



November 8, 2024

## York County Honors Our Nation's Veterans at Free Ceremony

The public is invited to the annual **Veterans Day program** on Monday (11/11) at 12 p.m. in York Hall (301 Main Street). Sponsored by the York County Historical Committee, the ceremony honors the members of our armed forces. The guest speaker this year is Board of Supervisors member Tom Shepperd (District 5). Throughout the service, photographs and stories about Virginia's Medal of Honor recipients will be featured. Program participants include the York High School NJROTC, The Comte de Grasse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, The Moore House Society, Children of the American Revolution, and Chapter 13 of the Disabled American Veterans. VFW Chapter 824 will act as the Color Guard for the ceremony. This program is being recorded and will be replayed on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38). Thank you Veterans.



## 2024 General Election Results

Tuesday was Election Day, and in York County, 73% of registered voters cast their ballot. That's 38,760 people out of a total of 53,434 registered voters. Incumbent U.S. Senator Tim Kaine was reelected, although the majority of York County voters selected Hung Cao for that office. In the race for 1<sup>st</sup> District House of Representatives, Rob Wittman was reelected statewide and in York County over challenger Leslie Mehta. Finally, locally and statewide, the Constitutional Amendment on tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a soldier killed in the line of duty passed by an overwhelming majority. To view the numbers, please visit the [state's election website](#). \*These results have not been certified by election officials.

## Maritime Festival Comes Ashore in Yorktown

You are sure to have a merry time at tomorrow's (11/9) [Yorktown Market Days Maritime Festival](#). We're celebrating everything there is to love about our waterfront locale! During this extended farmers market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., sample some of the best seafood in the area including clam chowder, Virginia blue crabs, and fresh fried fish. Artisans will be selling nautical-inspired jewelry and art, and pirates will invade the area to talk to kids about seafaring life. We'll also have live music, kids' crafts, blacksmith demonstrations, face painting, a pirate encampment, tall ship deck tours, and educational information for mariners of all ages. The free, accessible Yorktown Trolley will be in operation beginning at 11 a.m. during this event.





## It's Time to Spill the Tea!

Join us as we commemorate the [250th Anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party!](#) On November 7, 1773, Thomas Nelson, Jr., and a group of patriots marched to the Yorktown waterfront and threw two chests of tea overboard in an act of defiance. If you missed Thursday's ceremony, you're in luck! This weekend, you'll have *two* more opportunities to see the historic reenactment. Visitors can view the reenactments at 12 p.m. at Riverwalk Landing tomorrow (11/9) and Sunday (11/10).

## Pruning Clinic Coming Up Next Week

Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardeners are holding a pruning clinic next Saturday, November 16, at 1 p.m., at the York Learning Garden (301 Goodwin Neck Road). This free clinic will teach you basic pruning techniques, where and how to prune bushes and trees, and which plants to prune in the fall vs. in the spring. Bring a pruning tool for hands-on practice! Please register [online](#). Call 757-890-4940 for more information.



## Reminder: Leaf Collection Season Begins Monday

Residents in the leaf collection Northern Zone (all homes on and north of Dare Road) may be busy raking leaves this weekend and placing them by the roadside by 7 a.m. on Tuesday (11/12)—the first day of leaf collection. Residents in the Southern Zone (all homes south of Dare Road) have an extra week before their collections begin Monday, November 18.

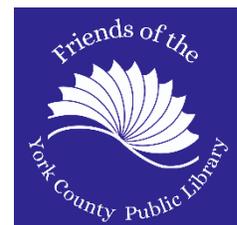
Collections repeat every other week through January. A final County-wide sweep will be completed January 27. An unlimited number of clear bags of leaves (no drawstrings, please) may be placed at the roadside on Monday of your collection weeks. Complete details are available [online](#).

## Public Meeting on Springfield Road Sewer Extension on Tuesday

The County's Department of Public Works is holding a Springfield Road Sewer Extension Project **open house** on **Tuesday (11/12), 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](mailto: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.

## Join the Friends of the York County Library

Are you passionate about the Library? Consider becoming a Friend! The Friends of the Library increase public awareness about the library and its importance to the community, and they are currently searching for enthusiastic leaders to bring inspiring programs, books, and resources to our community. Your passion and ideas can make a big impact! Board positions currently available include President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. Members will provide expert advice and leadership to promote the mission of the Friends of the Library and support



awareness, public engagement, and fundraising. If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Library, please contact Library Director Kevin Smith at [library\\_services@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:library_services@yorkcounty.gov).



## Economic and Tourism Development Wins Three Pinnacle Awards

Congratulations to the staff at Economic and Tourism Development on their recent win of three Pinnacle Awards presented by the International Festivals & Events Association.

The awards competition recognizes events of all types and sizes, including festivals, cities, universities, parks and recreation departments, chambers, and vendors and suppliers. York County won the **Silver Award for Best Instagram Site** for Visit Yorktown, the **Silver Award for Best Green Program** for Yorktown Market Days' Go Green Market, and the **Bronze Award for Best Event Benefitting a Cause** for Paws at the River! Read more about these awards in this week's [press release](#).

**Additional Notes for the Week . . . Back Creek Park's front parking lot** will be closed for paving next week. Park visitors will need to park at the back lots near the boat launch. The work is weather dependent, but should be completed within the week. Work on the **Transfer Station** continues for the next several weeks. To assist in the repairs, the **citizen garbage drop-off area** will close at 12 p.m. tomorrow (11/9) and will also be closed from 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 16, through 7 a.m. on November 20. Watch a great informational video [here](#).

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**  
8AM - 12PM  
105 SERVICE DRIVE

York County DPW VPPSA



See details at [yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement](http://yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement)

York County Government  
offices will be closed  
**Monday, Nov 11**  
in observance of  
**Veterans Day**

Garbage and recycling collection  
not affected by the holiday.



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