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York County Update 7/2/2020:

Library delays reopening/expands curbside service; Summer Concert Series postponed; CARES Act Grant Funds for Local Businesses; Movies in the Parks! Returns July 10

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Library Expands Curbside Service to Yorktown Branch; Reopening Delayed

- Our York County Public Library is continuing curbside service for the pickup of books, DVDs, and Summer Reading Program materials, and is extending the service to the Yorktown branch beginning Monday, July 6. The curbside service is available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Once patrons “check out” their items on the library’s website, they are notified by staff when the items are available. Upon arrival at the branch, patrons park in a numbered space and follow the posted instructions to notify staff of arrival. Materials are delivered to the individual by library employees following social distancing and protective guidelines. Book drops remain open for the return of materials. For more information, visit the [library website](#).
- The previously announced reopening of the libraries has been postponed as a precautionary measure.

Tourism Development’s Summer Concert Series Postponed

- After evaluating Phase 3 guidelines released by Gov. Northam and as a precautionary measure, York County has made the difficult decision to further delay the start of its Sounds of Summer concert series in the interest of public safety. This decision means the cancellation of both the July 9 performance featuring The Uptown Band and the July 16 performance featuring Strictly Bizzness. The additional two-week window provides the opportunity to re-evaluate the logistics of navigating the newest restrictions, including the 1,000-person capacity for outdoor entertainment. These waterfront summer concerts typically draw much larger crowds. Any further announcements will be posted to Visit Yorktown’s social media channels as well as the [Visit Yorktown](#) website.

- In addition, following discussions with the Episcopal Diocese, the Celebrate Yorktown Committee has decided to cancel its 2020 August music series at Grace Church. Additionally, the Committee says the annual Virginia Symphony concert scheduled for the Saturday of Labor Day weekend will not take place.

York County Planning Commission Meeting is Wednesday, July 8

- The Planning Commission meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is broadcast live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and also [live-streamed](#). This is an electronic remote meeting. Participation information is available on the [meeting agenda](#).

York County CARES Grant for Local Businesses

- York County set aside funding received from the government's CARES ACT to establish the COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance Grant. The County and Economic Development Authority are offering one-time financial assistance to eligible for-profit small businesses up to \$3,000. The application and eligibility requirements are available on the Office of Economic Development [website](#).

Movies in the Park Returns; Parks and Recreation Programs Update

- Where else can you enjoy being outdoors with your family while watching a free movie AND social distancing all at the same time?! The County's "**Movies in the Parks!**" series returns with nine-weekends of movies on Fridays and Saturdays at three County parks: Charles Brown Park, McReynolds Athletic Complex (MAC), and New Quarter Park. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Concessions are available at the movies. Just some of the favorites being shown this year are: Frozen 2, The Lion King, Aladdin, Dumbo, and so many more! Visit the press release or website for complete details and a schedule of showings.
- York County Parks and Recreation recently announced it is accepting registrations for two summer programs:
 - **Summer Adult Fitness Classes** being July 13 and are Monday and Wednesday evenings, and Saturday mornings, and include Hi/Lo Combo, Yoga, Cardio Combo, and Strength Training. Fees, class dates, and details are available online.
 - Registrations are now being accepted for **Summer Adult Tennis Lessons** at Back Creek Park on Tuesday evenings beginning July 28. Lessons focus on varying levels of fundamentals, technique, and strategy. Details online.
 - Registration is now open for Adult Fitness

Reminder: York County offices and courts are closed Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Garbage and Recycling are NOT affected by the holiday. The Transfer Station, Drop-off Site, and VPPSA Compost Facility are closed Saturday, July 4.