



## LET'S GET A MOVE ON

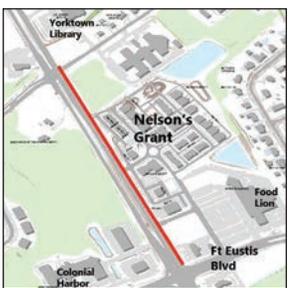
For several years, the York County Board of Supervisors, County Administrator, and staff have been working on extending sidewalks in certain locations. This shift towards “active transportation” is gaining speed across the nation. At his July 16 presentation to the Board of Supervisors, Deputy County Administrator Mark Bellamy defined “active transportation” as “any self-propelled human-powered mode of transportation such as walking or bicycling,” and a healthy alternative to traveling by car.



Autumn Way to Lake Dale Way



Colonial Avenue to Hillside Lane



Ft. Eustis Blvd. to Yorktown Library

York County has three sidewalk projects under design: Hampton Highway (from Autumn Way to Lake Dale Way), Hubbard Lane (from Colonial Avenue to Hillside Lane), and Route 17 (from Ft. Eustis Boulevard to the Yorktown Library). These three projects came about through a Revenue Sharing program with VDOT, where the County pays 50 percent and VDOT funds the other 50 percent.

Three additional projects, also funded by a VDOT Revenue Sharing program, are anticipated to enter the planning stage this fall. These are: Big Bethel Road (from Running Man to Tabb Elementary), Merrimac Trail (Magruder Elementary to James York Plaza), and Old Williamsburg Road (Lackey Clinic to the Woods of Yorktown apartments).

While this push for sidewalks may seem like a new idea, it's not. It has been in the works for many years. And right now, the County is reviewing its Comprehensive Plan – the long-range development guide. As part of the citizen outreach, the County has asked citizens – through a survey and via Facebook posts – if sidewalks and bike paths are important. The results came in and it wasn't even close. “The number one comment we get from people who respond to our surveys is that they want sidewalks and bike trails,” Mr. Bellamy said.

The sidewalk program, which includes multi-use trails where possible, is supported by grant funding applied for by County staff who also work on preliminary engineering for

[Active Transportation, continued on page 7](#)

## PARK & RIDE THE NEW TROLLEY



Earlier this summer, York County welcomed its newest trolley - the fourth in our fleet. This state-of-the-



art trolley features SPOT ETA that allows riders to track it in real time via a downloaded app on their phone or a link on the [www.VisitYorktown.org](http://www.VisitYorktown.org) website. Other new features include an infotainment system that airs promotional announcements and event schedules. Also, the new trolley features a “StabiliTrak” system and individual air control for a smoother, more comfortable ride. Visit Yorktown today and take a ride around town on Trolley No. 4. For a look inside, watch our video feature now playing at [www.yorkcounty.gov/tv](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/tv).

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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 May meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

### MAY 21, 2019

- Authorized a lease for space at Washington Square Shopping Center for the Senior Center, Voter Registrar, Parks and Recreation, and Extension Service. Projected relocation date for the last three in that list is this fall.
- Approved an addendum to the contract with Metro Fiber Networks, Inc., a York County company, for fiber optic service to Fire Station No. 1 and the leased units in Washington Square Shopping Center.

### JUNE 4, 2019

- Requested the Commonwealth Transportation Board prioritize funding for the widening of Interstate 64 beginning at Exit 234 and advance incrementally westward towards Bottoms Bridge. A similar resolution was adopted by the James City County Board of Supervisors on May 14. This widening would provide a positive impact to the region and support travel demands and tourism, and provide enhanced connectivity and congestion relief to our area.

### JUNE 18, 2019

- Amended the York County Code Section 15-49, keeping of inoperable motor vehicles, trailers, or semitrailers on property zoned residential or commercial, by increasing the fines to the maximum allowed by the Code of Virginia, from \$50 to \$200 for the first violation, increasing to \$500 for subsequent violations up to a maximum of \$5,000 for a continuing violation.
- Authorized a contract for the interior renovation of the building located at 121 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, which will house the Tourism Division. The work entails structural work, construction of offices, and addition of a handicap accessible bathroom on the main level. The structure was formerly Redcoat Antiques and The House on the Hill before being purchased by the County's Economic Development Authority in December 2018. The property will be conveyed to York County prior to Tourism moving into the space.
- Authorized a lease for space at Victory Village Shopping Center for the Voter Registrar. The space totals 2,370 square feet and will be used to securely store voting equipment and accommodate increases in absentee voting. More information will be provided once the facility is available for absentee voters.

