



May 3, 2024

Blues, Brews, & BBQ and Art at the River this Weekend at the Waterfront!

We have not one, but TWO fun events planned this weekend! On Saturday, May 4, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., the fun will be with you as you tap into a brew-tiful afternoon of fun by the York River! Who needs Luke Skywalker when you have one of our most popular events of the year - Blues, Brews & BBQ?! Sample more than 30 different craft beers, dig into some amazing BBQ (available for purchase), and listen as some of the best blues musicians in Hampton Roads and beyond take the stage at Riverwalk Landing. [Tickets](#) are still available!



On **Sunday, May 5**, we give you an opportunity to relax in the presence of beautiful artwork on the waterfront. In its eleventh year, **Art at the River** is always a favorite. We'll be featuring the works of talented local artisans and school-aged children. From woodworking to watercolor, you are sure to find something for everyone! The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing.

Safety Town Registration Begins Monday, May 6 for Residents

The award-winning pre-kindergarten program returns this summer to teach 5-year-olds important safety skills for school and home. By the end of the week-long program, children are better prepared for the playground, bus, and classroom, *and* learn important home safety lessons about poisons, dangerous plants, and more. Starting Monday, York County residents may register their children who must be age 5 by September 30, 2024. (non-residents may sign up May 13). Additional information and the registration link is available [online](#).



National Small Business Week (NSBW) April 28 – May 4

To all of our local businesses, we want to say THANK YOU. Thank you for making a difference. We're proud to call you our neighbors and our friends and we're grateful for all that you do. Check out our [video](#) from NSBW 2023 celebrating York County, Virginia's small business community!

Public Information Session on New Business Offering Charter Flights and Sightseeing Tours via Seaplane

The public is invited to attend an information session on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Legasea Marine, 821 Railway Road, Yorktown to hear from the owner of Coastal Seaplanes regarding a new business operating from York County waterways and marinas. The owner will provide citizens with a deeper understanding of how seaplanes operate, his company's mission, and clarity on how the operation would work within York County. Additionally, there will be time allocated to answer questions from the public.

Hurricane Preparedness Week (May 5-11)



The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins June 1, and the time to begin preparing for potential storm impact is now. Know what to do before, during and after a storm, and learn about forecasts and alerts. Fire & Life Safety's [website](#) contains helpful information and links to many resources, including Virginia's [Know Your Zone website](#) that residents can use to determine their evacuation zone.

Celebrate National Pet Month and Enter a Pet Photo Contest with the York County Public Library!

Show us your best furry, scaly, clawed, or slithery friend by entering them in our Pet Photo Contest. The top vote getter will win a fun pet-themed prize pack! Send in your submission via email to reference@yorkcounty.gov with the subject line "Pet Photo Contest" by May 15. Include your pet's name, relevant breed/species information and a fun fact about your pet. (Photos must be at least 800 by 800 pixels). Public voting on Facebook takes place May 16-May 31. Only one pet submission per individual, max. two pets per family.



Household Chemical Collection/ Computer Recycling, Paper Shredding

This great event takes place next Saturday (5/11) from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Acceptable materials are those typically found in a home environment, such as household maintenance and cleaning products, paints, fuels, automotive chemicals, and lawn and garden products. Desktop and laptop computers, servers, computer monitors, cell phones, computer wiring, desktop printers and scanners. A shredding truck will be provided for citizens to bring up to five boxes of paperwork to be shredded. Proof of residency may be required. VPPSA staff will unload your vehicle. Please stay in your vehicle unless requested to do otherwise. Please visit VPPSA.org for more information on acceptable and unacceptable materials.

Comedy Show with Noel Goodman and Friends, Friday, May 10 at 7 pm

Don't miss out on this chance to celebrate the strength, triumph and resilience in our community with an evening of uproarious comedy at the Senior Center of York. Hosted by Noel Goodman, the lineup includes Wendy Lee, a seasoned comedic talent with over a decade of experience in Virginia's church circuit; David Griffin whose brand of comedy is based on his life experiences being born and raised in New Orleans, and capping off the evening with Lionel Harris, and guaranteed to keep you in stitches. Admission is \$5, payable at the door or through [online registration](#). For more information, call 890-3444. Refreshments will be available for your enjoyment.

Save the Date – Law Enforcement Building Grand Opening Ceremony

Come join us on Tuesday, May 21 at 4 p.m. The Law Enforcement Building will be open for tours after the ceremony.



Additional Notes for the Week . . . The **Board of Supervisors** will hold a meeting on Tuesday, May 7. On the agenda is the adoption of the FY2025 Budget. Next week is **Public Service Recognition Week** and we are proud of our outstanding employees! **Early Voting is underway** - find out more on the Voter Registrar [website](#). The **Master Gardener Plant Sale** is tomorrow (5/4) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Learning Garden (301 Goodwin Neck Road). **Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)** is pleased to announce an increase in services. See route schedules and learn more at www.gowata.org.

A graphic titled "Get Involved!" for the proposed FY2025 Budget. It features a collage of images on the left: fireworks, a soccer game, a tennis court, and a group of people. The text in the center reads "Get Involved! Proposed FY2025 Budget. Upcoming Budget Dates May 7 Scheduled Adoption. We Want to Hear From You! Email bos@yorkcounty.gov or Call 757-890-3220. Watch LIVE on Cox 46 / Verizon 38 or on www.yorkcounty.gov/tv." The York County logo is also present.

A graphic for Public Service Recognition Week. It features a decorative banner with stars and stripes at the top. The text reads "Public Service Recognition Week May 5 - 11, 2024. We are proud to celebrate the outstanding employees serving York County. Thank you for all that you do!" The York County logo is in the bottom right corner.

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