



September 13, 2024



Early Voting Starts September 20

Election Day is not too far off. But you don't have to wait until Tuesday, November 5, to cast your vote. Early voting begins next Friday, September 20. Vote by mail or in person at the Registrar's locations in the Washington Square Shopping Center (on Route 17 in Grafton) and Victory Village Shopping Center (on Mooretown Road in Lightfoot), from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Early voting is available through Saturday, November 2. For complete election details, including sample ballots, voting precincts, and how to check your registration status, visit the [Voter Registration website](#).

Stay Up-to-Date with Dockmaster Building Project

The bathroom and dockmaster buildings located at the base of Ballard Street have been demolished and work is underway to clear the site to begin work on the underground utilities. County staff does not anticipate any road closures with the exception of brief traffic stoppages to allow for the movement of equipment. The County has set up a page on the [website](#) where project updates will be posted periodically. The project is scheduled for completion in summer 2025.



Show Off Your Amateur Photography Skills in Calendar Photo Contest!

The York County Beautification Committee is now accepting photos from amateur photogs to be considered for next year's *Beautiful York County* calendar. Photos should depict the beauty of York County's nature (i.e. landscapes, wildlife, still shots, etc.). Photos are judged by the quality of the image and how they adhere to the theme "Nature is Magic," with thirteen photos ultimately chosen to appear in the calendar. Each winner receives a \$100 cash award! This contest is open to County residents.

Deadline to submit photos is Friday, October 4. Details and submission form are available on the [Beautification Committee website](#).



Get Your Feet Tappin' at These Great Concerts!

The music continues on the Riverwalk Landing Stage at 6:30 p.m. next [Thursday \(9/19\)](#), with our *free Rhythms on the Riverwalk* concert series. The **Michael Clark Band** returns for a night of blues, Motown, disco, funk, and pop hits. Whether honoring the original rendition of a classic number or performing an original tune, the music is presented in the band's own funky style! The only thing you have to bring are your dancing shoes and a lawn chair or blanket! [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.



Join the [Watermen's Museum](#) from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on September 21, and 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 22, for the [12th Annual Yorktown Folk Festival](#). This free, fun, family-friendly event features live performances on five stages by local bands, musicians, storytellers, and dancers.

Social Services Program Wins State and National Awards

Congratulations to York-Poquoson Department of Social Services! The department's [Friendly Visitors Program](#) recently won Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). The program matches senior citizens with volunteers who, after receiving training, visit with the older adult providing them with the interaction that is so desperately needed. The NACo award was presented earlier this year; the VACo award will be presented at the October 15 Board of Supervisors meeting. More information about the award-winning program is available on the [website](#) and in the [press release](#).



History Books Donated to York County Public Library

Recently, several books detailing Spain's contribution to the American Revolution were donated to the Library from Teresa Valcarce Graciani, Project Advisor for Spain and the Support of the American Revolution. The books tell the little known history of Spain's involvement in the fight for independence, especially the efforts of Bernardo de Gálvez, Governor of Spanish Louisiana, who helped finance the Battle of Yorktown and led soldiers into battle against the British in Louisiana and Florida. The books are available in the Local History collection at the Yorktown Library. Shown, left to right, are Library Director Kevin Smith, Teresa Valcarce Graciani, and Historical Committee Chair Bonnie Karwac.



Additional Notes for the Week... We've got a potpourri of goodness for you at this week's **Yorktown Market Days**! Fresh oysters, clam chowder, Bloody Mary mix, BBQ sauce, homemade cheesecakes, and more will be for sale at Riverwalk Landing along with beautiful works from local artisans. Join us from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. [tomorrow \(9/14\)](#). The public is invited to a meeting with representatives from the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** for a discussion of recommended improvements to the **Back Creek channel**. The meeting is from 5

to 7 p.m. on Wednesday (9/18) at the Yorktown Public Library (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway). Read the recommended improvements [online](#).

**VPPSA Household Chemical/Computer Recycling
and Paper Shredding**

 **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**
8AM - 12PM
105 SERVICE DRIVE 

  

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