### JULY 16, 2019

- Approved a Special Use Permit for a car wash facility and gas station at 1920 George Washington Memorial Highway. The facility's plans include a 106-foot car wash tunnel, 10 open air vacuum spaces, and 10 canopy-covered vacuum spaces. In addition, a 10-pump gas facility will be operated south of the car wash. A Route 17 entrance is planned along the center of the parcel with an estimated 586 new vehicle trips per day.

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## CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA FALL 2019

"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](mailto:publicaffairs@yorkcounty.gov).

County Administrator ..... Neil Morgan  
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## DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

Coming soon....these **York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office** programs:

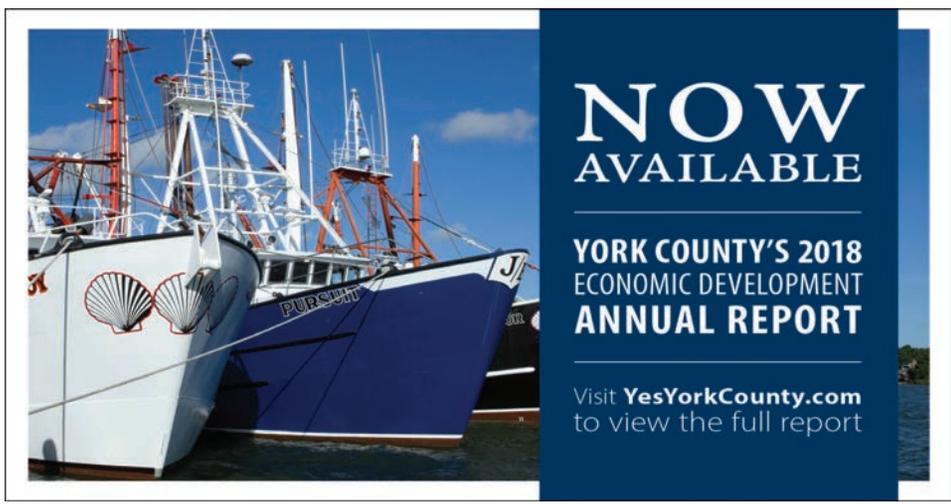
- **Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (C.R.A.S.E.)** - September 17, 6-8pm, St. John Baptist Church, 1397 Penniman Road, Williamsburg. Designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, and Defend strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004.
- **Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.)** - October 28, 30; November 4, 5, & 7, Yorktown Elementary School, 131 Siege Lane, Yorktown. Comprehensive women-only course taught by nationally-certified R.A.D. instructors. Call for times.
- **Refuse to be a Victim** - November 12, 6-9pm, St. John Baptist Church, 1397 Penniman Road, Williamsburg. Topics include security for travel/automobile/home, and mental preparedness.



For more information on these programs and how to register, please call (757) 890-3630 or visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff).

Wipe out your library fines when **Food for Fines** returns November 2-23. One non-perishable food item will pay one fine, regardless of the amount. Bring as many food items as you have overdue books, DVDs, or CDs. Previously opened, dented, or expired items will not be accepted. The Food for Fines program does not apply to charges for lost or damaged items. For more information, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library).

Applications for **Energy Assistance** to help with the costs of heating your home will be accepted October 14 through November 8. While it's difficult now to think about winter cold, we all know that the temps will change before too much longer. To be eligible, you must be responsible for paying your home's heating bill and meet citizenship and income requirements. Apply online at <https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/> or by calling (855) 635-4370. For details, call York-Poquoson Social Services at (757) 890-3787.



**NOW AVAILABLE**

**YORK COUNTY'S 2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

Visit [YesYorkCounty.com](http://YesYorkCounty.com) to view the full report



# Tide Chart

## WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

### COUNTY OFFICES RELOCATING

We are on the move! To better serve our citizens, several County offices will be relocating over the next few months. Here's the scoop: Voter Registration, Parks and Recreation, and Virginia Cooperative Extension will relocate to storefronts at Washington Square Shopping Center. However, the Voter Registrar will keep the Yorktown office open through the November election. Tourism is relocating to the former Redcoat Antiques building on Alexander Hamilton Boulevard. And the Planning Division is moving to County Drive, adjacent to the Development Services building. Keep watching social media, the website, WYCG-TV and the next issue of "Citizen News" for updates.

