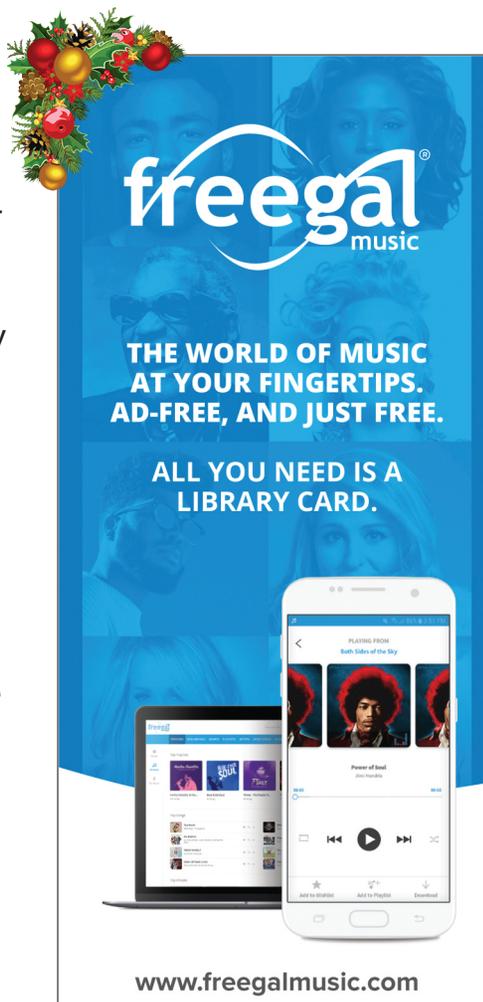
Enjoy a special **holiday-themed concert** by local recording artists **Lana Puckett and Kim Person** at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, at the Tabb Library. It wouldn't be the holidays without hot chocolate and cookies! Come out and enjoy a sweet treat while you listen to a great performance.

Did you know that your library offers free access to over 15 million songs through **Freegal Music Service**? The collection is comprised of music from over 40,000 labels from 100 different countries - from classical to pop and from reggae to rock. Library cardholders can stream three hours of music per day and download three titles per week. A video download counts as two of your weekly selections. Free mobile apps are available in the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, and on Amazon. Access Freegal through the eCollection link on the library's website -

www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

The **DMV Connect** portable customer service center is scheduled to visit the Yorktown Library meeting room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19. DMV Connect is equipped to process all DMV transactions except vital records and testing.

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.



