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Sheriff's Office Launches App for Citizens

Can be used with iPhone and Android

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office recently released a new iOS app to increase communication between the public and the Sheriff's Office. The new app will allow citizens to submit crime tips, request vacation house checks, notify the Sheriff's Office about traffic complaints, compliment/thank a deputy, and learn more about the Sheriff and his office.



An important function of the app will be to send out messages to users who have enabled the notifications feature.

"I hope to use this notification feature in conjunction with other forms of communication to alert citizens of a whole host of situations including

missing persons, neighborhood alerts, and other serious incidents," said York-Poquoson Sheriff J.D. "Danny" Diggs.

To download the app, visit the iOS App Store or Google Play Store and search "YPSO."

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New Elementary School Site may be at Marquis

Site is 14.43 acres of land

Recently, Mr. Shawn Todd, developer of the Marquis, submitted a revised Overall Master Plan for the Marquis that included revisions to the development plan as well as a proposed 14.43-acre school site. This request for an amendment to the previously-approved Master Plan and the proffers made by Mr. Todd will be heard by the Planning Commission at its September meeting as a public hearing and should appear on the meeting agenda for public hearing at the Board of Supervisors' October meeting. If approved, the school site will be dedicated and conveyed to the county provided a contract for architectural design services is executed by the School Division no later than September 1, 2017.

Of this development in the search for a school site, County Administrator Neil Morgan said, "The selection of a site for the new school is a win-win for all involved: the County, the School Division, and the developer. The working relationship between the stakeholders has been

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Board of Supervisors Actions

May 17, 2016

•Amended the York County Zoning Map by reclassifying two parcels (1.5 acres) located at 110 and 114 Dogwood Road from High Density Single Family Residential to General Business, subject to voluntarily proffered conditions. This property houses the Lackey Medical Clinic, which plans to expand its parking lot onto the identified parcels.

June 7, 2016

•Authorized the support agreement for services provided to the county by Child Development Resources (CDR). CDR, a locally based, non-profit organization, has operated the county's "First Steps" program under a support agreement since September 1990.

June 21, 2016

•Approved an amendment to the overall development Master Plan for Coventry by redesignating from commercial to open/community space a 3.8 acre parcel located at 500 Owen Davis Boulevard.

•Adopted a resolution honoring the memory of Colonel David A. Rolston (Ret.), Chairman of the York County Wetlands Board. Mr. Rolston was an 18-year member of the Wetlands Board and passed away on May 29, at age 71.

•Authorized an agreement with RRMM Architects for the design of a replacement Fire Station 1. The contract with RRMM totals \$554,530. The new Fire Station 1 will be located at the corner of Dare Road and North Constitution Drive.

July 19, 2016

•Approved a Special Use Permit to authorize the establishment of a recreational vehicle storage facility at 525 East Rochambeau Drive. The property has a tall fence that will limit visibility from East Rochambeau Drive.

•Accepted and appropriated funds from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and authorized the execution of appropriate procurement arrangements for the purchase of a specialized railcar training system prop for the Hazardous Materials/Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) Training Facility. The grant, totaling \$95,000, will cover the cost of purchasing the railcars and relocating and installing them at the training facility. Additional funding provided by CSX Railroad will cover other costs. No matching local funds are required for this grant.

August 2, 2016

•Discussed the county's Legislative Priorities for 2017. Among these are: Meals Tax Parity with Cities and Towns, Support for Public Schools, Interstate 64 Widening - Richmond to Williamsburg, and AirBnB Regulations.

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Board Appointments

•Arts Commission

Cynthia Frankenburg

•Economic Development Authority

Steven Meade

•Planning Commission

Michael King

•Thomas Nelson Community College

Dr. Perry Showalter

•Transportation Safety Commission

Eddie Abisaab

Lisa Church

William Harris

Michael Smith

David Westcott

•Wetlands Board

Jan Briede

Joseph Pack

Looking Down the Road . . . with VDOT

Do you know who is responsible for maintaining the street you live on? For most county citizens, the answer is VDOT - the Virginia Department of Transportation. In fact, VDOT is responsible for maintenance of all public streets, roads, and highways in the county (in contrast to cities, where the city governments are responsible for maintenance). The exceptions to this general rule are the various private streets, for example in townhouse or condominium developments, where property owners' associations have maintenance responsibility. VDOT maintains the following for citizens to report road problems or concerns:

VDOT Customer Service Center
800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623)

Online Work Request

www.Virginiadot.org/travel/citizen/asp

York County Head Start

FREE PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The York County Head Start Program is currently accepting applications for eligible **3, 4 and 5** year old children, including those with disabilities, for the 2016-2017 school year.

