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Fiscal Year 2018 Budget: Important Dates

Public Hearing on Proposed Budget is April 18

At this time each year, County staff is involved in the development of the Fiscal Year 2018 (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018) Operating Budget.

"Like every budget," County Administrator Neil Morgan says in a recent budget video, "there are always challenges, opportunities, and needs that cannot be satisfied. However, I'm confident that the recommended budgets that will come before the Board of Supervisors this spring will address the most important priorities of the County including, as always, our public schools, public safety, the necessary infrastructure, and all those things we need to support the quality of services that you as citizens of York County expect of your County government."

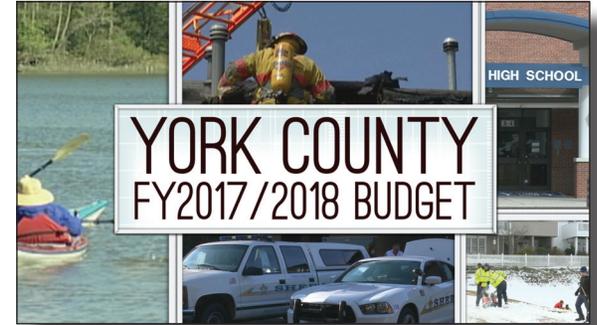
On March 21, the County Administrator will release his proposed budget at the Board of Supervisors meeting that evening at 6 p.m. in York Hall, 301 Main Street, in historic Yorktown.

The Board of Supervisors has scheduled work sessions on March 7 and 28 for budget discussions. These work sessions are held in York Hall and begin at 6 p.m.

Then, at 7:00 p.m. on April 18 in York Hall, the Board will hold a public hearing to gather public comment on the proposed budget.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing and would like to comment on the proposed budget, you may send an email to bos@yorkcounty.gov, call the Budget Comment Line at (757) 890-3220, or mail your comments to Board of Supervisors, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, VA, 23690-0532. Please include your name and address with your comments.

Currently airing on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) is a program taped by Mr. Morgan reviewing the current operating budget and challenges that impact our operations, and providing information about the upcoming Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The video can be found online at www.yorkcounty.gov/budget.



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Board of Supervisors Actions

November 15, 2016

- Authorized the conveyance of utility easements to the City of Newport News for the construction and maintenance of a water main located in the vicinity of Hubbard Lane and Lightfoot Road. The extension of the water main will provide additional service to that portion of the County.
- Supported the Virginia World War I and World War II Commemoration Commission and endorsed the establishment of a York County Commemoration Committee.

December 6, 2016

- Approved the program oversight of quality services for the York County Head Start children and families program and also approved making decisions related to program design and implementation. The responsibilities and oversight of the Head Start program is part of the function of the Children and Family Services Division of Community Services.

December 20, 2016

- Authorized a rezoning and special use permit for a 40-unit Senior Housing Assisted Living Facility as an addition to an existing nursing home at 113 Battle Road. The existing facility is an 80-bed nursing/convalescent/rehabilitation home.
- Expressed support for a Joint Land Use Study among Joint Base Langley-Eustis and surrounding communities. The study's objectives are to improve the public understanding of the importance of the base's military readiness, provide recommendations for actions to ensure compatible land use, promote strategies that support continued economic development in surrounding communities, and strengthen communication among the joint base and surrounding localities on community and mission planning.

January 3, 2017

- Elected Sheila Noll (District 2) as Chairman and Jeff Wassmer (District 4) as Vice Chairman. The Board voted to continue meeting the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in York Hall.

January 17, 2017

- Approved the contract for the purchase of the new Financial Reporting System. The new system replaces the almost 30-year old system that is outdated and unreliable.
- Approved the execution of a contract for the Hollywood Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - Phase I. The project will reduce the volume of inflow from storm events and ground water that gets into the sanitary sewer collection system.

This list features a sampling of items that appeared before the Board of Supervisors since the first November 2016 meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/bos.

