



Citizen News

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It's Almost Done! Rt. 17 Project Nears Completion

Project will finish on-time, says VDOT; Celebration planned for Dec. 17

VDOT's Rossie Carroll, the Williamsburg Residency Administrator, is optimistic about the Route 17 project's completion deadline. "The project is on track to be completed by December 31," he said. "And within budget.

"We are in the final stretch of the project with a few items left to complete, including signal work from Washington Square Shopping Center to Wolf Trap Road, completing the northbound turn lane past Wolf Trap Road, and small punch list items."

The three-year project has been a challenge to commuters, tourists, and business owners. But, according to VDOT, this traffic inconvenience was necessary to improve future gridlock concerns.

"Traffic is projected to increase from an average of 56,000 vehicles to 90,000 vehicles per day by 2035. This project will address the current congestion as well as increase capacity for future traffic volumes," Carroll said.

If you've traveled the corridor during the widening project, you know already the improvements increase the capacity of Route 17 between Hampton Highway and Wolf Trap Road



Orange barrels and directional signs have been a common sight.

from four to six lanes (three lanes each direction). The new roadway includes a raised median, curb and gutter, and a shared-use path along the northbound lanes from Mill Road to Showalter Road. In addition, prior to the roadwork beginning, overhead utility lines were removed and placed underground along the majority of the project corridor.

Perhaps the most grueling aspect of the construction work

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Board of Supervisors Actions

August 16, 2016

- Amended the conditions of approval for the previously approved Yorktown Crescent mixed-used development to increase the number of residential units that can be built prior to the construction of a community meeting room and other amenities. The development will increase from 27 to 42 units.
- Authorized the use of the York-Poquoson-Williamsburg Emergency Communications Center Facility to the City as a back-up for Hampton's 9-1-1 Communication Center if it is found necessary during an extended outage.

September 6, 2016

- Authorized the issuance, award, and sale of sewer system revenue refunding bonds. The refinancing is estimated to save \$1.2 million over the next 14 years.

September 20, 2016

- Authorized the establishment of a private school serving grades K - 12 on a 1.9-acre parcel of land located at 116 Palace Lane.
- Approved the Board's support for the Smart Scale funding requests for the widening of Route 17 and Victory Boulevard. Smart Scale is the investment of limited tax dollars in the right projects to meet the most critical transportation needs in Virginia.

October 4, 2016

- Approved the rezoning of approximately 11.9 acres of land located at 900 Marquis Parkway from Economic Opportunity to Planned Development Residential and amended previously approved conditions applicable to the referenced parcel.
- Approved the Board's endorsement of a funding request for a proposed sidewalk rehabilitation project on Bypass Road under the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program.

November 1, 2016

- Approved and endorsed the county's request for funding the Fiscal Year 2018 Revenue Sharing Program funding administered by the VDOT.

This list features a sampling of items that appeared before the Board of Supervisors since the second August meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/bos.

Meetings of the Board of Supervisors are held the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of York Hall, 301 Main Street, historic Yorktown. The meeting schedule can be subject to change following a vote by the Board. For more information, call the County Administrator's office at (757) 890-3320.

Watch Board of Supervisor meetings on WYCG-TV - Cox 46, Verizon 38 - and Live Streaming online at www.yorkcounty.gov. A single click on the home page and you're watching your government in action!

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Board Appointments

•Chesapeake Bay Board

Brad Berrane
Paul Brindza
Michael Woolson

•Senior Center of York Board

Lynda Bush
Viana Dail
Betty Titus

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, contact the County Administration office at (757) 890-3320 or complete and return a board bank application available from www.yorkcounty.gov/bos, select "Board Bank Application."

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Public Information Officer.....Gail L. Whittaker

Mark these Dates!

Personal Property & Real Estate Taxes Due Monday, December 5

December 5 is the due date for the second half of the 2016 Personal Property and Real Estate taxes. Taxes are due on or before that date and are considered late on December 6. Penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, will be assessed for late payment.

If you did not receive your tax bill, information is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer (select "View 2016 Tax Bill"). You may use that page on the website to pay your taxes.

Taxes may be paid by mail to "Treasurer, County of York," P.O. Box 251, Yorktown, VA 23690-0251, or deposited in the Treasurer's Office drop box located at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, historic Yorktown.