Head Start classrooms are located at Yorktown Elementary, The Griffin-Yeates Center and Bethel Manor Elementary

**Limited transportation available at the Griffin-Yeates Center*

Application packets may be picked up at the Tabb & Yorktown Libraries or printed from our website www.yorkcounty.gov

For eligibility determination please bring your family's income verification (*W-2, 1040 form, TANF statement, 1 month of pay stubs*), Your child's **Original** Birth Certificate, Updated Immunization Records And Proof of your Family's Residency (*Lease, Power Bill, Water Bill, DMV Registration or Driver's License*)

For more information, please call the Family Services staff at 890-3888



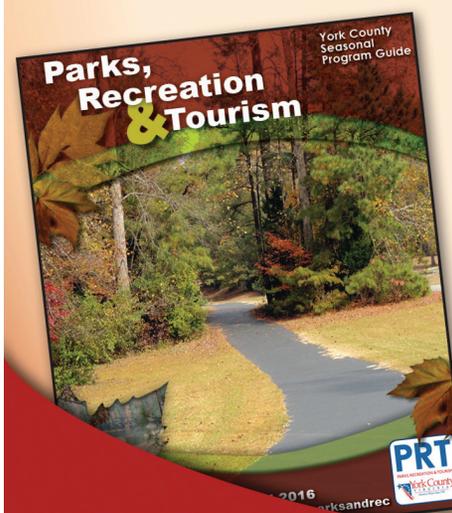
Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

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

HAPPENINGS THIS FALL!

Family Roller Skating
Fitness & Instructional Classes
Youth & Adult League Sports
Youth & Adult Tennis Lessons
New Quarter Park Programs/Activities
Senior Center Activities
Yorktown Special Events



Questions?
Please call
us at:
757.890.3500



Local Business Report

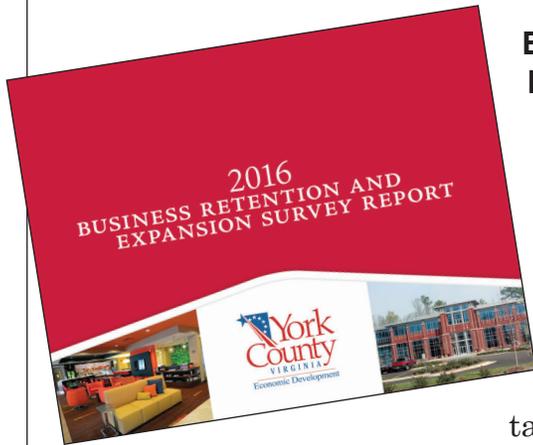
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Business Headlines

- **Panda Express to Open in Kiln Creek this September**
- **Water Country USA Named in TripAdvisor's Top 25 Waterparks in the World**
- **Atlantic Emergency Solutions' Owner, Joe Pack, Named Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 for the Mid-Atlantic Region**
- **Dodd RV Featured in RV News**

Visit www.YesYorkCounty.com for full stories.



Business Retention Survey Results

In February, the Office of Economic Development (OED) mailed 936 Business Retention surveys to a sample of businesses in the county. The purpose of the survey, which is taken every two years, is to

identify needs or specific problems impacting the success or possible expansion of county businesses and to gauge our current business climate.

The main issue for the respondent's businesses was the current state of the economy, which is a continuing trend from the '08, '10, '12, and '14 surveys; however, it has steadily decreased since the '12 survey. Many attributed the lackluster economy to rising costs of doing business, changes in their industry or processes caused increasing costs and/or reduced workloads, and changes in consumer and government spending habits.

A great deal of information was gained from this year's survey, which will be used to help in the retention of York County's businesses and in efforts to improve the overall business environment. These efforts are focused specifically on improving communication to the existing business community and on promoting and marketing existing York County businesses to the public.

