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York County Update 7/17/2020:

Fire/EMS COVID-19 Update; Blues, Brews & BBQ Cancelled; Board of Supervisors July 21 Broadcast Live on WYCG-TV; Community Litter Clean-Up Kits Available to Check Out; Volunteers Needed for Community Services Grants Advisory Committee

July 17, 2020

York County Fire & Life Safety COVID-19 Update

- York County Fire & Life Safety recently reported 11 COVID-19 positive cases among its Fire/EMS personnel. As of July 16, 2020, seven have been released from quarantine with the other four expected to be released by Saturday, July 18. In total, 23 staff members are quarantined with 18 scheduled for release by Saturday, July 18. We appreciate the outpouring of support from the community following the news of the positive test results. We continue to monitor and test our personnel for their safety and the well-being of the citizens needing emergency services.

Tourism Development's Blues, Brews & BBQ Event Cancelled

- Due to several factors, the most important of which being public safety, this year's Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival has been cancelled. The initial spring date had been pushed back to August with hopes the pandemic might be better under control by now. Unfortunately, the latest tracking numbers from the Virginia Department of Health illustrate that is simply not the case. Given the social nature of this event and the inclination to gather in groups while consuming alcohol and listening to music – this seemed the most responsible decision to help protect the community. Organizers of the event were also challenged to find volunteers. Any tickets already purchased will be refunded. We look forward to making the return of this annual festival in May of 2021 a resounding success!
- The Gallery at York Hall invites visitors and citizens to beat the heat by celebrating Christmas in July! Beginning July 17 through the end of the month—shoppers can enjoy 10% off their purchases. The Gallery features ornaments, paintings, pottery, jewelry, stained glass, quilts, and other Yorktown Memorabilia. Hundreds of local artists utilize the Gallery to sell their items and a portion of the

proceeds goes to the Celebrate Yorktown Committee to help offset the cost of several special events in town that take place throughout the year.

Tuesday, July 21 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda is Online

- The Board of Supervisors' next meeting is Tuesday, July 21. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and live streaming at www.yorkcounty.gov/tv. This is an electronic remote meeting. There is one public hearing item on the agenda and a citizen phone line has been established for the public hearing and the meeting's citizen comment period. You can view the agenda and phone-in instructions [here](#).

Neighborhood Litter Pick-up Kits Available from York County Public Works and Beautification Committee

- Individuals and families interested in helping to keep York County clean and green may register with our Waste Management Center and check out a free clean-up kit to help you safely collect and dispose of litter. Everything you need is available in the kit: gloves, bags, safety vests, litter grabbers, and more. These kits are available for one week and the County will make arrangements to pick up the bagged litter that you have collected! More information about community clean-ups are available [online](#) or by calling (757) 890-3780. This program is made possible through a partnership with the York County Department of Public Works and the York County Beautification Committee, and is funded by grants from the VA Department of Environmental Quality and the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee.

Community Services Grants Advisory Committee Seeking Applicants

- The Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants to serve on the Community Services Grants Advisory Committee. This committee administers a grant program through which eligible civic and cultural organizations apply for funding from the County. The committee is responsible for reviewing requests and recommending funding approval to the Board of Supervisors. Interested citizens can submit a Board Bank [application available online](#) or by calling (757) 890-3320. York County has over two dozen boards, committees, and commissions that depend on citizen volunteers to serve as members. When vacancies occur, applications are forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.