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RAIDS Online now available in York County

Crime mapping website helps residents track crime in the area

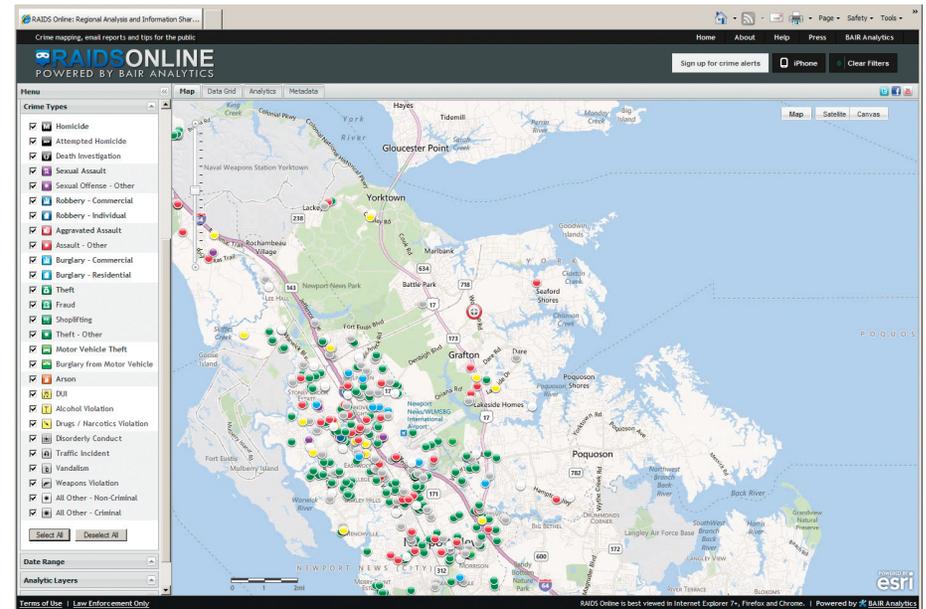
The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office recently partnered with BAIR Analytics to provide RAIDS Online (Regional Analysis and Information Data Sharing) to make it easier for citizens of York County to keep track of crime in the area.

"For several years, my staff and I have been wanting to institute a program that will allow us to notify residents of crimes that occur in the county. The RAIDS program can do that for us and much more," said York-Poquoson Sheriff J.D. "Danny" Diggs. "RAIDS Online allows our citizens to sign up for neighborhood crime alerts and receive daily, weekly, or monthly e-mails with crime data for their area."

RAIDS Online works with the Sheriff's Office records system to automatically upload crime information. The system uses Google Maps to display the location and basic information for crimes in any area of interest to the user. The program's colored maps, icons, and symbols deliver easy-to-read crime information from the national level down to the neighborhood level.

The partnership with RAIDS Online comes at no cost to the Sheriff's Office and can be accessed by anyone for free.

"Once our citizens become familiar with the program, I think they will come to realize the benefits of having this information. Awareness of criminal activity can potentially



lead to an arrest," said Sheriff Diggs. "And that's a benefit for everyone."

To access RAIDS Online, visit the Sheriff's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/sheriff and select York County Crime Mapping or go directly to the mapping program at www.raidsonline.com.

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Board of Supervisors Actions

May 15, 2012

- Increased the permit fees, time limits for permits for single-family dwellings, permits for buildings requiring a culvert pipe for a driveway, and incorporation of the new 2009 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code Provisions.

June 5, 2012

- Authorized the execution of a support agreement with CDR for the operation of an early childhood care and developmental service in the Griffin-Yeates Building.
- Approved procurement arrangements for construction of the Queens Lake Vacuum Sewer Station project.

June 19, 2012

- Amended the conditions of approval for The Reserve at Williamsburg Planned Development by adding townhouses and assisted living units to the list of permitted housing types and deleting the sequencing requirements for commercial and residential space.
- Amended the York County Code to add a segment of Bay Tree Beach Road to the list of secondary system streets where parking is prohibited.

July 17, 2012

- Authorized the execution of a building use agreement between York County and the National Park Service for 408 Main Street.
- Authorized procurement arrangements for the continuation of professional engineering services to assist the county with meeting the regulatory requirements of the Hampton Roads Special Order by Consent with the State Water Control Board.
- Appropriated Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funds for the proposed Route 171 Multi-Use Trail to be constructed between North Bowman Terrace and East Yorktown Road and to authorize execution of the required project administration agreement.