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Softball**

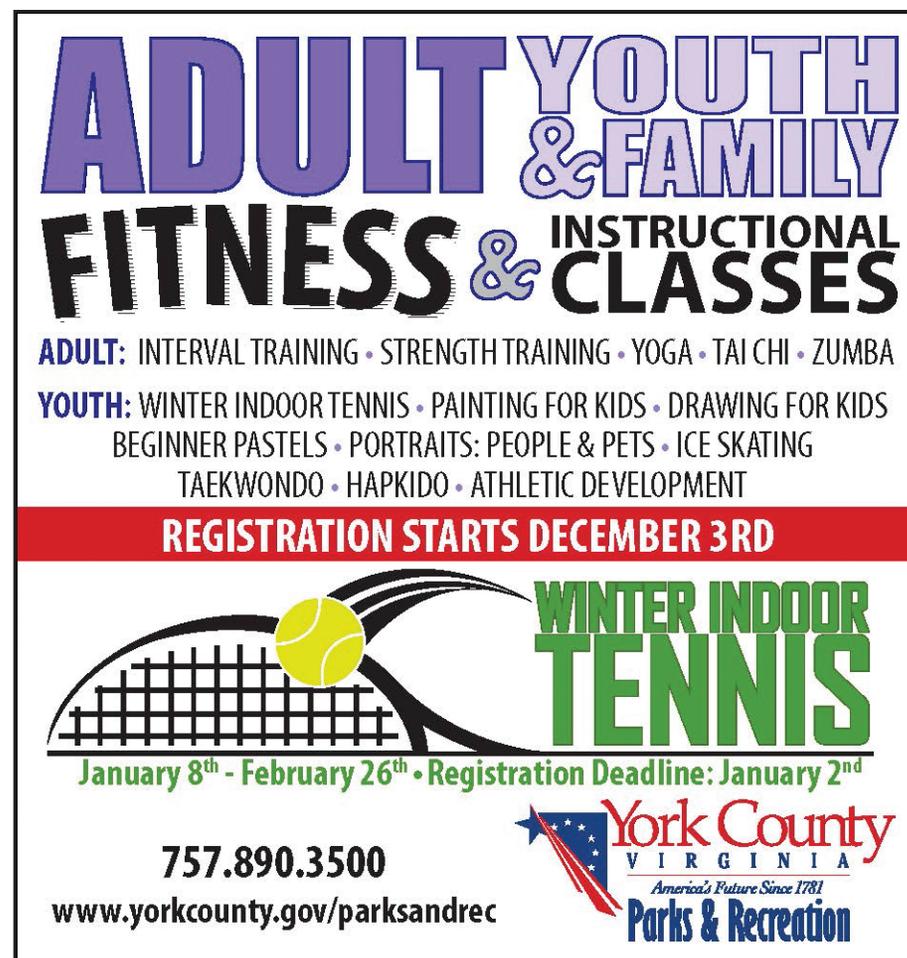
REGISTRATION

RETURNING TEAMS:
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NEW TEAMS:
Begins FEBRUARY 11th

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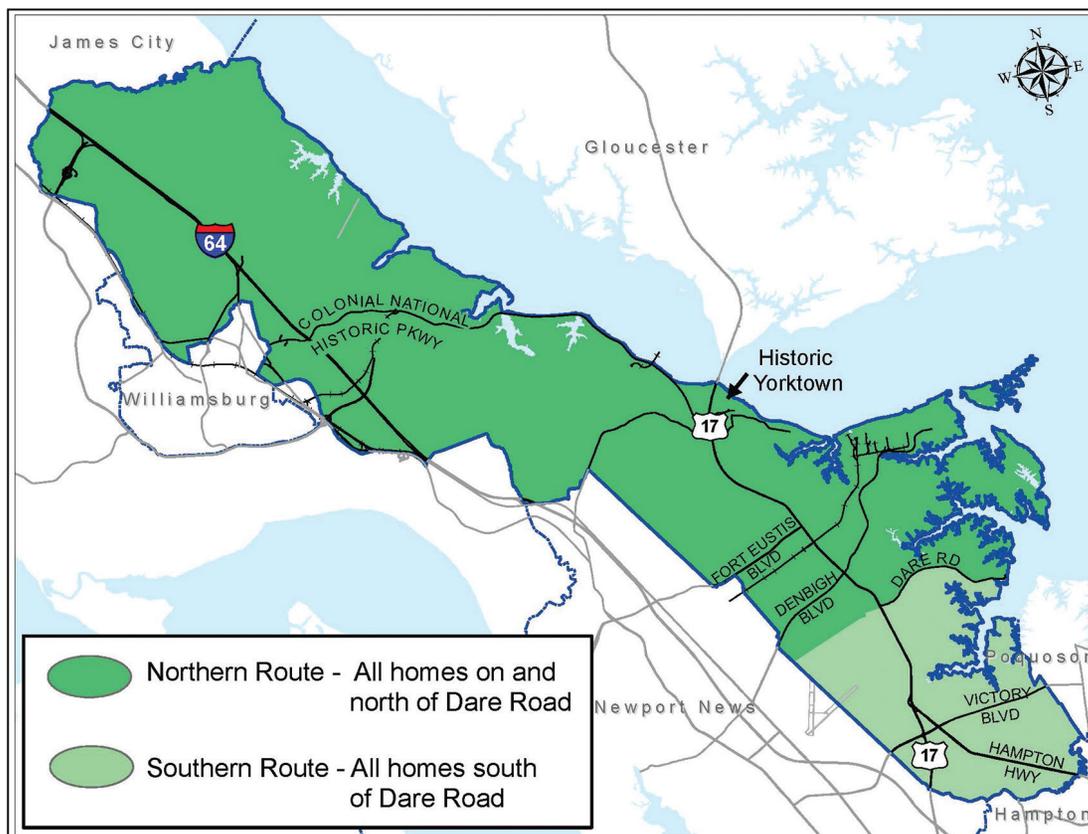
LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 26

