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Recap: Tall Ship *L'Hermione* Visit

The French tall ship *L'Hermione* arrived in Yorktown to great fanfare on Friday, June 5. Free deck tours of *L'Hermione* and Jamestown Settlement's *Godspeed* were offered throughout the weekend and other events included a Virginia's Finest Fair on Main Street, costumed interpreters, book talks and signings, and entertainment.

An estimated 8,000 people toured *L'Hermione* with many of them visiting the *Godspeed* as well. County staff estimates at least 20,000 people visited Yorktown over the course of the weekend.

The ship departed from Yorktown's Riverwalk Landing on Monday, June 8, visited several ports along the east coast, and, at the time of this publication, was well into its return voyage to France.

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Board of Supervisors Actions

May 19, 2015

●Approved a special use permit authorizing a video arcade and an outdoor amusement center (miniature golf course and go-karts) at 5001 and 5021 George Washington Memorial Highway (Route 17). This would be a relocation of the Play-A-Round miniature golf and arcade facility previously located in Newport News.

June 2, 2015

●Received an update on the County's Action Plan for complying with the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements.

June 16, 2015

●Approved a special use permit authorizing an indoor firing range at 1558 Penniman Road. The developer's plan is for an 18,100-square foot, thirty-lane pistol and rifle indoor firing range located on the north side of Penniman Road.

●Approved a special use permit authorizing a recycling plant at 1540 and 1558 Penniman Road. The applicant plans to establish a recycling plant on the north side of Penniman Road that would process clean “wood waste material, primarily from commercial land clearing” into mulch.

●Adopted a resolution to accept and appropriate \$933,690 in Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to rehabilitate 20 houses in the Carver Gardens neighborhood.

July 21, 2015

●The Board denied a request for a tourist home at 104 Valor Court.

August 4, 2015

●The Board authorized the acceptance and appropriation of the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant and the FY15 carry-forward appropriation of matching funds, and authorized the execution of any necessary grant agreements/arrangements to execute the grant. The Board authorized the procurement of power stretcher loading and restraining systems for County ambulances. The power stretcher systems replace the need to manually raise and lower the stretcher.

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Board Appointments

●**Economic Development Authority**
John Biagas

●**Planning Commission**
Robert W. Peterman

●**Transportation Safety Commission**
William Andersen

●**Wetlands Board**
Noel West

DMV2Go Mobile Unit Visits Library Sept. 29

DMV2Go is a full-service mobile customer service center that comes to you at convenient locations and conducts any DMV transaction that can be completed at your local DMV office, including:

- Applying for or renewing your ID card or driver's license
- Applying for a Veteran ID card
- Obtaining a copy of your driving record
- Obtaining vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts
- Ordering disabled parking placards or plates
- Obtaining fishing and hunting licenses
- Updating your address on your DMV record and/or voter registration card
- Much more!

DMV2Go has scheduled visits to the Yorktown Library, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway, on select Tuesdays of every other month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next visit is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29. For a full schedule of DMV2Go visits in Virginia, please visit the website at www.dmvnow.com.



York County Head Start



Enrollment Information Fair

FREE PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The York County Head Start Staff are currently recruiting eligible **3, 4 and 5** year old children, **including those with disabilities**, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Head Start classrooms are located at the Griffin-Yeates Center, Bethel Manor and Yorktown Elementary.
**Limited transportation available at the Griffin-Yeates Center*

**SLOTS ARE AVAILABLE.
SIGN YOUR CHILD UP FOR HEAD START
TODAY!
SPACES ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY.**

For eligibility determination please bring your family's 2014 income verification (*2014 - W-2, 2014-1040 tax form, TANF statement, 1 month of pay stubs*), and your child's Original Birth Certificate, updated and signed/completed Immunization Records. Please bring copies of current physical and dental exams and Proof of your Family's Residency.

For more information, or assistance with completing the enrollment or health verifications, please call the Family Services staff at 890-3888.

Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.



