



April 5, 2024



Royal Artillery Cannon Firing Demo Saturday in Yorktown

One if by land, and two if by sea! At the Yorktown Battlefield is where the British will be! Tomorrow (4/6), the Royal Artillery is hosting four cannon firing demonstrations at 10:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and

1:15 p.m. behind the [Colonial National Historic Park Visitor Center](#). This popular event offers great photo opportunities as you learn what life was like for the British artillery units. It's going to be loud, so bring your earplugs!

Want to See Monday's Eclipse from the Comfort of Your Chair or Couch?

York County will be broadcasting the eclipse live via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) Monday afternoon

(actual start time TBD). For our region, at the peak of the eclipse—between 3 and 3:20 p.m.—the moon will block around 80% of the sun. Think you'll wait and catch the next eclipse? It will be a while . . . the next time we reach close to 80% coverage will be in 2045 and then in 2052! If you do choose to head outdoors to watch the eclipse, be sure to do so safely. Tips for safe viewing are available [here](#).



A graphic for 'Summer 2024' program registration. It features a sun wearing sunglasses. The text includes: 'Summer 2024', 'PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 8', 'ART CAMPS', 'SPORTS CAMPS', 'ECO-ART NATURE CAMP', 'SUMMER FUN CAMP', 'FIELD TRIP FEVER I & II', and 'SPECIAL RECREATION CAMP'.

Summer Camp Registrations Begin Next Week

Mark your calendars for Monday (4/8) when York County begins taking registrations for summer camps! 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](#). If your child is interested in an overnight camping experience, then be sure to register them for **4-H Junior Summer Camp held July 22-26** at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center. Registration begins April 13 at 9 a.m. and is *online only*. Visit the

York/Poquoson Cooperative Extension office [website](#) for details.



Popular Park Program Returns April 20!

This popular outdoor movie experience returns in just two weeks on Saturday, April 20, with a showing of *Mavka: The Forest Song* at New Quarter Park (1000 Lakeshead Drive). The movie begins at sunset and moviegoers are reminded to bring chairs or a blanket for

seating. Free popcorn is available at each movie, and concessions are for sale. Arrive up to an hour early for games and activities provided by Parks and Recreation (games vary by date and location). Other movie showings coming up include *Barbie* at the MAC (412 Sports Way) on May 18 (Teen Night), *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* at Charles Brown Park (1950 Old Williamsburg Road) on June 1 (Kick-Off to Summer), and *The Little Mermaid* at the MAC on June 15 (Juneteenth). The complete schedule is listed on the [website](#).



Yorktown Beach Getting Ready for Warm Weather, Coastal Storms

York County is getting ready for summer by working now to replenish the sand at the waterfront. Beginning Monday (4/8), crews will be hauling in 300 tons of sand to replenish the beach that acts as a barrier to tidal action and storm surges. It also makes for a more enjoyable beach! This project will be

completed by the end of next week. The Mobi-Mat, which was rolled out last week, will be temporarily removed while the sand is placed. The Mobi-Mat will be reinstalled when the project is completed.

Sign up by April 15 for the 27th Annual Healthy Aging Conference

“Live Well, Age Well” is the theme of this year’s free event being held Thursday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at King of Glory Lutheran Church (4897 Longhill Road, Williamsburg). Several presentations are scheduled for this event including Innovative Care Models for Aging, Support Your MIND with Nutrition, Using the Ancient Arts as You Age: Yoga and Tai Chi, an AARP update, Healthy Brain and Body, and The Benefits of Stretching: Maintaining Your Flexibility as You Age. Please [register](#) by **April 15** for this event. More information is available in this week’s [press release](#).

Additional Notes for the Week . . . 2023 Virginia Individual Income Tax Returns are due May 1. The Commissioner of the Revenue’s office staff will complete Virginia Income Tax Returns for York County residents who visit the office with a complete copy of their Federal Income Tax Return. There is no charge and no appointment is necessary. For more information, visit the [website](#).



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If you think a child is being mistreated, take immediate action.**

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