The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (757) 890-3420.

Dog Licenses due December 31

The 2017 dog license applications have been mailed. The license must be purchased by December 31. Each license costs \$5.00. All dogs over the age of four months are required to have a current license and rabies vaccination.

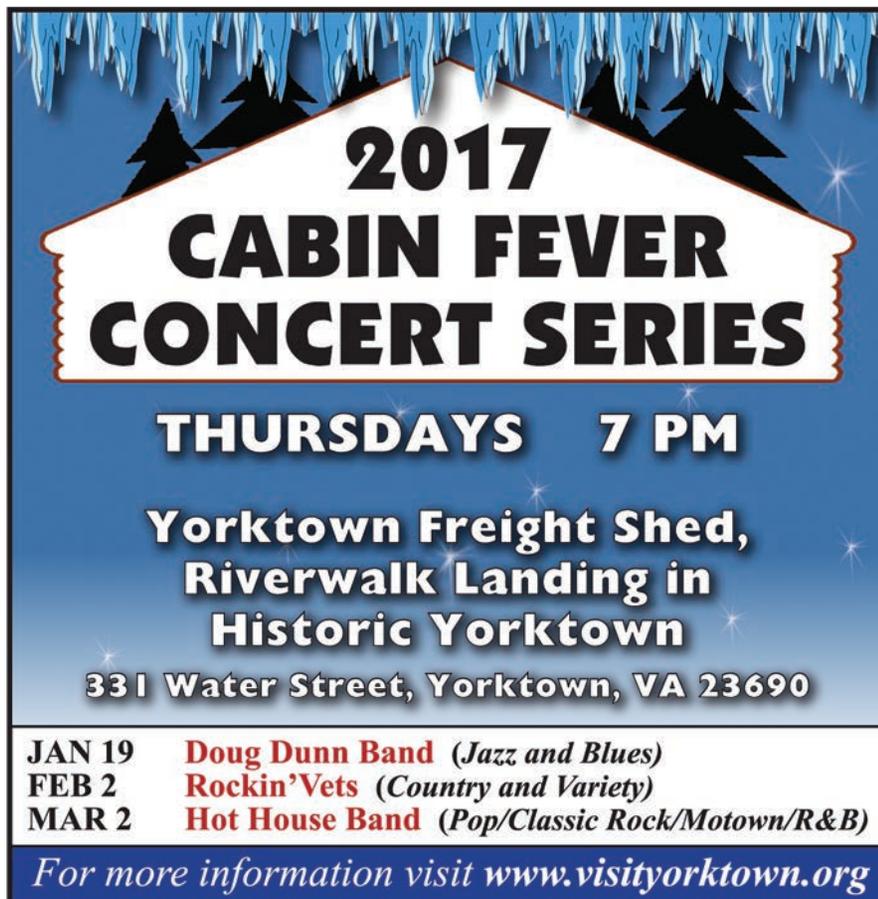
A current rabies certificate is required to purchase a first-time license

Licenses can be purchased:

- **By Mail** - Send the application and a check payable to "Treasurer, County of York," P.O. Box 251, Yorktown, VA 23690-0251.
- **In Person** - Visit the Treasurer's Office located at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, historic Yorktown. Hours of operation are 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- **Online** - Visit www.yorkcounty.gov to purchase your dog license.

Cats are required to have a rabies vaccination at the age of four months, but are not required to have a license.

For more information, call (757) 890-3420.



**2017
CABIN FEVER
CONCERT SERIES**

THURSDAYS 7 PM

**Yorktown Freight Shed,
Riverwalk Landing in
Historic Yorktown**

331 Water Street, Yorktown, VA 23690

JAN 19	Doug Dunn Band (<i>Jazz and Blues</i>)
FEB 2	Rockin'Vets (<i>Country and Variety</i>)
MAR 2	Hot House Band (<i>Pop/Classic Rock/Motown/R&B</i>)

For more information visit www.visityorktown.org

What's due March 1?

