



December 13, 2024



### **Christmas Events this Weekend: Enchanted Evening and Mistletoe Market**

You'll have a holly, jolly time this weekend, with not one, but *two* festive events! Prepare to be enchanted as Historic Main Street will be aglow during a nighttime Christmas

market. From 5 to 9 p.m. this evening (12/13), immerse yourself in the magic of the season amid the twinkling lights, holiday music, festive Trolley rides, and nostalgic aromas of roasting chestnuts, and hot cider at [An Enchanted Evening on Main Street](#). Tomorrow (12/14), indulge all your senses at [Yorktown Market Days' Mistletoe Market!](#) Stroll Riverwalk Landing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for baked goods, holiday wreaths, soups, local seasonal art, and more. March in the annual Toyland Parade at 1:30 p.m. with the Fifes and Drums of York Town, and don't forget to hop aboard the Riverwalk Landing Polar Express for a loop around the festivities! The free, accessible [Yorktown Trolley](#) will be in operation during both events.

### **The Buck Stays Here!**

Are you still searching for the perfect gift for that hard-to-shop-for person in your life? We've got the answer that will make everyone happy *and* help a local business! As part of our [The Buck Stays Here](#) initiative, stop by the James York Plaza in front of Dominion Dogs at 11 a.m. on Wednesday (12/18). We'll have \$50 Visa gift cards that you can purchase for just \$25 to double the dollars you can spend at your favorite locally owned and locally operated businesses. There is a limit of two cards per person, and they will only be available while supplies last. Gift cards can be purchased with credit card only; cash will not be accepted. It's a win-win for everyone!

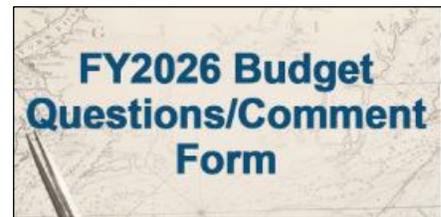


### **County Offices, Libraries, and Solid Waste Collection Holiday Schedule**

Offices are closed for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays: December 24 and December 25, and December 31 and January 1. The Libraries are also closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. Curbside garbage and recycling will not be collected on Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1. Collections are delayed one day until all routes are serviced by Saturday (December 28 and January 4, respectively). For a complete listing of closings, including York-Poquoson Courts, please see this week's [press release](#).

## Citizen Input Requested on FY26 Budget

The County staff is currently developing a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026). Citizen participation is an important and valuable part of the budget process. To help citizens provide their input and submit questions, the County has created a question/comment form that can be completed online. The input we receive from you will us keep the public informed about the budget process. Please [click](#) to submit your questions and/or comments. Anonymous submissions are accepted. Additional information about the budget, including meeting dates, is available online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/Budget](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/Budget).



## 2025 Beautiful York County Calendars Now Available

Get ready to highlight all the important meetings and events headed your way in the New Year with the 2025 *Beautiful York County* calendar. The calendar's theme is "Nature is Magic," and the winning photos from this year's contest will cast a spell on you as you view the beauty of our community. Copies are available (while supplies last) at the following

locations: Tabb and Yorktown Libraries, Waste Management Center on Goodwin Neck Road, Public Works Office on Service Drive, Parks & Recreation and the Senior Center. Visit the [website](#) for a complete listing of locations and to download a copy of the calendar to your computer.

## Latest FlashVote Survey Results Posted Online

Library Services was the topic of the most recent FlashVote survey. Individuals were asked if they'd been to a library in the last 12 months, what types of services did they use at the library (if they visited one), overall experience, and any prior knowledge they had of services provided by the library. A variety of comments were left, including "I am glad to know about all these wonderful services" and "I very much like having the availability of the Tabb Library." The survey results can be viewed [online](#), along with the results of prior surveys. If you haven't already signed up to participate in FlashVote, you can [register](#) on that site as well.

## Women Can Learn How to Protect Themselves with Free R.A.D. Course

[Registration](#) is now open for next year's basic self-defense class for new and returning students. Certified R.A.D. basic students may also register for a review course. These free classes teach women realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. The comprehensive course begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. Participants must be at least 16 years old to participate; however, those ages 16 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult female. If you have any questions, please [email](#) Deputy Hollie Flowers.



## Watch for Flashing Yellow Lights at Intersections in Williamsburg

VDOT is implementing new flashing yellow arrow traffic signals at the intersection of Mooretown Road and Sentara Circle. These traffic signals are designed to help provide more clarification for drivers by providing both the solid green arrow for protected turns and a

flashing yellow arrow for permissive turns after yielding. Flashing yellow arrows are also being installed at the intersection of Ironbound Road and Strawberry Plains Road.



### **Christmastide in Virginia at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown**

Experience Virginia colonial holiday traditions with a variety of interpretive programs, cooking demonstrations, and musical entertainment at [Christmastide in Virginia](#) at the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown. From December 20 to 31, the

museum is offering a glimpse of 18<sup>th</sup>-century holiday traditions through programs and demonstrations. Visitors to the outdoor living-history areas can hear accounts of Christmas in military encampments during the Revolutionary War, learn about winter camp life with the Continental Army, and observe flintlock musket demonstrations. Guests can also enjoy festive holiday musical performances at 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. 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. Visit the [website](#) for the full schedule.

### **Art at the River Applications Due February 1**

Calling all artists! Applications for the Sunday, May 4, “Art at the River” Juried Art Show are due no later than February 1, 2025.

Artwork accepted includes original works in painting, clay, glass, fiber, leather, wood, photography, mixed media, and more. Items must be conceived and executed solely by the exhibiting artist

and all work must be for sale during the show with the artist present. Details are available in this week’s [press release](#).



**Additional Notes for the Week . . . Wreaths Across America (WAA)** is tomorrow at the Yorktown National Cemetery. At 12 p.m., volunteers with WAA will lay remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country’s fallen heroes. Parking is at the Visitor Center or County Courthouse with Trolley service to the location. **Christmas Tree recycling collections** are January 6-10. Place your tree at the roadside by 7 a.m. on January 6. Please remove all decorations, tinsel, stands, etc.

We are taking a ...  
**Holiday Break**

This is the last Citizen News Weekly of 2024!  
We will be on a brief hiatus as we share the peace of the season. Staff are still hard at work keeping an eye on things, and if breaking news or weather happens, we'll jump right on it to keep you informed! Look for your first 2025 edition on Friday, January 10.

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