



Dear York County Board of Supervisors,

We, the retailers of Riverwalk Landing, would like to express our support for the Princess Cruises pilot program coming in 2024. This is a unique opportunity to showcase what we already know to be a special place, and welcome cruise guests as our visitors and patrons. Riverwalk Landing merchants have experienced first-hand the benefits of having cruise ships dock in Yorktown. The passengers that choose to disembark keep the waterfront vibrant and our cash registers ringing.

We also want to convey our complete confidence in the staff and leadership of York County as they work through all the details. Over our tenure here, we have witnessed the thoughtful and very careful planning and execution of special events – a true partnership where all parties' best interests are considered. We know this will be no different and that the details and organization of the program will be managed to ensure the best outcomes for all involved.

We would also like to note that, contrary to outside observers, our experiences with American Cruise Lines has been positive. Their passengers shop in our stores, eat at our restaurants, and contribute to the coffers of the County. This is also the case with the other excursions and their clients.

While we understand this is a huge undertaking, we urge you to support the pilot program so that we can at least “test the waters” for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the County and our businesses. We do not want to let it pass by without giving it a chance.

Sincerely,


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Beat the Heat with Free Ice Skating at Chilled Ponds

York County residents are invited to skate *for free* at two of the weekly public sessions at Chilled Ponds Ice Sports Complex, 401 Village Drive. Lace up the skates (they are included!) and hit the ice on Wednesdays from 12 to 2:45 p.m., and Fridays from 11:20 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Those under age 18 can “Try Hockey” for free on the second Saturday of every month. Equipment is provided.



Registration for “Try Hockey” is required by the 5th of each month. Please bring a photo I.D. with you to the complex and set up a resident account. More skating information is available on their [website](#).

Visit Yorktown this Weekend for Tomorrow’s (7/22) Market & Free Schooner Virginia Deck Tours Both Days!

Pick up some of your favorite summer fruits and vegetables like watermelon, cantaloupe, and corn, as well as meat and dairy products, wine, and sweet treats at [Yorktown Market Days](#) tomorrow (7/22) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Seasonally-inspired art and handcrafted jewelry is available for purchase. As you shop, enjoy the trio **Dead Rise** singing acoustical songs on the Riverwalk Landing stage from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The **Fifes and Drums of York Town** perform at 10 a.m.



Another reason to visit Historic Yorktown this weekend: the [Schooner Virginia](#)! The ship is docked at the Riverwalk Landing Piers and is hosting free deck tours tomorrow (7/22) from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on Sunday (7/23) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are available for a two-hour sail on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

There’s still time to stop by the Gallery at York Hall for **Christmas in July!** Through July 30, shoppers receive **10% off all merchandise**. Proceeds go to support events in Yorktown and local charities. The Gallery is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers led by Gallery Manager Sharon Owen.



County Successfully Completes FEMA Exercise

Congratulations to York County Fire & Life Safety, County departments, agencies, regional organizations, and volunteers for the successful completion of the 2023 FEMA Exercise that

tests a locality's ability to quickly and correctly respond to an emergency incident at Dominion Energy's Surry Power Station (SPS). These exercises are conducted every other year and involve those cities/counties within 10 miles of the SPS. York County has successfully completed each exercise since they began in the 1980s!

Master Gardeners Offer Healthy Virginia Lawns Program

Are weeds starting to take over your lawn? Or are you seeing brown or bare patches appear? For only \$20, Master Gardeners will visit your property, measure your yard and take a soil sample, and answer any questions you have. Also, you get a certified Nutrient Management Plan to use for a healthy lawn. Register [online](#) or by calling 757-890-4940.



Additional Notes for the Week... The **Sounds of Summer concert series** continues next Thursday (7/27) from 6:30 to 9 p.m. with the band **Cat5** performing rock, blues, and beach music. The free Yorktown Trolley will be running until 9:30.

The public is asked to participate in two **surveys** to help provide input on **safety and transportation**: [Hampton Roads Regional Safety Study](#) and [Long-Range Transportation Plan](#). Remember, your opinion matters!

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