

Economic Development Authority
York County, Virginia
Notice of Regular Meeting and Agenda
Board of Supervisors Meeting Room
301 Main Street, Yorktown, VA 23690
March 26, 2024
5:00pm

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

PRESENTATION

1. Introduction – Mr. Wayne Drewry, Board of Supervisors

NEW BUSINESS

2. Property Transfer To adopt Resolution #24-1 to accept the transfer of real property owned by the County of York located at 5751 and 5751A George Washington Memorial Highway.

OLD BUSINESS

3. County Email Addresses for EDA Board members

FINANCIAL REPORTS

4. February 2024 Financial Report. To record receipt of the February 2024 Financial Reports.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. Minutes Approval. To consider approving the February 27, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

CLOSED MEETING

VOTE REQUIRED

RETURN FROM CLOSED MEETING

ROLL CALL VOTE CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 2.2-3711(A)(5), 2.2-3711(A)(3), AND 2.2-3722(A)(8) OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA

***ACTION(S) COMING OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT'S COMMENTS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT'S COMMENTS

MEMBERS' COMMENTS

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

ADJOURN

From: Olsen, Kristi <olsen@yorkcounty.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:39 AM
Subject: 2024 Spring Schedule - Cruise Ship Arrivals

Good morning,
 Below are the scheduled cruise ship dockings for spring 2024 at Riverwalk Landing. This schedule represents the confirmed dates, however, the schedule is subject to change and will be updated as necessary for weather or other factors that may arise.

**American Cruise Lines 2024 Docking Schedule at
 Yorktown, VA - Riverwalk Landing Marina**

Dockings marked "Confirmed" have been guaranteed by the port, while Dockings marked "Requested" or "Flagged" have not been guaranteed.

Company	Vessel	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Departure Date	Departure Time	Hours	Status
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Tue. Apr. 02, 2024	6:00AM	Wed. Apr. 03, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Glory	Thu. Apr. 11, 2024	6:00AM	Fri. Apr. 12, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Fri. Apr. 12, 2024	6:00AM	Sat. Apr. 13, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Glory	Sun. Apr. 21, 2024	6:00AM	Mon. Apr. 22, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Mon. Apr. 22, 2024	6:00AM	Tue. Apr. 23, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Fri. Apr. 26, 2024	8:00AM	Sat. Apr. 27, 2024	5:30PM	33.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Glory	Wed. May. 01, 2024	6:00AM	Thu. May. 02, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Independence	Mon. May. 06, 2024	12:00PM	Wed. May. 08, 2024	8:00AM	44.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Star	Fri. May. 10, 2024	7:30AM	Sat. May. 11, 2024	10:00PM	39.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Sun. May. 12, 2024	6:00AM	Mon. May. 13, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
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American Cruise Lines	American Star	Fri. May. 17, 2024	7:30AM	Sat. May. 18, 2024	10:00PM	39.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Independence	Sun. May. 19, 2024	7:30AM	Mon. May. 20, 2024	10:00PM	39.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Wed. May. 22, 2024	6:00AM	Thu. May. 23, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Star	Fri. May. 24, 2024	7:30AM	Sat. May. 25, 2024	10:00PM	39.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Thu. May. 30, 2024	6:00AM	Fri. May. 31, 2024	4:30AM	22.0	Confirmed
American Cruise Lines	American Constitution	Tue. Jun. 11, 2024	6:00AM	Wed. Jun. 12, 2024	1:00PM	31.0	Confirmed

Thanks, Kristi

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Historic Yorktown Celebrates Major Milestones with a Series of Anniversary Celebrations

By [WYDaily Staff](#) March 5, 2024



Marquis de Lafayette (York County)

YORK COUNTY — 1774 was a pivotal year in American history — especially in Yorktown — and to commemorate the approaching 250th Anniversary of the United States, Historic Yorktown will feature several events celebrating milestones in our nation’s fight for independence.

This year’s event calendar features the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette’s Grand Tour of 1824, a specially-themed Yorktown Victory Market, and a weekend of celebrations to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party.

All events are free unless otherwise indicated.

