



August 1, 2025

Save Big During Virginia’s Tax-Free Weekend

Get ready to shop and save! Virginia’s Tax-Free Weekend is here, giving you the perfect opportunity to stock up on essentials without paying sales tax. Now through Sunday, August 3, you can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane preparedness items, and Energy Star™/WaterSense™ products – all tax-free. Don’t miss out on these savings! See more details [here](#).



Shop Local, Learn History: A Big Day in Yorktown

We’re kicking August off in a big way! From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, we are celebrating [National Farmers Market Week](#) at Yorktown Market Days! Stop by Riverwalk Landing to shop for local produce and handcrafted art from our popular vendors. While you’re there, learn about the importance of earthworms, grab a temporary tattoo, and test your skills at the “Guess the Produce” Game. Yorktown Feed and Seed will also be hosting a fun seed pod craft for kids! After you’re done shopping, stop by York Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for an important history lesson. Reenactors portraying the Queen’s Rangers will be on hand to answer your questions about the [British occupation of Yorktown](#) and tell you more about this pivotal moment in American history.



Summer Nights + Great Music = Slapnation at Yorktown

The 2025 Sounds of Summer Concert Series at Riverwalk Landing is winding down with just two more must-see performances! From 6:30 to 9 p.m. on [Thursday, August 7](#), join us for an evening with [Slapnation](#)! This ten-piece band features an incredible rhythm and horn section along with exceptional vocals. They play everything from funk to Motown, so you don’t want to miss this concert!

Get an Inside Look at Law Enforcement: Apply for the Sheriff’s Citizen Academy

The York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office will host its next Citizen Academy September 25 through December 19, 2025. This free 47-hour program gives residents and those who work in York County or Poquoson a behind-the-scenes look at law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Classes, held primarily Monday evenings from 7–10 p.m., include topics such as criminal investigations, DWI

enforcement, firearms training, jail operations, tactical response, and more. Participants will also take part in a ride-along with a deputy and attend off-site sessions at locations like the regional jail and juvenile detention center. Applicants must be 21 or older, pass a background check, and commit to attending at least 10 of the 12 sessions to graduate. Space is limited, and applications are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. [Sign up here.](#)

Public Hearing on Transportation and Trail Projects

The Department of Public Works Engineering Staff invites residents to attend a series of public hearings to learn about upcoming transportation and trail projects, ask questions, and share feedback. All meetings will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office community meeting room, located at 159 Goodwin Neck Road.

The first hearing will take place on **Tuesday, August 26** for District 2 residents and will focus on Trail 757 Segment 1, Trail 757 Segment 2, and Hampton Highway signal improvements. On **Wednesday, August 27**, District 3 residents are encouraged to attend a session featuring the Seaford Road Elevation project and the York Connector Sidewalk. The final hearing will be held on **Thursday, August 28**, covering plans for the Tabb High School Crosswalk.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Mertz-Guinn, Engineering Manager, at 757-890-3785 or by email to Elizabeth.Mertz-Guinn@yorkcounty.gov.

Help Fight Hunger: Commissioners & Cans Food and Fund Drive

Every donation goes to your local food bank and will nourish a child, family, senior or a veteran facing food insecurity in your community.



* \$1 = 4 meal points
* Each pound = 1 meal point

Help fight hunger by supporting the annual Commissioners & Cans Food and Fund Drive, running now through August 31. This friendly statewide competition, led by the Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia and the Virginia Federation of Food Banks, helps stock the shelves of seven regional food banks. Donate non-perishable food items such as canned meats, fruits, vegetables, cereals, pasta, peanut butter, and shelf-stable milk at marked collection boxes, including the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office (12 Alexander Hamilton Blvd., Yorktown), Alewerks Brewery (189B Ewell Rd., Williamsburg), various York County government buildings, and participating businesses. Monetary donations can also be made [online](#). Every contribution helps fight hunger and food insecurity in our communities.

Senior Center's August Workshops and Programs Now Posted

The Senior Center of York welcomes August with a variety of events and programs. This month's calendar of events is now available and lists all the great activities senior citizens can enjoy in August: health day, game night, a Norfolk Zoo outing, line dancing, a birthday bash and more. If you are interested in finding out more about the classes and programs, [sign up](#) for the monthly calendar email or view it on the Senior Center website [here](#).

