



## **TECHNICALLY SPEAKING**

### **York County investing in new technology, cyber-security programs**

Today's technology is oftentimes mind-blowing--driverless vehicles, wrist-watches that talk to us and monitor our heart rate, unmanned aerial systems in fire and rescue and law enforcement, and virtual reality that can take us undersea and to the stars. York County staff stays up-to-date on the latest developments and how they can help improve our services to the community. In fact, new technology is being implemented across many platforms. Some of these updated technologies are utilized by the County to improve workflow--programs like our new financial management system that allows for faster and more streamlined processes in billing and purchasing, and keeps your information safe. Of course, security is a priority.

"We are investing a lot in security," said Adam Frisch, Director of Information Technology (IT). "All technology needs to be refreshed periodically. And as we upgrade, and even between upgrades, we are reviewing our security protocols to ensure data is kept safe."

Tim Wyatt, Deputy Director of IT, added, "Our security is a step up from other organizations. When we hear of a data or system breach, wherever it occurs globally, we use that opportunity to reevaluate our technology and ensure that same type of attack cannot be successful in York County."



The citizen cyber-security workshop given by Tim Wyatt at the Senior Center.

It's important to us that we share the County's knowledge and expertise with the public. Hundreds have attended our free citizen cyber-security workshops to rave reviews. In fact, the program won the Governor's Technology Award for 2019! The

presentation is available on the County's website - [www.yorkcounty.gov/cyber](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/cyber) - along with helpful safety information for you to implement at home.

Another exciting upgrade coming soon is the switch to NG911 (Next Generation 911). The current 911 system is being replaced with fiber, which improves an already excellent operation. And this has a direct impact on our citizens.



York Poquoson Williamsburg 911 Center

"Over the next year, our Emergency Communications Center will begin the process to enable us to accept live video calls from citizens, which will allow our Emergency Dispatchers to speak 'face to face' with someone at an accident scene, with a sick or injured person, or someone reporting a crime," said Terry Hall, Director of Emergency Communications.

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

### NOVEMBER 19, 2019

- Authorized the lease between the County and Yorktown Sailing Charters, LLC, for docking space at the Riverwalk Landing T-pier for the masted vessels "Alliance" and "Denouement" for passenger excursions. In 2019, the owners of Yorktown Sailing Charters, Greg and Laura Loshe, sold their 65-foot schooner "Serenity" and have since purchased the "Denouement." The "Alliance" operates tours from April through October and the "Denouement" will be available for sailing excursions May through October. You can visit their website at [www.sailoryorktown.com](http://www.sailoryorktown.com).

### DECEMBER 3, 2019

- The Board of Supervisors appointed citizen volunteers to the York County Beautification Committee, Employee Grievance Panel, Social Services Advisory Board, and Library Board. If you would like to serve on a board or commission, please visit [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov), select "How Do I" from the top menu, and then "Apply For a Board/Commission."

### DECEMBER 17, 2019

- Authorized a solar energy facility on 380-acres at 1801 Penniman Road. The facility is positioned to provide a clean energy source for Dominion Energy located near two military installations and will be the first large solar facility in the County.
- Authorized a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) and regional localities for cooperation in the retrofit enforcement of grease-control devices. The purpose of the MOA is to limit the amount of grease that gets in the sanitary sewer collection system from Food Service Establishments (FSEs). To learn how you can limit Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) from getting into the system, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/fog](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fog).

### JANUARY 7, 2020

- Elected W. Chad Green (District 3) as the 2020 Chairman and Walt Zaremba (District 1) as the Vice Chairman. The Board voted to continue its meeting schedule of the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in York Hall with Public Hearings beginning at 7 p.m. The Board will not meet on the first Tuesday in July or November. Complete meeting rules and procedures, and agendas are available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

### JANUARY 21, 2020

- Approved the contract with Tidewater Development Services Corporation for the Human Resources Office Renovation Project. Currently located in the Finance Building on Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Human Resources will relocate to the County Administration Center on Ballard Street following renovation of space that previously housed Voter Registration.

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## CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA SPRING 2020

"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).

