



## REOPENING: A PHASED APPROACH

### Managing risks vs. rewards

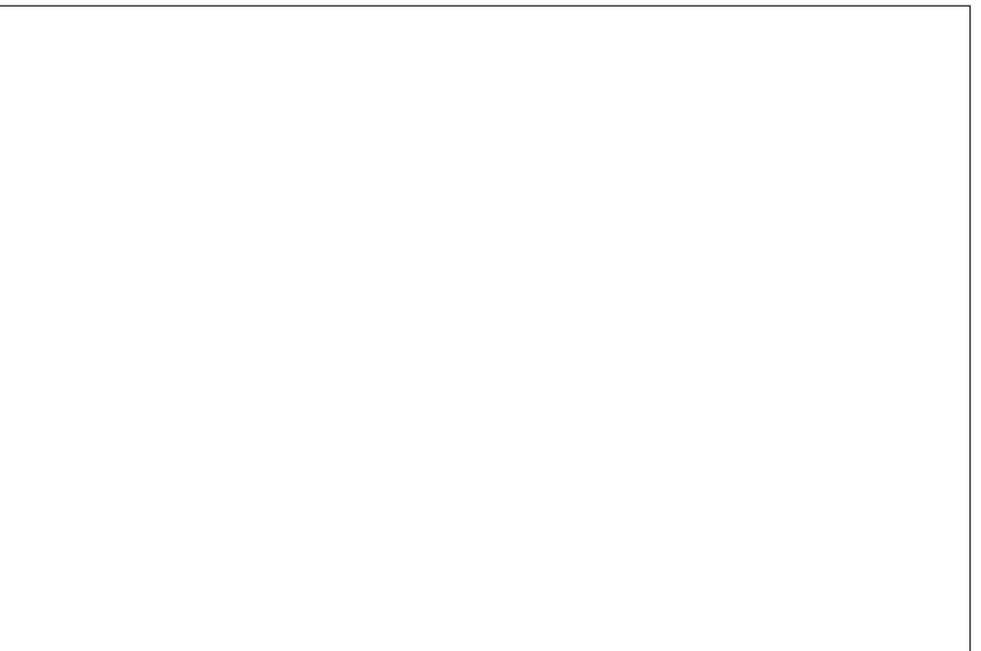
Shortly after COVID-19 forced the closure of the beach, parks and playgrounds, and County offices, staff began working on a reopening plan, at the request of County Administrator Neil Morgan. The County's COVID-19 task force, formed in February and made up of staff members and School Division representatives, shifted its focus from managing office operations to developing a reopening plan. The resulting plan shared with Mr. Morgan and ultimately County staff, consists of three phases based on certain virus benchmarks and is similar to the plans the state and federal governments released shortly thereafter.

The reopening - adapted for each County department based on the level of public interaction and staffing needs - strikes a balance between what has to open versus what the public would like to have open. The County receives inquiries every day about the beach status and as the weather warms, people naturally want to be outside and enjoy the beautiful waterfront.

"We are all anxious for things to be open again," says Morgan. "However, we have to be mindful of the crowds. Social-distancing is still an important aspect of public health and the challenge with our beach is its small size."

The reopening of the beach will be a slow and deliberate process with some parking restrictions continuing for a while and waterfront events still on hold....for now. What is opening effective May 15 along the water? The fishing pier, the boat docks, and the grassy areas for passive recreation are available to the public. The Beach Picnic area is open for pedestrians but the adjacent parking area remains closed.

"Residents will be pleased to know that phase one includes the reopening of County and School Division green areas to be used for recreation, but not for organized sports. Group size of no more than 10 is still in play, and basketball courts and playgrounds remain closed



as part of the Governor's order," says Deputy County Administrator Mark Bellamy.

"To reiterate," Morgan adds, "in phase one we are not opening the beach. We hope to be able to reopen the beach no later than phase two, assuming continued progress with the pandemic. The Yorktown

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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 January 21 meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

### FEBRUARY 4, 2020

- This was a joint meeting with the School Board. Presentations/discussions were made about Strategic Priorities, Capital Improvement Programs, and the Proposed Budgets. No actions were taken at this meeting.

