

# Citizen News Weekly

York County Public Affairs

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## **Community Shines at Yorktown Admirals Night**

York County packed Norfolk Scope for an evening full of fast-paced action, family fun, and true hometown pride. From the opening puck drop from Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., to the final buzzer, fans brought incredible energy that made the night unforgettable.

Want to revisit the best moments? Check out our photo slideshow featuring on ice highlights, crowd celebrations, and snapshots of friends and neighbors enjoying the game. Whether you were cheering from the stands or are catching the magic for the first time, these images capture the spirit that makes Yorktown Admirals Night so special. View the full gallery here: [www.visitYorktown.org/YorktownAdmirals](http://www.visitYorktown.org/YorktownAdmirals)





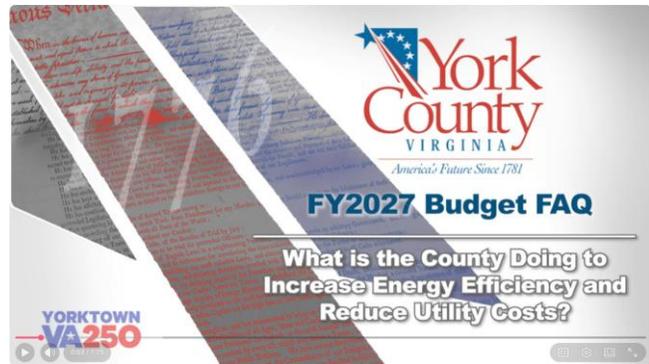
## It's Budget Season: Learn, Engage, and Get Involved!

York County's annual budget process is underway, and we want you to be part of the conversation.

### This Week's Featured Video:

The county is undertaking a focused effort to modernize its infrastructure and reduce long term expenses by improving energy efficiency across multiple systems. That includes reviewing how much electricity each building uses, upgrading equipment to cut daily power demands, improving sewer system flow to reduce pump runtime, and expanding geothermal wells that heat and cool facilities more efficiently than traditional systems.

### Boosting Efficiency, Cutting Costs: How the County Is Powering a Smarter Future



Together, these initiatives help the county lower costs, boost performance, and invest in a more sustainable future.

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).

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## York County Department of Public Works Warns Residents: “Flushable” Wipes Are Not Flushable

Earlier this month, sewer pumps in Washington, D.C. clogged and failed after being overwhelmed by so called “flushable” wipes—sending sewage into the Potomac River. It's a timely reminder for Yorktown residents: there is NO such thing as a flushable wipe.

These wipes don't break down like toilet paper. They block pipes, damage wastewater equipment, and can harm local waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay.

Sam McNeil with the York County Department of Public Works emphasizes the importance of proper disposal:

*“If it isn’t toilet paper, don’t flush it. Even wipes labeled ‘flushable’ can cause major problems in our system—and those repairs ultimately impact the whole community.”*

The solution is simple: toss wipes in the trash, never the toilet. Help keep wastewater flowing to treatment plants—not into local rivers.

Learn more about what not to flush at [askHRgreen.org/gtk-gtd/what-not-to-flush](http://askHRgreen.org/gtk-gtd/what-not-to-flush).  
The fish and crabs will thank you!



### **Household Chemical & Computer Recycling Collection + Paper Shredding Event**

Saturday, March 14 • 8 a.m.–12 p.m.

105 Service Drive, Yorktown

Safely dispose of household chemicals (paints, fuels, automotive, lawn & garden products) and select computer equipment (computers, monitors, printers, cell phones).  
Televisions are not accepted.

Bonus Services:

- Onsite paper shredding (up to 5 boxes; staples and paperclips allowed, no binders or metal objects)
- VPPSA staff will unload items; proof of residency may be required

Full details and acceptable items: Visit <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/recycle> for event details and recycling guidelines.

### **Yorktown Market Days This Weekend**

Join us for another Yorktown Market Days’ Winter Market at Riverwalk Landing this Saturday, February 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shop your favorite vendors and artists selling locally grown, produced, and crafted products. Stock up on baked goods, prepared soups, gourmet chocolates, homemade candles, dog treats, local art, and more! You can learn more at [yorktownmarketdays.com](http://yorktownmarketdays.com). We’ll see you at the market!

### **Register Now for Virginia’s Statewide Tornado Drill - March 10**

Families, organizations, schools, businesses, and individuals across the

Commonwealth are invited to participate in the Virginia Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10. This annual tornado drill emphasizes community-wide preparedness in case our region is impacted by one of these severe weather threats. The drill highlights the importance of being ready in case a tornado strikes, and is part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 9-13. You can register for the drill and read more information about tornadoes at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's website: <https://www.vaemergency.gov/2026-statewide-tornado-drill>

**York County Parks and Recreation has several exciting programs now open for registration!**

Explore your creative side with Adult and Youth Art Classes, offering hands-on instruction for all skill levels. Lace up your skates because Skate, Rattle, & Roll is back every Friday, bringing fun for the whole family. And for our youngest athletes, the Smart Start Soccer Program is the perfect introduction to the fundamentals of the game in a supportive, skill-building environment.

Learn more and register today at [www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)

- Adult & Youth Art Classes
- Skate, Rattle, & Roll (Fridays)
- Smart Start Soccer Program



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