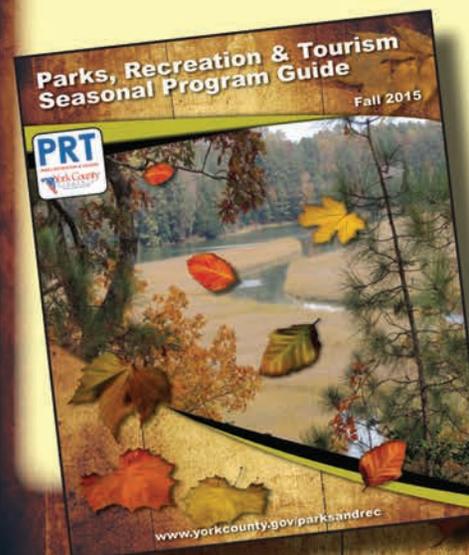
York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)

**For activities and events,
visit our Seasonal
Programs ONLINE at:
www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec**

Happenings this Fall!

- **Fitness & Instructional Classes**
- **Youth & Adult League Sports**
- **Family Roller Skating**
- **Parks & Boat Landings**
- **Senior Center Activities**
- **Yorktown Special Events**

**Questions? Please call us at:
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Local Business Report

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Business Headlines

- **Simply Unique Jewelry Designs Receives 2015 Best of Yorktown Award**
- **Two Local Craft Breweries Partner for Specialty Beer**
- **Water Country USA Ranked in Top 25 Water Parks in the World by Trip Advisor**
- **Peninsula Landscaping Launches Online Lawn Care Platform**
- **Riverwalk Landing Celebrates 10 Years**
- **Meadery to Open in Seaford**
- **New Kroger Opens in Kiln Creek**
- **Baeplex Wellness Facility Breaks Ground in Lightfoot**

Visit www.YesYorkCounty.com for full stories.

Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator Reveals New Name and Location

Formerly known as the Triangle Business & Innovation Center, the area's joint regional incubator (a collaboration between York County, James City County, and the City of Williamsburg) recently announced its new name - Launchpad: Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator. Additionally, the long-awaited reveal of the new space, located at 4345 New Town Avenue, Suite 200, in New Town, will take place at an official launch celebration event on September 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. (open to the public). For more information on how the regional incubator can help your business grow, visit www.gwlaunchpad.com today.

Register Now for the Upcoming START! Peninsula 4.0 Entrepreneurial Event

Pitchers Wanted: Do you have an innovative business or product idea? START! Peninsula is the place for you! You could win up to \$7,500 plus space in a local business incubator and business acceleration program to help bring your ideas to fruition.

4th Annual START! Peninsula Event

November 13-15, 2015

Applied Research Center

(adjacent to Jefferson Lab & Tech Center in Newport News)

Startup weekends are being held across the country. The goal is to catalyze the creation of high-growth potential businesses by bringing all of the resources (ideas, technical expertise, business acumen, capital, etc.) together for one intensive weekend, to identify the most viable ideas and to invest resources in those ideas to jump-start the business into a growing entity. The top three contenders will not only be awarded an initial surge of start-up funding, but will also receive free office space in one of the three Peninsula business incubators and participation in a 90-day business acceleration program.

For the fourth year in a row, the York County Economic Development Authority is a sponsor of this exciting entrepreneurial event.



**HOME-BASED
BUSINESS
RESOURCE FAIR
& CONFERENCE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD | 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
VICTORY FAMILY YMCA | 101 Long Green Blvd | Yorktown

The York County Economic Development Authority and the York County Chamber of Commerce are co-hosting the area's first Home-Based Business Resource Fair & Conference. The event will feature general sessions plus three specialty tracks, focused on network marketing, traditional, and franchise home-based businesses.

Attendee Tickets: \$10 per person
(FREE for York County Chamber members)
Limited childcare available. See website for details.

INTERESTED IN BEING AN EXHIBITOR OR SPONSOR?
Contact the York County Chamber of Commerce at (757) 877-5920

www.yorkbizexpo.com



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Microsoft Office 365 Suite for Students

Beginning this fall, YCSD students will have free access to Microsoft's Office 365 Suite, thanks to Microsoft's Student Advantage Program.

With Office 365, students, employees and their families will have access to the latest version of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and much more. Students enrolled in the York County School Division will be able to download and install the applications on up to five personally owned computers/devices and continue using the programs as long as the student is enrolled in the division.

