



October 27, 2023

Bring Your Four-Legged Friends to Paws at the River

Get ready for a doggone good time at this week’s special market. Stop by Riverwalk Landing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow (10/28) for an un-furr-gettable, family-friendly event. Dress your fur-kids in a cute Halloween costume and get a free pet portrait behind the Freight Shed until 12 p.m. At 1 p.m., march with your cute companion in the annual Pet Parade. Learn about the 11 local pet rescues that make a paws-itive difference in the community. There will also be trick-or-treating for kids at Historic Yorktown businesses. See the full list of activity locations [here](#). While you’re there, purchase seasonal produce, beverages, meats, sweet treats, jewelry, purses, and even dog treats from nearly 50 [vendors and artists](#).



Social Services Director Completes Prestigious Women’s Leadership Institute

Margaret Mack-Yaroch, Director of the York-Poquoson Department of Social Services, recently completed the Virginia Women’s Municipal Leadership Institute (VWMLI). The



institute provides women aspiring to become local government leaders with tools, content, and opportunities to further develop leadership skills and broaden their network. As a program participant, Mrs. Mack-Yaroch (pictured in front row, fourth from left) attended virtual and in-person sessions featuring a variety of topics, from

budgeting to public speaking. The VWMLI is a partnership between Virginia Women Leading Government and the Virginia Tech Roanoke Center. Congratulations to Mrs. Mack-Yaroch and all institute participants.

New Videos Help Users Navigate New Online Portals for the Treasurer’s Office and Utility Billing

York County’s WYCG-TV staff has completed two helpful, instructional videos detailing the features of the recently updated portals for taxes *and* utilities. Tim Wyatt, the County’s Director of Information Technology, introduces the two-minute videos that take you through the registration process and how to make payments. Click on each image to watch the video. Helpful information is also available in the FAQs for [taxes](#) and [utilities](#).



RIDE FREE
ALL ELECTION DAY
November 7th, 2023



Take a Free Ride on Election Day – November 7

The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is offering free transportation on all its fixed-route and paratransit services on Election Day (11/7). The fares are being waived to give riders every opportunity to get to the polls to vote. WATA routes and schedules are available on the

[website](#). Also locally, Hampton, Newport News, and Southside bus service provided by Hampton Roads Transit will be free on Election Day.

Summer Camp Teen Counselor, Counselor-In-Training Applications Due November 30

The summer of 2024 may seem far away, but plans are already underway to make the 4-H Junior Summer Camp another fun and successful program. Teens who are 14 years old are eligible to be Counselors-in-Training (CIT) during camp, while Teen Camp Counselors must be age 15-18. All prospective counselors and CITs must be of age as of January 1, 2024. Counselors and CITs



serve as role models who help supervise campers and provide for their safety and well-being.

This is a fun and rewarding opportunity. Summer camp is scheduled for July 22-26, 2024.

Those interested in applying should complete an [application](#) by 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 30. Parents, mark your calendars—registration for *campers* begins April 13, 2024.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Voter Registrar offices in Washington Square Shopping Center and Victory Village Shopping Center are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow (10/28) for **early voting**. View sample ballots [online](#). **Drug Take Back** is tomorrow (10/28) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Building (105 Service Drive). Free paper shredding is available. See the [website](#) for details. Join the York County Historical Committee at 2 p.m. Sunday (10/29) in York Hall for a free public lecture on “**Thomas Nelson and the Yorktown Tea Party.**” Interpreter Jim Gallagher will portray Thomas Nelson Jr.



See Safety Tips [online](#). Have a

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