August 7, 2012

- Approved procurement arrangements for a small excavator unit, the roof replacement for Fire Station 3, and upgrading the county's telephone system.
- Authorized the execution of a lease and purchase option agreement with the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority for a trolley bus to be operated by the county in Yorktown.

August 21, 2012

- Authorized the establishment of a mini-storage warehouse facility at 212 Hubbard Lane.
- Executed the transfer of title for the Freight Shed from the Economic Development Authority to the county.

For information about all actions taken by the board, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/bos.

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Board Appointments

•Planning Commission

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•Senior Center Board

Carol Scott
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•Wetlands Board

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Personal Property registration

York County prorates personal property tax on motor vehicles only. Upon receipt of the information provided, the vehicle may be subject to a prorated tax.

- **New vehicles and new residents** are required to file with the Commissioner of the Revenue within 60 days from the date of purchase or date you move into York County. Failure to meet this deadline will result in late filing penalties.
- In the case of **vehicles disposed of or moved within Virginia**, the owner must notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of the Revenue immediately.
- If you **move your vehicle out of Virginia**, you are required to provide proof of registration in the new state. Proration will be based upon the date the vehicle is registered in the new state.

For more information, please call the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3381 or visit the office online at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

If you file Schedule C or C-EZ

If you file Schedule C or C-EZ with your Federal Tax Return, you are considered engaged in business. If Line E on this form is left blank, it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. You are required to obtain a York County business license.

For more information, please call the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3383 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

Information on chicken keeping in York Co.

The Zoning Ordinance has been amended to allow the keeping of domestic chickens as an accessory activity on residentially-zoned properties.

Previously, the ordinance allowed chicken keeping only on properties zoned RC-Resource Conservation or RR-Rural Residential. New provisions in the ordinance allow for accessory chicken keeping in three additional zoning districts solely for the purpose of household consumption. The new provisions do not allow for the keeping of roosters, game birds, ducks, geese, pheasants, guinea fowl or any similar fowl/poultry.

For more information about chicken keeping in York County, call the Zoning and Code Enforcement office at 890-3523.

Day of Caring beautification project in Lackey community

York County and the Lackey Community Collaboration Taskforce is partnering with United Way of the Virginia Peninsula to promote volunteerism in the county through the United Way annual Day of Caring.

The Day of Caring is an opportunity for employees in the workplace to volunteer for a single day to work on local community projects. This year, volunteers will work in the Lackey area to help beautify the community by removing debris and brush, mowing lawns, trimming hedges, performing minor porch repairs, and creating tire gardens from recycled tires to place at homes of residents upon their request.

Approximately 40 volunteers from over 10 businesses and agencies throughout the peninsula have registered to participate. The United Way annual Day of Caring will take place on Friday, September 14.

For more information, call 890-3880.

York-Poquoson TRIAD Senior Call program

The York-Poquoson TRIAD is initiating a new Senior Call program utilizing trained volunteers to place well check calls to seniors age 55 and over. The program is intended for seniors who may live alone, have little or no contact with others on a daily basis, or may have a medical condition that makes them vulnerable.

Calls are made Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. If the call recipient does not answer, volunteers are trained to take necessary steps which may include contacting a list of emergency contacts and/or dispatching emergency personnel. Program participants must be a Poquoson or York County resident.

Participants may be referred by family, friends, social workers, discharge planners, clergy, and others serving the needs of the elderly. Target participants are those who may not have friends or family, who may not be able to get out of the house easily, or those who could benefit from knowing that someone in the community cares about their well-being.

TRIAD is a cooperative between the Office of the Attorney General, the Sheriff's Office, senior citizens, and senior organizations focused on reducing fear of crime and improving the quality of life for seniors in our community.

For more information or for an application, call 890-3883 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/communityservices.



Local Business Report

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New Business Announcements

York County welcomes the following businesses to our community, each of which recently held grand opening/re-opening ceremonies. For a complete list of new businesses in York County, visit www.yesyorkcounty.com.



Kiln Creek Courtyard by Marriott



Art's Upholstery



Jordan Endodontics

Business Retention Survey Results

Every two years, the Office of Economic Development (OED) sends out a business retention survey to a sample of businesses in the county. The purpose of the survey is to identify needs or specific problems impacting the success or possible expansion of York County businesses and to gauge our current business climate.

