



November 15, 2024

### Shop for Thanksgiving and Have Fun at the Harvest Festival

There will be a bounty of food and fun for the whole family from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at our annual [Yorktown Market Days' Harvest Festival](#) tomorrow (11/16)!

Kids young and old will enjoy this autumn extravaganza, which features a live animal show, petting zoo, balloon art, inflatable axe throwing, hay rides, and a pie-eating contest. Test your skills by guessing the weight of the giant pumpkin for a chance to win prizes from our vendors. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, you can purchase holiday staples like turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, breads, and pies. Local jewelers, painters, and photographers will also be selling their holiday handiwork. For some musical entertainment, Ralph Motley and the Last Minute Grass will perform bluegrass tunes on the Riverwalk Landing Stage from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a special appearance at 10 a.m. by the Fifes and Drums of York Town. The free, accessible Yorktown Trolley will be in operation beginning at 11 a.m. during this event.



### Yorktown Admirals Game Set for February 22

York County is excited to be a part of the Norfolk Admirals' 2024-2025 City Series initiative. This promotion hopes to bring together the Hampton Roads community as one big Admirals family! [Tickets are now on sale](#) for the Saturday, February 22, 2025, game when the Admirals transform into the Yorktown Admirals at the Scope Arena in Norfolk with a full team rebrand for that game. The first-ever Yorktown Admirals jersey

design was revealed during the recent ribbon-cutting of newly renovated Chilled Ponds, the Peninsula's premier ice skating facility. Read the [press release](#) about Chilled Ponds and the Yorktown Admirals game.

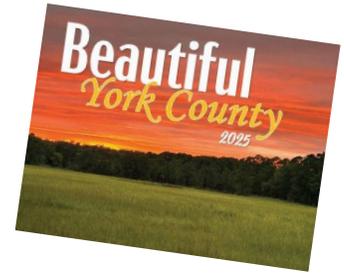
### Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closings

York County Offices, Courts, and Libraries will be closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition, the Courts and Virginia Cooperative Extension will close at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, and both branches of the York County Public Library will close at 5 p.m. that day. Trash and recycling collections scheduled for Thanksgiving will be moved to Friday, with Friday's collections completed on

Saturday. The VPPSA Composting Facility and drop-off centers for garbage and recycling will be closed on Thursday, but open Friday. The Transfer Station remains closed for repairs, and the citizen drop off for garbage will close at 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

## Beautification Calendar Contest Winners Announced

Several lovely photos were submitted in the *2025 Beautiful York County* calendar contest. The 13 winning photos appearing in next year's calendar are (drumroll, please!): Dereck Wilson (cover – shown here), Timothy Whitlatch (January), Tricia Neill (February), Jennifer Williams (March), Riley Shirey (April), David Thompson (May), James Orband (June), Marla Thompson (July), Richard Sobie (August), Cathy Thacker (September), Amanda Collier (October), Tammie Rich (November), and Maygen Marra (December). Congratulations to the winners, and thank you to all the participants for submitting their photos. Be on the lookout for calendars available at the York County Public Library, Public Works, County Administration Building, and Waste Management Center.



## Register for These Holiday Favorites from Parks & Recreation

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and the staff of Parks & Recreation is ready to help kids and adults have a fabulous holiday season, with activities such as **Holiday Make & Take** and **Gingerbread House Workshop**. Mom and Dad will enjoy **Parents Day Out** and **Grinch's Night Out**, when they can take advantage of the opportunity to finish up shopping or attend a special event while the kids are entertained with crafts, movies, and more! To sign up or for more information, including dates and fees, visit the [Parks & Recreation website](#).

## Teen Counselors Needed for Next Summer's 4-H Camp

While we prepare for the holidays, parents and teens may want to think ahead to next summer. December 2 is the deadline for teens (must be age 14 by January 1, 2025) to apply to be a **Teen Camp Counselor** at next summer's **4-H Junior Summer Camp (August 4-8, 2025)**. The volunteer opportunities are designed for young people interested in gaining leadership skills. Among the responsibilities are to lead and supervise campers, and assist with classes at camp. Adult volunteer applications are also available online and due February 1, 2025. Additional information and the application are available [online](#).

## Road Construction Updates

VDOT has begun the next three segments of the **I-64 Gap Widening Project** that expands the interstate from two lanes to three in each direction of the gap between Hampton Roads and



Richmond. This gap is from mile marker 224.3 at the New Kent County/James City County line to just west of Route 199/Lightfoot (exit 234). The work includes the repair, rehabilitation, and widening of two bridges as well as paving the Lightfoot Park and Ride lot in York County. This portion of the Gap Widening Project is estimated to be completed in late 2027. Visit the

project dashboard [online](#) to learn all about VDOT's ongoing projects. Also, work continues on the **Colonial Parkway Rehabilitation Project**. New work closures will begin at Penniman Road Bridge up to and including the area known as the Williamsburg Circle (near Visitor Center Drive). The National Park Service reports that certain segments of the road are likely to reopen soon. For more information, visit the National Park Service [website](#).

### **Dominion Energy Offers Bill Payment Assistance**

The EnergyShare program offers up to \$600 in bill payment assistance from October 1 through May 30. The program is not income-based, so anyone needing help paying heating bills may qualify for assistance. Individuals 60 and older, military veterans, and people with disabilities may be eligible for additional assistance. A free home energy assessment and free energy efficiency upgrades may be available to those who receive EnergyShare assistance. Information about these and other programs is available on the Dominion Energy [website](#).

**Additional Notes for the Week . . .** The **Board of Supervisors** meets Tuesday (11/19) at 6 p.m. in York Hall. This meeting is televised live on WYCG-TV and livestreamed [online](#). The agenda is available [here](#). This year's **Leaf Collection program** begins Monday (11/18) for the Southern Zone (all homes south of Dare Road). Please have your clear bags of leaves (no drawstrings, please!) at the roadside by 7 a.m. Monday for collection by the end of the week. More information is available [online](#). The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is now accepting donations for its **Shop with a Sheriff** program. More information is available [online](#).

A graphic advertisement for FlashVote. It features a blue and red checkmark icon next to the text "FlashVote" in blue and red. Below this is the text "Make Your Voice Heard!" in large blue font. A red button with white text says "Sign Up Today". Below the button is the URL "www.flashvote.com/yorkcountyva". On the right side, there is an illustration of a tablet displaying an "ONLINE SURVEY" with three green checkmarks and one empty checkbox. The background has a stylized American flag motif with stars and stripes. In the bottom right corner is the York County Virginia logo with the tagline "America's Future Since 1781".

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