### FEBRUARY 18, 2020

- Authorized a contract with RRMM Architects for design services for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office.

### MARCH 3, 2020

- Accepted the initial appropriation of insurance proceeds for the Grafton School Complex repair. The fire occurred on February 3. Insurance is covering the cost of repairing the damage caused by the fire.

### MARCH 17, 2020

- Reclassified approximately 7.5 acres of land located at 1915 Pocahontas Trail (Route 60) from General Business to Planned Development Residential for a 150-unit independent living senior housing development.
- Designated all secondary streets having a speed limit of no more than 25 mph for use by golf carts or utility vehicles. The vehicles must carry liability insurance, be operated by a licensed driver, and driven only between sunrise and sunset.

### APRIL 21, 2020 EMERGENCY MEETING

- Items approved at this meeting related to the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Approved were: A continuity of government ordinance; Emergency ordinance ratifying actions of the County Administrator in closing and prohibiting public access to certain parks and public areas; implemented certain temporary forms of tax relief, including waivers of county credit card fees, reductions in penalties and interest for delinquent tax and utility bill payments, and a waiver of returned check fees on electronic payments, in order to provide a measure of financial relief; and amended the York County Code to allow the Board of Equalization to extend its meetings beyond April 30 of each reassessment year in the event of a declaration of emergency.

### MAY 5, 2020

- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, the 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Program, the Tax Rates for Calendar Year 2020, designated a portion of Real Property Tax for School purposes, and amended the County Code regarding Ambulance Transport Fees.

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## CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

SUMMER 2020

"Citizen News" is published quarterly for the citizens of York County. Typically, one copy is mailed to each household in the County. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this issue is being posted online. Copies are available only upon request. 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  
Public Affairs Manager ----- Paula Hersh  
Public Information Officer ----- Gail L. Whittaker

## DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

The **2020 Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills (first half)** have been mailed and are due on or before **June 25**. If you did not receive your bill, please visit the website and select "Personal Property Taxes Inquiry" or "Real Estate Tax Inquiry" in the online services option to view your bill. Taxes may be paid online, by mail, or deposited in the dropbox located at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard. [www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer)

To encourage the use of online payment, the Board of Supervisors has temporarily waived credit card convenience fees. And, to assist those who are hardest hit, the Board has reduced penalties and interest on late tax and utility billing payments until September 30.

The **Republican Primary is June 23**. All regular polling



places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A sample

ballot is available online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/voting](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/voting).

Absentee voting is now underway. The deadline to **apply to vote absentee online or by mail or email is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16**.

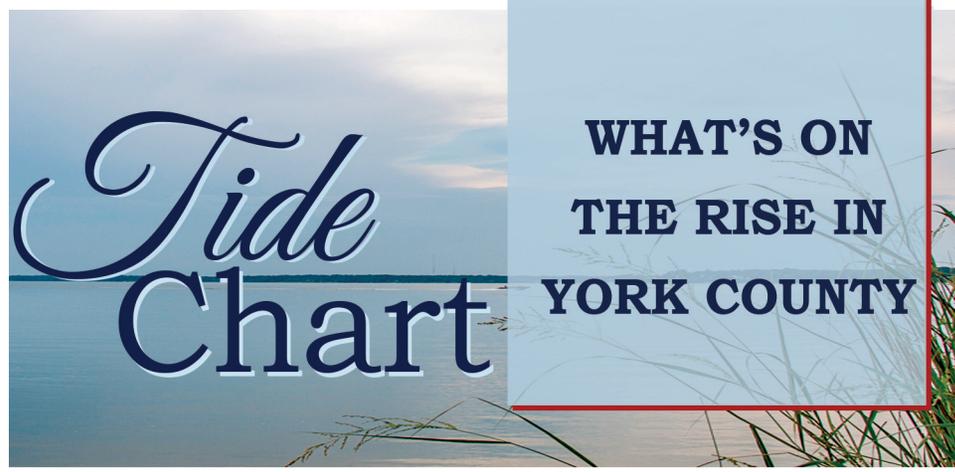
The deadline to **apply to vote absentee in person is 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 20**. In order to accommodate those who wish to vote absentee in person, the Registrar's Office will be open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (757) 890-3440 or visit our website.

