

# Citizen News Weekly

York County Public Affairs

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## **Registration Now Open for the York County Gov Series!**

Ever wondered how York County government works behind the scenes? The Gov Series is your chance to find out! This 10-week program gives residents an inside look at the departments and services that keep our community running. From meeting County leaders to exploring public safety, courts, planning, and more, participants will gain a deeper understanding of local decision-making and operations.

The inaugural 2025 class graduated after an engaging journey through hands-on demonstrations and behind-the-scenes tours—and now it's your turn!

Spots are limited, so register today and be part of this unique experience. Apply online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/govseries](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/govseries).



## **Identity Theft & Scams Awareness Class**

February 19, 2026 | 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
159 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown

This class, hosted by the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office, is designed to help community members recognize and avoid common scams. We will cover identity theft, telemarketing scams, healthcare scams, tech support scams, and much more, while showing you how to protect yourself from falling victim to these tricks.

The session is open to the public and provides an opportunity to ask questions, learn practical prevention strategies, and gain valuable tools to help keep your personal and financial information safe. Register online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/4540](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/4540)



## It's Budget Season: Learn, Engage, and Get Involved!

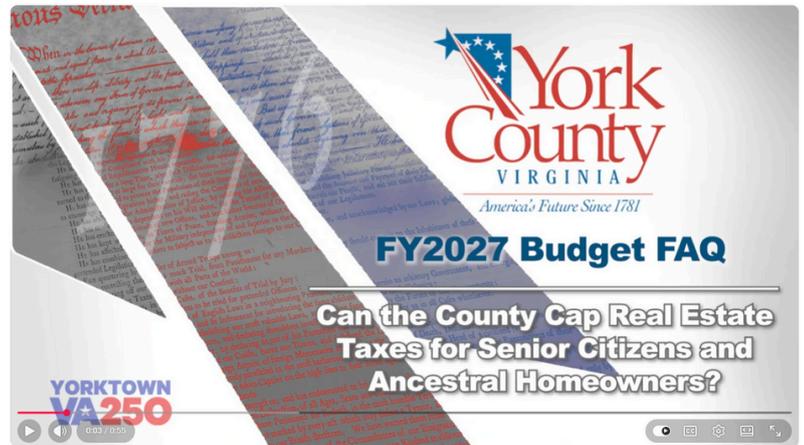
York County's annual budget process is underway, and we want you to be part of the conversation. Each week, we'll share a short video explaining key budget topics to keep you informed and engaged.

### This Week's Featured Video:

Virginia offers several tax relief programs for qualifying residents, including real estate and personal property tax benefits. These programs can help seniors, individuals with disabilities, and certain veterans reduce their tax burden—but you must apply to take advantage of them.

Want to learn more? Watch our short video to see who qualifies and how to submit your application. Watch now at [www.yorkcounty.gov/budget](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/budget).

### Are You Eligible for Tax Relief?



### Public Meeting on Housing Rehabilitation and Accessibility in Penniman Road Corridor

York County is taking an important step toward strengthening neighborhoods and supporting residents along the Penniman Road Corridor. The Division of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization has been awarded a \$75,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. This funding will help conduct a comprehensive assessment of housing needs in one of the County's most historically affordable areas.

To ensure this effort reflects the community's priorities, a public meeting will be held to provide information about the CDBG program and offer residents an opportunity to share their thoughts on housing needs in the Penniman Road Corridor. Community input will help shape a phased strategic plan for future improvements funded by CDBG projects.

### Community Meeting

Thursday, February 19, 2026

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

St. John Baptist Church

1397 Penniman Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

### Recognize Excellence: Outstanding Youth Awards Nominations Open Until February 13

Do you know a high school student who inspires others through their actions and character?

Now's your chance to recognize them! The Outstanding Youth Awards honor exceptional students in four categories:

- Compassion
- Courage
- Community Service
- Overall Achievement

Each winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for their remarkable contributions. Submit your nomination by Friday, February 13 at [www.yorkcounty.gov/861/Youth-Commission](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/861/Youth-Commission)

Let's celebrate the incredible youth making a difference in York County!

### **Bundle Up and Shop Local at Yorktown Market Days!**

Historic Yorktown is the place to be this winter! Yorktown Market Days returns with special Winter Markets at Riverwalk Landing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on select Saturdays:

- February 14 (Valentine's Day Market)
- February 26
- March 14 (St. Patrick's Day Market)
- March 28

Enjoy locally grown and handcrafted goods, warm treats, and fun themed activities—from decorating LOVE Letters and snapping pics at the Canine Kissing Booth to testing your luck at the Pot of Gold Coin Toss. Food trucks will be on-site, and the Yorktown Trolley will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more details, visit: [www.yorktownmarketdays.com](http://www.yorktownmarketdays.com)



### **Share the Love with Unique Art from the Gallery at York Hall**

Nothing says “I love you” like a gift from the Gallery at York Hall. Be sure to stop by this week for one-of-a-kind handcrafted art and keepsakes. During the winter, the Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. They will resume their normal operating hours in April.

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