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Subject: [EXTERNAL] October 23rd WAAR Local Government Forum and Reception

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Good morning, Team York –

Hope that this finds you doing well on what appears to be a nice Thursday morning. It already is a busy lift-off to the day!

The Williamsburg Area Association of REALTORS® (WAAR) is hosting a local government forum on Wednesday, October 23rd, at Ford's Colony Country Club from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. As noted in an earlier email from a few weeks ago, I am hoping that some of your team – Mark, Brian, Susan Abbitt, Kristi and anyone else you suggest! – could represent the County at the Forum, to discuss the Comp Plan, housing opportunities, economic development initiatives and other pertinent issues in the County that are top of mind. Counterparts from James City, New Kent and the City of Williamsburg likewise will have professional staff present to provide overviews of “what’s happening now!” We are thinking that each local government team will have 25 minutes or so to present their details, allowing at the end of the program time for a Q&A session that will run for about 20 minutes. There will be IT capability for power points and microphones likewise will be available.

Following the forum, we invite all of you to join us at a reception beginning at 5:00 PM, also at Ford's Colony, so that our members can network with you, you can visit with them, and the region’s leadership can be together in a social setting. It has been a long time since we have hosted an event like this, and we hope that the County will be well-represented.

Vicki and maybe Susan – would you both be able to send the attached invite to the Board of Supervisors and to the Planning Commission members? That would be much appreciated!

I am in local government candidate interviews all day for Newport News and Hampton City Council, so my email replies may be slow, but happy to get back to you on any questions. If a phone discussion or Zoom meeting might be helpful for your portion of the presentation, just let me know.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and apologies for my delayed follow-up to many of you on the forum, but I am sure that with as much as there is going on, there is a lot of good news to share about York County!

Be well and enjoy your day!

Best,
Susan

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