The **Commissioner of the Revenue's Office now has a secure dropbox**



located in the vestibule of the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, for those who need to return documents to the office. The dropbox is checked several times a day during office hours (Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Forms and supporting documentation also 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).



## MODIFIED MARKET DAYS A HIT!

The modified Yorktown Market Days is a huge success! Each week, the number of cars and orders are increasing along with the number of participating local vendors. From fresh baked goods to locally grown produce and farm raised meats, the McReynolds Athletic Complex has proven to be a popular spot on Saturday mornings. The drive-thru markets are scheduled to continue through June 6 with hopes of returning back "home" to Riverwalk Landing. Find out more at [www.yorktownmarketdays.com](http://www.yorktownmarketdays.com).



## YOUTH AWARD WINNERS CELEBRATED

The Board of Supervisors announced the 2020 Outstanding Youth Award recipients. Congratulations to **Taylor Ditto** - Community Service; **Jeremy Watts, Jr.** - Compassion; **John Dixon** - Courage; and **Anna Vargas** - Overall Achievement. Each receives a \$1,000 scholarship for their post-high school education. You can watch the May 19 meeting and award presentation live or see a replay at [www.yorkcounty.gov/TV](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/TV).

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# YOUR SUCCESS *is still our business!*

The County's economic development staff is always here for your business, especially during this challenging time! We can connect you to:



Business  
Disaster Relief



COVID-Related  
Policy Updates



Support for  
Employees



Other  
Resources



## WHICH BUSINESSES ARE OPEN?

See our list at [yesyorkcounty.com](http://yesyorkcounty.com)

Please let us know if your business should be included!

Find the latest information on our COVID-19 resource page, and join our email list for business updates that might affect you:

[yesyorkcounty.com](http://yesyorkcounty.com)

Also be sure to follow us at [facebook.com/YesYorkVA](https://facebook.com/YesYorkVA)  
For personalized help, contact (757) 890-3317  
or [econdev@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:econdev@yorkcounty.gov)

## HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR LOCAL GRANTS?

You aren't limited to federal assistance programs! York County offers a variety of local grants and incentives. In particular, right now is a smart time to apply for our **Business Growth Grant** (up to \$2,500 in matched funds for a one-time expense) or our **E-Commerce Grant**, which helps pay for a new or updated website, improved social media presence, and more. We're also working on some **potential new grants in response to COVID-19**.

## THANKS FOR CONTINUING TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

We'd love to share your stories of creative solutions and giving back. Please submit them to: [econdev@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:econdev@yorkcounty.gov)

By The  
*Numbers*

52

LIVE digital programs shared on the Library's Facebook and Instagram pages from March 13-May13.

300

Vehicles picking up more than 600 orders during the Mother's Day drive-thru Yorktown Market Days at the MAC.

6,160

Cubic yards of debris accepted by Public Works staff during the VPPSA closure. That's 1,540,000 pounds!



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## Congratulations Class of 2020

### TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

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

#### YCSO TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Zwirschitz  
*Grafton High School*

#### ELEMENTARY

##### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Laura Richardson  
*Waller Mill Elementary School*

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

##### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Greg Marsh  
*Queens Lake Middle School*

#### HIGH SCHOOL

##### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Zwirschitz  
*Grafton High School*

#### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Holly Rutledge	Bethel Manor Elementary
Taylor Goodson	Coventry Elementary
Jill Reames	Dare Elementary
Sabrina Phan	Grafton Bethel Elementary
Chynita Turner-Pryor	Magruder Elementary
Chelsea Hall	Mt. Vernon Elementary
Linda Ward	Seaford Elementary
Kim Adkins	Tabb Elementary
Laura Richardson	Waller Mill Elementary
Ann Marie Robinson	Yorktown Elementary