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## DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

The **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget** development is underway. Public comment is important to the process of building next year’s operating budget. Here are ways in which you can give your input:

1. Attend the Budget Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room of York Hall (301 Main Street).
2. Email your comments to [bos@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:bos@yorkcounty.gov) and they will be shared with all five Board members.
3. Leave a recorded message on the Budget Call-In Line - (757) 890-3220.

Be sure to give your name and address so that your comments can be included in the official record. To view budget dates and documents online, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/budget](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/budget).



Applications are now being accepted for the **2020-2021 York County Youth Commission**. This 15-member, high school-aged group is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent youth issues and concerns to the Board and school officials. Application packets are due by Tuesday, March 10, in the Parks and Recreation Office, Washington Square Shopping Center. Forms are online at [www.ycyc.info](http://www.ycyc.info).

The **Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office** reminds you of the following deadlines coming up April 1:

- 2020 Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled for Real Estate and Mobile Home Owners
- Filing of application or revalidation form for Veterans with 100% Service-Related Disability Real Estate Tax exemption

Forms and supporting documentation may be submitted electronically. Be sure to fill out the applicable form found at [www.yorkcounty.gov/475/Forms](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/475/Forms) and save it to your computer. Then, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/upload](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/upload) and follow the easy instructions. For more information, call the Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office at (757) 890-3381 or visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue).

The **Presidential Primary is March 3.**



Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. For this primary only, the Grafton School Complex polling place has been moved to the Registrar’s Office located in Washington Square Shopping Center. A sample ballot is available online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/voting](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/voting). For more information, please call (757) 890-3440, visit our website, or visit us at Washington Square Shopping Center, 5322 George Washington Memorial Highway.



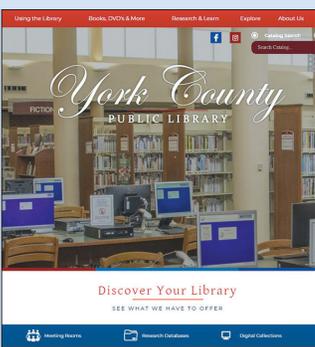
## WHAT’S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

### BIG TOP ENTERTAINMENT WINS TOP AWARD

The Economic Development Authority names Big Top Entertainment the 2020 William Rogers “Poor Potter” Award winner for the company’s significant investment in York County. Big Top recently built a 20,000 square foot warehouse with office space on Old York-Hampton Highway, bringing everything - people, equipment, and services - to one location! Big Top has added more staff and is continuing to expand in this new location. Congratulations to owners David and Julianne Kiedinger and their Big Top family of employees and customers.



### BOOKMARK THE LIBRARY’S NEW WEBSITE



The latest “Must Read” is the new York County Library website launching this week! Be sure to check out all the new features including a catalog search engine. Also now available are direct links to meeting room reservations and a showcase with the latest programs and library events.

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

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# THERE'S A GRANT FOR THAT!

## County offers new funding to a wide variety of businesses

Whether you run a home-based business, small company or large corporation, you could receive funding from one of York County's two new grants.

**The Business Growth Grant** offers up to \$2,500 of matching funds for a one-time expense. That expense can be anything from purchasing equipment to advertising. Home-based businesses also qualify for this grant.

**The Commercial Corridor Property Improvement Grant** can be used for a one-time exterior improvement or renovation intended to improve the property/building appearance. Up to \$10,000 in matching funds can be used for qualified external improvements, such as signs, hardscaping, lighting, parking areas or sidewalks.

Apply for these and existing grants at [yesyorkcounty.com](http://yesyorkcounty.com) under Business Assistance > Incentive Programs.



### SIP AT THESE NEW SPOTS

#### Persnickety Crane Cafe

Kiln Creek Shopping Center

#### New Orleans Creole Coffee

Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center

#### One Girl Desserts

Route 17 in Grafton



# HOME-BASED BUSINESS CONFERENCE

## REGISTER TODAY

5th Annual HBB Conference

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Peninsula Workforce Development Center  
600 Butler Farm Rd, Hampton

**Tickets \$40**

\$35 for Chamber Members

**Learn more & register:**  
**[HBBConference.com](http://HBBConference.com)**

**Each ticket includes**  
**breakfast, lunch & snacks**

**Get a professional headshot**  
**taken onsite for only \$25!**



If you run (or want to start) a business at home, don't miss this year's Home-Based Business Conference. You'll get to network with business people like yourself from around the region!