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Board Appointments

•**Beautification Committee**

Thomas Langston Lawrence "Tu" Ritter

•**Historical Committee**

David Allen Edward McGinley
Jun Paler Rolande Phillips
Mary Ramsey Thomas Williams

•**Transportation Safety Committee**

Marcella Murphy

•**York-Poquoson Social Services Board**

Karen Brown

Mark these Dates!

Apply for the 2017-2018 Youth Commission

The Board of Supervisors is seeking students who are interested in representing youth interests and concerns by serving on the York County Youth Commission for the 2017/2018 school year. Applicants must be York County residents currently enrolled in grades 8-11 in a public, private, or home school. A completed application, short essay, and letter of recommendation must be received by **5 p.m., Wednesday, March 8**, in the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office (100 County Drive). Forms are available at www.ycyc.info.

Register for June Primary

On November 7, 2017, York County citizens will be voting for a Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and a member of the House of Delegates. Any primaries for Republican or Democratic nominations for these offices will be held on June 13. If a primary is held, the polls will be open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The deadline to register to vote in the June 13 primary - or to update your address or other registration information - is Monday, May 22.

For complete voting information, please call the Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting, or email registrar@yorkcounty.gov.

Upcoming Tax Deadlines

March 1

- Business License
- Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property and Machinery and Tools
- Tax Return of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes
- Personal Property Tax Exemption for Active Military Non-Virginia Residents

April 1

- Tax Relief for Elderly or Disabled
- Real Estate Tax Exemption for Veterans with 100% Service-Related Disability

May 1

- 2016 Virginia Individual Income Tax Return
- 2017 Virginia Estimated Tax, Voucher 1



2017 SATURDAYS 8AM - 12PM
April 29 through October 28

(Except May 6 & October 7)

SPECIAL MARKETS

May 13	Fitness Market	8 am - 12 pm
Sept 9	Pet Day	8 am - 12 pm
Oct 14	Fall Festival	8 am - 3 pm
Nov 11	Harvest Celebration	9 am - 3 pm
Nov 18	Holiday Open House	9 am - 3 pm
Dec 9	Holiday Market	9 am - 3 pm

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Yorktown

**HEALTH &
FITNESS
MARKET**

MAY 13, 2017
8 am - 12 pm
 At Riverwalk Landing

CLASS DEMONSTRATIONS
 AREA HEALTH PROVIDERS
 ENTERTAINMENT
 HEALTHY COOKING DEMOS



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Local Business Report

by Melissa Davidson, Assistant Director, office of Economic Development

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Business Headlines

- **3 Amigos Opens in Nelson's Grant Development**
- **Businesses Celebrate Completion of Route 17 Widening Project**
- **Studio South Named Best Yoga in Williamsburg**
- **Pierce's Pitt Bar-B-Que to be Commended, pending Senate Approval**

Visit www.YesYorkCounty.com for full stories.

Two Businesses Recognized at York County's Distinguished Business Affair

The York County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Office of Economic Development awarded **Spain Properties with the 2017 William Rogers "Poor Potter" Award**, for its significant investment in York County. Spain's latest building has 18,000 square feet of commercial flex space, with 15,000 square feet already leased to new York County businesses. Current commercial occupants include Mid-Atlantic Technology Services, Rick Thomasson Heating & Air Conditioning, and York River Flooring Company. Spain Properties has been an excellent corporate citizen over the many years they've been located in York County. In addition to this development, the company has also built several other high-quality flex and office spaces, totaling over 60,000 square feet, throughout the County. This type of space, which was previously hard to find, has helped several existing businesses grow and has attracted many new businesses to the County.



Left to right: Steve Spain of Spain Properties is presented the Poor Potter Award by EDA Chairman Rick Moberg.



The award, named after William Rogers, a highly successful entrepreneur from the 1700s who is, ironically, known as the "Poor Potter" of Yorktown, was given during the EDA's Distinguished Business Affair, held in Yorktown on February 9. Steve Spain accepted the award, which is given annually to honor the

most significant economic development project of the year.

