



August 2, 2024



### Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Regional Sports and Events Center

This morning, County officials joined representatives from Williamsburg and James City County, as well as other regional and state organizations at the groundbreaking for the Williamsburg Sports and Event Center, located adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg. Approximately 200 people braved the high temperature to witness the official start of construction of

the regional sports and event center that has been a topic of discussion for several years. The 200,000 square foot facility will feature 12 basketball courts that convert to 24 volleyball courts and 36 Pickleball courts, a conversion turf system that fits three indoor soccer fields, a climbing wall, tip and roll bleachers, meeting rooms, and a food/beverage area. The facility is projected to open in 2026. Shown (left to right) are Deputy County Administrator Brian Fuller, Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Sheila Noll (District 2), Board of Supervisors member Doug Holroyd (District 1), and County Administrator Mark Bellamy. Also present, but not shown, was Board of Supervisors member Tom Shepperd (District 5).

### Slow Down! Speed Zone Cameras Being Installed at Six Schools

To help improve the safety of children in the County, speed enforcement cameras are being installed at six school sites: Dare, Tabb, Grafton Bethel, and Seaford elementary schools, and Bruton and York high schools. Beginning August 26, drivers exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 mph in these zones will receive a warning. Effective September 25, violators will receive a citation. This initiative comes after the results of a five day study that determined 3,725 vehicles were found to be speeding within school zones. To learn more about the program, the public is invited to attend a community forum on Tuesday, August 13, at 6 p.m. at the Sheriff's Office (159 Goodwin Neck Road). Additional information is available on the [Sheriff's Office website](#).



### Celebrate National Farmers Market Week in Yorktown!

Peppers, tomatoes, and squash...oh, my! We've got a very special farmers market for you and your family to enjoy tomorrow (8/3). Join us at Riverwalk Landing from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. as we kick off [National Farmers Market Week](#). We'll recognize the national impact farmers markets have on their communities. To celebrate, we'll have temporary tattoos, coloring sheets, and lawn games for the

kids. The Fifes and Drums of York Town and Louis Vangieri will perform. Participants can also plant seeds in biodegradable starter pods courtesy of Yorktown Feed Seed N' More.

While you're at the market tomorrow, don't forget to pop up to York Hall on Historic Main Street between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to learn more about the 1781 British Occupation. We'll have a series of informative booths and living history stations set up. This is a [Colonial National Historical Park](#) event that is held in conjunction with the York County Commemoration Committee.

## The Deloreans Return to Riverwalk Landing Next Thursday

We're so excited because we've got a gnarly night planned for you from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday (8/8). The [Deloreans](#), the area's popular 80s tribute band, returns with another energetic performance that will take your breath away. The rhythm is gonna get you at this free, outdoor concert, so join us at the Riverwalk Landing Stage for another Sounds of Summer Concert. We know you'll want to turn back time when the night is over!



## Virginia's Tax Free Weekend is Underway!

This year's three-day sales tax holiday began just after midnight this morning and ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday (8/4). This sales tax free weekend is a great opportunity for you to save some money as you do your back-to-school shopping, and also to buy supplies that you may need for hurricane/emergency preparedness. Additionally, [Energy](#)

[Star™ and WaterSense™ products](#) are also free of sales tax this weekend. More information about the sales tax holiday, including a list of qualifying items, is available on the [Virginia Tax website](#). While you're shopping for your kids' school supplies, please consider purchasing items for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office's "Back to School Supply Drive" being held all next week. Supplies may be dropped off in the lobby of the Sheriff's Office (159 Goodwin Neck Road) from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., August 5-9, and next Friday (8/9) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walmart on George Washington Memorial Highway (Route 17). Items in need include backpacks, notebooks, binders, folders, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, etc.

## New Kayak Launch Coming Soon to Back Creek Park

Visitors to Back Creek Park will notice some construction work for the next eight to ten weeks while crews add an ADA accessible kayak launch (similar to the launch at Old Wormley Creek, shown in the photo) along with a pier/gangway connecting to a floating dock. Additional work includes installing two new handicap parking spaces, repaving/restriping the parking lot, and repairing sidewalks that lead to the water. Construction will impact the parking lot adjacent to the Pickleball/Tennis courts, the restrooms at the park office, entrance to the lower courts, and the current kayak launch area. Thanks in advance to everyone for their patience while these improvements are being made.





## Sheriff's Office is Hosting Free Child ID Events

Stop by the Sheriff's Office (159 Goodwin Neck Road) from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on August 5, August 22, or August 27, and create your child's ID kit. Your child's fingerprints will be taken along with a current photo, which will both be included with other important identification information. These ID kits can be crucial in helping law enforcement quickly locate and identify missing children. A fourth event is scheduled for August 14 in Williamsburg (exact location is TBD). Contact Deputy Kevin Taylor for additional information via [email](#) or by calling 757-890-3639.

## As the Atlantic Ocean Heats Up, Be Sure You Know Your Zone

Experts predict a more active hurricane season this year, and we typically see storm activity increase as we enter late summer. Residents need to be prepared in case a storm threatens our area that may cause damage to homes, power outages, and more. In addition to preparing an [emergency disaster kit](#) with medicines, food, water, important documents, and other supplies, residents should be sure they know their evacuation zone and have a plan in case evacuations are announced. Visit [Know Your Zone](#) to determine your evacuation zone. Although your property may be high and dry, your way out may not be. Know Your Zone can help you determine whether you should evacuate during an emergency or shelter at home. Additional emergency preparedness information is available [online](#).



**Additional Notes for the Week**...All services at the **Waste Management Center** are closing at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow (8/3). The Center returns to regular hours of operation on Monday (8/5). The August **Historic Yorktown Design Committee** meeting has been cancelled. Visit the [website](#) for the next meeting's materials in September. The August **Planning Commission** meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11. Visit the [website](#) for agenda materials in September.

**Wet N Wild WEDNESDAYS**  
At CHARLES E. BROWN PARK

**August 7, 14, & 21**  
**10 am-12 pm**

**This is not a camp**  
Staff/Volunteers only provided  
to operate the activity

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