



November 22, 2023



Holiday Events Begin Next Week!

It's the holiday season with the whoop-de-do and dickory dock, and don't forget to set your clocks for all the festivities planned in Historic Yorktown the first week in December! It all kicks off with the [Christmas Tree Lighting](#) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 1, at York Hall. From there, a lighted procession makes its way to the tree lighting and a meet-and-greet with Santa at Riverwalk Landing. Head to the [Market on Main](#) to purchase one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts, listen to strolling entertainment, make holiday crafts, watch an ice carving demonstration, and



more on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, December 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., watch as a fleet of decorated boats navigate the York River during the [Lighted Boat Parade](#). Finally, on Sunday, December 3, from 1 to 4 p.m., the Gallery at York Hall hosts [Cookies with Santa!](#) More information is available in this week's [press release](#) and the latest issue of [Citizen News Quarterly](#).

Winter Issue of *Citizen News Quarterly* Now Online

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and our [quarterly newsletter](#) features the special holiday events coming up in Yorktown as well as programs that your family may enjoy throughout the winter. Also included are upcoming sports programs, important dates and reminders, leaf collection information, pictures from the dedication of Fire Station 7, and election results. Meet your Interim County Administrator (who takes the helm on January 1) and read current County Administrator Neil Morgan's final column entitled "One Last Time." Easy page turning, pop-out articles to print or share, and links to websites and registration portals help make *Citizen News Quarterly* a fun and informative way to stay up-to-date on programs, events, and the activities of your local government.



Shop Small on Saturday, November 25

After hitting the sales on "Black Friday," don't forget to do more shopping on Small Business Saturday—a day to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our community. Stores throughout York County and the region stimulate the local economy. These thousands of small businesses need our support this holiday season. Please join us in kicking off 2023 holiday shopping by supporting our local, independent stores this Small Business Saturday (11/25).

Share Your Opinion on Proposed Sidewalks

The Department of Public Works is holding informational open houses about three proposed sidewalk projects. The meetings are scheduled on Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Public Works Office, 105 Service Drive. Public Works staff will review and discuss the individual projects, answer questions, and receive citizen comments. If you are unable to attend, please [email](#) your questions or comments to Public Works by December 28. Please include the name of the proposed sidewalk project in the subject line.

Informational Open Houses

Grafton Drive Sidewalk Project
Monday, December 4

Lakeside Drive Sidewalk Project
Monday, December 11

Siege Lane Sidewalk Project
Monday, December 18

Public Works Office, 105 Service Drive
5:00 – 7:00 pm

For more information, please contact DPW Engineering at 757-890-3750.



New Traffic Pattern on Goosley Road

Motorists who regularly use Goosley Road were greeted with a new traffic pattern Monday (11/20) at its intersection with Route 17. In conjunction with the National Park Service, VDOT implemented a new traffic pattern dedicating the left lane as left-turn-only headed north on Route 17. The right lane on Goosley Road now allows motorists to turn left onto Route 17 north, travel straight across the intersection, or turn right onto Route 17 south. The change was made to help relieve traffic congestion on Goosley Road during the Colonial Parkway bridge replacement.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Garbage and recycling will not be collected tomorrow (11/23). Thursday collections move to Friday (11/24), and Friday's will be picked up on Saturday (11/25). Also, **York County government offices and courts** are closed Thanksgiving and the day after. Please check the [website](#) for a complete listing of closures. **Tax bills** are due on or before December 5. York County's new payment portal is available 24/7 to help you make your payment quickly and easily. Please visit the [website](#) and register so that you have time to seek assistance (if needed) before the due date. 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](#).

Are you team #roasted or #deepfried?



No matter how you prepare your turkey, keep Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) out of the Drains

- Let the fryer oil or roaster cool completely before beginning cleanup.
- Recycle your oil.
- Never pour leftover oil or food particles down the kitchen drain.



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