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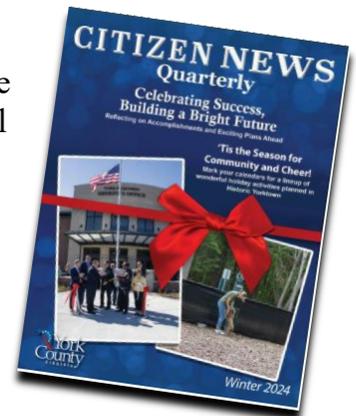
York County Christmas Tree in Place for Upcoming Events

This week, York County staff installed the new Christmas Tree at Riverwalk Landing. The new tree is 24 feet tall and has over 11,000 lights! The tree will take center stage at the annual Tree Lighting event scheduled for Friday, December 6, and will remain up throughout the holiday season for festive events such as the Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 7; Christmas Market on Main Street on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8; Cookies with Santa on Sunday, December 8, An Enchanted Evening on Main Street on Friday, December

13; and more. Be sure to read about upcoming events in this week's [press release](#).

Winter Issue of *Citizen News Quarterly* Now Available

The Winter edition of the County's quarterly newsletter is now available [online](#)! Inside this issue, you'll find information about upcoming special events, winter markets, and the return of the Cabin Fever Concert Series. Read articles from the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator. New and expanding businesses, What's Happening at the Library, and a review of Fire Prevention Month activities are a page turn away. Are you looking for a fun, athletic program to sign up for? Look no further than page 4 where Parks and Recreation has some of their programs listed. Also inside are recaps of recent Board of Supervisor meetings and important deadlines to add to your calendar. Don't miss this edition full of helpful and interesting information. Printed copies are available at both branches of the Library and the Senior Center.



TONIGHT: Grades K-5 Invited to Skate, Rattle & Roll Holiday Glow-Skate

This evening (11/22) from 6 to 8:30 p.m., kids in grades K-5 are invited for a special holiday Turkey Roll glow-skate at the Dare Elementary School Gym (300 Dare Road). Cost is \$8.00, which includes skate rental. Concessions are available for purchase. Certain rules apply: All skaters must have a new registration form on file ([register online](#)), skaters must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at the check-in table each night, and skaters must be picked up inside the facility at the end of the session. There is no skating next Friday (11/29).

Work on Back Creek Park Kayak Launch, Parking Lot is Completed

Visitors to Back Creek Park will be happy to see a renovated front parking lot with the addition of three handicapped spaces and the installation of a new kayak launch! The kayak launch is situated on a quiet portion of Back Creek and offers gorgeous scenery and a great place to paddle. The handicapped accessible launch is located adjacent to the Pickleball courts and features a small dock with three new picnic tables nearby. The work required the temporary closure of the entrance to the Pickleball courts, which has now reopened. For more information about the amenities at Back Creek Park, call Parks and Recreation at 757-890-3500.



Free Program on Battlefield Preservation Highlights Environment

Preserving battlefield landscapes provides more than just educational benefits. At 11 a.m. tomorrow (11/23), join the Williamsburg Battlefield Association and York County Historical Museum for a [free program](#) highlighting the environmental benefits. Due to its efforts to save battlefields, the American Battlefield Trust is one of the largest land conservation organizations in the country. Tom Saielli, the Land Stewardship Manager for the Trust, will explain the great opportunity the Trust sees to merge the preservation of battlefields with ecological work and habitat restoration. All attendees will receive a 10% discount in the Gallery at York Hall on the day of the event. The program takes place in the Board Room of York Hall.