Additional information and download/installation instructions will be available on the division website and all school websites in the coming weeks.

Back-to-School Nights

Parents are invited to meet school staff and learn more about their school during Back-to-School Nights. A schedule of the dates, grade levels, and times for each school is available online at yorkcountyschools.org.

Parents are advised to confirm the date and time with individual schools in case of last-minute changes.

School Meals

2015–16 Prices

	Elementary	Middle/High School	Adult	Reduced Price
Lunch	\$2.50	\$2.60	\$3.25	\$0.40
Breakfast	\$1.40	\$1.50	\$1.90	\$0.30
Milk	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	

Students may pay for meal purchases on a daily or weekly (5-day and 4-day weeks only) basis.

Free or reduced price lunches are available (upon application and approval) to students whose family income falls within federally established guidelines. Applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year. Applications also may be requested at any time from any school.

New Dress Code for Students

YCSD recognizes the importance of a division-wide dress code in promoting and maintaining an orderly and safe learning environment. The School Board approved revisions to the student dress code, beginning with the 2015-16 year, based upon the recommendations from a committee of school and division administrators. The new guidelines are included in the Student Handbook and Conduct Code provided to every student and are also available on every school website.

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools ***NEW***

8:41 a.m.–3:21 p.m. BMES, MES, MVES, TES

8:56 a.m.–3:36 p.m. CES, DES, GBES, SES, WMES, YES

Middle Schools

8 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

YCSD CALENDAR

September 2015

7 Labor Day Holiday

8 First Day of School

October 2015

9 Early Dismissal

15 Interim Reports Issued

November 2015

3 Election Day, Student Holiday

11 Veterans Day, Student Holiday

12 Second Quarter Begins

19 Report Cards Issued

25 Early Dismissal

26–27 Thanksgiving Holiday

STUDENT HOTLINE

(757) 890-1096

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What's Happening @ Your Library



Author Brad Parks.
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Award-winning mystery author, **Brad Parks will present an author talk and book signing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, on the campus of Christopher Newport University, Newport News.** Parks is the only author to have won the Shamus, Nero and Left Awards. His book, "Faces of the Gone," was the first book in history to take both the Shamus Award for Best First Mystery and Nero Award for Best American Mystery. Library Journal has called Parks' books "essential reading" and "a

refreshing tonic for the mystery soul."

Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session and book signing are available beginning Sunday, September 13, at the sponsoring libraries of the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which consists of the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, and York County, and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, and Thomas Nelson Community College. Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to two per person while supplies last. Open seating to the event, to be held in the David Student Union at Christopher Newport University, is limited and attendees are advised to arrive early. Ticket holders will be seated first; any remaining seats will then be open to the general public.

Discover authors who live and work in our area at the **Tabb Library's Local Authors Garden from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 29.** This event will give the community a chance to interact with area writers. A variety of genres will be represented including mystery, historical fiction, paranormal romance, western/mystery, children's adventure, and writer's reference. Authors will be selling a selection of their books for the public to purchase, too. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Tabb Reference Department at (757) 890-5120.

Need help learning how to use the library's **OverDrive eBook and audiobook collection** on your digital reading device? Then mark your calendar for Friday, October 2,

when OverDrive's Digital Bookmobile will be visiting the Tabb Library! Readers of all ages will enjoy touring the 74-foot-long traveling bookmobile showcasing eBooks, audiobooks, a gadget gallery, and more. Additional information will soon be available on the library website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

The Friends of the York County Public Library are having their **Fall Book Sale on October 16-18 in the Tabb Library** meeting room. Browse the large collection of books and multimedia for the whole family. On Friday, October 16, the sale is open from 3 to 7 p.m. to members of the Friends of the York County Public Library. New members are welcome to join at the door. The sale is open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 18.

The Library has many fun activities for children this fall. **Story Times** begin the week of September 14 for children ages six months through five years. Registration begins September 8 for **Tiny and Toddler Tales**. **Preschool Story Time** registration begins on September 9. The story time schedule is available in the Youth Services Department and on the Library's event calendar and website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library. To register for sessions at the Tabb Library, call (757) 890-5110 or register in person at the Tabb Youth Services desk. Sign up at the Yorktown Youth Services desk or call (757) 890-3236 to register for sessions held at the Yorktown Library.

