



January 19, 2024

County Holds Waterfront Facilities Information Session

Approximately 50 citizens attended the information session in the Freight Shed Thursday (1/18) where they viewed six options for a building to replace the current dockmaster structure and adjacent bathrooms. These options vary in height from just over 19 feet to almost 24 feet. All options include a cupola that adds approximately 10 feet to the height. Also available to review was the plan for the addition of a small office building adjacent to and just behind the upper level of the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace. This building would be accessible from the parking terrace and also from Buckner Street. County staff were available to answer questions and receive input from the citizens. The six options for the combined dockmaster/bathroom facility as well as the office building are now available [online](#) along with a public input form where citizens may share their thoughts on these designs.



Early Voting for Presidential Primaries Has Begun

In-person early voting for the Democratic and Republican presidential primaries is now underway at both York County Voter Registrar locations: Washington Square Shopping Center in Grafton and Victory Village Shopping Center in Williamsburg. Stop by these locations Monday through Friday through March 1 to cast your vote in the primary. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both Registrar locations will be open on two Saturdays – February 24 and March 2 – from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Primary Day is Tuesday, March 5. Polls will be open on March 5 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sample ballots and absentee voter information is available [online](#).

Arts Commission Now Accepting Grant Applications

Area arts and cultural organizations that are registered 501(c)(3) organizations are invited to apply for supplementary funding for an eligible project or performance. A full list of criteria and the grant request form may be found [online](#). Funding requests must be made electronically and submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 1. The Arts Commission will review the applications and make recommendations this spring. Pending approval by the Board of

Supervisors, funds will be provided this summer. Grant money may not be used for capital investment or operating expenses. To assist organizations with applying, the Arts Commission is offering a grant writing workshop at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 5, in York Hall (301 Main Street). Please RSVP by January 31 by [email](#) or call the County at 757-890-4102.

Winter Markets Begin February 10

There's *snow* place like the [Yorktown Market Days' Winter Markets](#) at Riverwalk Landing. This year, we'll have four markets to brighten those cold winter days: February 10, February 24, March 2, and March 16. February 10 is the Valentine's Day Market complete with holiday treats and fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. The St. Patrick's Day Market on March 16 will feature a treasure hunt and kids' craft station. Each market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so shoppers can stock up on baked goods, prepared soups, gourmet chocolates, homemade candles, dog treats, local art, and more! The Trolley offers complimentary rides throughout the historic area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the market will move to the lower level of the Water Street Parking Terrace.



Interested in Road Projects? Visit the County Website for Helpful Links



When planning your daily commute, it's helpful to know when and where road projects are occurring. York County's website contains links to the latest news from VDOT on area roads *and* updates from the National Park Service on the status of the Colonial Parkway rehabilitation. Our VDOT [page](#) includes links to current projects, the quarterly updates to the Board of

Supervisors, and additional resources such as VDOT's 511 site for road conditions and travel alerts. Colonial Parkway updates may be found via a click from the County's [home page](#). The segment from Ballard Street in Yorktown to Fusiliers Road is on schedule and will remain closed through next winter.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Nominations for **Outstanding Youth Awards** are due no later than February 16. Award categories are Courage, Compassion, Community Service, and Overall Achievement. Anyone can nominate a student in grades 9-12 at a public, private, or home school. More information is available [online](#). Applications for the **Juried Art Show** are due by February 1. Details are available at www.artattheriver.com. This year's **Leaf Collection program** is nearing an end. The Southern Zone (all homes south of Dare Road) was collected this week, while the Northern Zone (all homes on and north of Dare Road) will see trucks rolling through neighborhoods for the final week beginning Monday (1/22). The final sweep through both zones begins Monday, January 29.

Save the Date

Cruise Ship Information Session

Wednesday, February 7
York High School Auditorium
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

More Information to Come

Citizen News Weekly is compiled and published by York County Public Affairs each Friday to share news and events with our citizens and neighbors. This weekly newsletter is placed on our [website](#) and delivered directly to your inbox. Questions? Contact Gail Whittaker, Public Information Officer: 757-890-3310 or whittgl@yorkcounty.gov.