- Annual Business License Renewals
- Tax Returns of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes
- Tax Returns of Business Tangible Personal Property and Machinery and Tools
- Personal Property Tax exemption for active duty military members and spouses



Next stops: Thursday, December 1 & Wednesday, February 15, from 9am - 4pm
Yorktown Library, 8500 Geo Wash Mem Hwy.

- ID cards, drivers licenses
- Vehicle titles, license plates
- Disabled parking placards or plates
- And much more!



Local Business Report

by Melissa Davidson, Assistant Director, Office of Economic Development
Phone: 890-3317 Email: econdev@yorkcounty.gov Web: www.yesyorkcounty.com

Business Headlines

- Panda Express opened in Kiln Creek in October
- Governor McAuliffe announced Virginia's 1st Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Program, hosted by York County company, Peregrine Technical Solutions, LLC
- Starbucks, Verizon Wireless now open, Tropical Smoothie and other stores opening soon in the Boulevard Shoppes at the corner of Rt. 17 and Ft. Eustis Blvd.
- Brass Cannon Brewing opened in new upper York County location
- Peregrine Technical Solutions, LLC won 5-year contract with Army National Guard for Recruit Sustainment Program
- Several York County businesses won Coastal Virginia Readers' Choice Awards
- Spain Commercial cut a ribbon on office-warehouse flex space in York River Commerce Park

Visit www.YesYorkCounty.com for full stories.

Buy Local Holiday Shopping Promotion

The holiday shopping season is underway and York County is offering free promotion for our local businesses. Is your company taking advantage of the free



listing on the website www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com? Be sure to add or update yours today!

York County is committed to helping our business partners and www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com is just one of the many available programs offered.

Contact Us

If you or anyone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, or if you have ideas to help improve the county's business environment, please contact us. Don't forget to visit our website at www.YesYorkCounty.com.

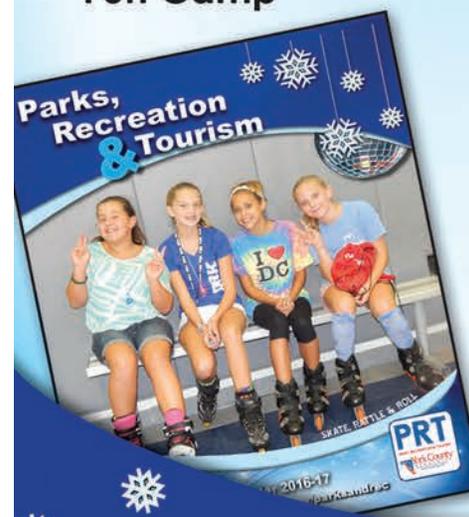
Parks, Recreation & Tourism

For activities & events,
visit our Seasonal
Programs ONLINE at:

www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec

HAPPENINGS THIS WINTER!

- Fitness & Instructional Classes
- Winter Instructional Basketball
- Spring Youth & Adult League Sports
- Family Roller Skating
- Senior Center Activities
- Yorktown Holiday Events & Winter Concerts
- New Registration Date for 2017 Summer Fun Camp



Questions?
Please call
us at:

757.890.3500





302 Dare Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-0300 yorkcountyschools.org

ALL SCHOOLS FULLY ACCREDITED

On September 14, the Virginia Department of Education officially announced that all 19 York County School Division schools are fully accredited for the 2016-17 school year. Accreditation is based on results from the Standards of Learning (SOL) tests in four core academic areas (English, math, history and science) from the previous school year.

The school division and the School Board commend the hard work of our students and staff. Our students' success would not be possible without the dedicated teachers, administrators, staff and supportive families.

STUDENT RECORDS

In accordance with the Code of Virginia and guidelines provided by the State Board of Education (BOE) and the Library of Virginia (LVA), the York County School Division destroys non-permanent records (not scholastic records) of all students including special needs students. These records have been retained for five years after the student graduated or withdrew from York County School Division or transferred to another school division.

Because this information may possibly be needed for social security benefits or other purposes, the student (or parent, if the former student is less than 18 years old) may obtain a copy of his/her records by contacting Georgia McQuigg at **898-0314** or gmcquigg@ycsd.york.va.us.

