

# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 27, 2023

**TO:** Wesley E. Bowen, Battalion Chief  
James L. Rhodes, Battalion Chief  
Phillip E. Britton, Senior Firefighter  
Timothy A. Nunez, Senior Firefighter  
Dustin A. Brady, Firefighter  
Seth C. Craig, Firefighter  
Cameron M. Graca, Firefighter  
Sedric R. Spruill, Firefighter

**FROM:**  Stephen P. Kopczynski, Fire Chief/Director

**SUBJECT:** Thank You Card

I recently received a Thank You card regarding the outstanding care shown during several recent calls for assistance. Enclosed is a copy of the card.

Thank you for doing such a wonderful job!

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To Our Firefighters - Paramedics - & 911 Dispatchers

I thank you for your quick response to my "2" 911 calls in March 2023.

I will be forever grateful for the kindness you showed and the caring service you gave to my dear [REDACTED] through bitter tears and sadness I write this note. [REDACTED] passed away April 1st

In honor of his memory, I would once again like to say thank you for all you do. and to let you know just how much our community depends on you for our safety and <sup>our</sup> gratitude is with you each and every day. My donation is rather small compared to your bravery you show each and every day with unseen circumstances you face in your daily lives. May God Bless and keep you safe as you go forward.

*Especially to support FS # 4 late called March 24th and approximately 3 weeks prior to this date.*

Thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

Hope you know

how very much you're appreciated and what a difference you make.





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## County Ranks 3rd in the Nation for Best Technology Practices!

York County has moved up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place for U.S. counties with a population of up to 149,999 for its advancements in technology practices. This is the fourth consecutive year that York County has placed in the Top 10. The Digital Counties Survey evaluates localities on their technology including cybersecurity, staffing, network connectivity, continuity of operations, and more. Director of Information Technology Tim Wyatt is shown accepting the award at the national conference from Teri Tekai, Executive Director of the Center for Digital Government. Congratulations!



## County Launches New Economic Development Website

The business community, area entrepreneurs, and residents will find the [YesYorkCounty.com](https://www.yorkcountygov.com) website looking a bit refreshed this summer. That's because for several months, staff of Tourism & Economic Development along with Public Affairs have been working together to rebuild the site with helpful links to networking opportunities, pitch competitions, featured businesses, and more! The new site complements the [Visit Yorktown](https://www.visit-yorktown.com) and [York County](https://www.yorkcountygov.com) government sites with a similar layout and color scheme while focusing on easy navigation. Congrats to the County team on the launch of this upgraded site!

## Visit Yorktown for Market Days

Head up to Yorktown tomorrow (7/29) for [Market Days](https://www.visit-yorktown.com) and pick up some food for your summer cookout! Over 40 vendors will be selling fresh seasonal produce, grass-fed meat, seafood, beverages and more from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing. While you're there, purchase dessert, wine and even artwork to jazz up your décor. Visitors can also catch a live, acoustical concert from Virginia Shellfish Coalition beginning at 9 a.m. The Fifes and Drums of York Town perform at 10.

## Sounds of Summer Concerts Continue in August

Put your hands together for next Thursday's (8/3) [summer concert featuring Slapnation!](#) The band will perform Motown, beach music, and disco from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing. This band is a regional fan-favorite and concertgoers may want to arrive early to secure a spot and enjoy dinner at one of Yorktown's waterfront restaurants. Tasty snacks and light fare will be available for purchase from Coastal Thirst and Pop's Kettle Corn during the concert. The air-conditioned and handicapped-



accessible Yorktown Trolley will be running until 9:30 p.m. Remaining summer concerts are The Main Event Band on August 10 and Tidewater Drive Band on August 24.

## Parkway Renovations Beginning Soon

According to information released from the National Park Service, work on the 90-year-old parkway will begin soon. One of the first phases will include the closure of the parkway from Yorktown to the Old Williamsburg Road overpass starting mid-August and continuing to the winter of 2024-2025. Other portions will close as the work progresses. Detours will be put in place and well-marked for motorists. Complete details, including a video of the June 22 public meeting presentation, are available on the [Park Service website](#).

**Additional Notes for the Week...**The Commissioner of the Revenue's Office is participating in a **food drive** August 1-31. Please bring [dry and canned food](#) donations to the office at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items will go to the Peninsula Foodbank for local distribution. If you live in York County or Poquoson, the **Virginia Cooperative Extension Office** would like to hear from you! A quick anonymous [seven-question survey](#) is now online where you can share your thoughts on community needs. The survey closes August 31. **Coming Soon...**The Grand Opening of the **Pickleball Courts at Back Creek Park!** More information will be available in upcoming issues of *Citizen News Weekly*.

**Wet N Wild WEDNESDAYS**  
At CHARLES E. BROWN PARK  
August 9 & 23  
10am - 12pm | Free for ages 5-12

Enjoy inflatable water slides, water toys, water sprinklers, and more!

Youth should wear swimsuits and sunscreen (no jewelry)

**This is not a camp.**  
Staff/Volunteers only provided to operate the activity.  
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