Attend conference sessions and breakout tracks on topics relevant to all stages and types of home-based businesses, including traditional, franchise, and direct & network marketing. You'll also discover local resources for your business from 20+ exhibitors, while getting advice on small business accounting, marketing, legal advice, and more.

## By The Numbers

55

Meetings (Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and School Board) broadcast live each year on WYCG-TV and YCSD-TV.

24,198

Tons of compost materials processed in fiscal year 2019. And it is available for purchase! Visit [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org) for pricing.

141,363

Digital library downloads in 2019. A library card is all you need. Visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library) for details.



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## Grafton Complex Fire

On Monday, February 3, 2020, at approximately 3:45 p.m., the York County Department of Fire & Life Safety responded to an electrical fire at the Grafton School Complex. The cause of this fire is still under investigation. Fortunately, the fire occurred at a time when most students and staff had already left the building for the day and those remaining in the building were able to evacuate safely.

The sprinkler system activated in the electrical room, containing the fire and water damage to that area of the building. Smoke damage has affected the entire building, with the greatest smoke damage on the middle school side. However, the fire destroyed the electrical distribution panel that provides power to the entire complex. As this is a custom-designed unit, reconstruction of the electrical panel will take months. During that process, the Grafton School Complex is unusable.

York County School Division staff analyzed nine options for returning Grafton High School and Grafton Middle School students to class, ruling out options that did not meet criteria such as student safety, instructional time requirements, or adequate space. Additionally, dividing more than 2,000 students among the other YCS schools during the regular school day was not feasible due to space limitations in those schools, student and staff schedules, and transportation limitations.

### Adjusted School Schedule – February 11-May 22, 2020

Instead, Grafton High School will alternate school days with York High School at the York campus, while Grafton Middle School will alternate school days with Tabb Middle School at the Tabb campus. We currently expect this schedule to last through May 22, with Grafton students returning to the Complex on Tuesday, May 26.

SCHOOL	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	SCHOOL DAYS
Grafton Middle	7:45 a.m.	2:49 p.m.	Tue./Thu./Sat.
Tabb Middle	7:45 a.m.	2:49 p.m.	Mon./Wed./Fri.
Grafton High	7:00 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	Tue./Thu./Sat.
York High	7:00 a.m.	2:15 p.m.	Mon./Wed./Fri.

We appreciate the continued support of our community and assure you that the division is committed to maintaining open communication and working collaboratively with our community throughout this disaster. A special section of the division website, [yorkcountyschools.org/GraftonComplex](http://yorkcountyschools.org/GraftonComplex), is dedicated to providing information and answering questions.

## FY21 Operating Budget Calendar

The York County School Division is in the process of developing the FY21 Operating Budget.

Updates on the FY21 Operating Budget process can be located on the [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org) website under the “Learn About” section on the main page.

The School Board Proposed Budget Timeline:

- Release of Superintendent’s Proposed Operating Budget: Mid-February
- School Board Public Hearing: February 24, 7 p.m., York Hall
- Approval of School Board Proposed Budget: March 23

## YCS D CALENDAR

### February 2020

17 Presidents’ Day Holiday

### March 2020

3 Scheduled 2-hour Delay

Primary Elections

5 Interim Reports Issued

### April 2020

3 Early Dismissal

6-10 Spring Break

17 Report Cards Issued

## STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000

YORK FOUNDATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, INC.

## SCHOOL BUS PULL



**MARCH 28, 2020**

**TABB HIGH SCHOOL**

4431 BIG BETHEL ROAD • YORKTOWN, VA 23693

**EVENT STARTS AT 11**

For information, rules, and registration, visit:

[YORKCOUNTYSCHOOLS.ORG/YFPEBUSPULL](http://YORKCOUNTYSCHOOLS.ORG/YFPEBUSPULL)

## WANNA BE A DEPUTY? THIS SUMMER ACADEMY FOR TEENS IS CALLING YOU!

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the upcoming Citizens Academy for Youth! This week-long program provides insight into the operations and functions of the Sheriff's Office.



During the week, students will participate in a variety of law enforcement related activities from classroom instruction on How to Become a Deputy Sheriff, Alcohol and Drugs, and Traffic Laws, to department tours, demonstrations, and practical exercises in Crime Scene Investigations, High Risk Encounters and Arrest Control Techniques.