### YORK WINS DIGITAL COUNTIES AWARD

York County has been named one of the nation's top digital counties for populations under 150,000. This is the third year in a row we have placed and *this* year we went from 6th to 3rd. We are truly ON THE RISE! York County moved up this year based on: an increased focus on security education, not only for staff but also the public and local businesses; cost savings, notably in the new communications software that replaced the old telephone system; and increased collaboration with the school division and mental health agency, bringing them online with modernized financial software.



## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# A SMART SPACE *for* SAVVY STARTUPS



Collaboration Space includes a podcast/webinar room (left), lounge (right), offices for rent hourly/daily, kitchen and conference room.

Being an entrepreneur, business owner or freelancer can be lonely—but opening a commercial location is cost-prohibitive for many startups. Enter the new Collaboration Space of Hampton Roads. Located in Grafton at 4112 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Suite #1, this shared workplace provides an affordable office location.

With multiple levels of memberships and pricing, Collaboration Space offers high-

speed wifi, business coaching, flexible work space, print/fax machines, event space and that all-important physical mailing address.

Timorah Beales, who co-owns the operation with Vibha Butail, said she's already seen several success stories since opening this spring: "One member got his 'side gig' out of his house and away from distractions—and by making a dedicated effort to come to CS every morning before his full-time



job, he's already grown his income enough to more than pay for his membership. He is on track to meet his goal of making his dream career his full-time income by next year. Another two of our members met at

the EDGE on

# entrepreneurship

CS, and have already linked up to grow each other's businesses."

To learn more about this opportunity, go to: [thecollaborationspace.com](http://thecollaborationspace.com)

## Grants Available for York Entrepreneurs

Did you know there are eight different incentive opportunities offered to York County businesses? Among them are the E-Commerce Grant, matching 50% of the cost for your new or refreshed website, and the Home-Based Business Transition Grant, matching up to \$2,000 of your cost to set up a commercial location. Learn details and other programs at [bit.ly/yorkgrants](http://bit.ly/yorkgrants).

## Business Incubator Gets Great New Digs

Launchpad, the Greater Williamsburg region's business incubator, is moving to 103 Tribe Square at William & Mary.

The 2400-sq-ft facility includes 10 offices and access to William & Mary's



Entrepreneurship Hub. In its new home, Launchpad will continue to support young companies through business education, targeted services, networking, and other programs. Learn more at [gwlaunchpad.com](http://gwlaunchpad.com).

### START PENINSULA

November 1-3  
Hampton University

### STARTUP SURVIVAL SERIES

Sept. 4, 19, 26  
Oct. 3, 10, 16, 23, 30  
[startpeninsula.com](http://startpeninsula.com)

## Pitch Your Business Idea at Start Peninsula

Do you have a business idea or invention and need funding or guidance to get it started? This regional effort brings together dozens of passionate Hampton Roads entrepreneurs and business leaders under one roof with one purpose: To identify the best ideas and create new businesses within one weekend.

Access the tools, resources and talent you need to get your idea off the drawing board and into the marketplace. From a pool of 30+ business ideas pitched on Friday night, 10 semi-finalists will be selected to pitch again on Sunday for a chance to win up to \$5,000 cash and other important resources.

# By The Numbers

495

Online surveys completed as part of the Comprehensive Plan Review. View the results at [www.York2040.com](http://www.York2040.com).

4,300

Approximate number of children who have graduated from Safety Town since the program began 25 years ago in 1994.

10,845

Length of sidewalks in linear feet included in the next round of proposed sidewalk extensions. (See articles on pages 1 and 12)



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## High School Assessments

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, YCS will replace mid-term and final exams with quarterly assessments in all high school credit-bearing courses.

The purpose of moving from semester exams to quarterly assessments is to ensure that students receive appropriate, authentic and timely evaluations of the skills and knowledge necessary for students to be college and career ready. Teachers will use these assessments to measure student progress as well as to reflect on and inform instructional practice.

Quarterly assessments align with the division's Strategic Plan goal to engage all students in rigorous educational experiences as well as the Virginia Department of Education's Profile of a Virginia Graduate. Unlike semester exams, which are similar in administration and format to high stakes standardized testing, quarterly assessments provide greater flexibility to align format to the pacing, content and skills of the course.