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Megan Bull	Grafton Middle
Greg Marsh	Queens Lake Middle
Melissa Engquist	Tabb Middle
Allison Nuckols	Yorktown Middle

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

Joseph Ritzenthaler	Bruton High
Jennifer Zwirschitz	Grafton High
Lori Hinkley	Tabb High
Clifton Harmon	York High
Jared Lorio	York River Academy

### PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT

York County School Division (YCSO) preschool program applications for the 2020-21 school year will be posted on the division website beginning the week of May 18. Programs to which parents may apply include the Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) and the Integrated Preschool Outreach Program (IPOP). YCSO also provides school and community based early childhood special education programming to preschool age students with disabilities who are eligible for special education. The purpose of all preschool programs is to provide a variety of enriching activities designed to prepare children for success in kindergarten. Students in all programs are served in an inclusive classroom environment.

#### VIRGINIA PRESCHOOL INITIATIVE (VPI)

The purpose of VPI is to provide a high-quality educational program at no cost for three- and four-year-old children whose families meet specific criteria as outlined in the application. **For more information about the VPI program, contact Okrika Harold at (757) 833-2490.**

#### INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM (IPOP)

IPOP is designed to serve children with and without disabilities in an inclusive preschool classroom. Families of three-year-old children without disabilities may apply, and students will be accepted as space is available. **For more information, visit the YCSO website.**

The County of York also provides the Head Start preschool program. Head Start is available at no cost to families of 3-5 year old children who live in York County and meet eligibility criteria. **For additional information about Head Start and the application process, call 757-890-3888.**

## STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000

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## 2020 SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Due to the ongoing social distancing measures in place in Virginia, all YCSO summer academic programs will be held virtually this summer. The division has adopted a new Student Learning Management System, Canvas, which will be used to support instruction in Summer Academies and future school years.

#### ELEMENTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM

- June 22-July 22 – No Tuition
- Students currently enrolled in grades K-5 needing academic support in the areas of language arts and mathematics
- Participants will be recommended by school staff and parents will be notified by Elementary Summer Academy staff by May 29.
- Students not enrolled based on school recommendation may apply to participate by June 5.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL REMEDIATION PROGRAM

- June 22- July 22 – No Tuition
- Students currently enrolled in grades 6-8 needing academic support in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Participants will be recommended by school staff and parents will be notified by their child's principal by May 29.
- Students not enrolled based on school recommendation may apply to be placed on a waitlist.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

- June 22-July 22
- Designed for rising 9-12 graders who wish to earn either 2 repeat credits (credit recovery) or 1 original credit for a high school course (limit of 1 original credit during summer academy)
- Tuition-based enrollment: Credit Recovery - \$450; Original Credit - \$550; Semester math courses - \$300

***Please consult with your child's school or school counselor for more details on how to register for Summer Academic Programs.***

## CRIME PREVENTION SCAM ALERTS FROM THE YORK-POQUOSON SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Danny Diggs wants you to be aware of some of the prominent scams that our citizens are facing.



In his latest "News from the Sheriff" video - "Protecting Your Property: COVID-19 Scams" - Sheriff Diggs states, "Please don't fall for these scams. They can cost you a lot of money, a lot of trouble, and a lot of heartache."

Be sure to call the Sheriff's Office at (757) 890-3721 if you believe you've been a victim. Here's a look at some of the scams out there right now:

**Inappropriate Images & Video Scam** - The Sheriff's Office has received several calls from concerned citizens who have received emails and/or texts stating that inappropriate photos or videos will be sent to all their contacts unless they receive money. The payment is demanded in bitcoin, which is a cryptocurrency/digital currency that allows money to be transferred from one person to another through online transactions. If this happens to you, please call the Sheriff's Office and do *not* send any money to these criminals.

**Dominion Energy Scam** - In another scam, callers claim to be with Dominion Energy and threaten to cut off power unless payment is made. These are not valid calls!

