



October 11, 2024

### Fall in Love with the Fall Festival!

The changing leaves, the smell of pumpkin spice, and the cooler air can only mean one thing. It's time for a beloved annual tradition: [Yorktown Market Days' Fall Festival!](#) Join us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow (10/12), for this special, extended farmers market at Riverwalk Landing. Guests can shop more than 60 different vendors and artists selling seasonal favorites like pumpkins, mums, autumn-inspired art, kettle corn, and caramel apples. Enjoy free, family-oriented activities like face painting, a hay maze, a petting zoo featuring miniature animals, balloon art, a roving magician, and pumpkin painting. Kids, be sure to dress up for trick-or-treating at the Historic Yorktown businesses and then cast your vote at our inaugural Pumpkin Decorating Contest. It's going to be a *spooktacular* day!



### Join Us for Yorktown Day on October 19



[Yorktown Day](#) is coming up next Saturday (10/19)! Join in the festivities to commemorate the Siege of Yorktown in 1781 and the Revolutionary War victory that paved the way for America and her freedom. The day begins with a wreath-laying ceremony followed by a patriotic parade and flyover by the French Air Force down Main Street. Enjoy performances by the Fifes and Drums of York Town, the Williamsburg Youth Orchestra, and the United States Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. Be sure to visit our inaugural Victory Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing that will feature local vendors, a patriotic concert, and children's activities. It's going to be a day to remember!

### Learn More About the Marquis de Lafayette



Celebrate the bicentennial of Lafayette's triumphant return to America with a special program on **Wednesday (10/16) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, at the Yorktown Library (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway). **Alan Hoffman, author and president of the American Friends of Lafayette**, will examine how Lafayette's life, participation in the American Revolution, friendship with George Washington, and his Farewell Tour shaped his reputation. This event is free.

We're excited to welcome back our old friend and Revolutionary War hero **Major General Lafayette** as he returns to **Yorktown at 3 p.m. on Friday (10/18)**. This event marks the [200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lafayette's](#) historic tour and will feature speeches and music to celebrate our alliance with France and the founding of our nation. The 229<sup>th</sup> Infantry Band will perform at 2:30 p.m. prior to the ceremony. The Fifes and Drums of York Town will lead Lafayette from the tall ship *Luna* at the Yorktown waterfront to the Riverwalk Landing Stage. The ceremony is presented by the American Friends of Lafayette, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, and America 250.



## **Tuesday is Deadline for Online/By Mail Voter Registration**

As reported in last week's *Citizen News Weekly*, the deadline to register to vote online or by mail for the November 5 General Election is Tuesday (10/15). Online registration is open until 11:59 p.m. on October 15. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by October 15. After that date, same-day registration is available, but voters will cast provisional ballots. For more information, please call the Registrar's Office at 757-890-3440 or visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/vote](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vote).



## **Piers at Rodgers A. Smith Boat Landing Under Repair Starting Monday**

Heads up boaters and fishermen—all three piers at the boat landing on Tide Mill Road are being repaired – one pier at a time – beginning Monday (10/14) and continuing through the end of the month. Fishing will be permitted on the other piers while the fishing pier is under construction. We're excited to bring these improvements to you!

## **Transfer Station Also Closing for Repairs**

Starting Monday, October 21, the County's Transfer Station will be closed to the public for repairs. The closure is expected to last six to eight weeks. The Citizen dropoff area for trash disposal will remain open for residential use only. The remainder of the facility, including recycling dropoff area, metal recycling, and VPPSA Composting Facility, will continue under normal operations.

## **Share Your Opinions with FlashVote**

Back in July, we announced that the County has partnered with FlashVote to help gather public input. Since then, the first survey has been conducted – the topic was home based businesses – and the [results](#) are in! Thanks to all who participated in this survey. As we look forward to the next survey, there is still time for you to [sign up!](#) You may soon have an opportunity to participate in the next minute-long survey. The more input we receive, the better we can serve the community. We look forward to the next results and will share them with you online.

## **Leaf Collection Program Beginning Soon**

On your mark, get set, rake! Leaf collection begins in early November for residents who live on publicly maintained roads. An unlimited number of clear bags of leaves may be placed at the roadside on Monday of your collection weeks. For leaf collection, the County is divided

into two zones: the Southern Zone includes homes south of Dare Road, while the Northern Zone includes homes on and north of Dare Road. Collections are held every other week in each zone. In the Northern Zone, leaf collections begin November 12, with the Southern Zone collections starting November 18. A final sweep of the County will be completed the week of January 27. Collection details, including do's and don'ts, are available [online](#).



### **New 4-way Stop Planned for Goosley Road/Route 238**

VDOT is improving safety at the intersection adjacent to the Riverwalk Townes neighborhood. The new 4-way stop comes after several citizens expressed their concerns about this area and VDOT's subsequent roadway safety analysis. Improvements include additional signage, stop signs,

reflective tape, and pavement markings.

### **Help Set the Framework for Coastal Storm Study**

The County, peninsula jurisdictions, and the Army Corps of Engineers are working together to develop a Peninsula Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study that will investigate solutions to reduce potential damages and risks to human life, health, and safety caused by coastal storms that affect the peninsula. You can help set the focus of the study and construct the framework! Share your input at one of the upcoming public meetings: Tuesday, October 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Hampton Roads Convention Center (1610 Coliseum Drive) and/or Wednesday, October 23, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at James River Elementary School (8901 Pocahontas Trail). Please [email](#) your questions about the study or the meetings.

**Additional Notes for the Week . . .** The **Senior Center** is holding a **vaccination clinic** on Thursday (10/17) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The clinic will offer flu and COVID shots to seniors. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration by Monday (10/14) is appreciated by calling 757-890-3444. There is still time to register for tomorrow's (10/12) lively **discussion of crime fiction** with authors **E.A. Aymar and LynDee Walker** at 1:30 p.m. in the Yorktown Library (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway). The authors will discuss their recent books as well as the current trends in the crime genre. **Reminder:** There is no smoking or vaping permitted at the **McReynolds Athletic Complex** (412 Sports Way). Please enjoy the beautiful walking trail, playing fields, picnic shelters, and playground equipment in our smoke-free environment.



**York County Real Estate and Property Tax Bills Have Been Mailed**

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