The complete survey report can be viewed at www.YesYorkCounty.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

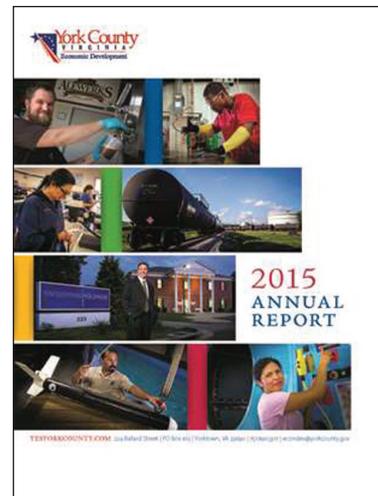
2016 Home-Based Business Resource Fair & Conference

The 2016 Home-Based Business Resource

Fair & Conference will be held on Friday, November 18. More information will be coming soon. Visit www.MakeHomeWork-YorkCounty.com for up-to-date event information.

Don't forget our monthly Home-Based Business Lunch & Learn Series. There are three sessions left this year, featuring exciting speakers and important topics, including Human Resources, Powerful Presentations, and Marketing on a Budget.

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



York EDA Releases its 2015 Annual Report

The York County Economic Development Authority (EDA) has released its 2015 Annual Report. This publication features local business success stories and economic development program updates from calendar year 2015. A copy of the report is included in this edition of "Citizen News," and can be viewed

online at www.YesYorkCounty.com.

Contact Us

If you or anyone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, or if you have ideas to help improve the county's business environment, please contact us. Don't forget to visit our website at www.YesYorkCounty.com.



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

STAY CONNECTED

The York County School Division believes having active, involved & informed parents and families is critical to our students' success.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

It is very important that parents provide schools with current home address, home phone number and email address (if exists) to ensure schools can reach you with important information. Student contact forms will be provided to all parents at the start of the school year and should be returned immediately to help ensure school staff can reach you in an emergency.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Parents will be notified of emergencies through the division's rapid notification system. Parents are encouraged to remain close to their source of communication, whether it is phone or email, to ensure they are receiving accurate and timely updates on the emergency from school division staff.

We are excited to announce an addition to our notification system that will enhance school and division communications this school year by allowing us to deliver important information to you via Text/SMS messaging. This service is not intended to replace existing communications, but rather help enhance them. An advisory detailing how parents can opt-out of receiving text/SMS messaging will be sent to all mobile numbers currently on file with the school division.

SCHOOL MEALS

2016-17 Prices

	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT	REDUCED PRICE
BREAKFAST	\$1.50	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$0.30
LUNCH	\$2.60	\$2.70	\$3.35	\$0.40
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.

ASPEN FAMILY PORTAL

Parents can also access private student information online through the Aspen Family Portal. This secure web-based information management system is password-protected and will help to make communication among students, parents, teachers, and administrators more efficient. Families can use the Aspen Family Portal to view student schedules, assignments and grades, as well as daily attendance records and family contact information.

Account information is provided to parents during the enrollment process. If you have not received account access information, please contact your child's school for assistance.

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools

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

check out the
STUDENT PORTAL
GO.YCSD.YORK.VA.US

- Live homework help from certified teachers
- One-click access to Microsoft Office 365 Suite
- Research resources
- Interactive instructional sites

To access the portal, log in at go.ycsd.york.va.us using your student username & password.

STUDENT HOTLINE (757) 890-5000



What's Happening @ Your Library

Author Talk - Adriana Trigiani, author of 16 New York Times best-sellers, will present an author talk and book signing followed by a reception, starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 13, at Christopher Newport University's David Student Union. This is the tenth major author event presented by the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium. Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session, and book signing are available beginning Monday, September 12. Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to two per person.



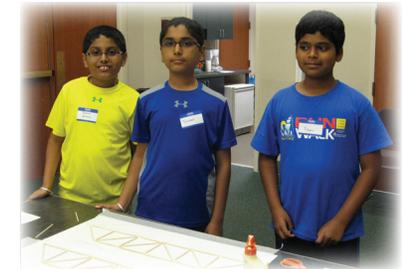
Adriana Trigiani

Star Trek Trivia Night - Star Trek debuted on televisions across the country on September 6, 1966. What started as a fringe sci-fi show has become a blockbuster success over the past 50 years. Celebrate the franchise with us at our Star Trek Trivia Night, 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, at the Tabb Library Meeting Room. Show off your Trek knowledge and win prizes. For more information, call (757) 890-5120.

Tidewater Reads Event in September - This September, York County Public Library will be joining other libraries

in the region to participate in Tidewater Reads, a literary collaborative that promotes the value of reading and community by engaging Tidewater residents in talking about the same book at the same time. This year's book is "Shine, Shine, Shine" by local author Lydia Netzer. As part of the month-long event, the Tabb Library will be hosting a series of events that explore the themes of the novel, including space exploration and colonization. For a complete listing of events, call (757) 890-5120.