In addition to the William Rogers Award presented by the EDA, Tim Meyer, President of the York County Chamber of Commerce, recognized **Wormley Creek Marina as the Chamber's Small Business of the Year**. The award is named after the late John D. "Pete" Sterrett Jr., who was York County's first Industrial Development Authority Executive Director.

York County thanks the reception sponsors: Dominion Virginia Power, Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, Henderson, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Commercial, Plains All American Pipeline, The Commonwealth Company, TowneBank, and the York County Chamber of Commerce.

Event photos are available online at www.YesYorkCounty.com.



Left to right: Tim Meyer, President of the York County Chamber of Commerce, presented the Pete Sterrett Award to Pam Truston and Ryan Wainwright of Wormley Creek Marina.

Home-Based Business Lunch & Learn Series Underway

Currently underway! You are invited to join us on the **2nd Wednesday of each month (February - October) from noon to 1 p.m. for York County's Home Based Business Lunch & Learn Series**, sponsored by the York County EDA and hosted by the York County Chamber of Commerce.

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy free drinks and desserts, provided by the EDA. The one-hour long sessions focus on various topics, such as legal, accounting, marketing, etc., that apply to all home-based businesses, including network and direct marketing, traditional, and franchise companies.

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

WEATHER-RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS

Determining whether to close or delay school opening due to inclement weather is one of the most difficult and complex decisions a school division makes. The safety of students and staff is the first concern of the York County School Division when making decisions about school closings, delays or early dismissals.

Additional information has been added to the division website to help our community understand the York County School Division's process when severe weather conditions pose potential safety hazards for students and staff. We realize that there is no perfect decision for everyone, and we understand that changes to the school schedule impact our families. Parents and staff are encouraged to make advance plans and adjustments for potential school delays and closings. By working together, we can increase safety and minimize the disruptions caused by emergency closings.

Making the Decision

Members of the YCSD leadership team closely monitor forecasts from the National Weather Service as well as local and other national meteorologists.

Information gathered includes:

- The amount and type of forecasted precipitation
- Timing (start and stop) of precipitation
- Status of severe weather alerts (advisories, watches, warnings)

The YCSD road assessment team conducts a visual inspection to assess the following:

- Road (highway, primary and residential) and bus stop conditions
- School parking lot, sidewalk and bus loop conditions
- Facility conditions (power, HVAC, etc.)

Team members also confer with the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, York County Fire & Life Safety Department and neighboring school divisions.

Announcing the Decision

As soon as a decision to adjust school operating hours is made, the information is

- posted on the division's website, YCSD-TV, Facebook and Twitter accounts;
- shared via the division's telephone and email notification system, which pushes messages to the parent contact information on file for each student; and
- provided to local television and radio stations, however the division cannot guarantee the broadcast or accuracy of closure announcements on these stations.

To receive phone and email notifications, schools must have each individual's up-to-date contact information. Parents should contact the appropriate school whenever contact information changes, while staff must notify the Human Resources department and update the MyInfo section on the division's intranet site.

Timing of the Decision

Whenever possible, morning decisions to close or delay school will be made no later than 5:30 a.m. Storm tracks can change at any time, significantly affecting the outcome in our area. For this reason, our administrators usually wait until early morning to base decisions on actual weather instead of a forecast.

In certain situations, the division is able to make scheduling decisions the day before inclement weather, e.g. when winter precipitation is already on the ground and nightly temperatures are already at- or below-freezing.

While the division tries to avoid unexpected early dismissals, there have been occasions in which it is unavoidable. In such an event, the division will give parents at least two hours' notice.

YCSD CALENDAR

February 2017

- 3 Report Cards Issued
- 20 Presidents' Day Holiday

March 2017

- 3 Early Dismissal
- 8 Interim Reports Issued
- 31 Early Dismissal

April 2017

- 3-7 Spring Break
- 10 Fourth Quarter Begins
- 14 Report Cards Issued

May 2017

- 12 Early Dismissal
- 18 Interim Reports Issued
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday

STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000

FY18 Operating Budget

The York County School Division is in the process of developing the FY18 Operating Budget.

Updates on the FY18 Operating Budget process can be located on the YCSD website at yorkcountyschools.org under the "Learn About" section on the main page.