**Phone Scammers Are Targeting Customers**

If you suspect a scammer, always ask for the caller's name, department, and business phone number.

Know the signs to #StopScams

Do not give them personal financial information. Hang up your phone, look up the phone number for Dominion Energy, and call them directly. FYI, the State Corporation Commission has taken action to block electric, gas, and water companies from disconnecting services through mid-June. Additional information about scams is available on the Dominion Energy website - [www.dominionenergy.com](http://www.dominionenergy.com).

**COVID-19 Scam** - Unfortunately, many criminals like to take advantage of dire situations, such as COVID-19. We have received calls from citizens who have gotten emails, advertising pop-ups on their computers, and even text messages stating that they can "purchase" a COVID-19 test kit, which is ultimately fake. Do not purchase any COVID-19 test kits unless directed by a medical professional that you know *and* trust.

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### 2020 SPECIAL FESTIVALS & MARKET DAYS

AUG 8	National Farmers Market Week	8 AM to 12 PM
AUG 15	Pirate Invasion Market	8 AM to 3 PM
SEP 12	Go Green Market	8 AM to 12 PM
SEP 19	Sister Cities French Market	8 AM to 3 PM
OCT 10	Fall Festival	8 AM to 3 PM
OCT 17	First Responders Market	8 AM to 12 PM
OCT 31	Paws at the River	9 AM to 3 PM
NOV 14	Maritime Festival	9 AM to 3 PM
NOV 21	Harvest Festival	9 AM to 3 PM
DEC 12	Mistletoe Market	9 AM to 3 PM



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## Technology, continued from page 1

Beach is a potential hot-spot in York County for the transmission of the virus because it is where many people gather in a small confined space. And many of our beachgoers are from outside the area, which brings the potential for the virus to spread.”

While the beach is a hot topic, continuing to provide services to the community is at the top of the list for County staff. The reopening plan calls for the Treasurer’s office to be one of the first open to the citizenry.

According to Deputy County Administrator Vivian McGettigan, “The Treasurer’s Office is scheduled to open to the public June 1 with precautions in place for the safety of the employees and the visitors, such as plexiglass between staff and visitor, sanitation stations, and distance measures.”

The libraries remain closed, but book drops reopen May 18 and the plan is for curbside pickup of materials to begin in June.

Phase two will see County office buildings reopening, but visitors will be asked to call ahead to alert staff of their arrival so that an employee can greet them at the door to assist them. Those staff who have been working from home will continue to do so, but at a lesser degree.

The third - and hopefully final - phase will see all County facilities open, but some, like the library, will have additional safety measures in place, such as rearranged computer stations for increased social distancing, safety measures at checkouts, etc.

While there remains a lot of uncertainty surrounding this virus, one thing for sure is that our elderly population is at a greater risk. Because of that, the Senior Center will remain closed until such time as we and the Health Department determine it is safe to reopen to this extremely vulnerable population.

The pandemic has upended how we manage County facilities, how we relate to citizens and visitors, and has drastically constrained our financial condition. All of these factors must be considered by the Board of Supervisors and County management as we try to ease our way back toward something like normal. Because of the sacrifices we have all made this spring, the odds of a successful return to many of the things we all miss are much greater.”

For more on balancing the economic impact, see County Administrator Morgan’s “One More Thing” article on page 12.

**YORKTOWN**  
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*July 16*  
**STRICTLY BIZZNESS**

*July 23*  
**THE MAIN EVENT BAND**

*July 30*  
**SLAPNATION**

*August 6*  
**WOAH**

*August 13*  
**SOUL EXPRESSIONS**

*August 20*  
**BACHELOR BOYS BAND**

*August 27*  
**BAND OF OZ**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

While our in-person events are on hold, connect with us on Facebook Live! Join us each Monday and Wednesday morning at 10:30 for our **virtual Story Time**. We'll have stories, songs, and fun! If you enjoy the magical world of Harry Potter, join us Fridays at 10:30 a.m. as we read a chapter of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," with permission



from author J. K. Rowling and Scholastic. Also, catch up on past chapters you may have missed.