ADULT EDUCATION

English as a Second Language Class

Winter Registration: January 10

*during class time

Bethel Baptist Church
1004 Yorktown Road
Yorktown, VA
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

General Education Development (GED)

Winter Registration: January 10

*during class time

York High School
9300 George Washington Mem. Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

YCSD adult education classes are free and open to the public. For information regarding classes, schedules, requirements, and registration, please contact Sandy Hespe, Coordinator, at 898-0469 or visit yorkcountyschools.org.

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS WANTED

- Training is provided
- \$12 per hour
- Apply online: yorkcountyschools.org
- Open until filled
- 757-898-0494 for more info

YCSD CALENDAR

November 2016

23-25 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2016

9 Early Dismissal

21 Early Dismissal

22-31 Winter Break

January 2017

2 Winter Break

16 Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

25-27 Early Dismissal - Exams

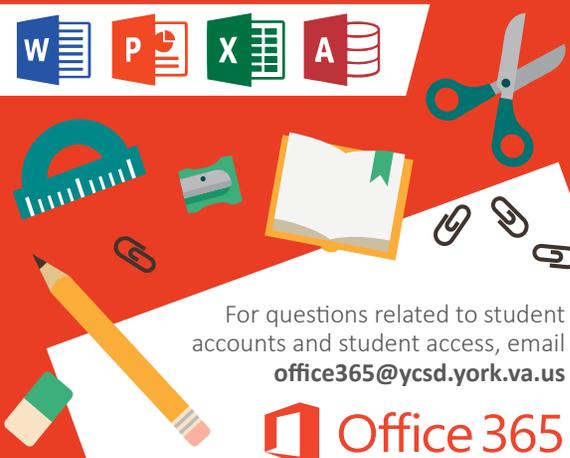
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STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000

Did you know?

YCSD students have free access to Microsoft Office 365 Suite cloud-based software & Microsoft Office.



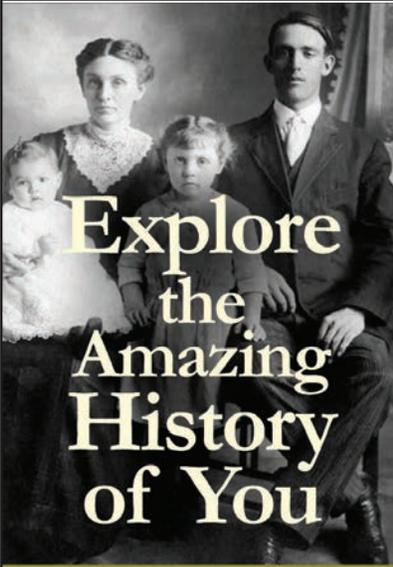
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What's Happening @ Your Library



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link at
www.yorkcounty.gov/library

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Ring in the holidays with a **Christmas Concert at the Tabb Library** at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 15. This event will feature locals Lana Puckett and Kim Person, a talented duo that draws inspiration from classic country and folk artists. Enjoy light refreshments while listening to traditional and original Christmas music. The band will sell copies of their CDs after the event. For more information, call the Tabb Reference Desk at (757) 890-5120.

Join us for a special holiday version of **Kids Create** on Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 a.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. Kids ages 3 and up are invited to make holiday cards for the people they love.

Celebrate the season with a special **Holiday**

Story Time on Saturday, December 17, at 1 p.m. in the Yorktown Library. Enjoy festive stories, songs, and a craft. This activity is free and recommended for ages 3 to 7, but all ages are welcome.

Professional organizer Mary Francis Ballard will provide tips and tricks for getting rid of physical and mental clutter. The **Organize Your Head & Home** program is Tuesday, January 17, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Yorktown Library, and Saturday, January 21, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Tabb Library. To register for this workshop, call the Yorktown Library at (757) 890-5207 or the Tabb Library at (757) 890-5120. This event is part of the *Live Well @ Your Library* series, which celebrates the ways in which the York County Library can help

you live well in 2017.

Join us on Saturday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tabb Library, or 1 p.m. at the Yorktown Library for a special **Valentine's Day Story Time**.

York County Public Libraries are closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, and will remain closed until 10 a.m., Saturday, November 26. In December, the libraries will be closed from Friday, December 23, through Monday, December 26, and Friday, December 30, through Monday, January 2.

