



April 26, 2024

Pirates Invade Yorktown

Well, shiver me timbers! We have two fun events planned for this weekend. Join us for **Pirates Invade Yorktown** on **April 27** and **April 28** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take a step back into the Golden Age of piracy as Riverwalk Landing and the Watermen's Museum are invaded by seafaring marauders! Enjoy live blacksmith demonstrations, explore a pirate encampment, sing along to sea shanties, take part in a townwide treasure hunt, and witness exciting cannon demonstrations.



If you're looking for loot, you can find it at the **Pirate Invasion Market** at Riverwalk Landing on **Saturday, April 27**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on **Sunday, April 28**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Local vendors will be selling baked goods, fresh-cut flowers, handmade soaps, beautiful artwork, and more. The free, accessible [Yorktown Trolley](#) will be running from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. You'll be sure to have a *plunderful* time!

Drug Take Back, Paper Shredding, & Tire Recycling Happening Tomorrow

Safely **dispose of prescription pills and patches** and **shred** up to five boxes of **personal papers**. Recycle plastic bags and wraps, and donate canned or boxed goods to the local food pantry. It all happens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Public Works, 105 Service Drive (off Goodwin Neck Road). Also, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Mosquito Control Division is celebrating Earth Day with free **Tire Recycling**. Households may bring up to five tires to the free dropoff event held at 102 County Drive.

Meet Local Author Eve Pollard Lawrence

Stop by the Yorktown Library between 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, to meet Eve Pollard Lawrence. She will be signing copies of her *My Friend...* picture book series. Books will also be available for sale. The *My Friend* series was written with the hope of spreading awareness and promoting inclusion and acceptance for all students. The **York County Public Library** is also looking for Teen volunteers (rising 7-12 grade) to assist during the Summer Reading Program. Applications will be available April 28-June 3. Find out more on the library [website](#).

Explore History and the Great Outdoors at New Quarter Park



Mark your calendar for next Sunday, May 5 to attend a FREE Public Event Commemorating the 162nd Anniversary of the Battle of Williamsburg happening at New Quarter Park (1000 Lakeshead Drive). Activities include costumed historical interpreters, displays and exhibits with drawings, photographs, and artifacts from local partners such as the [Williamsburg Battle Field Association](#), [Colonial](#)

[Williamsburg Archaeology Team](#), [The York County Historical Museum](#), [York County Historical Committee](#), [William & Mary](#), and more. Don't forget to stop by the Children & Family Historical Selfie Station, take part in a Historical Scavenger Hunt with PRIZES and more. There will also be a food truck onsite during the event!

Yard Waste – What to do with it

Warmer weather brings more time outside working in the yard. When cleaning up, please make sure you're disposing of yard waste properly.

- Yard waste is not accepted in the curbside recycling program, and should **never** be placed in the recycling containers.
- York County residents have the opportunity to schedule a [yard debris collection](#) for items such as limbs, branches and clear bags of natural yard waste.
- The VPPSA Compost Facility will accept residential yard debris deliveries from residents for free.
- Bagged yard debris, such as leaves, grass clippings and small pieces of yard debris can be disposed of in the curbside trash program.



Visit the Waste Management webpage for more information about what is/is not accepted in the recycling program. Residents can call 757-890-3780 or enter a [Customer Service Request](#) to schedule a yard debris pickup.

Master Gardener Plant Sale

Next Saturday (5/4) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., garden enthusiasts are invited to the Annual Spring Plant Sale! Located at the Learning Garden (301 Goodwin Neck Road), this popular event offers the opportunity to pick up a variety of healthy plants at reasonable costs. Flowers, shrubs, trees, Yorktown Onions, and more may be purchased. Helpful hint: Bring a wagon, wheelbarrow, or box for your items. Cash or check only!

Early Voting for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House Primaries Begins May 3



On June 18 the Democratic Party is holding a primary to nominate a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Republican Party is holding a primary to nominate a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Early, in-person voting will be available at the **Registrar's Offices beginning May 3 at 8:30 a.m.** The deadline to vote early in person is 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. **Absentee voting by mail** is also available beginning May 3. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m. on Friday, June 7. Absentee ballot applications are

available at the Registrar's Office and online at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

The deadline to register to vote in the June 18 primary—or to update your address or other registration information—is Tuesday, May 28. Same-day registration is available after this date, but same-day registrants will be required to vote on a provisional ballot. Qualified residents who will be at least 18 years old on or before November 5 may register and vote.

Virginia residents may apply to register to vote – or update their registration information online at <http://elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/index.html>.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Mark your calendar - **Safety Town** registration opens Monday, May 6 for residents. Volunteers are still needed. Find out more and [apply here](#). The **Board of Supervisors** will consider adoption of the FY2025 Budget at the May 7 meeting, 6 p.m. in York Hall (301 Main Street).

A yellow poster with a black and yellow striped border at the top. The text "Be a Safety Town Volunteer" is written in large, bold letters. "Be a Safety Town" is in red, and "Volunteer" is in orange script. Below this, it says "If you need community volunteer hours and/or enjoy working with kids, here is a fun opportunity for you!" in black. Underneath is "Adults & Teens Welcome" in black. To the left is the Safety Town logo, which includes a red "S" with "9-1-1" inside, and the words "Safety Town" in colorful letters. To the right of the logo is the text "York County's Award-Winning Summer Program for Rising Kindergarteners" in red. At the bottom, it says "www.yorkcounty.gov/safetytown or (757) 890-3500 for More Information" in black.

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