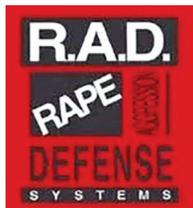


The Academy is designed for those ages 14-19 wanting to learn more about law enforcement in York County. You must be able to attend the Academy for the full week - July 13-17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applications are available by calling (757) 890-3642 or (757) 890-3639, or by sending

an email to [shawn.kekoa-dearhart@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:shawn.kekoa-dearhart@yorkcounty.gov) or [bartnikowski@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:bartnikowski@yorkcounty.gov).

## LADIES! PROTECT YOURSELF WITH RAD



Applications are being accepted for this year's **Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System** classes. The March session is filled! However, this popular program is being offered again in July, September and November. Sign up and reserve your spot!

RAD is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. A comprehensive, women-only course, RAD begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, and the basics of hands-on defense training. Space is limited and applicants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must attend all five classes within the session and be at least 16 years old. An adult female must accompany 16 and 17 year olds. Classes are 6-9 p.m. and are typically held at Yorktown Elementary School on Siege Lane (across from York High School). For more information, please call the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office at (757) 890-3630.



# Yorktown UPCOMING EVENTS



**PIRATES INVADE YORKTOWN**  
April 25 & 26 | Sat. & Sun. | 10 AM to 5 PM, FREE



**BLUES, BREWS & BBQ FESTIVAL**  
May 2 | Saturday | 12 to 6 PM, \$



**ART AT THE RIVER JURIED ART SHOW**  
May 3 | Sunday | 10 AM to 4 PM, FREE



**GALLERY AT YORK HALL OPENING**  
March 31 | Tuesday | 10 AM to 4 PM

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“Imagine the benefit of this when first responders can assess the situation before they arrive on scene. The possibilities are endless and I think the benefits will be tremendous,” he added.

The use of fiber-optic cable is a big improvement in today’s tech-heavy environment. For example, in conjunction with the recent opening of Fire Station No. 1 on Dare Road was the placement of fiber-optic cable through a local company, Metro Fiber. This links the new fire station with the County’s offices in Washington Square Shopping Center to provide upgraded security, capacity, and reliability. This improves our processes in the station and our offices, but also provides a large capacity line to which businesses may connect. That’s an important tool in potentially bringing new businesses to the area and helping retain and grow those already established.

“It is critical for all types of businesses in today’s commercial environment to have access to high-speed, reliable Internet service,” said Jim Noel, Director of the Office of Economic Development. “One of our focus areas in York County is supporting home based businesses, and having quality Internet service is very important to this sector. We are very fortunate to have a highly developed fiber network and multiple Internet service providers.”

Recent technological investments this year will bring the launch of our updated Hansen system, which manages building permits and customer service requests, among other internal County functions.

“Switching from a primarily phone-based inspection request system to an all smartphone/desktop/tablet program will enable builders and homeowners to not only schedule most inspections, but also pay the fee online,” stated Randy Yokum, Infrastructure Manager in the Department of Public Works.

The upgrade plans include the use of iPads in the field by our inspectors, who will enter

important up-to-date case information that is then relayed back to the County and to the requester. And, it alerts Zoning Inspectors or Codes Compliance Officers already in the field that a new request needs attention, reducing travel time to and from the location. The upgrade won’t entirely eliminate the need to visit Planning & Development Services offices, but it will greatly reduce those required.

Library patrons can now see technological improvements at the York County Public Library, including expanded use of our 3D printer as well as additional coding and digital design classes, downloadable music and video collections, and, coming soon, the ability to digitally preserve pictures, documents and VHS recordings, with more to come when the Yorktown Library is renovated..

Library Director Kevin Smith said, “This year, we will implement RFID technology at the Tabb Library that will aid in faster circulation, better inventory control, and self-checkout stations.”



Fiber connects Fire Station No. 1 and our offices located in Washington Square Shopping Center.

RFID stands for radio-frequency identification, which uses electromagnetic fields to identify and track tags attached to objects, is present in many aspects of our daily lives, and improves our services.