Building Bridges - This summer, youth ages 11 and up used their problem solving skills in construction and design of truss bridges.



Left: Elijah Flanders, 11; Engineer Jonathan Hirsch; Miriam Ahmad, 10; Sarah Ahmad, 12; and Curran Flanders, 12. Right: Taman Bhatt, 11; Jasmeet Bhatt, 12; and Sagun Venuganti, 11.

Stormwater Medallions



Volunteers are needed to affix onto storm drains blue stormwater medallions - discs that remind people of the importance of preventing pollution from entering our waterways. When rain flows over parking lots, sidewalks, and streets, it picks up dirt, trash, oil, grease, fertilizers, and more, and carries these pollutants into storm drains and to our waterways.

If you are interested in participating in this activity, please contact Ivan Shelton, York County Engineering Specialist, at Ivan.Shelton@yorkcounty.gov. The county provides all the materials. Thanks for keeping our waters clean.

Become a Bay Star Home

Help restore our waterways by pledging to become a Bay Star Home. The Bay Star Homes program is targeted to residents throughout the Hampton Roads area to encourage people to take environmentally friendly actions that are good for your home, community, and waterways. Joining is free, easy, and really makes a difference!

First, visit <http://askhrgreen.org/baystarhomes/> and choose eight practices from the categories listed on the site. Next, receive a free yard flag and welcome packet with information on how to stay involved. Finally, spread the word!

For more information, contact Ivan Shelton, York County Engineering Specialist, at Ivan.Shelton@yorkcounty.gov.



November 8 General and Special Elections

On November 8, York County voters will vote for President and Vice President and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Voters will also vote on two proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia. Those voters in State Senate District 1, House of Delegates District 93, and School Board District 4 will have special elections to fill vacancies in those offices. Sample ballots will be available on the York County Registrar's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting no later than September 23.

Information about the proposed Constitutional Amendments will be available online at a later date.

For more information, call the Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440 (TDD for hearing impaired is 890-3621) or email registrar@yorkcounty.gov. Additional information is available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

Are you registered to vote?

Monday, October 17, is the last day to register to vote or make changes to your voter registration information to be able to vote in this year's election.

You may be able to register or update your information online at www.vote.virginia.gov. If paper is your preference, you can pick up voter registration applications at the Registrar's Office, Yorktown and Tabb libraries, and the Griffin-Yeates Center. Applications are online at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

Through a service provided by the Virginia Department of Elections, you are now able to check your registration status online. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Confirm Your Voter Registration By Clicking Here."

Absentee Voting

You may be able to vote absentee if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to go to your polling place on November 8. Absentee ballots will be available no later than September 23. The easiest way to apply for an absentee ballot is online at <http://elections.virginia.gov/>

citizen-portal/index.html. Paper applications are available at the Registrar's website - www.yorkcounty.gov/voting - by email (send a request to registrar@yorkcounty.gov), or request one be mailed to you (757-890-3440).

The deadline to apply by mail, fax, or email for an absentee ballot is **Tuesday, November 1, at 5 p.m.** The deadline to apply in person for an absentee ballot is **Saturday, November 5, at 5 p.m.** The Registrar's Office will be open on Saturdays, October 29 and November 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Registrar's Office is located in the County Administration Center at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown.



Officers of Election Needed!

This is a presidential election year and York County needs election officials! Citizens who wish to serve as election officials are welcome to apply. As an election official, you will ensure impartial elections in York County, have an opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors, and receive a small payment for your services.

If you are interested in serving, call the Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Officer of Election Form."

Are you ID ready?

A photo ID is required for voting in Virginia. Voters must present an acceptable form of identification, such as:

- Valid Virginia Driver's License
- DMV-issued Photo Identification Card
- Valid United States Passport
- Valid Employee Photo Identification Card
- Other Government-issued Photo Identification Card
- Student ID from a Valid College or University (in Virginia)

If you do not have an acceptable form of ID, please contact the Voter Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440.