For more information, call (757) 890-5120 - Tabb, or (757) 890-5207 - Yorktown. Additional library information also can be found online at www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

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has been the replacement of the bridges over Harwoods Mill spillway. What once was a road consisting of two bridges – one north, one south – is now a single six lane bridge with the shared-use path along the east side of the northbound lanes.

A new traffic detection system was installed, which includes the use of wireless sensors (known as pucks) placed in the roadway. The sensors detect vehicles and transmit data that VDOT's traffic engineers can use to analyze traffic speed, travel times, and volume trends, all of which allow traffic signal timing to be optimized.

The county is marking the end of this project with a **community celebration on Saturday, Dec. 17!**

The public is invited to this family-friendly event, which will encourage holiday shoppers to finish picking up their gifts at the various businesses along the corridor. Children's activities will be included as well as a visit from Santa Claus. More information will be available soon. If your business would like to participate by offering a special event and/or discount, please send an email to econdev@yorkcounty.gov.



Stay Prepared for Flooding

Floods are ranked number one as the most frequent severe weather threat AND the costliest natural disaster in the U.S. While there's not a lot we can do to prevent a flood from occurring, you can prepare for a flood:

- Know your flood hazards and flood risks for your property. Call the county to determine if your property is located in a flood zone.
- Get flood insurance. Most homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage or include flood insurance. Renters can get flood insurance, too!
- Protect yourself and your family from flood hazards by developing an emergency plan. Designate a place where your family can meet if an evacuation order is issued and build an emergency supply kit. A supply checklist can be found at www.ready.gov.
- Protect your property from flood hazards by elevating your home and electrical/mechanical equipment above the flood level, and ensuring water flows well in ditches and streams by keeping them free of debris and trash.
- Be sure to build responsibly by getting a permit before you build, and stay informed on the latest flood-related requirements.
- Wetlands are natural floodplains and help keep waters where they need to be. Do not dump fill or trash in wetlands and don't put pollutants down storm drains.

If a severe storm capable of causing flooding threatens, take these steps:

- Secure loose yard items including trash cans, lawn furniture, firewood, toys, grills, gas tanks, and anything else that can float in a flood and block drainageways. (These items also become projectiles during high winds.)
- Check your building for water entry points, such as windows, doors, crawl spaces, and dryer vents. Protect them with boards or even towels and blankets.
- Move valuables up to a higher level in your home.
- Keep insurance documents and other valuables in a protected location.



The county has many areas prone to flooding.

If your property is in a floodplain, even if it has not flooded in the past, it can flood at any time. Although you might live in an area where flood insurance isn't required, it's a good idea to get coverage. For more information, call Kent Henkel, Engineering Specialist, at (757) 890-3758.

Can We Find Your Home in an Emergency?

If you had to call 911 to your home during an emergency, would emergency responders be able to find your home? Even with location finding technology available today, our first responders still rely on seeing your house numbers in order to find you. Maps and other technology can get us to your neighborhood and street, but house numbers need to be visible from the street at all times, especially at nighttime.



The York County Code states that homes should have numbers that are at least three inches in height and made of a durable and clearly visible material. They should be a color that contrasts to the building color so that they are more visible. Numbers should be conspicuously placed on, above, or at the

side of the main entrance so that they are discernible from the street. If the building is more than 50 ft. from the street or if the entrance cannot be seen from the road, the number should be placed along a walk, driveway, or other suitable location.

Also, can we get to you? Occasionally, medic units and fire trucks cannot get down a driveway due to trees and thick brush or because the driveway is too narrow or in disrepair. Inspect your driveway to ensure there are no obstacles that would prevent us from reaching you.

In an emergency, every second counts. For every additional second it takes for the first responders to locate and get to your home, your emergency is escalating.

For more information, call Fire and Life Safety at (757) 890-3600 Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Help Us Fight Mosquitoes

The weather in this part of the country can change from one day to the next. In fact, a stretch of warm weather can occur at any time of the year. Warm days mixed with standing water can produce mosquitoes. One of the most important things you can do to help fight mosquitoes is to eliminate any standing water sources in your yard. As we all know, mosquitoes breed in water. But did you know that even a bottle cap holds enough rainwater for mosquito



Shown are the larva stages of the different species of mosquitoes found in York County.