Take the Family to Learn About Foods and Feasts of Colonial Virginia

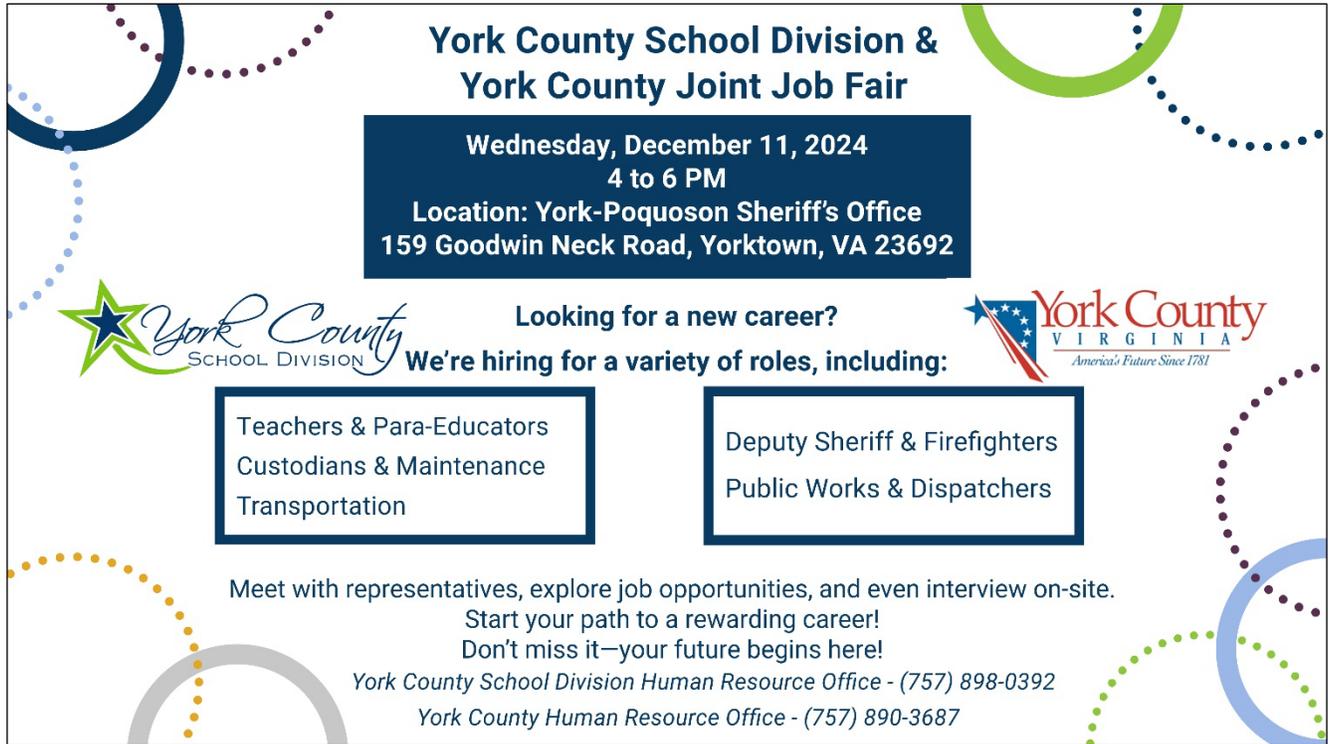
Extend the Thanksgiving holiday with a special two-day event that explores centuries-old culinary practices and cooking techniques of early Virginia. On Friday, November 29, and Saturday, November 30, the [American Revolution Museum at Yorktown's Foods and Feasts of Colonial Virginia](#) explores how Continental Army soldiers earned their rations and colonists transformed their bounty fresh from the fields into stews, pies, and breads. The Museum is open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and entry is free to James City County, York County, and Williamsburg neighbors with proof of residence.

Portions of Penniman Road Closed

Construction continues on the Penniman Road Improvements Project and a portion of the road has been closed. The long-term closure will be in place between William Carter Road and Alexander Lee Parkway until work is completed, which is estimated to be August 2025. Signed detours are in place and access to all private property is being maintained. This \$3.8 million construction contract will widen the lanes of Penniman Road and reconfigure the intersection with Government Road. Project details are available on the [VDOT website](#).



Additional Notes for the Week . . . Reminder: The Transfer Station remains closed. Along with the rest of Waste Management operations, citizen garbage drop-off will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (11/28), open on Friday (11/29), and closed at noon on Saturday (11/30). These services will reopen on Monday (12/2). County offices and courts are closed Thursday and Friday for the **Thanksgiving holiday**, with the Courts and Cooperative Extension closing at 12 p.m. and the Library closing at 5 p.m. on Wednesday (11/27).



York County School Division & York County Joint Job Fair

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
4 to 6 PM

Location: York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office
159 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA 23692

 **Looking for a new career?** 
We're hiring for a variety of roles, including:

Teachers & Para-Educators Custodians & Maintenance Transportation	Deputy Sheriff & Firefighters Public Works & Dispatchers
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Meet with representatives, explore job opportunities, and even interview on-site.
Start your path to a rewarding career!
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York County School Division Human Resource Office - (757) 898-0392
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