On Saturday, September 12, the Tabb Library will host **Read with a Hero** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representatives from the Fire Department and Sheriff's Office will be there to honor our first responders and in remembrance of 9/11. In addition to reading books, there will be crafts and refreshments. For more information, call (757) 890-5110.

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to the library at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month to **read aloud to a trained therapy dog**. Children and dogs bond over a shared story, while readers gain confidence by reading to dogs. A signed parental permission slip will be required. The sessions on September 26 and October 24 will be held in the Tabb Library Meeting Room.

General Election November 3

On Tuesday, November 3, York County voters will choose a member of the State Senate, a member of the House of Delegates, members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board, Clerk of Circuit Court, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and two members of the Soil and Water Board.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The deadline to register to vote, or to update your address or other registration information, is Tuesday, October 13. For registration locations, please call the Voter Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440 or visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

You may be able to vote absentee if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable on November 3. Absentee ballots will be available no later than Friday, September 18. To obtain an absentee ballot, you must complete and return the absentee ballot application. You can find the application online at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting by selecting "Absentee Voting" on the left side of your screen. The deadline to apply by mail, fax, or by email is Tuesday, October 27, at 5 p.m. The deadline to apply in person is Saturday, October 31, at 5 p.m. The office will be open on Saturdays, October 24 and 31, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Registrar's Office is located at 224 Ballard Street, Yorktown.

A photo ID is now required for voting in Virginia. Voters must present an acceptable form of identification. For a complete listing, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

2015
MILITARY
BAND
CONCERT SERIES

FREE



**AT RIVERWALK LANDING
IN HISTORIC YORKTOWN
6:30 TO 8PM**

AUG. 25 Tuesday, U.S. Army Training
and Doctrine Command
Band "Jazz Combo"

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Jointly sponsored by York County and the Celebrate Yorktown Committee

Event Weather Hotline: 757 890 3520
Dates and times are subject to change.

Yorktown 2015 UPCOMING EVENTS



**VIRGINIA
SYMPHONY**
September 5th
Saturday
7:30pm, FREE

Pre-concert starts at 6pm
Riverwalk Landing



MARKET DAYS
Weekly through
September 26
Saturdays

9am - 1pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



**RHYTHMS ON
THE RIVERWALK
CONCERT SERIES**
Sept. 11 - Oct. 9th
Fridays
6:30pm - 8:30pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



**YORKTOWN
ART STROLL**
September 27
Saturday
11am - 6pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing

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Animal Shelter Now Open

Picture this: your well-loved pet just went missing. Or a family that you know has fallen on hard times and can no longer afford to keep their pet. Or your neighbor just lost their four-legged best friend and needs a new companion to love. Regardless of the animal situation or need, the Peninsula Regional Animal Shelter can help.

The shelter's primary responsibilities include holding stray animals until they can be reunited with their owners, re-homing owner-surrendered pets, and facilitating pet adoptions. In addition to dogs and cats, the shelter provides a temporary home to small "pocket pets" like rabbits, gerbils, or guinea pigs as well as "exotic pets" like birds, reptiles, and amphibians. This facility features separate and specialized adoption and stray holding areas, a learning classroom, outside animal runs, offices for the localities' animal control agencies, and a fully equipped veterinary clinic and surgical suite to ensure that the animals receive the best care possible.

All animals ready for adoption are behaviorally assessed, micro-chipped, vaccinated and spayed/neutered. Adoption fees are kept as affordable as possible with adult cats and dogs costing \$50 and kittens and puppies \$60. A "Seniors for Seniors" program is also available where the adoption price is waived for any person 65 or older who adopts an animal eight years or older.

The shelter is located at 5843 Jefferson Avenue and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily for owner surrenders, stray drop-offs, and owner re-claims. The Adoption Center is open from 1-5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays, and 12-5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, call (757) 933-8900 or visit www.peninsularegionalanimalshelter.com.