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<p>SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH</p>					
<p>Diamond Art Flower Tote MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 11 AM - 6:30 PM</p> <p>Comea beautiful 12" x 14" Diamond Art Flower tote with Party Pack. Spots are limited. The fee is \$20.</p>	<p>Newcomer Coffee Hour MONDAY, AUGUST 11 - 10 AM</p> <p>Newcomers are invited to have a cup of coffee with us and learn about the Center with current board members.</p>	<p>HEALTH DAY: Slips, Trips, & Falls... Be Prepared! FRIDAY, AUGUST 15 - 11 AM</p> <p>A fall on a slippery sidewalk can be a scary experience. Let us bring you a presentation on how to prevent falls. We'll discuss slip-resistant shoes, proper footwear, and provide tips to help you stay safe.</p>	<p>Monday Movie WICKED MONDAY, AUGUST 18 - 1 PM</p> <p>Please join us for "Wicked" an American Musical featuring directed by James Newcomb. The story of Wicked, a story never told before. Join us and catch a glimpse of the beauty of the Broadway show. Tickets are \$10.00. Seats are limited. Sign up by the York County Library.</p>	<p>GAME NIGHT TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - 5:30 - 7:30 PM</p> <p>Let's get together and have some fun with game night. Let us play some of our favorite board games and card games. Please register for this event.</p>	<p>AUGUST BIRTHDAY BASH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 - 1 PM</p> <p>Light a candle for everyone with "Happy Birthday" and "Happy Birthday to You". Thank you to the year-long birthday celebration of the Senior Center. A special birthday cake and gifts will be celebrating a birthday for the year.</p>
<p>August Craft MONDAY, AUGUST 25 - 10 AM - 12 PM</p> <p>Members and non-members will be able to do some projects using the aid of a crafter. Some projects will include: Fall Fun, a Fall Sign, and more. Space and supplies are limited.</p>	<p>LINE DANCING! WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - 11:55 AM - 12:15 PM</p> <p>Bring your own shoes and enjoy some line dancing with us. We'll have a great time. Sign up by the York County Library.</p>	<p>AARP DRIVER SAFETY TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 & SEPTEMBER 2 - 12:30 - 4:30 PM</p> <p>Join us for two days of training on the road. This day includes: 1. Driver's License and 2. Road Safety. Sign up by the York County Library.</p>	<p>NORFOLK ZOO OUTING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - 8 AM</p> <p>Take a day trip to the Norfolk Zoo. The trip includes: 1. Round-trip transportation. 2. Snacks. 3. Tickets. 4. A picnic. 5. A guided tour. 6. A chance to see the animals. Sign up by the York County Library.</p>	<p>Jefferson Hotel Afternoon Tea in Richmond FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - 12:30 PM</p> <p>The afternoon tea includes a variety of sandwiches, pastries, scones, and fruit. Sign up by the York County Library.</p>	

New in Town - Familiar Faces, New Places

It is a great time for business in York County, with plenty of familiar faces in new places. [Here](#) are a few who opened their doors recently and a look at what is coming soon in this edition of New in Town.



Additional Notes for the Week... The next [Board of Supervisors meeting](#) is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 5** (Work Session) at 6:00 p.m. in the East Room, York Hall. The parking lot across from the Watermen's Museum will be **closed August 6-7** for seal coating and restriping (weather permitting).

A flyer for a "COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORKSHOP". The title is in large white and yellow letters. Below it, the text says "Learn about your locality's resilience strengths and needs, and develop priority actions to be implemented over the coming year." The location is "James City County Rec Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Williamsburg, VA" and the date is "Monday August 18, 2025, 4-7 pm". A circular inset shows hands pointing at a map. Another circular inset shows a map of the "Historic Triangle" region. At the bottom, there is a yellow button that says "Register now!" with the URL "HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ODURRAFT" and a QR code.

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Your Voice is Needed!

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[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/ODURRAFT](https://tinyurl.com/odurraft)

The Historic Triangle
Open to all who live or work in Williamsburg, York Co., and James City Co.



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