Other upgrades we’ve already launched and shared with you on Facebook and our website, and in previous issues of “Citizen News,” include ROVER (our Remotely Operated Vehicle for Emergency Response, aka drone), the Virtual Reality program at the Senior Center, and mobile tracking for the Yorktown Trolley, which also features an infotainment system that provides attraction and event information as you travel through Yorktown. And, the County has placed more cameras at the waterfront for added security.

York County, which has always been on the forefront of utilizing state-of-the-art technology in a safe and fiscally sound manner, is continuing this practice into the 21st century. This article has touched on some of what has been implemented and many improvements coming soon. But, today’s ever-changing and ever-expanding technology is a force to be reckoned with. Rest assured, the County is ready and well positioned to harness the power to best serve our citizens.



The upgrade of technology will see inspectors using iPads at building sites.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY



Celebrate the written word at the first **Edible Book Festival on Wednesday, April 1, at the Tabb Library**. All ages can enjoy crafts and snacks, decorating cookies, and voting on Edible Book Contest entries! Enter the contest by using food to recreate your favorite book - either the cover, a favorite scene, or your favorite character. Entrants must register online in order to submit their finished edible art. Prizes will be awarded! Look for more information on the Library's website -

[www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library) - or call the Tabb Reference

Desk at (757) 890-5120.

Learn about the many benefits of your York County Public Library card at our monthly **Library Spotlight series** on select Thursdays from 1:30 to 2 p.m. covering these topics:

- eAudiobooks 101  
March 19 at Yorktown Library & March 26 at Tabb Library
- eMagazines 101  
April 16 at Yorktown Library & April 23 at Tabb Library

To get the most out of these classes, bring your device and valid York County Public Library card. Learn how to get your card by visiting [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library). These classes are designed to provide an overview of a library resource. If you need one-on-one help, please visit the Reference desk at either library or call (757) 890-5120.

Join a representative from the **Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter** to explore how to have honest and caring conversations with family members affected by dementia. This free class is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, at the Yorktown Library. Topics include how to decide when to stop driving, going to the doctor, and making legal and financial plans. This class is part of a free Alzheimer's Community Education series at the York County Public Library. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required online through the Library's Event Calendar or by calling (757) 890-5207.

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Also, the **Memory Cafe** - for those with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, along with their caregivers - continues on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Tabb Library. This program is a partnership with Riverside Center for Excellence in Aging & Lifelong Health and the Peninsula Agency on Aging.

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**Census  
2020**

**Let's put the "count" in County!**

The data from the 2020 Census will help determine where federal dollars are spent to support resources like schools and hospitals and is key in the redrawing of congressional district boundaries.

More information is available online at  
[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).



**York County  
Head Start** 

**NOW ENROLLING**  
Eligible children ages 3-5  
including those with disabilities for the

**2019-2020  
School Year**

**Program Features:**  
Monday-Friday Classes | Quality Preschool Program  
Family Support and Education Services | Free Nutritious Meals

**Locations:**  
Bethel Manor Elementary School  
Griffin Yeates Center (limited transportation available)  
Yorktown Elementary School

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



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

**This year, on April 22, Earth Day turns the big 5-0!** To honor this occasion, the York County Beautification Committee is partnering with the Division of Tourism Development and Village Events on April 11 to bring you the **"Go Green Market!"** This first Market Days of the season will have an eco-friendly focus with vendors asked to adopt environmentally-friendly practices, such as using recycled/recyclable packaging and products and providing education to the public about how we can all take care of the planet. The Beautification Committee will be there with fun and educational materials. Add to that the great produce, breads, meats and seafood, and so much more, and you have a Saturday in April that you won't want to miss. Happy Birthday, Earth Day, and welcome back, Yorktown Market Days! The schedule of events is available at [www.YorktownMarketDays.com](http://www.YorktownMarketDays.com).



To further help celebrate Earth Day, consider tackling one of the following:

- Volunteer for a cleanup in your community or organize one! (Psst...we can help with this)
- Plant a pollinator garden - you won't believe the number of happy bees and butterflies you'll see. (Turn to page 11 for a class where you can learn how!)
- Learn what you can and can't recycle and challenge yourself to recycle right.
- Always carry a reusable shopping bag with you and also a reusable water bottle.



Additional ideas are available on the Earth Day website - [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org).

