

# CITIZEN NEWS

Freedom Day  
Juneteenth

Weekly



June 17, 2022

## Juneteenth Celebration Scheduled for Saturday

The County is holding a Juneteenth celebration from 5 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow (6/18) at the McReynolds Athletic Complex, 412 Sports Way. This free event is open to the public and features speakers, performers, food truck vendors, and more! The celebration concludes with a special *Movies in the Parks* at 8:45 featuring the hit Disney Pixar movie "Soul." Additional information about this exciting event is available [online](#).

## Juneteenth Event: Researching Ancestors of Color

The Tabb Library is welcoming genealogist Renate Yarborough Sanders for a special one-hour workshop tomorrow (6/18) at 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn how to research and extract data about people of color from various document types. This program is offered in-person and also through Zoom. More information can be found [online](#). The library is located at 100 Long Green Blvd.

**York County government offices will be closed on Monday, June 20 in observance of Juneteenth**

## Yorktown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event Schedule Released

Join us in Yorktown on Independence Day for a family-friendly celebration on Historic Main Street and at the waterfront. Events begin at 8 a.m. with the Yorktown Independence Day 8K Run/Walk, followed by the Patriotic Parade at 9 a.m. that begins on Water Street. Family activities begin at 1 p.m. with outdoor games and fun for kids. The battlefield parking area (Cook Road & Ballard Street) opens at 4 p.m. Evening activities include a bell ringing ceremony and a live concert, with the spectacular fireworks show at 9:15 p.m. More information is available in this week's [press release](#).



## County Offers Personal Property Tax Relief Program

Individuals experiencing economic hardship may apply for assistance in paying their first half 2022 personal property tax bills. Requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and applicants must meet certain criteria. Eligibility criteria and the application form are available on the [County's website](#). As a reminder, taxes are due June 25<sup>th</sup>. The 2% late penalty is extended through the end of September with the penalty increase to 10% delayed

until October 1. Additional means of tax relief are being developed by the Board of Supervisors with County staff and will be effective with the December bills.

## Applications Now Open for Cooling Assistance



York-Poquoson Social Services (YPSS) is accepting applications to help qualified residents with their cooling needs this summer. The energy assistance program allows for payment of an electric bill, A/C repairs or installation, or purchase or installation of fans. Only one member of the household needs to apply. Details for eligibility and the link to the application can be found on the YPSS [website](#).

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors Coming Up

The next Board of Supervisors meeting is Tuesday (6/21) at 6 p.m. This meeting includes presentations from Doug Smith, President and CEO of the Hampton Roads Alliance, and the quarterly report from VDOT's Rossie Carroll. The public hearings will begin at 7 p.m. See the full agenda now available on the Board of Supervisors [web page](#). As always, the meeting will be live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46/ Verizon 38) and streaming online [here](#).

## 2022 Summer Reading Challenge Begins Soon

Registration begins June 28 for this year's Library Summer Reading Challenge. The reading goal is 5,000 hours by or before the end of the challenge on August 13. Keep track of your reading through the library's [Beanstack site](#) or the app. A Summer Reading

Challenge kick-off party is being held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on June 28 at the Tabb Library. Also, the Library will be offering a sea of weekly and special programs for all ages, so be sure to take a swim through the [events calendar](#) for all the activities. This challenge is open to readers of all ages. Details are available on the [Library's website](#).



## Free Yorktown Trolley at Your Service

With summer break underway, the waterfront is sure to be a busy place. Don't forget the best way to get around is the Yorktown Trolley. With 11 stops throughout the town and waterfront, you'll have no problem getting wherever you want to go. Best of all, it's air conditioned! The parking terrace is restricted while repairs are being done and spaces are limited to restaurant and business patrons. See the [map](#) to find all the open lots and trolley stops to make your plans.

**Additional Notes for the Week...** Come to Riverwalk Landing on Thursday evening (6/23) for the **Sounds of Summer Concert series** featuring "Cat5 Band." Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating and arrive early to grab your spot on the lawn! **Garden Art Events** at the Learning Garden (301 Goodwin Neck Rd.) are held once a month this summer: *How Leaves Work* on June 23, *Why Flowers are Important* on July 21, and *Pollinators* on August 18. Call York-Poquoson Extension Office at 757-890-4940 to register.

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Mr. Mark Bellamy  
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Dear Mr. Bellamy,

Per our previous discussion, the School Board approved Policy JEC – School Admission at its regular meeting held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. As a result of revisions to Policy JEC, employees of the County who are non-residents may now enroll their secondary students (grades 6-12) in York County Schools without tuition cost.

We have completed necessary changes to our official enrollment forms to facilitate this new capacity and are now ready to accept these new enrollees. There are two items that you will want to make known to your employees when advertising this opportunity: First, starting the registration process requires completing the [enrollment form](#) linked here electronically and email to [Ms. Kim Snow](#), our Coordinator of Enrollment & Attendance or printing the form and dropping off at our School Board Office at 302 Dare Rd. Ms. Snow will then contact the employee in short order to complete the enrollment process. Second, please remind your staff that any student that has started 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher at a non-York County high school will unfortunately have to forfeit one year of high school sports eligibility.

We are excited about this new partnership and remind you that we will evaluate for expanding to elementary in the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

James E. Carroll, Ed.D.  
Chief Operations Officer