The School Board Proposed Budget Timeline:

- Release of Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget: Mid-February
- School Board Public Hearing: February 27, 7 p.m., York Hall
- Approval of School Board Proposed Budget: March 20

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What's Happening @ Your Library

The **Live Well @ Your Library** series continues at the York County Public Library. In March, get motivated to reach your goals! Join YMCA educator Lindsey Oro for a Goal-Setting Workshop.



REACH YOUR GOALS
Join Lindsey Oro to set goals that you can achieve in 2017.
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. March 28
Tabb Library

Live well @ YOUR LIBRARY
TO REGISTER, CALL 890-5120 OR VISIT YORKCOUNTY.GOV/LIBRARY

Whether you want to run a marathon, read a book, or reach another goal that will help you live well, this class will give you the tools you need to succeed. The class will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, in the Tabb Library Meeting Room. To register for the event, call (757) 890-5120 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/library. Look for more Live Well @ Your Library events online, including planned classes for Money Smart Month in April.

The Friends of the Library is holding the **Spring Book Sale** March 17-19 at the Tabb Library. On Friday, March 17, the sale is open from noon to 6 p.m. to members of the York County Friends of the

Library. New members are welcome to join at the door. The sale is open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. A large variety of used books, DVDs, and CDs for all ages will be available.

All Aboard!
Join us for a fun weekend of model trains when **Kids Run**

Trains model train club visits the Tabb Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 26. Children of all ages will enjoy operating the trains on the interactive modular railroad layout. Come and introduce your family to the joys of model railroading!

Author Sheridan R. Barringer is the guest speaker at the Tuesday, April 25, meeting of the **Yorktown Book Club**. All are welcome to attend the meeting at 10 a.m. in the Yorktown Library meeting room. Barringer will talk about his award-winning biography, "Fighting for General Lee: Confederate General Rufus Barringer and the North Carolina

Cavalry Brigade." Barringer worked at NASA for 37 years.

For more information on library programs, call (757) 890-5120 - Tabb, or (757) 890-5207 - Yorktown. Additional library information also can be found online at www.yorkcounty.gov/library. The Tabb Library is located at 100 Long Green Boulevard, and the Yorktown Library is located at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway (Rt. 17).



Through an agreement with the Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL), York County residents may utilize the services of both WRL branches: 515 Scotland Street and 7770 Croaker Road. For directions and hours of operation, call (757) 259-4040 or (757) 259-7770. See the information below.

WILLIAMSBURG REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Williamsburg Regional Library is delighted to offer a wide array of collections, programs, and services to York County residents, including:

- Access to our **collection**—books, music CDs, audio books, DVDs, and periodicals
- Opportunity to download a wealth of **digital media**, including audiobooks, magazines, music, and ebooks
- A **calendar** filled with computer classes, activities for children and teens, film series, and live performances
- Computer work stations and free **WiFi** access

Libraries are located in Williamsburg at 515 Scotland Street and upper James City County at 7770 Croaker Road, just off exit 231-A on I-64.

Visit www.wrl.org or call 757.259.4040 to learn more.

Carver Gardens...In Bloom

Nestled in the heart of the Peninsula in upper York County is an established, unassuming, and historic neighborhood known as Carver Gardens. This community of approximately 175 homes was built in the early 1950s specifically for African-Americans because, at that time, few places existed in the Williamsburg area where African-Americans could purchase homes. The neighborhood was named after George Washington Carver, a prominent African-American botanist and inventor born into slavery. In fact, every street in this community is named after a famous African-American.

When residents initially moved into Carver Gardens, the community was in bloom. The first residents were working class people--school teachers, government employees, manufacturing workers. The families took pride in their community and made every effort to get to know their neighbors. Many of the residents who purchased homes over 50 years ago are still living in their homes today; and the pride and camaraderie in their neighborhood continues.



A community meeting to gather residents' ideas.

the necessary maintenance and repairs. Indeed, Carver Gardens needed tending so that it could bloom again.