## TRACKING & TIPPING

During these dormant months, Mosquito Control has been mapping ditches to improve our surveillance and control in preparation for warm months when mosquitoes become active. By researching drainage patterns and tracking breeding environments, we will be better prepared to fight the bite this spring/summer.

One thing you can do to help prevent mosquitoes in your yards and neighborhoods is to perform weekly yard inspections and empty out water in flower pots, swimming pools, tarps, and bird baths. And don't forget tires! We are holding our **Tire Collection Event on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 105 Service Drive.** For more information, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol).

## 2020 HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTIONS AND COMPUTER RECYCLING

Mark your calendars for these dates coming up in York County. Visit [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org) for the complete schedule and list of accepted/not accepted materials.

Location: County Drive in Yorktown (off Goodwin Neck Road)  
 Dates: March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12, and November 14, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



**York County recycles latex paint!** Visit the Waste Management Center, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., with the paint you wish to recycle. Ask for the recycling attendant and please remain on site while we open and inspect the paint. Please note: there is a 5 gallon limit per resident per day. Paints must be a smooth texture after stirring and be variations of white, off-white, red, blue, yellow, and gray.

### Acceptable Materials

**Household Items** - oil-based paints, stains, solvents, glue, varnishes, adhesives, floor waxes, metal polishes, bleach, degreasers, and oven, drain, toilet, and septic tank cleaners

**Automotive Liquids** - gasoline and other fuels, waxes, gas/oil mixtures, brake fluid, engine cleaner, tar remover

**Lawn/Garden** - insecticides, weed killers, pesticides, fertilizers, pest strips

**Miscellaneous** - charcoal fluids, dyes, kerosene, pool chemicals, fluorescent lights up to 8 ft., compact fluorescents (CFLs), rechargeable batteries

**Computers** - desktop and laptop computers, servers, computer monitors, cell phones, computer wiring, desktop printers, fax machines, desktop photocopiers and scanners



**2020**



**YORKTOWN**  
Market Days

**SATURDAYS**  
**APRIL 11 - OCTOBER 31**  
 (Except May 2, July 4 & Oct. 3)  
**8 AM to 12 PM**

## *Spring Themed Markets*

<i>Go Green Market</i>	<b>APR 11</b>	<b>8 AM - 12 PM</b>
<i>Sister Cities French Market</i>	<b>APR 18</b>	<b>8 AM - 3 PM</b>
<i>Pirate Invasion Market</i>	<b>APR 25</b>	<b>8 AM - 3 PM</b>
<i>Wellness Market</i>	<b>MAY 9</b>	<b>8 AM - 12 PM</b>

*Presented by York County & Riverwalk Landing*  
**YorktownMarketDays.com**



**York County**  
 PARKS AND RECREATION

5338-G George Washington Mem. Hwy.  
 Yorktown, VA 23692  
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## SKATE, Rattle and ROLL

Dare Elementary School Gym  
**APRIL 4 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

The rink will be sensory friendly, brighter rink, no flashing lights, and quiet music. These modifications give those sensitive skaters an opportunity to enjoy skating in a sensory friendly environment. All Family members are able to join in on the FUN! **\$5 Admission.**

## SPRING YOUTH TENNIS

Lessons start April 13 at  
 Back Creek Park and Kiln Creek Park  
**REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 30**

## Easter Egg SCRAMBLE

Saturday, April 4, at New Quarter Park  
**REGISTRATION FEBRUARY 10 - MARCH 23**

## ADULT FITNESS

Registration Starts  
**MARCH 16**

Interval Training • Strength Training  
 Yoga Fusion Flow • Dance HIIT Fusion

## SENIOR CENTER

### SPRING WHITE ELEPHANT, BAKE, AND CRAFT FUNDRAISER

**Saturday, March 21 · 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Please support this event by bringing in your donated items (other than clothing). Donations can be dropped off Mondays through Fridays from 9 am to 4 pm. For more information, please call the Senior Center at 757-890-3444.



## Beginner & Intermediate

### SPRING LINE DANCE CLASSES

**REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 29**

Classes begin April 20 - June 29 ★ For more information, call the Senior Center at 757-890-3444

## Senior Trip

### THE COLOR PURPLE

**Thursday, May 14**  
 at the Ferguson Center for the Arts  
**Registration starts March 30**  
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## VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: EVENTS THIS SPRING!