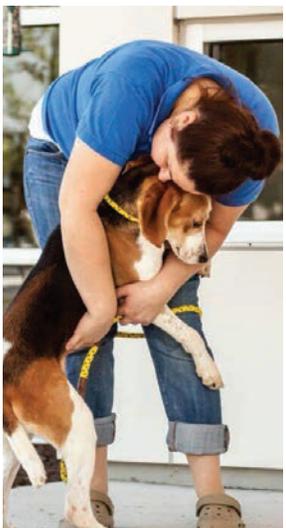
Millie



Snuggles



Ziggy



Phillip
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Yorktown 2015 UPCOMING EVENTS



**YORKTOWN
WINE FESTIVAL**
October 3
Saturday
12pm - 6pm
\$25 advance/\$30 door
Riverwalk Landing



**YORKTOWN
MARKET DAYS
FALL FESTIVAL**
October 10
Saturday
9am - 3pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



**YORKTOWN
DAY**
October 19
Monday
9am - 5pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



**YORKTOWN
HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**
November 7 & 8
Saturday & Sunday
9am - 5pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing

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York County Waste Management Center

Last Chance for 2015 Household Chemical Collections & Computer Recycling Programs

Offered by the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA), the Household Chemical Collection and Computer Recycling programs provide an opportunity for residents of Hampton, James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg and York County to responsibly dispose of a variety of household chemicals and paint products, as well as computers and electronics.

- York County's Household Chemical Collection and Electronics Recycling events are generally held from 8 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of every other month from March through November. Remaining 2015 dates for York County are September 12 and November 14.
- All VPPSA community members are eligible to utilize the collection opportunities at any of the events - proof of residency may be required.
- To download a list of acceptable computer and electronics products and complete schedule of all VPPSA Community Computer and Electronics Recycling events, visit www.vppsa.org/compcollection.htm.

For more information, please contact VPPSA at (757) 259-9850.

Household Chemical Collections and Electronics Recycling 2015 Schedule of Events

Providing environmentally safe disposal to the residents of Williamsburg, James City County, York County, Hampton and Poquoson since 1997.

Events are only for residents of the above listed communities; proof of residency may be required. To stay informed on all VPPSA programs - send your email address to us at curbsiderecycling@vppsa.org and we'll add you to our e-notification list.

	Williamsburg/ James City County	York County	Hampton	Poquoson
Location:	Warhill High School 4615 Opportunity Way	County Drive, Yorktown (off Goodwin Neck Rd)	Public Works Operations Complex 419 N. Armistead Ave	Poquoson Swimming Pool Parking Lot Municipal Drive
Time:	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon
Dates:	February 14, 2015 April 11, 2015 June 13, 2015 August 8, 2015 October 10, 2015	March 14, 2015 May 9, 2015 July 11, 2015 September 12, 2015 November 14, 2015	March 21, 2015 May 16, 2015 July 18, 2015 September 19, 2015 November 21, 2015	October 3, 2015

ALL EVENTS END PROMPTLY AT NOON!

WE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

- Computers and Electronics:** computers & accessories, printers, copiers, telephones, cell phones, fax machines, cameras, video games, stereo equipment, DVD players and VCR's, DVD's, and any item that plugs into the wall or uses rechargeable batteries and is smaller than a microwave.
- Household Maintenance:** latex paint, oil based paint, stains, solvents, glue, varnishes, adhesives
- Automotives- limited to:** gasoline and other fuels, waxes, gas/oil mixtures, brake fluid, engine cleaner, tar remover. **NOTE:** Motor oil and antifreeze are *not accepted* at most events since many communities already accept them at no charge. Call or check our website at www.vppsa.org for more information.
- Lawn & Garden:** insecticides, weed killers, pesticides, fertilizers, pest strips
- Household Cleaning:** cleaners for oven, drain, toilet, septic tank etc., floor waxes, metal polishes, bleach, degreasers.
- Miscellaneous:** charcoal fluids, dyes, kerosene, pool chemicals, fluorescent lights up to 8 ft, all compact fluorescents (CFLs), and rechargeable batteries (alkaline batteries are NO LONGER ACCEPTED; please put in your regular trash).