While the York County Public Library's physical locations are closed, we encourage you to take advantage of our digital offerings. From the latest **eBooks** and **eAudiobooks** to streaming videos and music, we have a variety of resources that can be accessed anytime, anywhere with your computer, tablet, or other mobile device. Two of our online learning platforms, **Learning Express** and **Universal Class**, provide students and adults with exceptional learning opportunities. All you need to get started is your library card.

**Don't have a library card?** It's easier than ever to get one! Our online library card application can be accessed through the "Using the Library" link on our website, [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library). Your new library card number will be emailed to you. When the Library reopens, you'll need to visit the Circulation Desk at Tabb or Yorktown to validate and pick up your physical card.

One of our favorite digital resources is **Learning Express**. This platform offers K-12 students practice exercises in **math, language arts, science, and social studies**. Learning Express offers **ACT, SAT and AP tutorials and practice exams for college bound students**. Adult learners will find tools for job searching, exploring new careers, and preparing for occupational licensing exams. Access Learning Express through our "Resources A-Z" webpage.

Have you tried our new **Ask-a-Librarian** service? We're here to help with your questions about using our digital resources from home. Complete the online troubleshooting survey, and a staff member will get back to you within 24-48 hours via email or phone. If you need immediate assistance, call the Tabb (757-890-5120) or Yorktown (757-890-5207) Reference desk between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**YORK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
PRESENTS

### ASK-A-LIBRARIAN

DIGITAL COLLECTION ASSISTANCE  
LIBRARY WEBSITE QUESTIONS  
eBOOK TROUBLESHOOTING

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*You have unlimited plays so your kids are free to explore educational and entertaining content.*

Get the latest updates from your Library by visiting our website and following @yorkcountypubliclibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

**York County Head Start**

2020-2021  
*School Year*

**NOW ENROLLING ONLINE**  
eligible children ages 3-5 including those with disabilities

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

**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)

## PUBLIC WORKS WANTS YOU TO KNOW....

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NO PLASTIC BAGS • EMPTY AND CLEAN CONTAINERS • NO TRASH OR YARD WASTE


**ALL PAPER & CARDBOARD**  
PLEASE FLATTEN ALL BOXES

**PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS**
**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS**
**ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS**


www.vppsa.org

For more information or for the most current list of recyclables  
[www.jamescitycountyva.gov](http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov)  
[www.poquoson-va.gov](http://www.poquoson-va.gov)  
[www.williamsburgva.gov](http://www.williamsburgva.gov)  
[www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov)



www.tfcrecycling.com

**COVID-19 has led to many more people staying home, which means more trash.** Our contracted hauler, Republic, has been working hard to collect all the household trash that is placed at the roadside for collection. On some days, however, this extra trash has meant longer collection times. We appreciate everyone who has left their containers at the roadside while Republic crews complete their routes. Residents that participate in curbside recycling are reminded to place all acceptable materials in the container for pickup, which diverts recyclables from the trashcan and ultimately the landfill. Remember, **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!** Unacceptable items are considered contaminants and can actually increase the cost of the program.

**KEEP RECYCLING THOSE PLASTIC BAGS FOR FREE BENCHES!**

We are now in the fifth collection period, and have donated four benches to local schools and the Tabb Library! As a reminder, we are only collecting clean, dry plastic bags and wraps (no trash or other recyclables should be with bags). Help us continue to turn bags into benches!

**DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS****PAPER TOWELS****DIAPERS****HYGIENE PRODUCTS****OTHER TRASH****ANY WIPES (EVEN THE 'FLUSHABLE' ONES)**

**PLEASE FLUSH RESPONSIBLY » ONLY YOUR "PERSONAL BUSINESS"**



**Help keep York County pipes clean**

Visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement) for videos, tips, collection dates, and more.

