



December 1, 2023

Yorktown Celebrates Christmas on Two Festive Weekends!

The holiday festivities begin tonight (12/1) with the **Christmas Tree Lighting**. Gather at York Hall (301 Main Street) by 6:30 p.m. for entertainment. At 7:30 p.m., proceed to Riverwalk Landing for the tree lighting and a chance to meet Santa Claus. Head back to Yorktown on Saturday (12/2) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday (12/3) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for the **Market on Main** and purchase handmade gifts from over 100 vendors. On Saturday (12/2) at 7:30 p.m., marvel at a fleet of decorated boats navigating the York River during the **Lighted Boat Parade**. Don't forget about **Cookies with Santa** on Sunday (12/3) from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Gallery at York Hall! Grace Church and the Watermen's Museum are also holding special events this weekend. See the [press release](#) for details about this weekend's events.



The celebrations continue next Friday, December 8, from 5 to 9 p.m., with **An Enchanted Evening on Main Street**. Sparkling lights, classic carols, and nostalgic seasonal smells combine to make this an evening to remember. Joyful music and stories will be presented by the Dickens Trio, Clan MacCool Band, Drunken Weasels and Morris Dancers, and the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra. View a nativity scene with live animals, watch an ice carving demonstration, meet Santa to share your wish-list, and shop for special gift items from the Gallery at York Hall, On the Hill Gallery, and market vendors. Finally, don't miss the chance to stock up on holiday gifts, snacks, and other treats at the **Mistletoe Market** on Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities are planned for the whole family, including colonial



ornament crafts, musical entertainment, trackless train rides, the Toyland Parade at 1:30 p.m., balloon art, and, of course, Santa Claus!

Festive Music, Ugly Sweater Party at Yorktown Library

All ages are invited to enjoy free holiday music performed by the **Williamsburg A Capella Singers** tomorrow (12/2) at 2 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. Break out a plain sweater or shirt and jazz it up at the **DIY Ugly Sweater Party** for adults on Thursday (12/7) between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Yorktown Library auditorium. The library is



providing all crafting materials along with festive music and light refreshments! Visit the Library's [events calendar](#) for more programs.



Happy Holiday Activities at the Senior Center

The Senior Center's December calendar is now [online](#), and it is chock full of holiday events! Seniors age 55 and up (and their spouses, regardless of age) may enjoy wreath making classes, a holiday concert by the Yorktown Chorale, a Yuletide Christmas Tea, Flute Concert, Christmas Bingo, and more. These events are free, unless otherwise indicated on the calendar. The Senior Center is located in the Washington Square Shopping Center, and is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grafton Drive Sidewalk Project Open House

The public is invited to attend an informational open house on Monday (12/4) from 5 to 7 p.m., about the proposed sidewalk on the southwest side of Grafton Drive. The open house is being held in the Public Works Office, 105 Service Drive. County staff will review and discuss the plan, answer questions, and receive citizen comments. Those unable to attend may [email](#) their questions or comments to the County. Please include "Grafton Drive Sidewalk" in the subject line. Additional sidewalk projects are being discussed on December 11 (Lakeside Drive) and December 18 (Siege Lane). Additional information is available [online](#).

Additional Notes for the Week . . . The **November Leaf Collection** totals are in! Over 210 tons of leaves have been collected since this year's program began on November 6. Leaf collection continues through January. Details are available [online](#). **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. Please visit the [website](#) and register so that you have time to seek assistance (if needed) before the due date.



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