This yard contains an unknown number of mosquito breeding sites. A clean up can reduce the number of mosquitoes.

larvae to survive? Therefore, it's important that you dump out standing water after every rain, especially in warmer weather.

The Zika virus is a concern for Virginians. Mosquito Control employees were involved in a region-wide discussion and prevention plan this year for the possible spread of Zika in our state. Mosquito Control employees distributed informative door hangers from the Virginia Department of Health this year. This campaign will continue in 2017. This summer's mosquito testing for Zika virus was funded by the state. None of the samples submitted by York County tested positive for the virus.

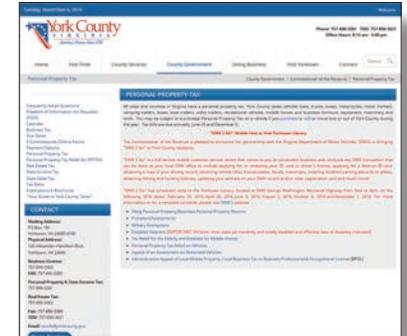
The Asian Tiger mosquito is the likely vector of the Zika virus. Its favorite breeding site is old tires, but it also can breed in other containers with standing water.

Mosquito Control crews place biological larvicides in areas of standing water, but they need your help to reduce breeding sites. It only takes a few minutes to inspect your yard and dump out the standing water you find in tires, flower pots, tarps, buckets, etc.

For more tips on reducing mosquitoes, call (757) 890-3790 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol.

Is Your Vehicle Registered?

Any person who moves to York County or purchases a new vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, boat, or other type of watercraft should register their property with the Commissioner of the Revenue. After the item has been registered with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (www.dmvnow.com) or the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (www.dgif.virginia.gov), no additional filings will be required unless there is a change of residence or the item is sold/transferred to a new owner.



Forms and information are available on the Commissioner of the Revenue's website - www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act exempts active duty military from personal property tax in any state other than their legal state of residence. Therefore, vehicles titled in an active duty non-resident military person's name(s) will be exempt as long as each owner furnishes a Leave & Earnings Statement (LES) for the time they reside in York



Active duty servicemembers' vehicles will be exempt from personal property tax if you provide the necessary paperwork.

County. Failure to provide the LES will result in a tax bill.

Spouses of military servicemembers may be eligible to be tax exempt on personal property in their names or titled jointly with their servicemember-spouse based on certain qualifying conditions provided in the federal "Military Spouses Residency Relief Act."

Once military personnel separate from active duty status or retire and stay in York County, each owner must provide a copy of their DD215. Vehicle(s) will be subject to the tax.

For more information, call (757) 890-3381, email revofc@yorkcounty.gov, or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

York County Waste Management Center

2016-2017 Leaf Season Information

Beginning Monday, November 14, and continuing through the month of January, residents may place an unlimited number of clear bags* of leaves at the roadside for collection every other week.

For leaf collection purposes, the county is divided into two zones.

Southern Zone includes all homes south of Dare Road, including neighborhoods in Grafton, Tabb, Brandywine, Coventry, Kiln Creek, Calthrop Neck, Running Man, and Cary's Chapel Road area. Collection weeks for the Southern Zone will be:

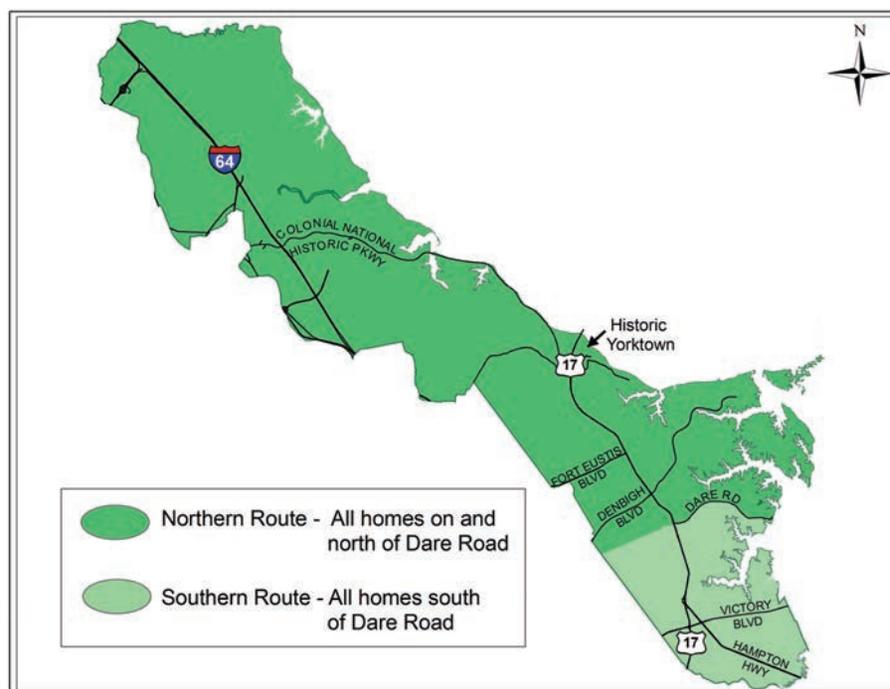
November 14	November 28
December 12	December 26
January 9	January 23

Northern Zone includes all homes on and north of Dare Road, including neighborhoods along Wolf Trap Road, Goodwin Neck Road, and homes in and near Marlbank, Edgehill, Queens Lake, Hubbard's Lane, Skimino, and Lightfoot. Collection weeks for the Northern Zone will be:

November 21	December 5
December 19	January 2
January 16	January 30

In order to ensure collection, bags must be at the roadside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Pick up will be completed by the end of the week. For more information, please call (757) 890-3780.

*York County is participating in a regional de-bagging operation at the VPPSA Compost Facility for the 2016-2017 leaf season. The success of the de-bagging operation works best with certain types of clear bags. Bags should be no thicker than 1.0 mil, and should have NO DRAWSTRINGS.



Now through the end of January, the VPPSA Composting Facility is open until 5 p.m. on Saturdays for drop-off of vegetative debris. The Citizen Dropoff for garbage and recycling also is open until 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Transfer Station continues to close at 4 p.m.

Holiday Schedule Changes

- Collections scheduled for Thursday, November 24, move to Friday, November 25
- Collections scheduled for Friday, November 25, move to Saturday, November 26
- Curbside collections are *not* affected by the Christmas or New Year's holidays.

All operations are closed on Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 24. The Administrative offices are closed Fridays, November 25, December 23, and 30. Most operations, including the Goodwin Neck Transfer Station and Citizen Dropoff for recycling and/or garbage disposal will follow normal operating hours. VPPSA Compost Facility is closed Saturdays, December 24 and 31.

Youth Commission News

Apply for the 2017-2018 Youth Commission

The Board of Supervisors is seeking students who are interested in representing youth interests and concerns by serving on the York County Youth Commission (YCYC) for the 2017/2018 school year. Applicants must be York County residents currently enrolled in grades 8-11 in a public, private, or home school. A completed application, short essay, and letter of recommendation must be received by



Youth Commission members learn about working together in team-building exercises.

5 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, in the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office (100 County Drive). Forms are available at www.ycyc.info.

The Board will appoint up to three teens from each of the county's five voting districts. The commission's primary purpose is to serve as a link between the Board and the county's youth by representing youth-related needs and issues. In addition, commission members learn about county government, build leadership and teambuilding skills, and participate in community service projects.

Outstanding Youth Awards Nominations Due

Celebrate more of York County's excellence in education by nominating a local high school student for an Outstanding Youth Award Scholarship. Each year the Board of Supervisors and the York County Youth Commission (YCYC) award four \$500 scholarships, one in each of the following categories: Community Service, Compassion, Courage, and Overall Achievement. Forms are available at www.ycyc.info and are due no later than Wednesday, February 15 at 5pm.

Nominees must be residents of York County and currently enrolled in grades 9-12 in a public, private or home school.

For more information, please call (757) 890-3500.



