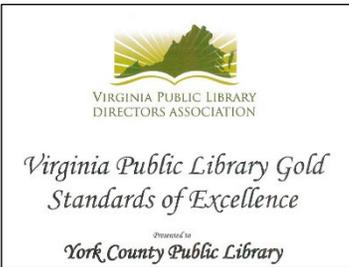




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York County Public Library Wins Statewide Awards

At the recent Virginia Public Library Directors Association conference, York County Public Library was presented with the Virginia Gold Standard of Excellence Award, which is given to public libraries in Virginia who meet all level of service requirements, including governance and administration, funding, staffing and staff development, access and services, collections, facilities, technology, programming, publicity, and advocacy. Also at the conference, Librarian Pearl Derlaga received the Outstanding Staff Member award and her *Library Murder Mystery* program won the Outstanding Adult Program Award for libraries serving a population between 50,000 and 99,999. Congratulations to the York County Public Library, Librarian Pearl Derlaga, and all who work to provide library services to the community!



For more information about these awards, please see this week's [press release](#).

Return of Mobi-Mat on Yorktown Beach Means Warm Weather On the Way

The County's Mobi-Mat was rolled out this week, which means staff anticipate the free beach will be welcoming visitors soon. The Mobi-Mat is a hard surfaced mat placed on the sand that accommodates walkers, wheelchairs, and strollers so that everyone can have access to the beach! Also available is a Mobi-Chair, used by disabled guests who want to get in the water. The Mobi-Chair is free to use and guests must be accompanied by at least one friend or family member for safety. More information about the Mobi-Mat and Mobi-Chair can be found [online](#).



Help York County Earn Free Benches with Plastic Bag Recycling

York County citizens are the best recyclers. Every week, the rate of containers at the side of the road is well above the regional level. One item that many love to recycle, but that can't be placed in the recycling containers, is plastic

bags/wraps. Please help York County earn free benches for public areas by participating in the **Trex Plastic Bag Recycling Program!** Just 1,000 pounds of plastic bags/wraps sent to Trex

each year results in a free bench at a school or public facility (several have already been placed at school sites, the Waste Management Center, and Tabb Library!). For more information, watch the [“Did You Know?”](#) video produced by our very own WYCG-TV (Cox 46/HD86, Verizon 38).

Deadline for Youth Commission Applications Extended to April 12

York County teens currently in grades 8 to 11 have additional time to complete their applications for the 2024-2025 York County Youth Commission! The commission is an advisory body of up to 15 members (three appointed from each voting district) that serves as a liaison between the Board of Supervisors and the youth of York County, participates in a variety of community service projects, and serves as a forum for young people to present their ideas and suggestions. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 12, and include an essay and letter of recommendation, so don't wait until the last minute! Complete information is available [online](#).



Visit Yorktown Talks with Lafayette Interpreter, Welcomes Art at the River Applications

Recently, the team at Visit Yorktown had a chance [to chat with local historian and world-famous interpreter Mark Schneider](#) to learn more about his impressive career. Believe it or not, his most famous portrayal is not the Marquis de Lafayette! It's another charismatic Frenchman, but you'll have to read the [blog](#) post to find out whom. Earlier this month, [Schneider appeared as Lafayette](#) before a standing-room only crowd at York Hall. The event served as a precursor to the 200th Anniversary of the Lafayette Tour that will be celebrated in Yorktown on October 18 and 19. Don't forget to visit our events calendar to learn more about the upcoming [Lafayette Tour and Virginia 250 Celebrations!](#)

Calling all artists aged 18 or older! We are still [accepting applications](#) for the **11th Annual Art at the River Juried Art Show**, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Painters, photographers, potters, jewelers, and other creatives will display their work along the waterfront in hopes of taking home the coveted People's Choice Award!



Camp & Activity Guide Now Available

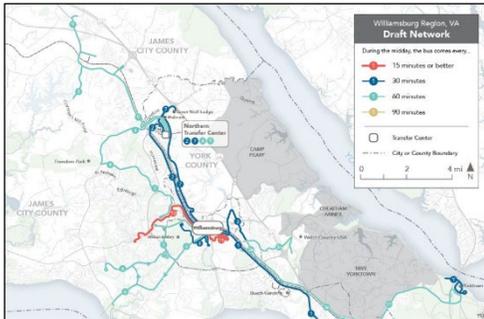
Don't miss all the fun programs and activities available through York County Parks & Recreation, now listed in the [Summer 2024 Camp & Activity Guide!](#) From Juneteenth to Summer Fun, from Safety Town to Pickleball—there's something for everyone in this publication. This is a large document, so please be patient as it downloads to your computer.

Public Comment Sought for Route 171 Lane Connection

VDOT is seeking public input on the proposed [design plans](#) to extend the westbound right travel lane of Route 171 (Victory Boulevard) near Walmart with the turn lane onto Kiln Creek Parkway. This will create a fourth full-length westbound travel lane on Route 171 for use by drivers whose destination is Kiln Creek Parkway or Interstate 64. The public may provide written comments for the proposed project no later than April 7 by [email](#) (please place “Route 171 Right Turn Lane Extension” in the subject line).

Traffic Calming Resources Available to Neighborhoods

Residents may be interested in VDOT's "[Traffic Calming Guide for Neighborhood Streets](#)" that offers guidance and procedures for pursuing these safety measures in their neighborhoods on VDOT maintained streets. Traffic calming's goal is to lower vehicle speeds without restricting access. Certain requirements apply. More information is available on the County's [website](#).

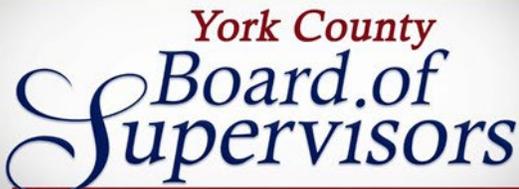


WATA Seeks Public Input on Draft Transit Strategic Plan

The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) asks citizens to take a public survey that will help decide on the final draft plan for a new bus network with a potential for 50% more service. This is the public's opportunity to review, consider, and possibly make a significant shift in the direction of WATA's transit services over the next 10 years. The survey includes draft routes and brief questions. Please take

the [survey](#) today! Your responses can be submitted anonymously. Responses are due by Friday, April 5.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Both branches of the **York County Public Library** will be closed Sunday (3/31) in observance of the **Easter holiday**. The branches reopen Monday (4/1) at 10 a.m. **Head Start Walk-In Enrollment Day** is Wednesday (4/3) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road. For a list of documents to bring with you, visit the [website](#) or call 757-890-3888.



Regular Meeting at York Hall

Tuesday, April 2

Watch it LIVE @ 6 pm Cox 46 / HD 86 Verizon 38
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