York County is alive with the colors of autumn. Many of those leaves that are making us marvel at their beauty have begun to fall and cover the ground. Waste Management will start collecting bagged leaves for composting through our regional de-bagging operation on Monday, November 26. Collections will begin in the Southern Zone. Residents may place an unlimited number of clear bags of leaves at the front roadside for collection every other week. Bags should be no thicker than one millimeter and should have no drawstrings (they damage or disable the machinery).



For leaf collection purposes, the County is divided into two zones:

- **Northern Zone** - includes all 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.
- **Southern Zone** - includes all homes south of Dare Road, including neighborhoods in Grafton, Tabb, Brandywine, Coventry, Kiln Creek, Calthrop Neck Road, Running Man, and Cary's Chapel Road area.



- Northern Route - All homes on and north of Dare Road
- Southern Route - All homes south of Dare Road

In order to ensure collection, bags must be at the front roadside by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Pick ups will

be completed by the end of the week. However, residents on the garbage collection program also may bring their leaves to the VPPSA Compost Facility located at the Waste Management Center on Goodwin Neck Road.

Residents can sign up to receive more information at www.yorkcounty.gov/Subscribe. For additional program information, or information about garbage/recycling, call the Waste Management Center at (757) 890-3780.

FLOOD INSURANCE MATTERS



As the 2018 hurricane season ends, you may want to take this time to begin preparations for the next one. Purchasing flood insurance should rank up there with updating important documents and making any necessary repairs to your house and property. Remember, while you may not live in an evacuation area or one that flooded previously, it does not mean that you should not be prepared for the unexpected. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover floods. Inquire with your insurance agent today. Flood insurance policies require 30 days before they go into effect.



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

DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN



County Administrator Neil Morgan and Fire Chief Steve Kopczynski with the County's new Tower Ladder Truck delivered earlier this month. The truck replaces the 15-year-old truck at Fire Station #1.



Several weeks ago, citizens brought to our attention that the statue of the Marquis de Lafayette (center) was missing his head! While the real Marquis escaped the guillotine and kept his, our guy wasn't as fortunate. Luckily, it was found at his feet and we shipped both pieces to the artist, Cyd Player, who put the statue back together. In September, Lafayette was returned to rejoin his conversation with George Washington (left) and Comte de Grasse (right).

Yorktown

2018
CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS








Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, November 30 • Victory Monument
The Fifes & Drums of York Town • 7 PM
Procession to Waterfront • 7:30 PM

Christmas Market on Main
Saturday, December 1 • 10 AM to 3 PM
Historic Main Street

Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade
Saturday, December 1 • 7 PM
(Pre-parade festivities start at 6)
Yorktown Waterfront

Cookies with Santa
Sunday, December 2 • 1 to 4 PM
York Hall

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 8 • 8:30 AM
Riverwalk Restaurant (\$)

Yorktown Holiday Market
Saturday, December 8 • 9 AM to 3 PM
Riverwalk Landing

Toyland Parade
Saturday, December 8 • 1 PM
Riverwalk Landing

"Tis the Season of Mirth"
Friday, December 14 • 6:30 to 9 PM
Saturday, December 15 • 10 AM to 4 PM
Nelson House & Main Street

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXHIBITS & EVENTS

Viking Yule Tide
Saturday, December 1 • 10 AM to 5 PM
Watermen's Museum

Wreaths Across America Ceremony
Saturday, December 15 • 12 PM
Yorktown National Cemetery

Christmastide in Virginia
December 20-31 • 9 AM to 5 PM
(closed Christmas Day)
American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

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VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: SAVE THESE DATES!

HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS - VISITS BEGIN IN MARCH

Sign up now for our Spring Healthy Virginia Lawns program! This program is designed to assist York County and Poquoson residents with taking care of their lawn in an economic and environmentally sound manner. For only \$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 or register online at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

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2019 JUNIOR 4-H SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

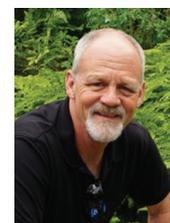
Registration for next summer's 4-H Camp (August 5-9 at Jamestown 4-H Center) begins Saturday, March 9, at 9 a.m. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce and sign up to receive information about this camp and other 4-H programs. Also, follow us on Facebook - search for @ypjcc4h.

New next year...take a bus to camp! The memories for all campers will begin as they board the buses at York High School on the first morning of camp. The buses return campers to the school on Friday. This camp is a week-long, residential camp for youth ages 9-13. Campers take classes such as archery, guitar, robotics, cupcake decorating, and marine science. Toss in fun evening activities each night and you have a camp your kids will LOVE! Here's a thought...give your child the gift of 4-H camp this holiday season. They'll love you for it.



2019 HORTICULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA - MARCH 2

Join us at Tabb High School on Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for our **25th Anniversary** with keynote speaker **Bryce Lane**, Lecturer and Undergraduate Coordinator at NC State University's Department of Horticultural Science and host and producer of Emmy winning UNC TV's "In the Garden with Bryce Lane." The Extravaganza provides a broad amount of information for new and experienced gardeners, including specialty plants, healthy lawns, pollinators, pruning, and more. Registration begins December 14. The cost (includes lunch) is \$20 before February 1, and \$25 after that date. If you would like to hear only the keynote speaker, the cost is \$10. Registration deadline is February 15. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce or call (757) 890-4940.



Bryce Lane



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One More Thing



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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

“Prediction is very difficult, especially if it’s about the future.” That is a quote attributed to Nils Bohr, a Nobel Laureate in Physics during the 20th century. Although humorous, the wisdom of this remark is to remind us to be humble about our ability to anticipate change over time. As the pace of change continues to accelerate in our world, we have an urgent need to try to plan for our community’s future even though our ability to look forward with any confidence is quite limited. In addition to an obvious need as a county to have a vision for what the community should be like in 20 or 25 years, under Virginia law, York County is actually required to review its Comprehensive Plan every five years.

As the cover story reports, the County is at the beginning of that five year cycle. Our broad-based Comprehensive Plan Review Steering Committee has held its initial meeting and a substantive review and update of our long-range plan will get under way in 2019, culminating in a revised document and physical plan to be considered by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in 2020.

For those of you old enough to remember, I ask you to think back about 25 years and imagine you were giving input to those working on the County’s Comprehensive Plan at that time. Would you have anticipated some of the changes that have occurred in the past two and a half decades? The Internet is one gigantic example that I venture none of us would have foreseen. While we are still trying to figure out the implications of that innovation, it has caused significant changes in retail shopping patterns and work environments for sure. Those changes in turn have big implications for the County’s tax and employment base. Another very big change has been the aging population and the decline in family size. People are having fewer children and that too has big implications as we anticipate the County’s future in terms of the kinds of services we will need to provide and even the character of the community.

As we try to imagine what our County should be like 20 or 25 years from now, what other kinds of inventions, global or lifestyle changes might catch us by surprise? Could it be sea level rise? Many scientists recommend that public and private facilities that are planned to last past 2040 should assume at least a three foot rise in our sea level. Might it be unmanned vehicles? How would our economy and infrastructure change if trucks and cars did not have human drivers? What if the gasoline-based engine is replaced by electric or hydrogen technology?

If the past 25 years are any indication, the most disruptive development going forward will probably be something we can’t even imagine! With that said, thinking about our collective future is an important endeavor and I hope you will follow our progress and provide input over the next 18 months as we update York County’s Comprehensive Plan.