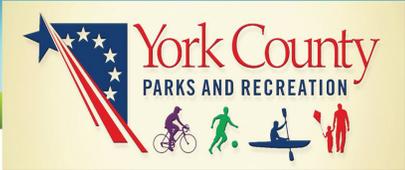
**MOSQUITO SEASON HAS ARRIVED**


As we get closer to the most active part of mosquito season, the Mosquito Control division reminds citizens to sign up for e-mail notifications to receive alerts about the summer spray schedule. Helpful tips about how you can fight the bite are available on our website, like "make sure to wear insect repellent while you're outside." Click on the link to the EPA website that has been added and find the right kind of repellent for you and your family. And don't forget to watch our latest "tips" video. [www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol).

**CHEERS TO PUBLIC WORKS STAFF**

When the VPPSA Compost Facility closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, York County Public Works staff stepped up and provided citizens with an alternative dropoff site for yard debris. Kudos to these employees!





# 7 Parks to Explore

BCP-Back Creek Park  
CBP-Charles Brown Park  
CCP-Chisman Creek Park  
KCP-Kiln Creek Park

MAC-McReynolds Athletic Complex  
NQP-New Quarter Park  
WTP-Wolf Trap Park

## Kick and Throw

Baseball- CBP, KCP  
Softball- CCP, KCP, NQP  
Soccer- KCP, WTP  
Basketball- CBP, KCP, NQP

## Picnic and Play

CBP, KCP, MAC, NQP

## By The Water

OWC-Old Wormley Creek  
RSL-Rodgers A. Smith Landing

Boat Ramp  
BCP, NQP, OWC, RSL

Fishing  
BCP, NQP, OWC, RSL

Canoe/Kayak  
BCP, NQP, OWC

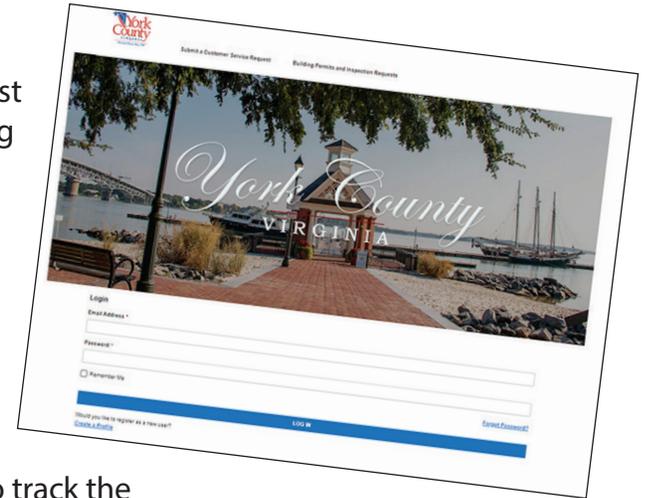
## Hike and Bike

CBP, MAC & NQP

Visit [yorkcounty.gov/ParksandRec](http://yorkcounty.gov/ParksandRec) For More Information

## COUNTY LAUNCHES ENHANCED CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUEST PORTAL

Builders, contractors, and citizens now have access to a newly enhanced Customer Service Request Portal for use in scheduling building inspections with online credit card payment coming soon, as well as the ability to track requests made to Waste Management, Utilities, Zoning/Code Enforcement, and other public services. The system allows for builders and contractors to easily request an inspection, to make their payments online, and to track the status of their request in real time.



Another helpful feature--the portal is responsive, meaning that it works on tablets and mobile devices, which is perfect for builders and contractors working at their build site.

Citizens registering with the enhanced Customer Service Request Portal will notice new features, such as tracking of service requests and a more user-friendly navigation menu. Residents requesting a service will be asked to set up an account, which will enable them to easily follow their request status. Requests/reports may be submitted anonymously if no follow up action is required.

The Customer Service Request Portal is available on all web pages of the departments of Public Works and Planning & Development Services. Direct access is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/requests](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/requests).

Builders, contractors, and citizens with questions about the enhanced Customer Service Request Portal should contact Public Works at (757) 890-3750 or via email to [pwofc@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:pwofc@yorkcounty.gov).