“Lafayette and the American Revolution” Lecture

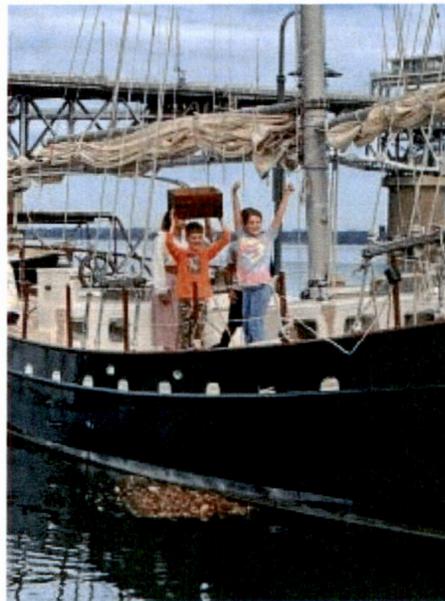
Taking place on Sun., March 10 at 2 p.m. in York Hall, historian Mark Schneider will appear as Gen. Lafayette in 1824 as he reflects on his role during the American Revolution. As the Marquis, Mark Schneider has written and performed in a variety of performances that cover the extensive history of Lafayette.

York County History Day

Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, around Yorktown, this event highlights the American Revolution and Civil War in York County. Participants will enjoy live music, military demonstrations, crafts, food, and more.

Pirates Invade Yorktown Weekend

The weekend of April 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Riverwalk Landing, the Watermen's Museum and Historic Main Street, Pirates will invade Yorktown. Visitors will take a step back into the Golden Age of piracy as Riverwalk Landing and the Watermen's Museum are invaded by seafaring marauders during the time of the American Revolution. Participants can enjoy live blacksmith demonstrations, explore a pirate encampment, sing along to a variety of musical groups, shop our themed farmers market, and witness exciting cannon demonstrations.



Children on Boat (York County)

“If This Be Treason ... The 1774 York County Resolves and the Liberty Pole” Lecture

This lecture at the Watermen's Museum on Fri., June 7 at 6 p.m. will explore our shared history and is part of Yorktown Military Appreciation weekend.

Yorktown Military Appreciation Weekend; June 8 and 9

A weekend-long patriotic salute to our armed forces as we celebrate the contributions of our American heroes both past and present. One of the highlighted events will be a re-enactment of the 1774 Militia Muster.

Independence Day Celebration; Thursday, July 4

Beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 9:30 p.m., Riverwalk Landing and Historic Main Street will celebrate America's independence. Fireworks start at 9:15 p.m.

“250th Anniversary of the 1774 York County Resolves” Lecture

Historian Jim Gallagher will portray Thomas Nelson Jr. as he describes the importance of the colonial protest against England’s taxation policies on Thursday, July 18 starting at 6 p.m. at York Hall.

1774 Yorktown Resolves

On July 18, 1774, the citizens of York County joined the boycott against English goods and protested against the tea tax. On Sat., July 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., costumed interpreters will portray the York County Committee and Safety with various re-enactments and activities in Historic Yorktown.

Lafayette Grand Tour 1824 — 200th Anniversary

Friday, Oct. 18 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Riverwalk Landing, historian Mark Schneider will appear as Maj. Gen. Lafayette to mark the 200th Anniversary of Lafayette’s return to America in 1824 as “guest of the Nation,” in which he visited all 24 states and all surviving presidents.

Yorktown Day; Sat., Oct. 19

The day begins with a wreath-laying ceremony followed by a patriotic parade down Main Street to commemorate the victory at the Siege of Yorktown in 1781. The Fifes and Drums of York Town will perform during the parade and at a special ceremony at the Victory Monument. In addition, visitors may tour the Nelson House, Yorktown Custom House, York County Historical Museum, Watermen’s Museum, the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, and the Battlefield roads.

Yorktown Tea Festival; Wednesday, Nov. 6 to Friday, Nov. 8 (Ticketed Event)

The goal of the Yorktown Tea Festival is to instill a sense of admiration for the history and traditions of tea and tea drinking in Virginia. The three-day event will include four lectures each day along with special tours at the participating museum and exclusive tastings of regional teas. Lunch and tea time beverages are included in the cost of the daily ticket.

250th Yorktown Tea Party Anniversary; Thursday, Nov. 7 to Sunday, Nov. 10

On November 7, 1774, Thomas Nelson Jr. and his group of fellow patriots marched to the Yorktown waterfront and threw two chests of tea overboard as a show of defiance against the British. This 250th Anniversary celebration will include concerts, ship tours, a Colonial Tea Ball, reenactments, and much more! This event is part of the Yorktown Maritime Heritage and Sea Shanty Festival, which includes tall ships and six stages of live music.

