



October 25, 2024

Who Let the Dogs Out? Join Us for Paws at the River!

We don't know who let the dogs out, but we're sure glad they did! Our annual [Paws at the River](#) event is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow (10/26), and it's one you and your furry sidekick won't want to miss!

This special day is designed to bring awareness to animal rescue organizations and help place adoptable pets in their "forever" homes. We'll have a pet portrait station, delicious doggy delights, a pet costume parade, chef's demos, and informational booths. To kick off the Halloween festivities, we'll also have doggy trick-or-treating that features several Yorktown businesses and rescue organizations. Join us at Riverwalk Landing for a doggone good time!



We've got the beer; you bring the friends and family to [Yorktoberfest](#) from 12 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday (10/27)! Now that's *wiesn* to celebrate! Sample more than 40 beers (unlimited tastings), ciders, and more, from Coastal Virginia at this annual event hosted by the York County Chamber of Commerce. With live music, beer classes, and vendors, you'll definitely have something to yodel about! This is a

tented event and will be held rain or shine. The free, accessible [Yorktown Trolley](#) will be in operation beginning at 11 a.m. during this event.

Registrar's Office is Open for Early Voting

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 next Friday (11/1). Both locations will be open tomorrow (10/26) and next Saturday (11/2) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate voters. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day (11/5).

Remember, if you are in line at 7 p.m. on Election Day, you will still be able to vote. For more information, including sample ballots by precinct, visit the [Registrar's website](#).





Take a Free Ride on Election Day – November 5

The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is offering free transportation on all its fixed-route and paratransit services on Election Day (11/5). The fares are being waived to give riders every opportunity to get to the polls to vote. York County routes are to Waller Mill Elementary School and the Griffin-Yeates Center. More information, including WATA routes and schedules, are available on the [website](#).

York County Staff Member Named Librarian of the Year

Congratulations to the Tabb Library’s Michelle Paxton for being recognized as Donna G. Cote Librarian of the Year by the Virginia Library Association at its conference last week. Several criteria were required to be met before a librarian could be considered for this award. According to Library Director Kevin Smith, “Michelle is well-deserving of this award and we are very proud of her and the work she has done. She is an excellent example of a 21st century librarian.” To read more about Michelle and the award, read this week’s [press release](#).



National Park Service Completes Shoreline Restoration Project

Board of Supervisors’ Vice Chairman Sheila Noll (shown second from left) joined National Park Service representatives at a ribbon-cutting to mark the completion of the \$24 million shoreline restoration project along a portion of the Colonial Parkway. Funded with money from the Great American Outdoors Act and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the

project has reinforced the infrastructure of the road and extended its lifespan. In addition to this project, the Great American Outdoors Act is funding the repair and reconstruction of portions of the Colonial Parkway.

Public Meeting on Springfield Road Sewer Extension

The County’s Department of Public Works is holding a Springfield Road Sewer Extension Project **open house** on **Tuesday, November 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.** in the cafeteria of the **Griffin-Yeates Center** (1490 Government Road). Staff will be available to review and discuss the project information, answer questions, and receive citizen comments. If you are unable to attend the public meeting, please email your comments to Elizabeth.Mertz-Guinn@yorkcounty.gov. Please reference “Springfield Road Sewer Extension Comment” in the subject line. If you need special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please call 757-890-3750.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . The **Citizen Drop-off** area at the Waste Management Center (145 Goodwin Neck Road) will **close at 12 p.m. on Saturdays** starting tomorrow (10/26). This will allow contractors working on the Transfer Station to begin work early on Saturdays. **Drug Take Back** is tomorrow (10/26) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Building (159 Goodwin Neck Road). Free paper shredding is available. See the [website](#) for details. Kids in grades K-6 are invited to next Friday’s (11/1) **Skate, Rattle, and**

Roll for Halloskate! This special **glow skate** will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Dare Elementary School (300 Dare Road). See the [website](#) for more information.



See Safety Tips [online](#). Have a **Happy Halloween!**

Stop by the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries on October 31, Halloween, between 10 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. to check out books and get a few sweet treats from the Library staff! Preschoolers to 5th graders and encouraged to wear their costumes!

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