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## ALL VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAMS ARE TENTATIVE BASED ON STATE COVID-19 GUIDELINES

### FALL FESCUE LAWN CLINICS

Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in this FREE lawn clinic held from 10am-Noon, August 29 at Ken Matthews Garden Center, Grafton.



If you would like to register for this clinic, call the Extension office at 757-890-4940 or register online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce).

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### PENINSULA MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Applications are now being accepted for the Master Gardener training course from August - November. The deadline to apply is July 15. The training cost of \$150 includes a handbook and additional materials. After June 1, course fee increases to \$160. Two training sessions are available:



- Day Course – Tuesday and Thursday mornings, plus three Saturdays from September 1 – November 10
- Night Course – Wednesday evenings, plus three Saturdays from August 19 - November 10

Master Gardeners are volunteers who assist their local Cooperative Extension Offices in educating the public in general gardening practices as well as the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers. For more information and an application, visit [www.york.ext.vt.edu](http://www.york.ext.vt.edu)  
NOTICE: Under the current circumstances with COVID-19, we have the option to change this class format to a completely on-line version.

### HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM

Sign-up now for our Fall Healthy Virginia Lawns program with visits beginning August! 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 \$20, York/Poquoson Master Gardeners will 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](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce).



## WYCG'S "FROM THE LEARNING GARDEN" VIDEO SERIES



York-Poquoson Master Gardeners and WYCG-TV teamed up to bring us these "From the Learning Garden" how-to videos to help you develop your green thumb., featuring Master Gardener Nate Brauner.

Video topics include:

- Starting a Garden from Seed
- Making Newspaper Pots and Seed Garden
- Planting Tomatoes
- Growing Sweet Potatoes
- Native Bee Hotels

Programs are available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/tv](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/tv) or directly on the County's YouTube channel (search for YorkCountyVirginiaUS).



# One More Thing



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## THE COUNTY BUDGET AND COVID-19... A BALANCING ACT

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

With all of us dealing with the pandemic in our personal and work lives, I suspect many have not spent a lot of time thinking about what it means for the County's finances. That is completely understandable since that is my job to propose and the Board of Supervisors to approve a balanced budget. The good news is that we have been doing that. The bad news is that it is an unpleasant story for the most part, at least so far.

Here is a broad brush summary of how our financial picture shifted in just a few short weeks. On March 17, our recommended budget for fy 21 totaled \$217,800,000. The revised budget I presented at the April 21 public hearing was \$199,200,000 (rounded). Most distressing of all, Tourism, which had been a real bright spot for the county in recent years, has taken a major hit. The recent growth in meals, lodging and sales taxes have all been slammed by the closure of virtually all tourism venues in our area and the reduced revenue budget largely reflects this reality. To balance the expenditure side of the budget, everything was reduced including new positions, salary increases, local contribution to schools, technology investments, vehicle purchases, and capital projects.

That is really quite a shocking financial pivot in a short period of time....and I can assure you that, for those who had to make these recommendations, it was not fun. The expenditure cuts are, of course, much more than just a bunch of numerical reductions. They represent increments of real progress in the last few years on the Board of Supervisor's Strategic Priorities including Excellent Educational Opportunities and Exemplary Public Safety. Slowing down some of our long-awaited capital projects like the Yorktown Library addition and the Seaford Elementary School modernization are very disappointing for us all.

We honestly can't say how long the economic downturn will last, or whether it represents a brief pause on all of the County's future plans or a much greater setback. You can be sure the Board of Supervisors and I are watching the situation carefully. We are fortunate that York County is in a strong financial position and should be able to weather the budget shock better than many organizations. That said, prudence requires us to make additional contingency plans should our hopes for a speedy recovery not materialize. That's why they say plan for the worst and hope for the best. Let's all hope the new fiscal year comes with reasons for optimism and that we soon find our finances in the best possible position to move forward balancing our operations and capital programs. I firmly believe that we will emerge from this challenge standing strong and on solid ground.