Events are subject to change without notice. For more information, [see the Visit Yorktown events website](#).



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Two Companies Win York County Business Awards

Chilled Ponds earns Distinguished Business Award for growth and investment; GeddingFit named Chamber's Small Business of the Year

March 15, 2024

At York County's annual Distinguished Business Affair yesterday, two local companies accepted awards for their community and economic impact.

During this event at the Freight Shed at Riverwalk Landing, ice sports complex Chilled Ponds at Yorktown accepted the 2024 Distinguished Business Award. This award is given each year by York County's Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Department of Economic and Tourism Development (ETD) to honor growing businesses that make significant investments in the County.

"I'm extremely honored to even be considered for this award, let alone be chosen to win it," said Patrick Cavanagh, owner of Chilled Ponds at Yorktown. "We were thrilled to learn we were selected."

"Chilled Ponds at Yorktown serves a unique role here and has become a destination in its own right, not to mention the many ways it gives back to the community," said Kristi Olsen-Hayes, Director of Economic and Tourism Development for York County. "With its recent renovations and increased programming, it has brought so many assets to the County. This is a perfect example of what can happen when businesses, government agencies and the community work together."

Also during this event, the York County Chamber of Commerce recognized its Small Business of the Year—GeddingFit: Home of Proelium CrossFit. The business was selected for its support of and commitment to the local and worldwide community.

"This is a real opportunity for us to be more inclusive of the business community around us," said co-owner Larry Geddings. "We look forward to expanding and growing

those ties with the County, Chamber and business community. The Chamber president has already stopped by, and we had a good discussion about what we could do together in the future.”

“GeddingFit aligns brilliantly with the purpose of this award,” said Chamber President Sean Cronin. “We look for a business that gives back substantially to the community, and they really hit the ground running with that as a young business. They even offer community-based workout every Saturday morning that’s open to the public, to help local residents improve their wellness.”

Chilled Ponds at Yorktown

While residents might still know it as the Hampton Roads Iceplex, this popular facility recently reopened with a new look and a new name. Chilled Ponds at Yorktown offers all levels of ice sports, from kids to adults. When the facility came up for sale last February, Patrick Cavanagh said he “jumped at” the opportunity.

“It was a natural chance to buy it and the ideal way to share it with the community,” he said, “and as soon as we closed the sale, we were right into renovations that lasted until February 2024.”

Cavanagh knew what he was doing—he already had owned the Chesapeake location of Chilled Ponds since 2003, which he also immediately renovated. The newest location is now 95 percent complete, he reported, with just some final touches left in the lobby and grill area.

What changes can patrons expect?

Ice Rink:

- Revamped viewership lanes
- Improved ice surface temperature controls
- Entire ceiling replacement with a low emissivity ceiling (create vapor barrier to prevent the ceiling from dripping onto the ice)
- Souped-up lighting: brighter and more focused on the ice surface itself (better for events and shows) instead of the perimeter



Comfort & Aesthetics:

- Improved size of windows and viewing locations (parents spend a lot of time in and around the lobby and rink)
- New furniture and ambiance in lobby

- Adding full-service bar and grill (offering both healthy and entertainment foods)

Outdoor Enjoyment:

Cavanagh said he takes “special joy” in the property’s location beside a lake. While the lake view was previously obscured by weeds and trees, Cavanagh had the area cleared out and created an outdoor gathering space—so patrons can enjoy nature and the view year-round while relaxing,

The response to the changes so far has been glowing.

“For our customers, the improved quality of the rink and lobby has been great,” he said. “It evokes a strong emotional response, especially for people who have been coming here for years.” But for Cavanagh, Chilled Ponds isn’t simply a business—it’s a community service. York County’s leaders view it the same way.

“My experience with York County officials has been five stars,” he said. “They recognize the importance of the facility to the community, and they have embraced my ideas to expand and grow it. I can’t speak highly enough about everyone involved. Every one of my engagements with staff and officials have been enthusiastic and encouraging.”

