



December 4, 2025

### Recycling Returns to York County

Big news for York County residents: curbside recycling is making a comeback! Starting the week of **January 5, 2026**, the County will resume its recycling pickup service, helping us all take another step toward a cleaner, greener community. For more information — including details about bin replacement and service updates — visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/recycle](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/recycle).



### Celebrate the Season in Historic Yorktown

Get ready to kick off the holidays in Historic Yorktown! **While the Christmas Tree Lighting has been canceled due to pending inclement weather and will not be rescheduled**, all other weekend festivities are still planned to move forward. Enjoy the [Lighted Boat Parade](#), the two-day [Christmas Market on Main](#), and [Cookies with Santa](#)! Families can enjoy ice carving demonstrations, strolling entertainers, Santa sightings, and plenty of Christmas card photo opportunities. Gather your friends, bring the family, and get ready for festive fun for all ages. Before attending, please remember to check the Weather Hotline at 757-890-3520 for the most up-to-date event information. Be sure to visit our [Christmas Tips and Events webpage](#) for detailed timelines and activity maps to help with your holiday planning!

### Honor Our Fallen Heroes at Yorktown National Cemetery

On **Saturday, December 13**, the public is invited to pay tribute to fallen heroes during the Wreaths Across America event at the Yorktown National Cemetery. The ceremony begins at 12 p.m. and will involve placing commemorative wreaths on the resting places of our nation’s veterans, accompanied by the reading aloud of each hero’s name. Beginning at 11 a.m., the Yorktown Trolley will be used to provide shuttle service to the National Cemetery. Please note that parking is not available at the Yorktown National Cemetery, so participants will park at the Colonial



National Historical Park’s Visitor Center or the York County Courthouse to board the shuttle. Shuttle service will end one hour after the event is over.

## December Events at the Senior Center

The Senior Center’s [December calendar](#) is now available, offering a festive lineup of activities to help you celebrate the season. Throughout the month, seniors can enjoy a variety of programs—including a holiday movie night, Christmas luncheon, magic show, and several other seasonal favorites. While many events are free, some require a small registration fee; details for each activity are clearly noted on the calendar. Conveniently located in the Washington Square Shopping Center, the Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note that the Center is closed on all County holidays. Explore the full schedule and make plans to join in the holiday fun!

