



May 5, 2023

### Board of Supervisors Adopts Budget, Lowers Tax Rates

At this week's meeting, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget along with the tax rates for Calendar Year 2023. The Real Estate tax rate has been reduced one cent from \$0.78 to \$0.77, and personal property drops ten cents to \$3.90 (both rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation). You can read the budget [here](#). Taxes are due semi-annually on June 25 and December 5. York County residents age 65 or over, and certain disabled persons, may be eligible for real estate tax relief (certain eligibility criteria apply). For more information, visit the [Commissioner of the Revenue's site](#) and/or the [Treasurer's site](#).

### Blues, Brews, & BBQ and Art at the River this Weekend at the Waterfront!

Tickets are still available for tomorrow's (5/6) annual **Blues, Brews, & BBQ** festival held at Riverwalk Landing from 12 to 6 p.m. Sample over 30 craft beers, stuff yourself with delicious cuisine from five food trucks, and listen to music by the HM Johnson Band at 12:30 p.m. and The Jason Cale Band at 3:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, click over to the [Visit Yorktown website](#). Return to Riverwalk Landing on Sunday (5/7) to admire the work of more than 35 local artists at the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art at the River Juried Art Show** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Painters, photographers, jewelers, glass artists, and more will compete for monetary prizes, as well as the coveted Best In Show and the People's Choice Award.



**Reminder:** There is no Yorktown Market Days tomorrow. The market returns next Saturday, May 13, with the **Vintage Market**, just in time to pick up something for Mother's Day. Also next Saturday, the **Car Show on Main Street** with over 20 fully restored classics! Both are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Read more about it in this week's [press release](#).

### Senior Citizens Invited to Free May 10 CarFit Event



The popular CarFit is coming up on Wednesday (5/10) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Denbigh Community Center (15198 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News). At CarFit, a team of trained professionals performs a 12-point checklist to ensure that an older driver's car "fits." Included in the check are the position of the driver's seat, ability of the driver to reach the pedals, and proper adjustment

of the mirrors. The 12-point checklist requires approximately 20 minutes to complete. Driver's safety, and the safety of others, increases with a proper fit. This event is sponsored by the Peninsula Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.). Schedule [online](#) or by calling 757-890-4102.

## This is Hurricane Preparedness Week

The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1, and the time to begin preparing for potential storm impact is now. To help citizens get ready for storm season, the County's Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management, Asst. Chief Sean Segerblom, will be presenting helpful tips and best practices at the Yorktown Library on Wednesday, May 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For details, visit the [Library's event calendar](#). Know what to do before, during and after a storm, and learn about forecasts and alerts. Fire & Life Safety's [website](#) contains helpful information and links to many resources, including Virginia's [Know Your Zone website](#) that residents can use to determine their evacuation zone.



## Volunteers Needed to Help Protect Waterways

Registration for the June 3 *Clean the Bay Day* is now open for individuals, families, businesses, civic groups, etc. to sign up for this three-hour (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.) clean-up event, which is a great way to give back to the community and support cleaner waterways. Sign up with the York County Beautification Committee through the *Clean the Bay Day* [link](#). Can't make it June 3? *Clean the Bay* DIY-style at smaller sites June 4-10. Visit the [website](#) for details.

**Additional Notes for the Week...** **Master Gardener Plant Sale** tomorrow (5/6) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Learning Garden (301 Goodwin Neck Road). Among the plants for purchase are Yorktown Onions! Bring wagons, carts, boxes, for your purchases. Cash/check accepted. A portion of the Colonial Parkway is closed to vehicles this weekend for the **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pedal the Parkway** event. Grab your bicycles and running shoes, and head over to the parkway for a safe ride, run, or walk along this scenic roadway. Enjoy kayaking? [Register](#) by Tuesday (5/9) for Thursday's (5/11) **sunset kayak tour at Back Creek Park** at 6:30 p.m.

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