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Friendly Visitors Program Wins National Award

The County was notified recently that the York-Poquoson Department of Social Services' Friendly Visitors program has been selected as a National Association of Counties (NACo) 2024 Achievement Award Winner! The award recognizes innovative county government programs in 18 categories covering a wide spectrum of responsibilities. The Friendly Visitors program utilizes community volunteers to help combat the social isolation that is felt by far too many of our senior citizens.



Volunteers are trained and matched with Adult Services clients in need of social interaction. Visits can include long chats, playing games like chess or cards, or even enjoying lunch together. Recent program participants have been happy with the program with both volunteers and clients enjoying their visits. Congratulations to the staff and the program participants! For more information or to apply to participate, visit the [Friendly Visitors program online](#).



Summer Concerts Rock On with Band of Oz

Click your heels together and meet us at Riverwalk Landing on Thursday (8/1) as we dance to the sounds of the [Band of Oz](#)! This dynamic eight-piece band plays the best of beach music and remains a favorite throughout the Southeast. They are always a crowd favorite at the Sounds of Summer Concert Series. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m., but plan to arrive early to grab a bite at one of our local restaurants or food trucks.

This Week at the Market

Tomorrow's (7/27) [Yorktown Market Days](#) is going to be a special one as we have not one but *two* musical performances! From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Rocky Hock Ramblers Duo will perform old time Appalachian music. At 10 a.m., the Fifes and Drums of York Town will march through the market as you shop from vendors selling local produce, homemade soaps, fresh oysters, and more! Our talented artisans will be there beginning at 8 a.m., too. We'll see you at the market.



Mark your calendar for the first two markets in August when we celebrate Farmers Market Week by recognizing the vital impact farmers markets play in the nation's food system. More

than 50 local vendors will set up their tables along the York River. Families can play lawn games, and pick up a free “I Love Farmers Markets” temporary tattoos and coloring sheets for kids. Read all about it in this week’s [press release](#).



Sheriff's Citizen Academy Accepting Applications for Fall Session

York County and Poquoson residents interested in learning more about the operations of the Sheriff's Office and our criminal justice system are invited to [apply for the Sheriff's Citizen Academy](#). The academy consists of a 43-hour block of instruction including 12 three-hour classes led by certified law enforcement instructors, supervisors, personnel, and guest speakers, covering a curriculum that includes 911 communications, hiring, training, criminal investigations, tactical operations, hostage negotiations, and more. Weekly academy sessions meet Monday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. and begin September 16. Attending the academy is free and applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must be at least age 18 and successfully pass a background investigation. For more information, call 757-890-3639.

Neighborhoods Encouraged to Participate in Annual National Night Out

National Night Out, a yearly event that promotes police and community partnerships, is coming up on August 6. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office encourages neighborhoods to hold a community event where residents can meet and learn more about each other and their shared surroundings. Upon request, the Sheriff's Office can send representatives to your community to share crime prevention tips, hand out goodies to children, or simply interact with the neighborhood! For more information, call 757-890-3630 or send us an [email](#).



Hurricane Season is a Great Time to “Get Flood Fluent”

Did you know that anywhere it can rain, it can flood? And that the damage of just one inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in repairs? Flood insurance is the best way to protect yourself from devastating loss. The “Get Flood Fluent” [flood insurance estimator](#) is a fast online tool that you can use to assess the cost of insuring your home and belongings. Once you've determined the cost, sign up for flood insurance as soon as possible because most insurance companies requires 30 days before policies take effect. In addition to the flood insurance estimator, [Get Flood Fluent](#) contains information to help you safeguard your home and property.



Additional Notes for the Week... Virginia Healthy Lawns site visits begins soon. The last day to [register](#) to have your lawn measured, inspected, and soil tested is August 19. The August **Planning Commission** meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11. Visit the [website](#) for agenda materials in September. The **Waste Management Center** is closing early next Saturday (8/3) at 11:30 a.m. This includes the citizen trash drop-off, recycling center, transfer station, and VPPSA Compost Facility. Operations resume normal hours the following Monday (8/5).

Free Concert UNDER THE *Stars*

Saturday, August 31
7:30 PM
Riverwalk Landing

 VIRGINIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Presented by Celebrate Yorktown Committee

 Pre-show fun at 6:00 PM -
Bring lawn chairs, blankets
& picnic basket for judging

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