The recommendation to move to quarterly assessments was developed by a committee of teachers, principals and division staff. After gathering extensive stakeholder feedback and conducting a thorough evaluation process, the committee recommended that quarterly assessments, weighted at 10 percent of the marking period grade, replace semester and final exams. For more information, visit [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org).

## Important School Calendar Notice

Parents are encouraged to plan ahead for several changes to the student calendar. In order to achieve guiding considerations for the student calendar, as well as meet the required 180 school days for the 2019-20 school year, the following adjustments have been made:

- Monday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day) will be an early dismissal day
- Tuesday, March 3 will be a scheduled 2-hour delay for students
- There will only be two early release days, rather than three, at the end of each semester

## 2019-20 Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast and lunch are provided at all schools, with free and reduced-price meals available for families who qualify. Applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year. Applications can also be found on the division website and are available upon request at any time from any school.

|              | Breakfast | Lunch  |
|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Elementary   | \$1.60    | \$2.70 |
| Middle/High  | \$1.70    | \$2.80 |
| Adult        | \$2.10    | \$3.45 |
| Reduce Price | \$0.30    | \$0.40 |
| Milk         | \$0.60    | \$0.60 |

## SCHOOL HOURS

### Elementary Schools

**8:40 a.m.–3:20 p.m.**

*BMES, MES, MVES, TES*

**8:55 a.m.–3:35 p.m.**

*CES, DES, GBES, SES, WMES, YES*

### Middle Schools

**8:00 a.m.–2:45 p.m.**

*QLMS, TMS*

**8:05 a.m.–2:50 p.m.**

*GMS, YMS*

### High Schools

**7:20 a.m.–2:05 p.m.**

*BHS, GHS, THS, YHS*

**8:25 a.m.–3:10 p.m.**

*YRA*

## STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000

## DOWNLOAD THE YCS MOBILE APP

Stay connected with YCS and your school—customized to your personal preferences.



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# Yorktown

# Upcoming FALL EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

### MARKET DAYS

Weekly through October 26  
(except Oct. 5)  
Saturdays • 8 AM – 12 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

September 6 – October 4  
Fridays • 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### YORKTOWN ART STROLL

Sunday, September 29  
10 AM – 5 PM • Freight Shed and  
Participating Businesses



## OCTOBER

### RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

Friday, October 4  
6:30 – 8:30 PM • Riverwalk Landing

### YORKTOWN WINE FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5  
12 – 6 PM • Riverwalk Landing, \$

### MARKET DAYS

Saturdays • 8 AM – 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

**Fall Festival** - October 12  
**Yorktown Day** - October 19

### YORKTOWN DAY

Saturday, October 19  
9 AM – 5 PM  
Victory Monument and Main Street

### MARKET DAYS

Saturday • 9 AM – 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing  
**Paws at the River** - October 26



## NOVEMBER

### YORK COUNTY VINTAGE MARKETPLACE

Saturday, November 2  
10 AM – 3 PM  
McReynolds Athletic Complex

### MARKET DAYS

Saturdays • 9 AM – 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

**Maritime Festival** - November 9  
**Harvest Festival** - November 16

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Monday, November 11  
12 PM • York Hall, 301 Main Street



## Active Transportation, continued from page 1

potential sidewalk/bike path installation that will help staff with the projects if monies are identified.

So what's next? The County has received "set aside" funding – where the federal government pays 80 percent while the County pays 20 – for a sidewalk on Bypass Road. And on Victory Boulevard, the County has Smart Scale funding (through the state) for a multi-use path on from North Bowman Terrace to Fire Station No. 2 at Big Bethel Road. Finally, for the benefit of residents and visitors, improved drainage and a sidewalk along Comte de Grasse Street in Yorktown (funded by the County) will complete the walking loop around the entire historic area.

Meanwhile, the County is ready to submit applications for the next round, FY2021-2022, of Revenue Sharing dollars. These applications are for sidewalks along a portion of Route 17, Villa Way, West Queens Drive, Yorktown Road, Lakeside Drive, and Siege Lane. If the County receives the 50/50 Revenue Sharing funding, its portion for these six projects is estimated to be just over \$1 million.