In 2014, York County partnered with Housing Partnerships, Inc., (HPI), a locally-funded non-profit agency

However, because most citizens are now seniors and on fixed incomes, maintenance on these homes has been deferred. The homeowners do not have the physical health or financial resources to afford

the necessary maintenance and repairs. Indeed, Carver Gardens needed tending so that it could bloom again.

that provides vital housing repair services to low-income, sick, or disabled individuals and families in the Historic Triangle, to discuss ways to preserve this historic and important community.

Because of the number of homes, a comprehensive approach was necessary to serve the entire community. The County and HPI decided to apply to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community

Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG program provides funding to eligible units of local government to address the lack of public infrastructure particularly those involving services to low- and moderate-income persons. The application was made and we waited. Fortunately, on February 25, 2015, Governor McAuliffe announced that York County was the recipient of \$933,690 in CDBG funding!



A Carver Gardens home before....



....and after.

Please see **Carver Gardens** continued on page 12

For the latest news and information from York County, please visit:



Website (yorkcounty.gov)
Twitter (@YorkCountyVAGov)
Facebook (@yorkcountyva)



Help Clean Up York County

Who picks up litter in York County? Generally speaking, roadside litter is removed primarily through the kindness and hard work of volunteers throughout the County. Large, organized events like the Great American Cleanup and Clean the Bay Day, which happen from March through June, are



great ways to clean our community. But volunteers are welcome to help us at any time! For example, this group of 20-plus people from St. John Baptist Church on Penniman Road, the Buffalo Boyz Civic Organization, and Boy Scout Troop 195 volunteered last year and collected 63 bags of trash, two sofas, several tires, and other household trash.

If you, your civic group, or scout troop would like to volunteer, please contact Laurie Halperin, Waste Services Manager, at (757) 890-3780.

Mosquito Update

The Asian Tiger mosquito is a hardy critter. The most recent cold weather did not put a dent in the population. Why? In the winter months, the mosquito is in its egg



Asian Tiger mosquito eggs magnified

slumbering away and waiting for the warm spring rains. The eggs remain alive for up to 24 hours of 14 degree temperatures. The fall rains along with warmer winter temperatures provided the proper environment for the eggs to survive.

Now is the time to prepare for the upcoming mosquito season. For preparedness steps, visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol or call our office at (757) 890-3791.

Mosquito Control operations have moved to the County's Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Shop, 1801 Wolftrap Road. However, citizens still can visit the Waste Management Center, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, to pick up one free package of larvacide dunks. The dunks can be used in areas up to 100 square feet where water cannot be emptied (ponds, pools, etc.).

Yorktown 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS



SISTER CITIES FRENCH MARKET

April 22
Saturday
10am-3pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



PIRATES INVADE YORKTOWN

April 29 & 30
Saturday & Sunday
10am-6pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



BLUES, BREWS & BBQ FESTIVAL

May 6
Saturday
12pm-6pm, \$
Riverwalk Landing



ART AT THE RIVER JURIED ART SHOW

May 7
Sunday
10am-4pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing

WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

York County Waste Management Center



Household Chemical Collections and Computer Recycling 2017 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.

	<u>Williamsburg/ James City County</u>	<u>York County</u>	<u>Hampton</u>	<u>Poquoson</u>
Location:	Warhill High School 4615 Opportunity Way Williamsburg	County Drive, Yorktown (off Goodwin Neck Rd)	Hampton Coliseum Parking Lot Coliseum Drive 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:	February 11, 2017 April 8, 2017 June 10, 2017 August 12, 2017 October 14, 2017	March 11, 2017 May 13, 2017 July 8, 2017 September 9, 2017 November 11, 2017	March 18, 2017 May 20, 2017 July 15, 2017 September 16, 2017 November 18, 2017	October 7, 2017

ALL EVENTS END PROMPTLY AT NOON!