Yorktown 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS



VIRGINIA SYMPHONY

September 3

Saturday
7:30pm, FREE
Pre-concert starts at 6pm
Riverwalk Landing



MARKET DAYS

Weekly through October 29

(Except Oct 1)
Saturdays
9am - 1pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

Sept. 9 - Oct. 7

Fridays
6:30pm - 8:30pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



YORKTOWN ART STROLL

September 25

Saturday
11am - 6pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing

WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

DMV2Go

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' DMV2Go mobile customer service center is scheduled for Thursdays, October 6 and December 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. This full service office-on-wheels is equipped to process all DMV transactions. For a complete list of services, visit www.dmv.virginia.gov.

Tax Schedule C or C-EZ

If you file a Schedule C or C-EZ with your Federal Tax Return, you are considered engaged in business. If Line E on the form is left blank, it is presumed your business is operating in York County. If you have not yet obtained a York County Business License, you are in violation of state and county law.

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

Military Persons Exemption

The "Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act" exempts active duty military personnel from personal property tax in any state other than their legal state of residence. Vehicles titled in an active duty non-resident military person's name will be exempt as long as each owner furnishes a Leave & Earnings Statement each year for the period 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 the physical location of the vehicle. If military personnel separate from active duty status or retire and stay in York County, each owner must provide a DD214. Vehicles will be subject to a prorated tax.

Spouses of military members may be eligible for tax exemption on personal property based on qualifying conditions provided in the federal "Military Spouses Residence Relief Act."

For more information, please call the Commissioner of the Revenue at (757) 890-3381.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's office is located in the York County Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard in Yorktown. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

York County Waste Management Center



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



On September 1, Republic Services will assume all operational responsibilities for the York County Transfer Station, including Scales House transactions.



Effective September 1, no cash or checks will be accepted at the Waste Management Center.

Garbage Disposal Transactions

Republic Services will accept credit cards or encourage regular cash/check customers to set up an account for monthly billing. Please email lbelvin@republicservices.com for additional information or to set up your billing account. For more information about Republic Services, visit www.RepublicServices.com.

VPPSA Transactions

Effective September 1, all payments for the disposal of yard debris and/or the purchase of mulch products will take place at the VPPSA Compost Facility. Credit cards will be accepted, however regular cash customers are encouraged to establish an account for monthly billing. Credit applications are available at the York County Scales House, the VPPSA Composting Facility, or by calling the VPPSA Administrative Office at (757) 259-9850.

For more information about VPPSA, please go to www.VPPSA.org.

For information about York County's Division of Waste Management, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement.

Household Chemical Collections and Computer Recycling

	Williamsburg/ James City County	York County	Hampton	Poquoson
Location:	Warhill High School 4615 Opportunity Way Williamsburg	County Drive, Yorktown (off Goodwin Neck Rd)	Public Works Operations Complex 419 N. Armistead Ave Hampton	Poquoson Swimming Pool Parking Lot Municipal Drive Poquoson
Time:	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon	8:00AM—12:00 Noon
Dates:	October 8	September 10 November 12	September 17 November 19	October 1

***PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR 2016 - WE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

- ▶ *****Computers:** Desktop and laptop computers, servers, computer monitors, cell phones, computer wiring, desktop printers including multifunction printers or "All in Ones", fax machines, and desktop photocopiers and scanners.
Only the above listed items are accepted for computer recycling.
- ▶ **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).
If you have any questions, please call us at 757-259-9850 or go to our website at www.vppsa.org

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS



**YORKTOWN
WINE FESTIVAL**
October 1
Saturday
12pm - 6pm
\$25 advance/\$30 door
Riverwalk Landing



**YORKTOWN
MARKET DAYS
FALL FESTIVAL**
October 8
Saturday
9am - 3pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



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



**YORKTOWN
HOLIDAY
OPEN HOUSE**
November 19 & 20
Saturday & Sunday
9am - 5pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing

WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

CERT Training Registration Open

The York County Department of Fire and Life Safety is currently accepting applications for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course. The fall program is scheduled to begin September 15. Information about the program can be found on the department's website -



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 country to prepare citizens to assist in both man-made and natural disasters.

If you are interested in participating in the CERT training program, be prepared to make a commitment of Thursday evening sessions from 6 to 9 p.m., and one Saturday morning (final exercise and graduation) over a two-month period.

