



November 20, 2020

### Dec. 4 Christmas Tree Lighting Scheduled; Reservations Required!

- This is the 76<sup>th</sup> year of Yorktown's Christmas Tree Lighting. This year's event will be a bit different to accommodate COVID-19 restrictions. Individuals who register to attend this free event will enjoy live musical presentations, the lighting of the tree, and a special virtual visit from Santa Claus! Space is limited, so please [register online](#) as soon as you can. The Tree Lighting is only two weeks away – Friday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. – so sign up today and help us kick off the holiday season.



### Join us for a pre-Thanksgiving Cornucopia of Fun at the Yorktown Waterfront!

- At this weekend's Harvest Market, stop by Raders Quarter Farm for help planning your holiday meals. The farm has fresh, local, pasture raised turkeys as well as heritage whole hog sausage, bacon and ham during the market on **Saturday (11/21) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Pick up seasonal treats like hot cocoa bombs from Taylor Made Chocolate and unique holiday pieces such as custom drawn ornaments from artist Celeste Draughn. More than 50 vendors and artists participate in this special extended market. Visitors will find many items perfect for their holiday table.



And don't miss the amazing live demo from Nature's Wonderland Carving – NEW this year. James Miller will be carving logs live during the event to create beautiful works of art in front of the fountain. You shouldn't have trouble finding him . . . just follow the sound of his saw!

The Virginia Living Museum is bringing some of their animal friends for a socially distanced show in the Freight Shed at 1 p.m. Limited seating is available and all adults and children 5 and older are required to wear face coverings inside the building. The always-popular alpacas return for this market!

There's bound to be some knee slappin', boot stompin', and hand clappin' with a live performance of bluegrass music from Ralph Motley!

*We are taking important precautions to keep our customers and vendors safe amidst*

*COVID-19 concerns, including required spacing between vendors and a setup to avoid congestion in typically high-traffic areas. All vendors and staff are required to wear face coverings when interacting with customers who are less than 6 feet away. Hand sanitizer stations will be set up as you enter, as well as signs stating that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days, is permitted to shop at the market.*

- **Celebrate Christmas in Yorktown** - The holiday season is filled with special community traditions in Historic Yorktown. It's a time for friends, family, and neighbors to safely gather together to eat, shop, and create lasting memories. From modern celebrations like the Christmas Market on Main Street to period programming like Christmastide in Virginia and Viking Yuletide—there are special events taking place all December long. [Check out our new festive blog](#) to make merry and help plan your next visit!

## **Board of Supervisors Receives Seven Applications for District 4 Vacancy**

- Seven residents of District 4 have applied for the vacant position on the Board of Supervisors: Sekou Billings, Michael S. King, Steven A. Meade, Lawrence J. "Tu" Ritter, Gary S. Roane, Jr., Larry D'Shawn Wright, and Sherri Wright-Cox. Next, the Board will hold a meeting on December 8 where the applicants will have an opportunity to introduce themselves to the Board and County citizens. The meeting will be televised live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and livestreamed at [www.yorkcounty.gov/tv](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/tv). As details are finalized, they will be posted on the [Board's website](#).

## **York County Offices and Courts Closed Nov. 26 & 27**

- The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us. York County offices and courts are closed on Thanksgiving (11/26) and the day after (11/27). Citizens whose garbage or recycling are collected on Thursday are asked to put their containers at the roadside on Friday, while Friday collections move to Saturday. For a complete listing of closings, please refer to the [press release](#) issued last week.

## **Now Seeking District 2 Applicants to Chesapeake Bay Board!**

- If you are a resident of District 2 and would like to volunteer to serve the community, consider the Chesapeake Bay Board! This Board ensures that development in the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas (CBPA) is done in accordance with applicable regulations. The Board typically meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. District 2 citizens interested in applying for appointment to the Chesapeake Bay Board may obtain an [application online](#).

**Zero Convenience Fees**

**Important Reminder**  
**Personal Property & Real Estate Taxes are Due December 5**  
(payments accepted w/out penalty and interest on Dec. 7)

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**No-Contact Pay Options Available**

- Online at [yorkcounty.gov/treasurer](http://yorkcounty.gov/treasurer)
- Drop-Box at 120 Alexander Hamilton Blvd.

Call (757) 890-3420 for more information



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