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.
***Please note that we can only accept the computer items listed above.
 - ▶ **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

2017 Calendar Art Contest

Artwork is now being accepted for the 2017 Beautiful York County Calendar Art Contest! York County students K-12 are encouraged to submit an 8x10 landscape art - utilizing recycled materials with a theme of "Clean York County and how recycling and litter control efforts help keep it beautiful" - by Friday, July 28. There are 13 cash awards of \$100 each. For additional information, call Laurie Halperin, Waste Services Manager, at (757) 890-3780 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/pw.

Open Burning: Leaves Only

The open burning of leaves is permitted, but the following rules apply:

- Leaf burning shall be conducted in small piles (i.e., approximately three feet in diameter in a cleared area 10 feet in diameter).
- Leaf burning shall be attended constantly until fire is completely extinguished.
- Water, sand, dirt, or fire extinguishers shall be available at the burn site in quantity sufficient to completely extinguish the fire. (A charged water hose, one that is connected to a water source, is preferred, and rakes and shovels should also be available to control burn pile.)
- Burning shall not be conducted closer than 50 feet to any structure and provisions shall be made to ensure the fire does not spread to closer than 50 feet of any structure. Burning shall not be conducted closer than 250 feet from any occupied dwelling other than a dwelling located on the property where the leaf burning is being conducted (but not closer than 50 feet to any structure).
- From February 15 to April 30, State forest laws prohibit open burning before 4 p.m. Burning must end no later than 9 p.m.
- Burning should not be conducted on windy days and/or during dry periods.
- Burning is prohibited on local, state, and federal legal holidays, as well as on Sundays. Also, burning shall be prohibited between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., except for the period of February 15 to April 30 when burning is prohibited before 4 p.m.
- Also prohibited is the open burning of tree trimmings or yard/garden debris that is collected by the County through regular roadside collection. For information about the County's collection program, call the Waste Management Center at (757) 890-3780.



For a complete list of open burning rules and other types of permitted open burning, contact Fire & Life Safety at (757) 890-3600, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Now recruiting eligible 3, 4 & 5 year olds
For more information, call (757) 890-3888



Bethel Manor Elementary School
Full Day Preschool (6.5 hours)

Griffin Yeates Center
Half Day Preschool (4.5 hours)

Yorktown Elementary School
Full Day Preschool (6.5 hours)

York County – Financial Transparency

York County is committed to financial transparency. In this spirit, we have developed a Financial Transparency Portal giving citizens the ability to view how dollars are invested in the delivery of outstanding programs and services. From here, you can view documents, financial reports, as well as interact and create your own charts and reports through the portal.



"This data should be used for informational purposes only. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the reports and data provided; nevertheless, some information may not be accurate. The County of York assumes no responsibility arising from use of this information."

CONGRATULATIONS!



York County Finance Building
120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown

**Awarded with
2017 ENERGY STAR
Certification**



Attention New Residents of York County:
Call us for a New Resident Package full of helpful information about your new community! Call (757) 890-3300.



Free Pruning Clinics

It is time to prune! Our clinics teach you the healthiest way to prune your much-loved plants to promote proper disease resistance and growth. To register, please call (757) 890-4940. These FREE clinics are offered on the following dates:

- Saturday, February 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Ken Matthews Garden Center, Route 17, Yorktown
- Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Peninsula Hardwood Mulch, 715 Lakeside Drive, Yorktown



We will also have an indoor/outdoor hands-on clinic:

- Sunday, February 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. - York/Poquoson Extension Office, 100 County Drive, Yorktown

Learning Garden Spring Plant Sale

The York-Poquoson Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale on Saturday, May 6, from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Learning Garden located adjacent to the Public Safety Building, 301 Goodwin Neck Road. Annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees will be for sale. For more information, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

Master Gardener Help Desk

Got weeds, bugs, or plant disease issues? Give us a call so we can be your plant doctor. We are now open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from March through October from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce for info.

2017 Horticultural Extravaganza

The 2017 Horticultural Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 4, from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Poquoson High School. The Extravaganza provides a wide range of information for both the novice and the more experienced gardener. Topics will cover all facets of gardening, including: specialty plants, lawn care, landscape design, backyard food production, and more! The cost of the event is \$20 (lunch included). Visit our website to register: www.yorkcounty.gov/vce. Act fast because space is limited.