To view Mr. Bellamy's presentation and the meeting materials, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

# Rhythms ON THE Riverwalk

NOV 9

FRIDAYS • 6:30 to 8:30 PM

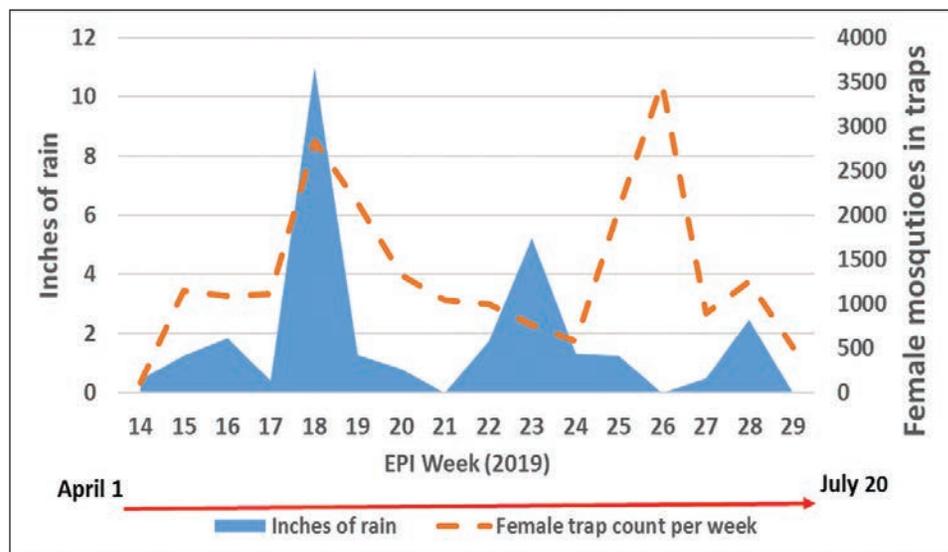
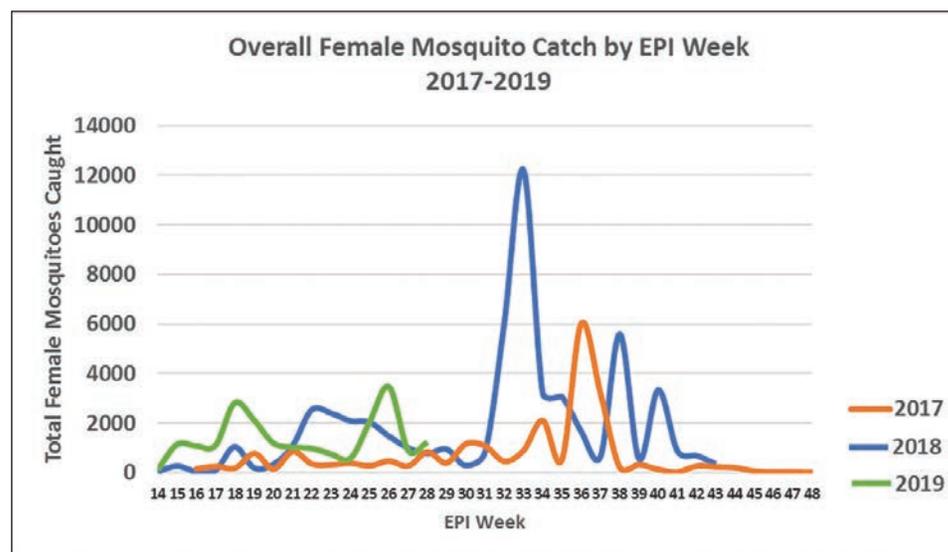
- SEPT 6 ▶ GOOD SHOT JUDY**
- SEPT 13 ▶ LITTLE COUNTRY**
- SEPT 20 ▶ THE MULLINS SISTERS**
- SEPT 27 ▶ GLEN BOSWICK & THE SOUND OF SWING ORCHESTRA**
- OCT 4 ▶ BOBBY BLACKHAT BAND**

Event Weather Hotline: 757.890.3520

[VisitYorktown.org](http://VisitYorktown.org)

## MOSQUITO CONTROL SURVEILLANCE DATA REFLECTS SUMMER WEATHER TRENDS

Summer 2019 has been strange (to say the least!) with scorching temperatures and a lack of rain in July. The graphs below show trapping data from 2017 through 2019. Typically, yearly trapping begins at week 14, which is the first week of April, and runs through week 48 (end of November). As York County's Mosquito Control Division advances the use of technology, our goal is to monitor these trends to help us provide the best management practices for our citizens. We will provide more information and the trends in weather and mosquito numbers in coming months. And don't forget, if you are experiencing a mosquito problem, please call Mosquito Control at (757) 890-3790.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

New York Times bestselling author, activist, and screenwriter **Rita Mae Brown** will present an author talk and book signing at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 10, at Christopher Newport University's David Student Union. Brown is the author of over 50 books including the Mrs. Murphy series and Sister Jane novels. Her most recent book, *Whiskers in the Dark*, was released June 4 and is the 28th book in the Mrs. Murphy series.



