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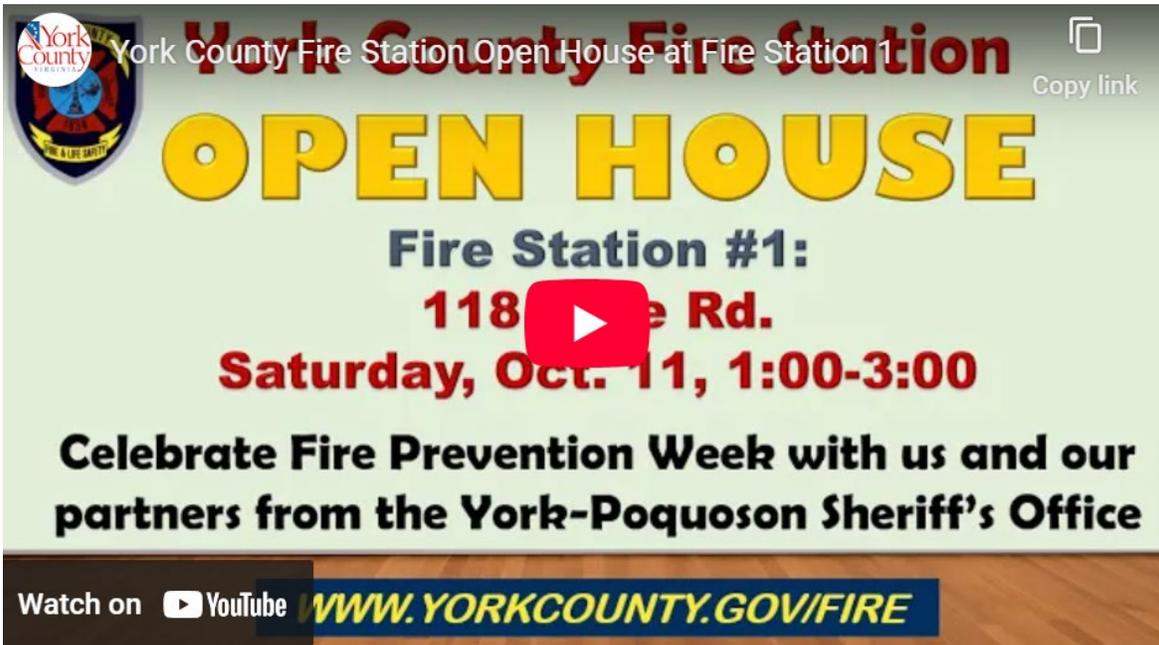
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**October 3, 2025**

### **Spark Awareness During Fire Prevention Week!**

Fire Prevention Week is almost here! Each year, it's observed during the week of October 9 to honor the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, a tragic event that forever changed the way communities approach fire safety. **This year's observance runs October 5–11** and focuses on a growing concern in modern households: lithium-ion battery safety. The 2025 theme, "***Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely,***" encourages everyone to take simple steps to reduce fire risks. Always purchase safety-tested devices, charge them in safe areas away from flammable materials, and dispose of old batteries properly through approved recycling programs. Visit our [Fire Prevention Week webpage](#) to learn more about protecting your home and loved ones. Plus, don't miss our **Fire Station Open House on Saturday, October 11**, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 118 Dare Road. Meet your local firefighters and deputies from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, explore fire trucks and equipment, and enjoy family-friendly activities. It's a fun and educational way to celebrate fire safety together!



York County Fire Station Open House at Fire Station #1

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Fire Station #1:**  
**118 [REDACTED] Rd.**  
**Saturday, Oct. 11, 1:00-3:00**

**Celebrate Fire Prevention Week with us and our partners from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office**

Watch on  [WWW.YORKCOUNTY.GOV/FIRE](http://WWW.YORKCOUNTY.GOV/FIRE)

## **Wine, Oysters & Waterfront Views**

Indulge in coastal elegance at one of Yorktown's most anticipated autumn events! Yorktown's two-day (Oct. 4 & 5) [Wine & Oyster Festival](#) pairs the finest Virginia wines with the freshest local seafood—including succulent oysters served raw, roasted, and steamed. Sip and stroll along the scenic waterfront while enjoying live music from Against All Odds and BrassWind on Saturday and the Michael Clark Band and Skylark on Sunday. The festival will also feature an oyster shucking competition, gourmet food trucks, and artisan vendors. With the river breeze, a glass of wine in hand, and the taste of the bay on your plate, this is coastal sophistication at its finest. [Tickets are still available for this scrumptious affair](#). The free and ADA-accessible Yorktown Trolley will run until 5 p.m. during this event.

## **End the Season on a High Note with Good Shot Judy!**

It wouldn't be a Rhythms on the Riverwalk concert series without [Good Shot Judy](#) in the lineup! They put on a stellar performance every time they play in Yorktown, filling the waterfront with the smooth sounds of jazz, a little swing, and even some big band favorites! Good Shot Judy has opened for national acts like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Squirrel Nut Zippers, and The Cherry Poppin' Daddies. Join us at **6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9**, for our last concert of the season!

## **Dr. Frank Garmon Lecture at York Hall**

History enthusiasts are invited to attend a captivating lecture by Dr. Frank Garmon this **Sunday (10/5) at 2:00 p.m.** as he delves into *Charles Cowlam's Masquerades in the Civil War and Gilded Age*. This free program, sponsored by the York County Historical Committee, offers a fascinating look at Cowlam's life and experiences during two of America's most transformative eras. The event will take place at York Hall, 301 Main

Street in Yorktown, and is open to the public. Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to meet Dr. Garmon and purchase signed copies of his book. Don't miss this engaging evening of history, insight, and discussion in the heart of Historic Yorktown.

### **Explore Your Ancestry with Property & Land Records**

Did you know property & land records can unlock hidden family stories? Join fellow genealogy lovers on **Monday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m.** at Yorktown Library for a presentation and informal discussion of this type of research. Share your questions, tips & success stories with fellow researchers! For adults. Registration is not required. Questions? Call Yorktown Library at 757-890-5207.

### **Applicants Needed for the Historic Yorktown Design Committee**

The Board of Supervisors is seeking applicants to serve on the Historic Yorktown Design Committee. To qualify, you must be a resident or property owner in the Yorktown Historic District. Appointments to the Committee are for a term of four years. The Committee generally meets once a month, and meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. Please fill out the board bank application [here](#).

### **Meet the New Visit Yorktown Widget: Your Pocket Travel Guide**

Discover Yorktown your way! The new Visit Yorktown Widget from York County Economic & Tourism Development makes planning easy—explore dining, attractions, events, and more. Build personalized itineraries on [desktop](#) or mobile, then download the app on [iPhone](#) or [Android](#) to start your Historic Yorktown adventure today!

**Additional Notes for the Week...** The next Board of Supervisor Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the East Room of York Hall (301 Main Street, Yorktown). See the agenda [here](#).

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