The course includes presentations, discussions and practical experiences on:

- CERT Organization
- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety/Fire Extinguisher Use
- Disaster Medical Care
- Light Search and Rescue
- Terrorism & Disaster Psychology

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



York County-Poquoson Office, 100 County Drive, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, Virginia 23690-0532
(757) 890-4940 Websites: www.yorkcounty.gov/vce; www.ext.vt.edu

Poquoson Learning Garden Annual Plant Sale, September 24

The York County/Poquoson Extension Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale on Saturday, September 24, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Learning Garden located at 968 Poquoson Avenue, Poquoson (beside the Poquoson Museum). Annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees will be for sale. This event is sponsored by the York/Poquoson - Virginia Cooperative Extension. For more information, call the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.

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. Incorporating organic matter, importance of soil testing, and seed selection will be discussed. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to noon. Locations and dates are August 27: Ken Matthews Garden Center on Route 17, and September 10: Taylor's Do It Center in Poquoson. Register by calling (757) 890-4940.

Go Green Expo, Newport News

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Peninsula Master Gardeners are once again sponsoring the "Go Green" Expo, Saturday, September 10, at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive. This FREE family indoor event will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to the public! This year's theme is "Eat Local, Grow Local, Live Local." For more information, visit www.nngogreenexpo.org.

4-H Volunteers Wanted!

The 4-H program in York County and Poquoson is looking for adult volunteers to lead youth 4-H clubs and programs. As a 4-H volunteer you serve as a mentor to youth as they develop life skills and explore interests through club activities and educational programs. Volunteers are needed to help lead robotics, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), teen leadership, environmental education/outdoor adventure, cloverbud (for youth ages 5-8 only), and archery clubs. As a volunteer club leader you will receive training and curriculum for the topic area and support from the 4-H office throughout the year. Share your talents and interests with youth in our community and help them develop into successful, contributing adults! For more information, contact the Extension office at (757) 890-4940 or saupton@vt.edu.

Purchase Chrysanthemums from the 4-H Mums Club!

Youth members of the 4-H Mums Club will be selling chrysanthemums at Yorktown Market Days on Saturday, September 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The youth have been working with Master Gardeners all summer learning to grow, propagate, and market their mums. Stop by the Virginia Cooperative Extension booth at the market and purchase a mum to support these young entrepreneurs!

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Mosquito Control wants you to practice the 3 D's

Dump Standing Water - The longest phase of a mosquito's life cycle is in the water. Take the time every week to inspect your yard for standing water, especially bird baths, tarps, potted plants, old tires, etc. Standing water should be dumped once a week (the birds will appreciate fresh water each week).

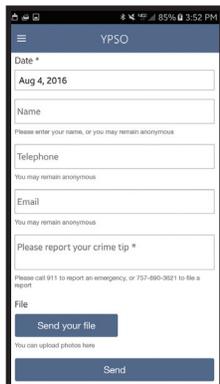


Dump out water in flower pots, tires, unused children's swimming pools, etc.

Dress Appropriately - Nothing formal, we assure you. Just by wearing the correct clothes, you can make your outdoor experience much more enjoyable. Long, loose, and light-colored clothing will protect you from pesky critters. You're covering your skin, mosquitoes can't bite through loose clothing, and they are attracted to dark colors, not light.

Defend Yourself - In these temperatures, it's often too hot to wear long sleeves and pants. In that case, use insect repellent. The CDC recommends using repellents with picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus - like Cutter Advanced, Repel, Off!, and SkinSmart - to prevent mosquito bites. If you're out to fight both ticks and mosquitoes, reach for a spray with DEET. Pay close attention to the percentage of DEET when applying to children.

For more information, please call York County Mosquito Control at (757) 890-3791 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol.



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"We are always looking for new ways to connect with our community and we are excited about this new app," added Sheriff Diggs.

For more information, call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at (757) 890-3630.

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excellent and we were all in agreement that a new facility is needed. That enabled us to move forward keeping in mind the best interests of our school-aged citizens, their parents, and the faculty/staff that will be part of what is sure to be another top-rated school in our excellent school system."

"We are very pleased with this latest development in our plans for the proposed elementary school," said York County School Division Superintendent Victor Shandor, Ed.D. "This is a direct result of ongoing collaboration and communication between Mr. Morgan, county personnel and school division staff to ensure we select a site which will benefit our entire community for years to come. We look forward to the next steps in this important process to ensure we provide all York County students the best learning environments."

Once a contract is executed, it is anticipated the architectural/engineering design will take about 12 months to complete.

To view the memo from Mr. Morgan and Dr. Shandor to the County and School Boards, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov and select the first item under "News Headlines."

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