Free tickets for the event are available beginning Tuesday, September 3, at the sponsoring libraries of the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which consists of the public libraries of York County, Newport News, Hampton, and Poquoson, and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, and Thomas Nelson Community College. Tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to two per person. Ticket holders will be seated first at the event. Any remaining seats then will be open to the general public.

The **Tabb Book Readers (TBR)** is an adult book discussion group that meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month at the Tabb Library. Members choose their own books to read based on each month's topic, and then share their discoveries with group members. New members are always welcome. Please register through the online Events Calendar at [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library). For more information or book suggestions, call the Tabb Library Reference Department at (757) 890-5120. Upcoming meetings and topics are:

- September 21 - Books that have been Banned or Challenged
- October 19 - Contemporary/Realistic Fiction
- November 16 - Books about or set in France

Join the **Medicare Sage** to discover the best path for your retirement journey. In these free seminars, you'll learn what your enrollment options are and how you can get help navigating the complicated process of applying for Medicare. Medicare 101 classes will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Tabb Library and again on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Yorktown branch. To register, call (757) 890-5120 or (757) 890-5207 or visit our website.

For more information on programs, contact the Tabb Library at (757) 890-5120, or Yorktown Library at (757) 890-5207, visit our website or like us on Facebook.

# YOUTH BASKETBALL

Coed Instructional for Ages 5-7  
Boys & Girls Leagues Ages 7-18  
(ages as of 10/1/2019)

Registration: October 1-30, 2019  
**VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!**



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# SKATE, Rattle and ROLL

FRIDAYS During the School Year  
starting **SEPTEMBER 6**

**TWO SESSIONS:**

Session One: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. / Grades K-5/Family

Session Two: 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. / Grades 6-8

**Dare Elementary School Gym**

[www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)  
757-890-3500



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

The York County Beautification Committee continues to sponsor its *Beautiful York County* calendar art contest. For the upcoming 2020 calendar, York County K-12 students attending home, private, or public schools are eligible to enter the contest. Thirteen pieces of original art and/or collage will be selected to illustrate each month and the cover of the 2020 calendar. Winners will receive \$100 each. For details, please call Public Works Outreach Coordinator Samantha McNeil at (757) 890-3780.

**Theme:**..... Beautiful "Clean" York County

**Eligibility:**..... York County K-12 Students

**Submission Date:** ... September 30 - All entries must be submitted to York County Beautification Committee, Attn: Samantha McNeil, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA 23692

**Media:**..... Black & White or Color two-dimensional media. Original images are to be made on or with recycled materials; photographs must adhere to the theme. Painting, drawing, or any form of printmaking such as stamping, woodcut, etc. are also acceptable formats

**Size:**..... 8"x10" Landscape Image

**Awards:**..... 13 Cash Awards of \$100



## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

**NEW! Latex Paint Recycling Program** - Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Recycling Center will accept latex paint with smooth consistency in variations of white, off-white, red, blue, yellow, and gray. Paints are turned over to CVEC for processing into a rejuvenated recycled latex paint! Help us keep latex paint from entering the landfills.

**Household Chemical Collections** - September 14 and November 9, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Operations Drive (between Service and County Drives). List of acceptable materials available at [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org).



Our **Butterfly Garden** (built by students last year with grant funds) has been a success with hatchings and releases!

**BugFest2019** was a big hit. Over 300 attended the event to learn more about butterflies, bees, spiders, and other bugs. Thank you for coming out and taking

our survey so that we can make next year's event bigger, better, and buggier!

We appreciate your patience as we transition to the **new recycling program**. We have experienced some challenges, but our goal is to always provide you with the highest level of service. Our staff has been hard at work answering your phone calls. In fact, since May we have answered over 4,000 phone calls each month! That's a lot *more* than usual.



## COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE INFO

The **Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act** exempts active duty military personnel from personal property tax in any state other than their legal state of residence. To be eligible for this exemption, the owner must provide a Leave & Earnings Statement annually. Spouses of military servicemembers may be eligible for tax exemption of personal property in their names or jointly titled with the military spouse based on certain qualifying conditions provided in the **Military Spouses Residency Relief Act**. For details, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue) or call (757) 890-3381.

