



March 31, 2023

Board of Supervisors to Discuss Budget at Upcoming Work Session

At Tuesday's (4/4) meeting, the Board will receive presentations on three segments of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget: Community Support Line Items, Tax and Expenditure Priorities, and Healthcare and Compensation. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the East Room of York Hall (301 Main Street), and is televised live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and livestreamed on the County's [website](#). Although there is not a citizen comment portion included in this work session, the public may provide their input via email to bos@yorkcounty.gov and phone message left at 757-890-3220. The Budget Public Hearing, when citizens may address the Board, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in York Hall.

“Building Together: Prevention in Partnership” is the Theme of April’s Child Abuse Prevention Month

Pinwheels are popping up all over! As a symbol of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the blue and silver pinwheels are placed to remind passers-by that childhood should be a time of joy and not one of abuse and neglect. Together with public awareness and support, the team at York-Poquoson Department of Social Services (YPDSS) works to ensure that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, while promoting the social and emotional well-being of kids and preventing maltreatment. In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the public is invited to two pinwheel ceremonies: Thursday (4/6) from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bean’s Ice Cream in Poquoson (475 Wythe Creek Road) and Friday (4/7) from 1 to 3 p.m. at Dairy Queen in Yorktown (5704 Route 17). *Free small ice cream for the first 100 kids at both events!*



York-Poquoson Department of Social Services is hiring! You can become a part of this amazing team by applying for a job with YPDSS. See all job openings on the YPDSS website at www.yorkcounty.gov/socialservices.

No Fooling...April 1 is a Big Day at Several County Facilities

Beginning tomorrow (4/1), a variety of attractions extend their hours for the spring/summer season! Here’s a look at just some of them. The [Riverwalk Landing Piers](#) are back open seven days a week for overnight reservations until October 31! The [Gallery at York Hall](#) extends its hours



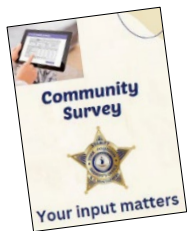


to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 4 on Sunday. Many County parks also begin expanded hours, including [New Quarter Park](#) opening daily from 8 a.m. to dusk, as well as [Chisman Creek Park](#) and [Wolf Trap Park](#) both returning to hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The [McReynolds Athletic Complex](#) switched its hours to spring/summer on March 1 and is now open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Be sure to visit the [Parks and Recreation web page](#) for details on all the fun and exciting programs available.

Programs and News from the York County Public Library

The Yorktown Library is once again offering programs for all ages. Adult patrons are invited to a creative evening at **Craft It! with YCPL: DIY Suncatchers** at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday (4/5). Participants will create their own eye-catching suncatchers from mason jar lids. Registration is required. Enjoy **Squirrels – Feed Them or Defeat Them** at 2 p.m. next Saturday (4/8), to learn to co-exist with our furry neighbors in this presentation from Wild Bird Unlimited Yorktown. Registration is recommended, but not required. Sign up for both events via the online [event calendar](#).

Congratulations to Library Director Kevin Smith and the York County Public Library. The School Division presented a resolution in recognition and appreciation of the collaboration with the Project Experience Program, which gives practical work experience to special education students. The resolution adds the York County Public Library to the 2023 Virginia School Boards Association Business Honor Roll. *Photo left to right: School Board Vice Chairman James Richardson, Library Director Kevin Smith, Library Circulation Manager Melissa Gardner, and School Board Chairman Laurel Gerrelts.*



Sheriff's Office Seeks Public Input

It only takes about five minutes to complete a survey that will help the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office identify citizen concerns and effectively align resources with the needs of the community. Those who live, work, and use the resources in York County are asked to visit the [survey link](#) and answer the questions that will help determine priorities to provide the best service to the residents and visitors of York County.

Additional Notes for the Week...High School students interested in serving on the **York County Youth Commission** for the 2023-2024 school year now have until April 10 to apply. Details and application forms are available [online](#). **Parks & Recreation's Summer Camps** begin registering Monday (4/3). Visit the [website](#) to sign-up your child for these exciting and fun activities.

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