



March 15, 2024

Two Businesses Win York County Awards

On Thursday, March 14, Chilled Ponds was recognized with the 2024 Distinguished Business Award, presented each year by the Economic Development Authority and Department of Economic and Tourism Development to a growing business that has made significant investments in the County. Also during the event, GeddingFit: Home of Proelium CrossFit was recognized by the York County Chamber of Commerce as the Small Business of the Year for its support of and commitment to the local and worldwide community. More information about these businesses and their contributions to our region is available in the [press release](#). Congratulations to these businesses!



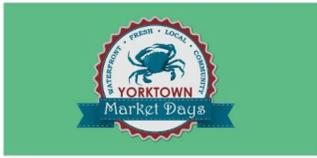
Reminder: Proposed Budget Presented at March 19 Meeting; Register by March 22 for Budget Listening Session

County Administrator Mark Bellamy will present the **proposed budget** to the Board of Supervisors and the public at **Tuesday's (3/19)** meeting. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is televised live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46/HD86, Verizon 38) and live-streamed on the County's [website](#). Tuesday's meeting agenda is available [online](#). One week later, on **Tuesday, March 26**, the Board of Supervisors is holding a **listening session** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Yorktown Library auditorium (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway) to gather public input about the proposed budget, tax rates, and Capital Improvements Program. Citizens interested in speaking or attending this session must [register](#) no later than 5 p.m., next **Friday (3/22)**. The public may also provide comment to the Board via [email](#) and voice mail message by calling 757-890-3220. In addition, citizen comments are welcomed during the second Board of Supervisors' meeting each month. Deputy County Administrator Brian Fuller provided details on the listening session in a Budget Short video available on the [website](#).

Inaugural Restaurant Week a Success

York County hosted its inaugural Restaurant Week from February 26 to March 3. A total of 18 restaurants participated: nine provided special menu offers; four restaurants offered a percentage off a patron's final bill; four gave discounts on current menu items; and one provided a freebie with purchase. The overall response from restaurants has been positive and plans are already being made for the 2nd Annual Restaurant Week next year! Many thanks to the businesses and patrons who made this first-ever event a success.





Wear Some Green to the St. Patrick's Day Market

Get ready for a *shamrockin'* good time at Yorktown Market Days' final Winter Market tomorrow (3/16) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing. Bring the kids to our [St. Patrick's Day Market](#) because we've got the Fifes and Drums of York Town performing at 10 a.m., a kids craft at [On the Hill Gallery](#), and a [treasure hunt](#) throughout Historic Yorktown. You'll pinch yourself over all the goodies that will be up for

grabs like baked goods, prepared soups, gourmet chocolates, homemade candles, dog treats, local art, and more!

Public Input Requested on Two VDOT Transportation Studies

VDOT is asking for citizen input on two transportation studies that will address safety and traffic issues along the Route 17 corridor. One study is developing cost-effective improvements along Route 17 from Cook Road to Denbigh Boulevard. Survey questions ask for input about additional turn-lanes, potential U-turns, and more. The second study is about the Route 17/Route 171 intersection, with survey questions focused on additional and modified turn lanes. Citizen input is requested by March 22 on these two studies: [Route 17 between Denbigh Blvd. and Cook Road](#) and the [Route 17/Route 171 intersection](#).

Library Requests Items for Art & Craft Supplies Swap

The Yorktown Library is hosting an Art & Craft Supplies Swap next Saturday (3/23) and requests donations of good quality arts and crafts items: yarn and ribbon, Cricut supplies, knitting needles, crochet hooks, embroidery/needlework supplies, scrapbooking or card-making supplies, scrapbook embellishments, beads and beading supplies, useable art paints and brushes, art paper, etc. For a full list of needed items, visit the Library's online [events calendar](#). Donations may be dropped off through next Friday (3/22) during normal Library hours and on Saturday (3/23) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those who donate will receive an entry ticket to enter the swap at 1:30 p.m. All others will be welcomed at 2 p.m. For more information, call 757-890-5207. Businesses interested in donating are asked to send an [email](#) to Yorktown Library Branch Manager Elizabeth Land.



Marquis de Lafayette Memorabilia on Display in York Hall



The York County Historical Museum debuted a new exhibit of Lafayette memorabilia on loan from the collection of resident Bill Cole. These items are especially poignant this year as we mark the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's August 1824 return to America. March hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginning April 2, the museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. During your visit to the museum, enjoy other exhibits including local African American history, the Yorktown Monument, archaeological collections, and more. The

York County Historical Museum is located on the lower level of York Hall (301 Main Street).

Admission is free. Pictured (left to right) Bill Cole, collection owner; interpreter Mark Schneider as Lafayette; and Mike Steen, representative of the York County 250th Commission.

Phase 2 of Colonial Parkway Rehab to Begin in April

The next phase of rehabilitation work on the Colonial Parkway will begin in early April with a new set of closures and detours. The Parkway will be closed from the Ringfield Pullout on Felgate's Creek to the Penniman Road Bridge near Route 199 with no vehicle, pedestrian, or bicycle traffic permitted between Yorktown and Route 199. In addition, the current closures from Ballard Street in Yorktown to Fusiliers Road and both ramps to/from Route 17 remain in effect through this next phase. The public is invited to an **Informational Project Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.** at Quarterpath Recreation Center, 202 Quarterpath Road, Williamsburg. News, updates, and information on closures and detours can be found on the [project website](#).

Summer Camp Registrations Begin in April

As the weather continues to warm, thoughts turn to summertime and camps for kids! Registration for York County's summer camps begins April 8. This year's camps include Art, Sports, Eco-Art Nature, Summer Fun, Field Trip Fever I and II, and Special Recreation. More information about these camps is available on the [Parks and Recreation website](#). Registration for 4-H Junior Summer Camp held July 22-26 at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center begins April 13 at 9 a.m. and is online only. Visit the York/Poquoson Cooperative Extension office [website](#) for details.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Applications to serve on the **2024-2025 Youth Commission** are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 29. A letter of recommendation is required. Applications and details are available on the [website](#).



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