SENIOR CENTER of YORK		DECEMBER 2025	York County
<small>The Senior Center of York will be open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Please call the Senior Center to register or register online. All activities are FREE unless otherwise noted. Registration covers one hour of each month. Limited Space. For ages 55 and up.</small>			
SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH!			
<b>CHAIR YOGA</b> <b>TUESDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 2 - 16</b> 12:30 - 1:30 PM <small>Stretching, proper breathing, and movements that reduce stress and bring overall health. The fee is \$18.</small>	<b>MEDITATION</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 4 - 18</b> 12:30 - 1:30 PM <small>Visualization, breath awareness, and mental body relaxation with gentle stretching. The fee is \$12.</small>	<b>AARP DRIVER SAFETY</b> <b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 &amp; 9 - 12:30 - 4:30 PM</b> <small>Join us for these two Tuesdays for safety training. The cost for this two-day session is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. Payments should be cash or check.</small>	
<b>Diamond Art Holiday Ornaments</b> <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 9 - 11 AM</b> <small>To the season to make and decorate wonderful Diamond Art ornaments with Patsy. Registration required.</small>		<b>Monday Movie: CHRISTMAS WITH THE KERANES</b> <b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 1 PM</b> <small>Home for the holidays, Loretta and Irene Keran plan to break Christmas traditions and go on a cruise instead. The Keranics become social outcasts because of their lack of Christmas spirit in their community. This movie is brought to you by the York County Library and will be shown in the Senior Center.</small>	
<b>Magic of Christmas Outing</b> <b>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9</b> <small>Experience the magic and wonder at Williamsburg's only professional magic show! The Magician performs spectacular illusions, amazing mind-reading, and daring escapes to provide a unique one of a kind event that will leave you spellbound from beginning to end. Meet at the Senior Center at 5:30 pm. The fee is \$45.</small>		<b>Christmas Luncheon</b> <b>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - 11 AM</b> <small>Come be merry with us at our annual Christmas Luncheon. Enjoy good friends and great food. Please bring in current canned goods or non-perishable items for this event. Registration closes December 5. The fee is \$6.</small>	
<b>MUSIC THERAPY</b> <small>More than just Entertainment</small> <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 11 AM</b> <small>Come discover the powerful benefits of music! This fun and interactive program will show how music can ease stress, lift mood, and support overall well-being.</small>		<b>DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH</b> <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 1 PM</b> <small>Get into the holiday spirit with some karaoke music by Ray. There will be a variety of song choices. Friendly reminder, you do not have to be celebrating a birthday to join in the fun.</small>	
<b>Holiday Recital</b> <b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 4 PM</b> <small>Join us in the evening for our delightful "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" program. This interactive event will showcase a variety of talents, including piano and vocal performances by both youth and adults. There will also be a sing-along for everyone to join in!</small>		<b>House of Cards Craft</b> <b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 10 AM - 12 PM</b> <small>Bring in one of your own old or new Christmas cards to make a Christmas collage out of Christmas cards with Kathy Wial.</small>	
<b>Diamond Art Christmas Picture</b> <b>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 - 5 - 8 PM</b> <small>Create a beautiful 4" x 8" Christmas picture on this assignment with Patsy. Registration required. The fee is \$10.</small>		<b>Book Club</b> <small>Do you love reading? Join our Book Club to read and discuss hit books. Please bring your name and phone number at the Senior Center front desk.</small>	
<small>3314 George Washington Memorial Highway - Yorktown, VA 23092            Senior Center: 757-890-6444 - www.yorkcountyparksandrec</small>			

## Additional Upcoming Holiday Fun in York County!

### Skate, Rattle & Roll – Holiday Edition

Get ready for a jolly good time! Kids in grades K–6 are invited to join us for festive games, music, and holiday cheer at Dare Elementary on **December 12 & 19** from 6–8 PM. Just \$8 per child for an evening of fun and laughter!

### Holiday Bake Off

Calling all bakers! Show off your sweet skills at the Holiday Bake Off on **December 14** from 12–2 PM at Charles Brown Park. This event is FREE, but registration is required to participate. For more details or to register, visit: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec>.

## York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Business Academy Registration Now Open

Local business owners, managers, faith-based organizations, and anyone responsible for workplace safety are invited to register for the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Business Academy, a free nine-week program designed to strengthen safety practices and connect participants with valuable crime-prevention resources. Held from February 3 to March 3, 2026, the academy meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7–9 p.m. at the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office. Sessions cover a wide range of topics—including patrol techniques, white-collar crime, robbery prevention, crisis management planning, 911 communications, and a 2.5-hour class on workplace violence. Participants must attend at least seven of the nine sessions to receive a Certificate of Graduation. The Academy is open to businesses located in York County or the City of Poquoson, and all participants must be 18 or older. [Register here.](#)

## Stay Safe When Buying or Selling This Holiday Season

If you're planning to buy or sell items online, we encourage you to use our Safe Exchange Zone for a secure and convenient meeting location. The zone is located in the parking lot of the York-Poquoson Sheriff’s Office at 159 Goodwin Neck Road and is clearly marked with designated signs. It is well-lit, under video surveillance, and available for anyone who would like added peace of mind during in-person exchanges.



**Additional Notes for the Week....** The November Leaf Collection totals are in! So far, 252.58 tons of leaves have been collected since this year's program began on November 3. Leaf collection continues through January. Details are available [online](#).

# The Gallery

AT YORK HALL

301 Main Street • Historic Yorktown

Gallery Hours

Tuesday – Saturday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Sunday, 1 – 4 PM

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