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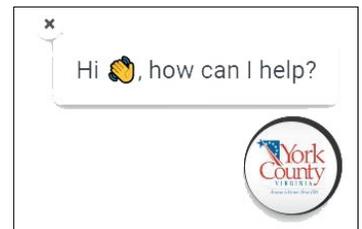
Taking Time for a Summer News Break!



Citizen News Weekly is taking a short summer vacation and will return on **Friday, July 19**. Staff is hard at work keeping an eye on things and if breaking news happens, we'll jump right in and keep you informed!

County Adds ChatBot Feature to Website

Visitors to the [County's website](#) will see a new feature: a chat option in the lower right corner of the screen available 24/7. It works by processing citizen questions and delivering responses instantly. This AI feature handles a wide range of questions, including service requests, local event information, and general county resources. Staff members are able to view the questions asked and the answers provided, and can use that data to fine tune the ChatBot to ensure the responses given are the most accurate. The more that people use it, the better it will become!



Join Us for the 4th of July Celebration in Yorktown!

Nobody celebrates the red, white, and blue like Yorktown. This Independence Day, join us for a free, family-friendly celebration featuring a full day of events before the big fireworks finale! We've put together a one-stop insider's guide at www.visityorktown/fourth with all the information you'll need to enjoy the day! The celebration begins with a morning parade down

Historic Main Street. Afternoon and evening activities include a bell-ringing ceremony, patriotic concert, and a spectacular fireworks display over the York River. The fireworks start at 9:15 p.m.



County offices are closed July 4. Trash/recycling delayed one day.

Important Parking Information for July Fourth: Several roads in the historic area are closed all day, including Zweybrucken Road, Comte de Grasse Street, Ambler Street, Water Street, and Main Street (from Zweybrucken to Ballard). The Yorktown Beach Picnic Area (on the corner of Water and Comte de Grasse Streets) will be closed to vehicles, but pedestrians are permitted. Church,

Nelson, Smith, and Bacon Streets will be open to residents only. The free, accessible [Yorktown Trolley](#) will be in operation from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on an alternate route during this event. **Beginning at 4:00 p.m., visitors attending evening activities must park on the Yorktown Battlefield** at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street, which can be accessed via Cook Road. The Battlefield will close to the public at **8:30 p.m. or once it reaches capacity**. This includes visitors attempting to access the town via Goosley Road, Old Williamsburg Road, and Mathews Street (by way of George Washington Memorial Highway). If you are not a Yorktown Village resident, business owner, or have an official pass – you will not be permitted to park in Historic Yorktown. *Please note that the Colonial Parkway leading into Yorktown is closed for maintenance.*

Shop Market Days for Your 4th of July Cookouts

With the Fourth of July right around the corner, we've got you covered for your holiday picnics! Stop by [Yorktown Market Days](#) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. tomorrow (6/29) at Riverwalk Landing to stock up on your favorite produce, baked goods, meats, and sauces. If you need a hostess gift, don't forget to visit our talented artisans who are selling paintings, woodwork, and more.



Don't let the summer celebrations end there! Join us on Saturday, July 13, for the [Fun in the Sun Market](#) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Along with our local vendors, we'll also have live music by the One Love Caribbean Steel Drum Band, a chef's demo at 10:30 a.m. by Riverwalk Restaurant, inflatables and crafts for the kids, and a balloon artist. At 10 a.m., the Fifes and Drums of

York Town will make a special appearance.

Trash/Recycling Rate Increases Begin July 1

The Board of Supervisors approved new rates for trash and recycling collection at the May 7 meeting. This is the first rate increase since 2019. While the new rates go into effect July 1, they won't be seen until the next utility bill that covers service for July and August. Please watch the informative video [online](#). The new rates will be posted July by 1.

Sounds of Summer Concerts Return July 11

Have you been to our Sounds of Summer Concert Series yet? We have two great concerts lined up for you! On Thursday, July 11, [The Gentlemen & Their Lady](#) will have you dancing the night away with their eclectic playlist. From Beyoncé and the Beatles to Carrie Underwood and Chicago, they play it all! Then, on July 18, [The Embers](#) will take the Riverwalk Landing Stage by storm with their award-winning beach music. Both concerts run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Before the entertainment begins, visitors are encouraged to arrive early and enjoy dinner or dessert at any of Historic Yorktown's waterfront restaurants. So, come out and join your neighbors, even make some new friends, at Yorktown's Sounds of Summer concerts!



Waterworks Shares Drought Advisory, Ways to Conserve Water

Officials at Newport News Waterworks are asking residents to be careful with water use due to

the limited amount of rain we have had over the past several weeks. Here are a few ways to help conserve water: fix any leaky faucets, use water-saving devices, and only water your lawn when necessary. Other good habits include turning off the tap while brushing your teeth, taking shorter showers, and reusing water from washing dishes to water plants. These actions help make sure we have enough water for important needs and helps protect our environment. Visit the Waterworks website to discover [more ways to conserve](#) this precious resource.

Additional Notes for the Week... The Beautification Committee's free giveaway of Swamp Milkweed plants has ended. All plants have been given to citizens who stopped by the Waste Management Center. Thank you to all who participated in this giveaway. There is no Board of Supervisors meeting next week. The next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 16, at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of York Hall.

Congratulations and Good Luck

York County Little League All-Stars
Four Teams Representing District 7 at the 2024 Virginia State Tournaments



VPPSA Household Chemical/Computer Recycling and Paper Shredding

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8AM - 12PM
105 SERVICE DRIVE



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