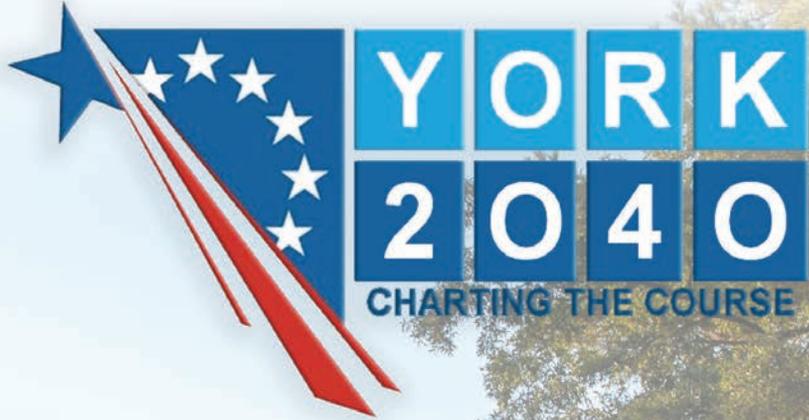


For up-to-date information and news as it happens, including

hurricane and severe weather information, follow the York County Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva](http://www.facebook.com/yorkcountyva) or, if you are logged into Facebook, search for @yorkcountyva.

Office closings, inclement weather info., fun photos, upcoming events, and more!





**The results are *in!***

Visit [www.York2040.com](http://www.York2040.com) for survey results. And thanks to all of YOU who took the survey. You are helping plan the future of York County.

**757-890-DATA (3282)**  
[planning@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:planning@yorkcounty.gov)



Now enrolling eligible children ages 3-5 for the 2019 - 2020 School Year including children with disabilities!

For more information, call (757) 890-3888  
[www.yorkcounty.gov/headstart](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/headstart)




**Program Features:**

- Monday-Friday Classes
- Quality Preschool Program
- Free Nutritious Meals
- Family Support and Education Services
- Limited Transportation is Available at the Griffin-Yeates Location

**Program Locations:**

- Bethel Manor Elementary School
- Griffin-Yeates Center
- Yorktown Elementary School



## YORK COUNTY PASSES THE TEST: FEMA RADIOLOGICAL EXERCISE WAS JULY 23

Every other year - in the odd numbered years to be exact - York County and neighboring jurisdictions within 10 miles of the Surry Power Station participate in a FEMA



emergency exercise to test each locality's ability to respond in case of a radiological event at the power station. As in years past, York County received praise from the FEMA evaluators. Phrases such as "worked well as a team" and "on the ball" were used to describe York County's Emergency Operations Center staff, which consists of the County's Fire and Life Safety and Emergency Communications departments, as well as Public Affairs, Community Services, Public Works, York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, York-Poquoson Social Services, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia State Police, the Health Department, amateur radio operators (RACES), and others.

## FIRE STATION NO. 1 NEARS COMPLETION



York County will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony this fall upon the completion and opening of our new Fire Station No. 1. Once the date is set, you can be sure we will announce it on social media, our website, and on WYCG-TV. In the meantime, get *your* first look at the facility on a video tour with County Administrator Neil Morgan, Fire Chief Steve Kopczynski, and Project Manager Joe Sisler at [www.yorkcounty.gov/tv](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/tv). The County is excited and proud to open this new fire station and to continue serving the community.



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## VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: SAVE THESE DATES!

### COMING NEXT YEAR

Virginia Cooperative Extension programs are not only informative, but fun! Here's a reminder of some events to watch out for. Dates, times, and locations will be shared in the next editions of "Citizen News" and on the website: [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce).

- 2020 Horticultural Extravaganza
- Junior 4-H Camp Summer Registration
- Signing up for Healthy Virginia Lawns Spring program
- Pruning Clinics
- Much More!

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### GO GREEN EXPO IS NEXT MONTH

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Peninsula Master Gardeners are once again sponsoring the 11th Annual "Go Green Expo" on Saturday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News. Bring the whole family to this FREE event and enjoy presentations, kids crafts, vendors, and food! This year's theme is "Water Wise 757." For event details and vendor registration, visit [www.nngogreenexpo.org](http://www.nngogreenexpo.org).



### MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE

The York-Poquoson Master Gardeners annual fall plant sale is Saturday, October 5, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Poquoson Learning Garden located at 968 Poquoson Avenue (behind the Poquoson Museum). Annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees will be for sale. Arrive early!



Only cash and check payments accepted.

### MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK

Got weeds, bugs, or plant disease issues? Give us a call so we can be your plant doctor. A Help Desk Master Gardener is now available Monday through Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Starting November 1, a Help Desk Master Gardener will only be available on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit our website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce) for more information. You can also send an email to [yk.pq.mg@gmail.com](mailto:yk.pq.mg@gmail.com) or call (757) 890-4940.

## NOV. 5 ELECTION

On the first Tuesday of November, York County voters will visit the polls to vote for a member of the State Senate, the House of Delegates, the County Board of Supervisors, the School Board, Treasurer, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, Commissioner of the Revenue, and members of the Soil and Water Board. All polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sample ballots will be available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/voting](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/voting) by mid-September.



The deadline to register to vote or to update your registration information is Tuesday, October 15. You may be eligible to register to vote online at [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov). Voter registration applications can also be obtained on our website. Paper applications are available at the Registrar's Office, Yorktown and Tabb Libraries, and the Griffin-Yeates Center.

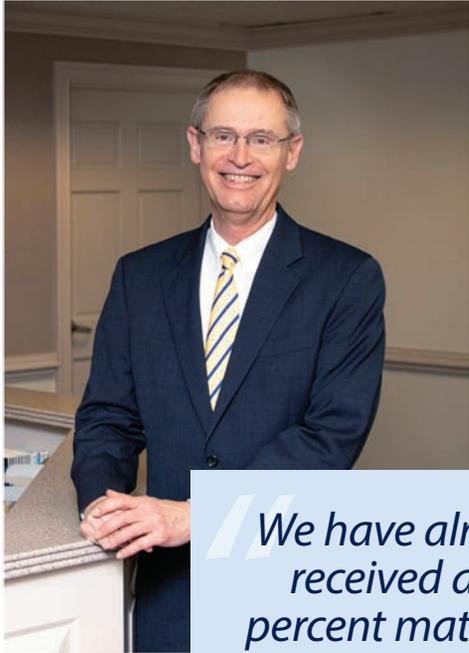
Absentee voting registration deadline is Tuesday, October 29 (by mail, email, fax, or online) or Saturday, November 2 (in person). Absentee ballot applications are available online at [www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov).

For more information, please call (757) 890-3440, email [registrar@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:registrar@yorkcounty.gov), or visit the office at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown.

# One More Thing

## STEPPING UP WITH MORE SIDEWALKS

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



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When I moved to the County four years ago, I noticed residents from other nearby neighborhoods would drive to my neighborhood, park, and then take a recreational walk without fear of being hit by a car - apparently a dangerous possibility near their own homes. Bicyclists have the same problem in many areas. The Board of Supervisors and I have been hearing from many citizens that the County should make greater efforts to develop a system of sidewalks and trails so that, over time, residents will have more options to safely walk or bike.

We are working on it on many different levels. The Board did its part by approving a capital improvement plan that includes a small amount of funds each year for "active transportation." This was mainly intended as seed money for matching grant applications.

We have already received a 50 percent matching grant from VDOT for an initial series of projects around the County and we are preparing a second application this summer. This initial emphasis will be on small projects that potentially can connect neighborhoods to schools or to each other without pedestrians having to go out on a busy highway. We are also looking for ways to connect sidewalks and trails that have been built previously and linking these with private investments such as sidewalks that will be built along Yorktown Road as part of a new residential development known as Smith Farm Estates.

In the longer term, we envision taking advantage of some of the many Dominion Energy power easements to build a network of trails connecting to streets and sidewalks. In addition, the region has a plan to extend the Virginia Capital Trail into York County. It currently goes from Richmond to James City County along Route 5.

Although that will take years, we want to be ready to connect in the future. Finally, the state has now approved improvements to Victory Boulevard, which will include multi-purpose trails that will eventually meet up with Poquoson's path program, hopefully, within the next 10 years.

All of these plans, grants, and projects take years to materialize. We'll have to be patient and keep at it. I've appointed a staff committee to maintain our focus on this idea. If you or your family like to walk or bike, your quality of life will directly benefit in the decades to come. These are the kinds of quality of life initiatives that communities are putting into place all around the country and that we should implement to maintain our standing as a community of choice.

