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Curbside Recycling Returns to York County in January 2026



York County is pleased to announce that it has issued a Notice of Intent to Award for Curbside Trash and Recycling Services to *BFI Waste Management Services LLC*, doing business as **Republic Services of Yorktown**. Republic Services, a long-standing partner in the community, has provided curbside trash collection in York County for nearly 30 years. The York County Board of Supervisors is expected to approve the contract at its November 18 meeting, paving the way for the return of this valued service. Recycling containers will not be collected from

November 1 through December 31, 2025, and residents should retain their bins during this time. Some households may receive new containers before January, and a bi-weekly collection schedule will be shared soon. For updates, visit yorkcounty.gov/recycle.

Celebrating Decades of Service

At the October 21 Board of Supervisors meeting, Senator Danny Diggs and Delegate Chad Green stopped by to help celebrate two longtime public servants. As pictured right, they joined Ms. Sheila Noll and Mr. Thomas Shepperd to present official commendation resolutions from the Virginia General Assembly—recognizing Ms. Noll for her 30 years of service and Mr. Shepperd for his 25 years of service to the residents of York County. It was a special moment recognizing their dedication, leadership, and the lasting impact they’ve made in our community.



Happening Tonight - Halloween Bash & Outdoor Movie Night!

Get ready for a night of thrills and chills at the **2nd Annual Halloween Bash** tonight, **Friday, October 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.** at the McReynolds Athletic Complex (MAC)! Kids ages 2-12 will love trick-or-treating and other festive activities, plus there will be food and fun for the whole family. But the fun doesn’t end there—**Movies in the Park** returns at **8:15 p.m.** for a **Special Halloween Bash Edition** featuring *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* (PG-13 | 2 hr 4 min). Bring your chairs

or blankets and settle in for an unforgettable outdoor movie experience under the stars. Enjoy **FREE popcorn**, with additional concessions available for purchase. Don't miss this hauntingly good evening of Halloween fun and family entertainment!



DEA Drug Take Back and Shredding Event This Saturday

On **Saturday, October 25**, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Sheriff Ron Montgomery and the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will host a Drug Take Back event, offering residents a safe and anonymous way to dispose of expired or unneeded prescription pills, patches, and liquid medications. Vaping pens without internal batteries are also accepted; however,

needles and sharps cannot be taken. The event takes place at the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, **159 Goodwin Neck Road**, and is free of charge—no questions asked.

In addition, the York County Beautification Committee and the Department of Public Works will provide on-site paper shredding services, allowing citizens to shred up to five boxes of personal paperwork per person without needing to remove staples or paperclips. The Beautification Committee will also collect plastic bags for the Trex Bench Challenge, working toward a goal of 1,000 pounds of recyclable plastic to earn a free bench for a local school. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable canned or boxed food donations to support a local food pantry. Signs will be posted to direct traffic to the event entrance. For more information, call the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office at (757) 890-3630.

Paws at the River: A Doggone Good Time in Yorktown!

This Saturday's [Paws at the River](#) event is one you and your furry sidekick don't want to miss! It's a special day designed to bring awareness to animal rescue organizations and help place adoptable pets in their "forever" homes. We'll have a pet portrait station, trick-or-treating for kids, a meet-and-greet with K9 Ghost, a pet parade, a dog treat cooking demonstration, informational booths, and more! Your favorite Yorktown Market Days' vendors and artisans will be there, too! Join us from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, at Riverwalk Landing for a doggone good time!



York County School Board Seeks Community Input in Superintendent Search

The York County School Board has officially begun the process of hiring a new superintendent and is asking for public input to help shape the qualifications and priorities for the position. To gather feedback, the board has launched an [online survey](#) (hardcopies are available at the School Board Administration office and at each school). Surveys must be completed by October 31, 2025. In addition to the survey, the School Board will hold a public hearing on October 27 at 7 p.m. in York Hall to receive comments directly from community members. "The selection of a new superintendent is one of the most important responsibilities of the School Board, and we are dedicated to ensuring the community's voice is part of the process," said School Board Chair Kimberly Goodwin. "We encourage parents, staff, and community

members to share their input by completing the survey and attending the upcoming public hearing.” The board has partnered with the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) to assist in the search process.

Leaf Collection Program Beginning Soon

On your mark, get set, rake! *Leaf collection begins in early November* for residents who live on publicly maintained roads. An unlimited number of clear bags of leaves may be placed at the roadside on Monday of your collection weeks. For leaf collection, the County is divided into two zones: the Southern Zone includes homes south of Dare Road, while the Northern Zone includes homes on and north of Dare Road.

Collections are held every other week in each zone. In the Southern Zone, leaf collections begin **Monday, November 3**, with the Northern Zone collections starting **Monday, November 10**. A final sweep of the County will be completed the week of January 12. Collection details, including do’s and don’ts, are available [online](#).



Take a Free Ride on Election Day – November 4



The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is offering free transportation on all its fixed-route and paratransit services on Election Day (11/4). The fares are being waived to give riders every

opportunity to get to the polls to vote. York County routes are to Waller Mill Elementary School and the Griffin-Yeates Center. More information, including WATA routes and schedules, are available on the [website](#).

York County Shares Smart Lawn Care Tips

Sam McNeil with York County’s Department of Public Works teams up with *askHRgreen.org* to share how proper lawn care can help protect our local waterways. Learn how small changes in your yard routine can make a big environmental impact - [Watch the segment here](#).



Have You Discovered Yorktown’s Hidden History Yet?

From buried secrets beneath Swan Tavern to long-forgotten legends, the first three episodes of *Hidden History of Yorktown* are now streaming! Join Jeff Santos as he uncovers the stories time tried to erase. **Watch now on our YouTube channel and catch up on what you’ve missed — history is waiting to be uncovered.**

Additional Notes for the Week... Election Day is coming up on **Tuesday, November 4**. See sample ballots and important dates [here](#). The next Board of Supervisors Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board Room of York Hall (301 Main Street).

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