Longtime staff members have been instrumental to the process—managers Liz Varva and John Smith, and Director of Operations Brad Jones, helped merge the programs and expedite the plans ahead of schedule. Langley Federal Credit Union also has been a key player, by helping make the renovations as the facility’s naming rights partner.



As one way to give back to the community and support wellness, the facility started offering free-skate times for residents several times per week, in partnership with the County. The partnership also helps provide free trial lessons for ice hockey and figure skating. Since Cavanagh also happens to own the Norfolk Admirals ice hockey team, he plans to bring in team members to lead learn-to-play programs at Chilled Ponds.

He has other plans in the works for local families, including camps, tournaments and competitions that had previously only been available in Chesapeake. He added that this spring, Chilled Ponds is looking to launch a Keg Curling League for Adults, as well as a toddler ice skating program.

Chilled Ponds at Yorktown

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GeddingFit: Home of Proelium CrossFit



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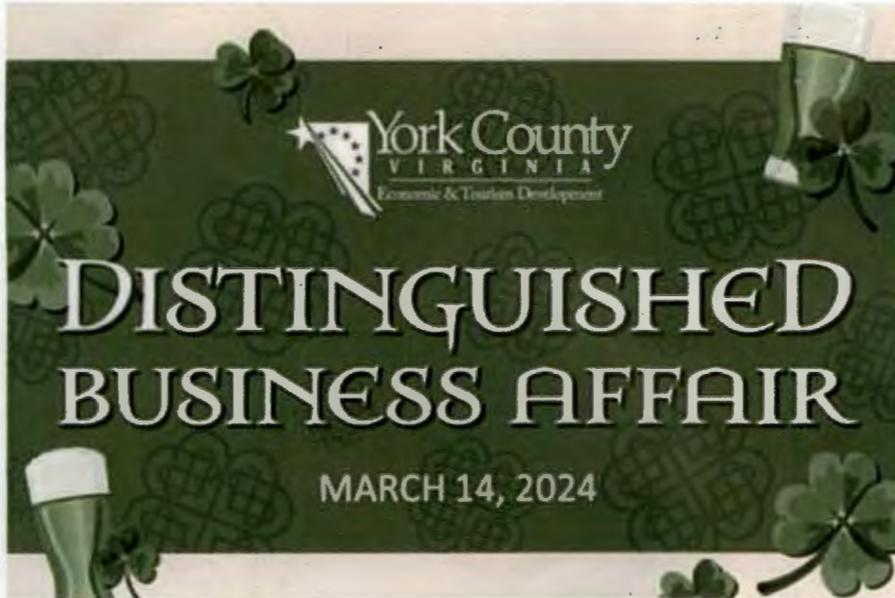
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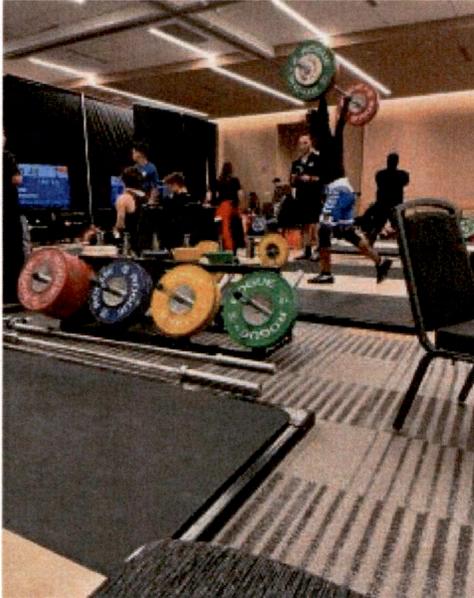
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By [INSIDE BUSINESS](#) | inside.business@insidebiz.com | The Hampton Roads Business Journal

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Chilled Ponds at Yorktown was recognized for its community and economic impact at the county's Distinguished Business Affair at the Freight Shed at Riverwalk Landing on March 14.

Owner Patrick Cavanagh, who also owns the Norfolk Admirals hockey team, [bought the Hampton Roads Iceplex property near the Regal in Kiln Creek last summer](#) and continued renovations through February. He has owned the Chilled Ponds location in Chesapeake since 2003.

Chilled Ponds' work, which is 95% complete, includes revamped viewership lanes and windows, improved ice surface temperature controls, ceiling replacement, better lighting for events and shows, new furniture in the lobby and plans for a full-service bar and grill, according to the county announcement.



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