Healthy Virginia Lawns Program

Sign up now for our Spring Healthy Virginia Lawns program with visits beginning in March! This program is designed to assist York 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, please call (757) 890-4940.

4-H Growing Mums for Profit

The award-winning 4-H Mums Project combines the skills of growing plants with the knowledge of how to account for, market, and sell a product. Youth ages 9-18 receive materials to grow 15 chrysanthemums and attend educational sessions throughout the spring and summer where they learn to grow, propagate, market, and sell their mums. Members sell their mums at Yorktown Market Days in the fall. Registration for this program opens in March. For more information, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.



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Due to limits placed on the amount of funding a community can receive each year, the project has been broken into phases. The first phase, selected based on the area demonstrating the greatest need along with community input, is currently underway and includes rehabilitation of 17 substandard single-family homes, inspection of 20 homes of asbestos and subsequent removal if asbestos is found, handicap accessible upgrades to 20 homes, and demolition and reconstruction of three homes that were beyond repair. As a part of the grant, all homes receiving rehabilitation will be energy efficient. Appliances, windows, and doors will be replaced to meet Energy Star compliance. Also, heating systems are being replaced with high efficiency heat pumps. New homes will be rebuilt to meet EarthCraft Standards, which will improve energy efficiency and indoor air quality. Ensuring that the homes are energy efficient will lower utility costs and benefit the overall environment. To date, seven homes have been rehabilitated and one has been demolished and rebuilt.



Carver Gardens is in District 1. Here, district 1 supervisor Walter Zaremba (left) stands proudly by the project sign along with County Administrator Neil Morgan.

"One of the greatest feelings as a district supervisor is the satisfaction that comes with knowing you've been a part of a major effort to enhance the daily well-being of people's lives," said Walt Zaremba, Board of Supervisor member for district one, which includes Carver Gardens. "This project has improved the lives of many in Carver Gardens and, as we receive additional funding, we will continue to upgrade the housing within this community."

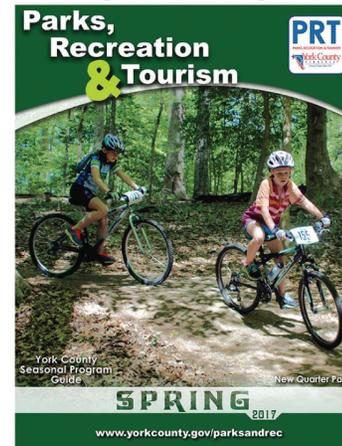
While completing phase one, the County and HPI are applying for another CDBG to begin phase two. Public meetings are being held to collect data and determine the boundary of the next phase.

Abbitt Woodall of HPI explains, "We want to be able to touch every eligible house in the Carver Gardens community so that means that we will continue to apply until we reach that goal."

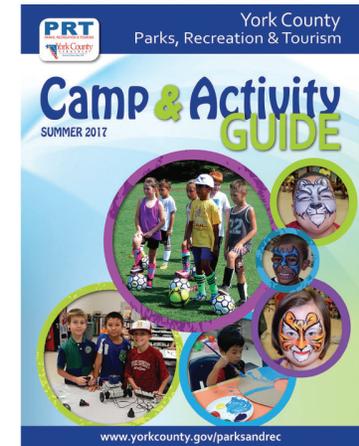
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Spring Fever is Here! Our Spring Seasonal Guide is available online only. Don't forget you can now register for all activities online. For exciting events, camps & programs this summer, find our Summer Camp & Activity Guide online or in print at the PRT Office, York County libraries & the YMCA by mid-April!

NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT SUMMER FUN 2017!!!

NEW HOURS!

SOME EXCITING NEWS!

Registration begins **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Program will operate with new **EXTENDED HOURS!**
Monday – Thursday 7:30am – 5:30pm

June 26 – July 27, 2017

Program Cost: \$225 county residents
\$400 non-county residents

For an additional fee, **field trips** will be offered on Fridays!

Call PRT at 757.890.3500 for more information.