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**Bark Park Opens at Back Creek Park!**

Have you heard the County’s tail-wagging news? The County’s first dog park is now open at [Back Creek Park](#) (3000 Goodwin Neck Road)! This fenced enclosure allows space for your pup to frolic and play the canine way in a safe and beautiful location adjacent to the boat launch at the park. Two areas are provided – one for dogs over 30 pounds and another for smaller pooches under 30 pounds

(note: 30-pounders are permitted in either section). There are rules posted at the park, including: pick up your dog’s poop and dispose of it properly; you must be at least 16-years-old to be inside the enclosure; you must always accompany your pet; dogs must have licenses and be up-to-date on all shots; dog owners are responsible for any injuries that may occur during playtime; and a few others. If you have questions, please call York County Parks and Recreation at 757-890-3500 or visit the [website](#).



**Events Continue at Riverwalk Landing During Construction of Dockmaster Facility**

The show must go on! As was reported in last week’s issue of *Citizen News Weekly*, work began this week to prepare for the demolition of the beach bathrooms and the Dockmaster building, followed by the construction of the new facility. While a portion of the lawn adjacent to the performance stage has been fenced off for safety, the remainder of the

lawn is open for public use, as it was for Thursday’s Rhythms on the Riverwalk concert featuring Brasswind! All planned events, including Yorktown Market Days, will not be affected by this temporary construction work. When completed next year, the new building will include handicapped accessible bathrooms and family changing room, along with the Dockmaster space. Read more about it in this week’s [press release](#).

**Speaking of Events . . . Check Out What’s Coming Up!**

They are the unsung heroes of our community, and we’re celebrating them from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. tomorrow (9/7) at the [First Responders Market!](#) It’s a morning dedicated to our firefighters, sheriff’s deputies, 9-1-1 emergency communications dispatchers, public works officials, and other first responders who keep our community safe. Stop by to let them know

how much you appreciate them! This family-friendly event is perfect for the little ones. Several emergency vehicles and officials will be on site to educate visitors and answer questions. We'll also have our local farmers and artisans on hand with local produce, glassware, baked goods, and more.



The British are coming! The British are coming! Join us from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow (9/7) and Sunday (9/8) for our popular [Before the Siege](#) event. Learn what life in Yorktown was like when Lord Cornwallis and his troops invaded the town and set up camp. There will be military drills, reenactments, living history stations, and blacksmith demonstrations. This two-day event is part of the [Virginia250 Celebration](#) and will take place on Historic Main Street and Redoubts 9 and 10 at the Yorktown Battlefield.

Summer may be over, but the fun doesn't have to end! Join us next Thursday (9/12) for a *free* concert with Hampton Roads' premier swing and dance band: [The Top Hats Orchestra](#)! This 12-piece band features the talents of some of the area's finest musicians. Performing for more than 30 years, they play hits from the '40s and '50s. If you like Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Big Bad VooDoo Daddy, and Brian Setzer, you don't want to miss this show. The Yorktown Trolley will run until 9 p.m. during every concert with a modified route that still includes some stops on the outskirts of town.

### Fall Issue of *Citizen News Quarterly* Now Available

*Extra, extra . . . read all about it!* The fall issue of *Citizen News Quarterly* is 24 pages full of news, updates, events, reminders, and more. In this issue, you can read about FlashVote from the desk of the County Administrator, the importance of Sports Tourism from the Deputy County Administrator, Board of Supervisor highlights and contact information, and important Election dates. Also, find out what's happening in Public Works, the Library, and our business community. There's even more to discover in the fall issue of *Citizen News Quarterly*. Check it out [online](#) today.



### BugFest Returning for 5<sup>th</sup> Year

What's the buzz? BugFest is back, and it's bigger and better than ever! Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, at Grafton Middle School (405 Grafton Drive). This free event features bug-themed story time at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., crafts, over 40 tables or activities to visit, and BUGS! Some participating groups include the ODU Tick Team, Colonial Beekeepers, The Butterfly Society of Virginia, Master Gardeners, Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, and more! For more information, call York County Mosquito Control at 757-890-3790.

### Public Meeting About Back Creek Channel Scheduled for September 18

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued its report recommending navigation improvements in the Back Creek channel where it meets the Chesapeake Bay. After conducting its study and considering 13 alternatives, the preferred option is a proposed channel that is 12,614 feet long, 60 feet wide, accommodates one-way vessel traffic, and has a

maintained depth of -16 feet MLLW. A turning basin is included in the channel length. The draft report is available to review [online](#). The public is invited to a public meeting on Wednesday, September 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Yorktown Public Library (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway). Comments regarding the plan must be submitted by September 30, 2024.

**Additional Notes for the Week...** Household Chemical Collection/Computer Recycling/Free Paper Shredding event is next Saturday (9/14) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the County complex at 105 Service Drive. Accepted materials are those typically found in a home environment, along with computers and their related equipment. Up to five boxes of paperwork are permitted for free shredding. More information is available [online](#). **Skate, Rattle & Roll** is back! The Dare Elementary School Gym is the place to be Fridays to roll your cares away. The program is open to those in Grades K-6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Middle School sessions are on select dates. Read the latest dates, times, and program rules [online](#).

The graphic features a photograph of an art stroll event with people viewing art. Below the photo is a blue banner with white text and a logo. The logo includes the text 'YORKTOWN art STROLL 2024' and a circular icon containing various art supplies like a palette, brushes, and a pencil. To the right of the logo, the event details are listed: 'SEPTEMBER 29 SUNDAY 10 AM TO 5 PM', 'YORKTOWN FREIGHT SHED (425 Water Street) and Participating Businesses', 'RAIN OR SHINE 757.369.1108', and the website 'VisitYorktown.org'.

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