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York County Operations Update Is Now Citizen News Weekly

- Beginning today, the Friday press release/status update becomes “Citizen News Weekly.” York County Public Affairs is dedicated to keeping our residents informed with updates on County operations, programs, and events. Gail Whittaker, PIO explains “These weekly updates are proving to be very effective in communicating the most up-to-date information from across the County departments and we will continue producing them indefinitely.” During the pandemic, the quarterly Citizen News has been published [online](#) and will continue to be, with the last issue for 2020 due out mid-November. All *Citizen News Weekly* updates will be posted on the [website](#) and emailed to anyone who signs up at [notify me](#). For daily news and messaging be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#). As we move into 2021, we are already thinking about new opportunities to deliver more of the information you need to know.

Board Seeks Applicants for District 4 Vacancy

- At Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting, Chairman Chad Green reviewed the process for citizens interested in applying for appointment to the district 4 seat. The application form and instructions are available [online](#) and in the [press release](#) issued Tuesday evening. See how the Board voted on the three public hearing items that were on Tuesday’s [agenda here](#). There is no meeting on the first Tuesday in November. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17.

Reminder: Drug Take Back/Shred Event Tomorrow (10/24)

- Bring your expired/unused prescription medicines and personal paperwork to the Drug Take Back/Shred Event tomorrow, Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the York County Public Works Complex, 105 Service Drive, for safe and confidential disposal. This service is *free* and a great way to protect yourself and your family from drug misuse and identity theft. Complete details, including what drug items are not

accepted, are available [online](#).

Last Day to Vote Early In Person is Saturday, October 31

- The last day for citizens to vote early in person at one of the Voter's Registrar's Office locations is Saturday, October 31 at 5 p.m. The Registrar's Offices are located in Washington Square Shopping Center and Victory Village Shopping Center. Offices will be open Saturday, October 24 and Saturday October 31, for early voting and to accept voted absentee ballots that had been mailed to voters. Saturday hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the [Registrar's Office website](#) or call (757) 890-3440.

Monday Operating Hours Resume at Libraries Beginning November 2

- Beginning Monday, November 2, the Tabb and Yorktown branches of the York County Public Library will be open to the public. Effective November 2, hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Both libraries will be closed on Sunday. The first hour of each day (10-11 a.m.) will be reserved for senior citizens and at-risk individuals.
 - Patrons are required to wear a face covering or mask and practice social distancing guidelines while in the library.
 - All returned items will continue to be quarantined for 72 hours.
 - Book drops will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
 - In-house programs, study rooms and meeting rooms will not be available at this time.
 - Curbside pickup remains available to those who are not able to enter the building.

Temporary Closure of Colonial Parkway Williamsburg Tunnel

- The National Park Service has announced the temporary closure of the Williamsburg Tunnel on the Colonial Parkway from 9 am on Monday, October 26, 2020 through 5 pm on Friday, October 30, 2020 for an in-depth assessment of the lighting system. Detours will provide a through route in both directions during the closure. Further details are available on their [website](#).

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Saturday, October 17 Market Celebrates Hometown Heroes

- Our inaugural First Responders Market—tomorrow (10/17) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.—will be a morning dedicated to our firefighters, sheriff's deputies, 911 emergency communications dispatchers, public works officials, and other healthcare and first responders who keep our community safe. Stop by and let them know how much we appreciate them! Many vendors and artists will also be providing discounts to first responders who show up to shop the market.

Enjoy spectacular views of the York River, live music, food trucks, and a variety of vendors! Shop for seasonal produce; fresh seafood and meats; breads; fresh-cut flowers; handmade soaps and candles; honey; gourmet dog treats; and a beautiful display of work from local artists and artisans.

Several emergency vehicles and officials will be on site that day to educate and answer questions. You won't be able to miss the York County Fire & Life Safety ladder truck! The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will also have a patrol car, crime prevention trailer, DARE tent, motorcycles, K-9 unit, and maybe even their drone at the market that day. Public Works will have a large Vector Truck that's used to handle large-scale liquid and sludge clean-up. They're used where any large-scale liquid transport is necessary!

Be sure to stop by the Riverwalk Landing Concert Stage to talk to Riverside Emergency staff and view inspiring images taken by local photographer Michael Taylor of Sigmon Taylor Photography. Riverside has commissioned him to shoot more than 150 images to honor first responders. They proudly hang on the walls of emergency departments all across Hampton Roads. The ages of participants have ranged from 16 to 76 and represent SWAT teams, bomb units, dive teams, marine units, and helicopter teams, as well as law enforcement, fire, and rescue units. You'll be able to see some up close in this special digital exhibit. Read more about [Riverside's "First Responders Project"](#) here!

Drug Take Back/Shred Event Coming Up Next Weekend

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County Offices, including Voter Registrar locations, Closed Monday, October 19 – Yorktown Day

- York County offices are closed in observance of Yorktown day – the anniversary of the British Surrender in 1781. The Voter Registrar’s offices, located in Washington Square Shopping Center and Victory Village Shopping Center, are closed on Yorktown Day. Garbage and recycling are not affected by these holidays. The Courts are open. Complete details are available in a [press release](#).

Next Household Chemical Collection is November 14

- Residents are reminded that several times a year, VPPSA holds a Household Chemical and Computer Recycling event in York County. The next event is Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Operations Drive (between Service Drive and County Drive just off Goodwin Neck Road). Latex paint is no longer accepted for recycling at the Waste Management Center, so please bring all your excess paints to the collection event. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit the [York County Waste Management page](#).

October 20 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Now Online

- The Board of Supervisors will meet remotely on Tuesday, October 20. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is broadcast live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and live-streamed from the County’s [website](#). The agenda, with the phone numbers to call to make public comment, is available [online](#). There are three public hearings on the agenda. At this meeting, Chairman Chad Green will discuss the District 4 vacancy and the application process that will be utilized to appoint a Supervisor to fill the seat.

Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA) Meeting on Wednesday, October 21

- Eight localities form this regional body to enhance the economic base of the localities on a cooperative basis. EVRIFA is holding back-to-back meetings on Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 2 p.m. with the regular meeting and followed by the Kings Creek Commerce Center Committee meeting immediately afterward. Agenda materials with instructions on how to join these remote meetings are available on the [EVRIFA website](#). Both meetings have a public comment session.

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