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- X Televisions
- X ALKALINE Batteries
- X Explosives
- X Compressed Gas Cylinders
- X Ammunition or Gun Powder
- X Household Trash
- X Business or Medical Waste
- X Radioactive Products
- X Large quantities of unknown materials

If you have any questions, please call us at 757-259-9850 or go to our website at www.vppsa.org

Residential Curbside Recycling Program Collection Calendar July 2015 - Dec 2015



Program Guidelines

- Place the cart at the curb by **7 AM** on your collection day
- Please... **NO PLASTIC BAGS!!**
- Recyclable materials can be mixed in the cart
- Please rinse food residue from recyclable items before placing in the cart
- Recycling carts containing household waste and trash will not be serviced
- For additional program information; visit www.vppsa.org



Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority
757-259-9850

Your Collection **DAY:** MON TUE WED THU FRI Your Collection **WEEK:** BLUE RED

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B			1	2	3	4
R	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	12	13	14	15	16	17
R	19	20	21	22	23	24
B	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B						1
R	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	9	10	11	12	13	14
R	16	17	18	19	20	21
B	23	24	25	26	27	28
R	30	31				

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R		1	2	3	4	5
B	6	7	8	9	10	11
R	13	14	15	16	17	18
B	20	21	22	23	24	25
R	27	28	29	30		

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R				1	2	3
B	4	5	6	7	8	9
R	11	12	13	14	15	16
B	18	19	20	21	22	23
R	25	26	27	28	29	30

November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R						*Nov. 26: No service. Thu, Fri each delayed by 1 day.
B	1	2	3	4	5	6
R	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	15	16	17	18	19	20
R	22	23	24	25	26*	27
B	29	30				

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B		1	2	3	4	5
R	6	7	8	9	10	11
B	13	14	15	16	17	18
R	20	21	22	23	24	25*
B	27	28	29	30	31	

*Dec. 25: No service. Friday delayed by 1 day.

Applications Being Taken for CERT Training



The York County Department of Fire & Life Safety is currently accepting applications for registration for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course.

The next program is planned for September.

Information and the proposed schedule of courses will soon be posted on the department's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire. CERT training provides citizens the opportunity to obtain and/or enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but to help their neighborhood be better prepared to take action when York County is affected by major emergencies or disasters.

In recent years, the department has seen that training citizens to be prepared for an emergency offers another level of protection for the community. CERT was originally

developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department to train residents to have the skills to assist their families and neighbors during and immediately after an earthquake until emergency services could respond. Since then, the CERT model has been adapted throughout the nation to prepare citizens to assist in both man-made and natural disasters.

Those interested in participating in York County's CERT training should be prepared to make a commitment to one night a week (typically Thursday) in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday mornings over a two month time period. Classes often fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. This course includes presentations, discussions, and practical experiences.

For more information about CERT training, call Fire & Life Safety at (757) 890-3600, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.

Help Make Our Roadways Safer

The York County Transportation Safety Commission requests your help in making the roadways in York County safer and improving the safety of those using them.

The spring and summer months bring trees and shrubs to life and provide beautiful scenery for drivers. At the same time, these trees and bushes can create problems on the roadway. If you encounter any of the following problems, please contact VDOT at 1-800-367-7623 (1-800-FOR-ROAD):

- **Inadequate Sight Distance** - Trees and bushes can create sight distance problems at intersections and corners.
- **Poor Visibility** - Trees and bushes can restrict the visibility of traffic signs and signals.
- **Low Clearance** - Trees and bushes can overhang roadways, shoulders, and sidewalks, creating problems for those using them. Clearance should be at least 13'6" above the roadway and 7' above walkways.

Additional road hazards include missing or downed traffic signs and/or traffic signals, worn-out pavement markings, potholes, and other pavement deficiencies. If you encounter any of these problems at any time of the year, please report them to VDOT. A work order can be entered at the VDOT website: <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>.

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YORK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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FIFTH ANNUAL

YORKTOBERFEST

OUTDOOR COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

11:30 am – 4:30 pm

at the

HAMPTON ROADS HARLEY-DAVIDSON

6450 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown

CRAFT BEER SAMPLES + FOOD + MUSIC + VENDORS

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Fall Fescue Lawn Maintenance

Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. The York County/Poquoson office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will be offering free lawn maintenance clinics this fall. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please pre-register by calling (757) 890-4940.