### LEARNING GARDEN SPRING PLANT SALE MAY 2

The York-Poquoson Master Gardeners' annual plant sale is Saturday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Learning Garden located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road (adjacent to the County's Public Safety Building). Annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, and Yorktown Onions will be available for you to purchase. For more information, please call (757) 890-4940. And arrive early! This is a very popular plant sale.



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### ATTENTION STUDENTS! \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

York-Poquoson Master Gardeners are proud to offer a \$1,000 college scholarship to York County and Poquoson residents who are incoming freshman at a recognized community college, four-year college or university. The scholarship is available to any student in public, private, or homeschool who is graduating this year. The student's field of study must be in horticulture, botany, or a related field. Applications are available from your high school counselor's office, at the York-Poquoson Cooperative Extension Office in Washington Square Shopping Center, or downloaded from <https://york.ext.vt.edu>.



### 4-H JUNIOR SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Beginning Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m., you can register your child for this summer's 4-H camp! Registration is online only for the August 3-7 camp program. The cost is \$315 and includes transportation to and from the Jamestown 4-H Center. More information and the link to register are available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce).

### HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM

Sign up now for our spring Healthy Virginia Lawns program with visits beginning in March! Designed to assist York County and Poquoson residents with taking care of their lawns in an economic and environmentally-sound manner, the \$20 program has Master Gardeners visiting your site, measuring your yard, taking a soil sample and providing customized feedback. Register for this program by calling (757) 890-4940.



## MASTER YOUR GARDEN WITH THESE CLASSES

The York County Public Library and the York-Poquoson Virginia Cooperative Extension Office continue their partnership to bring Master Gardeners to the library to teach a series of free seminars.



This year, "Mastering Your Garden"

features a variety of weekend seminars to help save you time and build your gardening skills.

- Growing Vegetables - Sunday, March 15, from 1:30-2:30 at Tabb Library
- Gardening in Small Spaces - Saturday, March 28, from 1-2 at Yorktown Library
- Planting for Pollinators - Saturday, May 2, from 1-2 at Tabb Library
- Gardening for Seniors - Saturday, May 9, from 1-2 at Yorktown Library

All programs are open to the public and, registration, while encouraged, is not required.



Call (757) 890-5120 or visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library) to register. On the website you can also find a full listing of events in this year-long series.

# One More Thing

## TECHNOLOGY'S IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



*The County organization is experiencing ever-accelerating innovations and changes.*

Just like in your household, technology is coming at local government from many directions. To stay connected, we budget for computers, high-speed Internet, security cameras, and cell phones. Every day, smart products come onto the market and quickly become part of the daily routine. It surrounds us...kind of like the "Force" in Star Wars. If you don't have a teenager or young adult in your house, much of this technology can be overwhelming.

The County organization is experiencing the same ever-accelerating innovations and changes that impact how we do business, our means of communicating with you, and what must be considered in both our annual operating and six-year capital budgets. Technological advancement is happening so fast that it is very difficult to plan ahead for these types of expenditures.

At the same time, we are keeping an eye on the impact of technology trends on our community, such as the effect of unmanned vehicles on our roads and what Internet retail shopping is doing to our local businesses, which are a very important part of the County's tax base.

Thirty years ago, local government capital budgets were all about facilities and physical infrastructure. Now those "bricks and mortar" expenses for the County and the schools must compete with things like mobile data terminals and records management systems to aid public safety, state-of-the-art emergency communications equipment for dispatchers, and high-capacity broadband capability to support all of the new technology. On the staffing side, our operating costs must include the people who know these systems and keep them operating effectively and securely.

This "Force" is accelerating more and more every budget year. What will the high-speed data demands on the County and the schools be as 5G wireless is deployed over the next few years? Do we need to invest in more high-speed fiber to help our business sector and local government services maintain their competitiveness? How do we recruit and retain the kind of technology-literate staff we will need to deal with all of these challenges?

I don't know the answers to these questions, but, as we head into the proposed fiscal year 2021 operating and capital budget preparations, I am pretty sure they are the right ones that we, as a community, should be asking.