2016 Outstanding Youth Award Recipients (left to right) Emma Donatelli, Kayla Woolston, Rosalind Wade, and Sarah Lewis

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! **ENROLL TODAY!**

Give your child a head start on learning!
Now recruiting eligible 3, 4 & 5 year olds
(757) 890-3888

Classrooms located in
 Griffin-Yeates • Bethel Manor • Yorktown Elementary

Child & Adult Care Food Program
 Virginia Department of Health

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- County Code Updates
- Senior Center News
- County Press Releases
- Tourism and Event Information
- Many more to select from

Did YOU KNOW? **YORK COUNTY YARD SIGN ORDINANCES**

Want to advertise a yard sale or show support for a political party?

Yard signs **ARE** allowed on your private property without a permit. Please note, there are size limitations.

Yard signs **ARE NOT** allowed in the VDOT right-of-way. This is the area between the roadway and the ditch or utility pole.

If you place a sign in the VDOT right-of-way there is a good chance it will be removed by the County or VDOT.

For more information, contact Zoning & Code Enforcement
(757) 890-3523



York County-Poquoson Office, 100 County Drive, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, Virginia 23690-0532
(757) 890-4940 Websites: www.yorkcounty.gov/vce; www.ext.vt.edu

Junior 4-H Camp and Teen Camp Counselor and Counselor-in-Training Applications

Mark your calendar! The 2017 Junior 4-H Camp for York County and Poquoson residents will be July 31-August 4 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg. **Registration begins February 1 for youth ages 9-13.** Youth ages 13-14 can apply to serve as Counselors-in-Training during camp and teens ages 14-19 can apply to serve as Camp Counselors. **Applications for CITs and Counselors are due December 16.** Visit our website for applications and to learn more about camp. Sign up for our email list on the website to receive emailed information regarding this and other 4-H programs.



Campers enjoy archery and other activities.

Free Pruning Clinics

Our clinics teach you the proper way to prune your much-loved plants to promote proper health and growth. Clinics will be held on Saturdays in February (dates TBD) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Grafton True Value Hardware, Ken Matthews Garden Center, and Taylor's Do It Center in Poquoson. To register, please call (757) 890-4940. Visit our website for dates and more information.

Healthy Virginia Lawns Program

This program is designed to assist York and Poquoson residents with taking care of their lawns in an economic and environmentally sound manner. Master Gardeners will visit your site, measure your yard, take a soil sample, and provide customized feedback. Visits will begin in March. Registration fee: \$20. To register, call (757) 890-4940.

2017 Horticultural Extravaganza

Save the date! The 2017 Horticultural Extravaganza is scheduled for March 4 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Poquoson High School. The Extravaganza provides a broad amount of information for both the novice and the more experienced gardener. Topics include: specialty plants, lawn care, landscape design, backyard food production, and more! Registration information will be available in January. There is a \$20 registration fee. For more information, call (757) 890-4940.

4-H Schoolyard Habitats Outreach

The Schoolyard Habitat program partners Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists with local schools to create, maintain, and utilize schoolyard habitat gardens. Twelve public schools in York County and Poquoson now boast native plant habitats that support a diversity of pollinators, birds, and insects. The gardens help students develop environmental literacy as they create a healthier environment for wildlife and people. For more information, call (757) 890-4940.

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Yorktown

2016
CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

7 pm, The Fifes & Drums of York Town perform
Victory Monument. Free. 757.898.9418

7:30 pm, Christman Tree Lighting
Procession from Victory Monument to Riverwalk Landing.
Free. 757.890.3500

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

10 am - 3 pm, Christmas Market on Main
Historic Main Street. Free. 757.877.2933

6 pm - 8 pm Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade
Yorktown Waterfront. Free. 757.890.4970

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

1 - 4 pm, Cookies with Santa
York Hall. Free. 757.890.4490

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 am, Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Riverwalk Restaurant. Tickets Required. 757.875.1522

9 am - 3 pm, Yorktown Market Days
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

1 pm, Toyland Parade,
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500



SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXHIBITS & EVENTS

'Christmas in Yorktown' Exhibit
November - December, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm &
Sunday, 1 - 4 pm. The Gallery at York Hall. Free. 757.890.4490

'Wreaths across America Ceremony'
December 17, 12 pm, Yorktown National Cemetery.
Free. 757.856.2287

A Colonial Christmas
December 1 - 31, 9 am - 5 pm, American Revolution Museum at
Yorktown. Admission \$ 757.253.4838

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