- **August 15 - Grafton True Value Hardware, Rt. 17**
- **August 29 - Ken Mathews Garden Center, Rt. 17**

Extension Office Sends 10 to Class



Ten York and Poquoson residents will be attending the 2015 Peninsula Master Gardener training beginning September 8, at Providence United Methodist Church, Old Dare Road. The Peninsula training also includes Extension offices from Gloucester, Hampton, and Newport News. The class will be learning about botany, entomology, plant pathology, and more. Master Gardeners extend and make the resources of the unit Extension Office available to many residents of the Commonwealth.

"Go Green" Expo

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Peninsula Master Gardeners are once again sponsoring the "Go Green" Expo, Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive, Newport News. This event is free and open to all!

"Go Green" Expo, the Hampton Roads premier indoor festival, is a one day event for consumers, business leaders, and families that features eco-friendly products, educational speakers, and easy ideas for eco-living.

Visit www.nngogreenexpo.org for complete details.

Master Gardeners Plant Sale



The York County/Poquoson Extension Master Gardeners will hold a Plant Sale on **Saturday, September 26, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Learning Garden** located at 968 Poquoson Avenue in Poquoson (beside the Poquoson Museum). Annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees will be for sale at the Learning Garden Plant Sale. This event is sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension.

For more information, please call the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.

Virginia Cooperative Extension provides educational programs conducted in workplaces, schools, and communities of Virginians. Research based information from Virginia Tech and Virginia State University is used by Extension Agents and their volunteers to teach people innovative ways to solve problems.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these programs, please call the York Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 to discuss accommodations ten days prior to the event.

2015 Mosquito Season Update

Mosquito Control staff worked hard over the summer to protect the health and welfare of our citizens. Some of our accomplishments so far this season are: deployment of several thousand larvicide briquettes in sewer systems, storm drains, and ditches; participation in several public outreach events; neighborhood canvassing; participation in product testing for two organic larval control products; attendance at the American Mosquito Control Association's annual Washington, D.C. lobbying event; a tire amnesty event; and JoJo the Mosquito presentations to over 1,000 York County third graders.

Here are some things you can do in the fall to help keep mosquito numbers down:

- Use chrysanthemums in your yard for small space gardening. These perennial plants are not only beautiful but they contain the natural insect repellent pyrethrum. Pyrethrum repels many insects including mosquitoes, ticks, and aphids.
- Prune trees and bushes near your house. Thin out and prune English Ivy if you have it in your yard. This plant species is a favorite resting place for mosquitoes.
- Make sure summer toys and outdoor equipment are properly stored. Any containers/areas of standing water in your yard will breed mosquitoes.
- Take advantage of cooler weather to remove debris from your yard that can potentially breed mosquitoes, such as old tires.



Mosquito Control technician Michelle Slosser monitors vacuum pots.

- Remove leaves from ditches and drainageways.
- Check gutters regularly for obstructions. With fall leaves, gutters can become easily clogged and hold water, creating an ideal habitat for mosquito breeding.
- Continue to check our website, www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol, for more updates.

Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act; Business License 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. Therefore, vehicles titled in an active duty non-resident military person's name(s) will be exempt as long as each owner annually furnishes a Leave & Earnings Statement for the period of time they reside in York County. All vehicles owned by military individuals who claim Virginia as their legal state of residence are subject to personal property tax, regardless of where the vehicle is physically located. Once military personnel separate from active duty status or retire and stay in York County, each owner must provide a copy of their Form DD214. Vehicle(s) will be subject to a prorated tax.

Spouses of military servicemembers may be eligible to be tax exempt on personal property in their names or titled

jointly with their servicemember-spouse based on certain qualifying conditions provided in the federal "Military Spouses Residency Relief Act." To apply for this exemption, contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at (757) 890-3381 for information and an application.

If you file a *Schedule C or C-EZ* with your federal tax return, you are considered engaged in business. If line E on this form is left blank, it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. If you have not obtained a York County business license, you are in violation of county and state laws.

For more information, call the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at (757) 890-3383 or visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.