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Join Us As We Celebrate Yorktown Day!

It's the most wonderful time of the year -- Yorktown Day is Saturday (10/19)! Join us for an epic celebration complete with a patriotic parade and flyover by the French Air Force down Main Street at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday (10/19). 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. The Marquis de Lafayette will also make an appearance! For a complete schedule of events, be sure to visit our [website](#). The free, accessible [Yorktown Trolley](#) will be in operation beginning at 11 a.m. during this event.

Huzzah! The war has been won, and now it is time to shop at the inaugural [Victory Market](#)! Join us for a **very special farmers market** as we celebrate the victory at Yorktown. The red, white, and blue will be on full display from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday (10/19), as local artists will be selling patriotic handiwork such as glassware, paintings, and woodwork. If the celebrations have you craving an all-American meal or one with a French flair, you can shop our vendors for apples, cookies, meats, oysters, honey, macarons, and more! We'll also have a wine garden, a distillery demonstration by 8 Shires, a Lafayette Storytelling Trail and George Washington's Dog Story Time for the kids, an archaeological demonstration, coloring station, and lawn games. The band Prime Time will play patriotic tunes beginning at 10 a.m. on the Riverwalk Landing Stage. You don't want to miss this fun, family-friendly celebration!

Recommended Ages and Hours for Trick-or-Treating

In York County, trick-or-treating on Halloween (10/31) is recommended for children ages 12 and under from 6 to 8 p.m. Fire Chief Steve Kopczynski and York-Poquoson Sheriff Ron Montgomery offer the following safety tips: wear fire resistant costumes, wigs, and accessories; fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags, and/or give children glow sticks; carry and use a flashlight to see and be seen; have an adult accompany children; and don't let children eat candy until it has been inspected by an adult. Additional safety tips are available in the County's [press release](#).

Important Election Dates and Deadlines

Early voting is available at the Registrar’s Office locations in Washington Square Shopping Center (Grafton) and Victory Village Shopping Center (Williamsburg), Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, November 1. Both locations will be open on two upcoming Saturdays—October 26 and November 2—from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate voters. If you would like to **vote absentee by mail**, you can apply for an absentee ballot online or download a form to complete, sign, and mail to the Registrar’s Office. Absentee ballot applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, October 25. Voters who receive their ballot by mail can return it via mail or dropbox. Dropboxes are available during the same dates and times as posted for early voting through Election Day (11/5) at 7 p.m. For more information, visit the [Registrar’s website](#).

Drug Take Back, Paper Shredding Coming Up this Month

Do you have some old prescription drugs to get rid of? What about boxes (or bags) of personal papers you would like to have shredded? Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, for the Drug Take Back, Paper Shredding event at the Law Enforcement Building (159 Goodwin Neck Road). Representatives from the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office are partnering with the Beautification Committee to provide a single-stop where residents may safely **dispose of prescription pills and patches** and **shred** up to five boxes of **personal papers**. Also, this is a great opportunity to recycle plastic bags and wraps. More information is available on the [Public Works website](#).

Author Offers Workshop and Book Signing Next Month

Musician and author Brendan Slocumb is presenting a workshop “exploring creativity” at the Tabb Library (100 Long Green Blvd.) from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, followed by an author talk and book signing later that same day from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Yorktown Library (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway). Slocumb is the author of *The Violin Conspiracy* and *Symphony Secrets*. His third book, *The Dark Maestro*, is scheduled to be released in May 2025. These programs are made possible thanks to a grant from the York County, Virginia Arts Commission. Registration information and more details are available in this week’s [press release](#).

Penniman Road & Colonial Parkway Road Project Updates

Beginning as early as tomorrow (10/18), **Government Road** in the upper County will be closed to through traffic between Oak Drive and Penniman Road, as contractor crews with VDOT continue construction on the **Penniman Road Roadway Improvements Project**. A detour will direct drivers to Penniman Road via Oak Road. A portion of William Carter Road will also be closed to through traffic. Access to private property will be maintained. The project is estimated to be complete as early as late summer 2025. For more information, please visit the [project’s website](#).

The first phase of the **Colonial Parkway Rehabilitation Project** is nearing completion. Next month, the project will move into its second phase with a new set of closures and detours beginning at Penniman Road Bridge up to the Williamsburg Circle (the intersection of the Colonial Parkway and Visitor Center Drive). The current closure from Route 199 to the Williamsburg Circle remains in effect. The National Park Service is holding a public meeting on Thursday (10/24) to provide updates on the project’s progress. Doors open at 6 p.m. with

presentations at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the James City County Government Center, Building F, at 101 Mounts Bay Road in Williamsburg, and will follow an open house format, with opportunities for questions and review of details with project staff. More information is available on the National Park Service [website](#).

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Join us at the McReynolds Athletic Complex (MAC) on Saturday (10/19) for **Movies in the Park** featuring *Hotel Transylvania: Transformania*. The movie begins at sunset. The full concessions stand menu will be available. Please bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. Free popcorn is provided. **Public input** is requested at the upcoming meetings regarding the **Peninsula Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study**. Join representatives of local governments and the Army Corps of Engineers from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday (10/22) at the Hampton Roads Convention Center (1610 Coliseum Dr.) and/or 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday (10/23) at James River Elementary School (8901 Pocahontas Trail).

The Transfer Station and Citizen Drop-off will close at 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 19. Citizen Drop-off re-opens Monday, October 21. The Transfer Station will be closed 6-8 weeks.



**WASTE MANAGEMENT
TRANSFER STATION
CLOSED FOR REPAIRS
BEGINNING OCTOBER 21**

Open:

- **Citizen Trash Drop-off (for residents only).**
- **Recycling Center**
- **VPPSA Compost Facility**



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