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### **County's Director of Emergency Communications Wins National Award**

Terry Hall is the recipient of the Richard DeMello award, the highest honor presented by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC). The award is given to an individual in public safety communications who has demonstrated the highest levels of personal and professional conduct and performance in the local, state, and national public safety communications arena. Mr. Hall oversees the operations of the York-Poquoson-Williamsburg-

James City County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center. He has guided the design and construction of the state-of-the-art 9-1-1 center and the consolidation of several municipal emergency communication centers into one professional operation known globally for its outstanding capabilities and cutting edge technology. Congratulations, Mr. Hall, on this well-deserved recognition! More information about Mr. Hall and this award can be found in this week's [press release](#).

### **Complete Your Thanksgiving Menu Shopping at the Harvest Festival!**

Bring your reusable shopping bags to tomorrow's (11/18) Harvest Festival and *stuff* them with everything you need for your Thanksgiving Day meal. Purchase desserts, seafood, meat, fresh produce, bread, beverages, and even artwork from over 50 vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy a *cornucopia* of family-friendly activities including a hay maze, hayrides, petting zoo, inflatable axe throwing, kids crafts, balloon art, a live animal show courtesy of the Virginia Living Museum, a pie-eating contest, and entertainment from Ralph Motley and the Last Minute Grass on the Riverwalk Landing stage. Complete details are available on the Visit Yorktown [website](#).



### **Youth Winter Indoor Sports are Filling Up!**

Register by December 22 for Indoor Pickleball for kids ages 8 to 12 and 12 to 17. Tuesday sessions are January 9 – 30, with Wednesday sessions from February 7 – 28. These classes are a great way to learn some new moves, stay active, and socialize. Indoor Tennis for kids ages 5 to 7 is now taking reservations for Wednesdays from January 1 – 31, and Tuesdays from February 6 – 27. If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for these indoor sports, act fast because spaces are filling up. Registration is available [online](#).

## Experience Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Feast your eyes on how colonists prepared meals and preserved food. During the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown's Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia celebration November 24 & 25, guests will learn how Continental Army soldiers earned their rations, and witness how produce and proteins fresh from the fields transformed into tasty stews, pies, and breads. Cooking demonstrations will occur throughout the day in re-creations of a Continental Army encampment and Revolution-era farm. The Museum is open 9 a.m to 5 p.m. daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days) and admission is free for residents of York County, James City County, and the City of Williamsburg. Details are available [online](#).



## Toll Relief Program Expands for Downtown, Midtown Tunnels

Elizabeth River Crossings (ERC) has made significant enhancements to the Toll Relief Program to provide much-needed financial assistance to a broader range of residents in the Hampton Roads region. Changes include increased income eligibility from \$50,000/year to \$65,000/year; additional discounted weekly trips permitted from 10 to 14, which saves 50% on up to 14 trips through these tunnels each week; and no enrollment deadline. Residency requirements include all jurisdictions within Hampton Roads. For more information, including where to apply, visit the Toll Relief Program [website](#).

## Dominion Energy Offers Bill Payment Assistance

The EnergyShare program offers up to \$600 in bill payment assistance from October 1 through May 31. The program is not income-based, so anyone needing help paying heating bills may qualify for assistance. Individuals 60 and older, military veterans, and people with disabilities may be eligible for additional assistance. A free home energy assessment and free energy efficiency upgrades may be available to those who receive EnergyShare assistance. Information about these and other programs, including energy saving tips, is available on the Dominion Energy [website](#).

**Additional Notes for the Week . . .** The County's **Leaf Collection program** continues through January. In the first two weeks (one week in each zone), over *96 tons* of leaves were collected! Check the [website](#) for leaf collection information, including the pick-up schedule. November 30 is the deadline to apply to be a **Teen Camp Counselor or Counselor-In-Training** at next summer's **4-H Junior Summer Camp**. Information and the application are available [online](#). Roadwork on the **Coleman Bridge** this Sunday (11/19) will require the closing of one lane northbound from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Rain date is December 3.



**Garbage and Recycling are not collected on Thanksgiving (11/23) and are delayed one day through Saturday.**

Complete details are available in this week's [press release](#).

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