In February 2012, the OED mailed 798 surveys. Seventy-eight responses were received for a 9.8 percent return rate. The main issue, by far, for the respondent's businesses was the current state of the economy, with over 29 respondents citing this concern. Many listed the economy, rising costs of living and doing business, and/or change in consumer spending habits and competition as the key issues facing their business today. This is a continuing trend from the 2008 and 2010 surveys. Notably low for the second year was the concern over workforce development and skilled labor issues. In past surveys this had been a significant concern, yet this year only ten respondents listed it as one of their key issues.

A great deal of information was gained from this year's survey, which will be used to help in the retention of York County's businesses and in efforts to improve communication to the existing business community about the programs and services offered to them. Emphasis is also being placed on promoting and marketing existing York County businesses to the general public.

To improve this communication, the OED has:

- Increased the size of its e-mail distribution list from 800 to over 3,400 contacts
- Added more speaking engagements at local business workshops and events
- Placed ads in local publications, such as "Citizen News" and "Inside Business"
- Added a "business news" section to the new website
- Exhibited at local trade shows, such as Megavention, the Virginia Peninsula Chamber's Business Safari, and the York County Chamber's Yorktoberfest
- Significantly increased the number of business visits conducted each month.

The complete survey report can be viewed at www.yesyorkcounty.com.

New Economic Development Website

The Economic Development Authority is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped York County Economic Development website.

The site can be accessed at www.yesyorkcounty.com and features:

- Updated data, maps, and information
- Improved navigation and ease of use
- Enhanced online business resources
- Increased business promotion opportunities
- Improved viewing on mobile devices.

Please contact us if you are interested in establishing, expanding or relocating a business in York County.



302 Dare Road, Yorktown, Va. 23692 • (757) 898-0300 • yorkcountyschools.org

Open House & Back to School Nights

Open House			Back to School Night			
School	Grade	Date	Time	Grade	Date	Time
BMES	Pre-K & K	Aug. 30	10 - 11 a.m.	K - 2	Sept. 25	5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
	New Students 1 - 5		1 - 2 p.m.	3 - 5		6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
	Returning Students 1 - 5		2 - 3 p.m.			
CES	K	Aug. 30	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.	K - 2	Sept. 25	5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
	3 & 4		9:30 - 10 a.m.	3 - 5		6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
	1, 2 & 5		10:30 - 11 a.m.			
DES	Pre-K - 2 & 4	Aug. 30	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	MD & Pre-K - 2	Sept. 25	7 p.m.
	1, 3 & 5		2 - 3 p.m.	3 - 5	Sept. 27	7 p.m.
GBES	K & 3	Aug. 30	noon - 12:30 p.m.	K - 2	Sept. 18	5:30 - 7 p.m.
	1 & 4		12:30 - 1 p.m.	3 - 5	Sept. 20	5:30 - 7 p.m.
	2 & 5		1 - 1:30 p.m.			
MES	K - 2	Aug. 30	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Pre-K - 5	Sept. 25	6:15 - 8 p.m.
	Pre-K		10:30 - 11:30 a.m.			
	3 - 5		11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.			
MVES	Pre-K - 2	Aug. 30	1 - 2 p.m.	Pre-K - 2	Sept. 18	6 - 7:30 p.m.
	3 - 5		2 - 3 p.m.	3 - 5	Sept. 20	6 - 7:30 p.m.
SES	Pre-K - 2	Aug. 30	11 - noon	Pre-K - 2	Sept. 25	5:30 - 6:15 p.m.
	3 - 5		11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	3 - 5		6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
TES	K - 1	Aug. 30	10 - 11 a.m.	K - 2	Sept. 18	6:30 p.m.
	2 - 3		12:30 - 1 p.m.	3 - 5	Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.
	4 - 5		2 - 3 p.m.			
WMES	K - 5	Aug. 30	1:30 - 3 p.m.	K - 5	Sept. 18	5:30 - 7 p.m.
	K - 2		4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	K - 2	Sept. 18	6:30 p.m.
YES	3 - 5	Aug. 30	5 - 6 p.m.	3 - 5	Sept. 20	6:30 p.m.
GMS	6 - 8	Aug. 29	2:30 - 4 p.m.	6 - 8	Oct. 4	6 p.m.
			5:30 - 7 p.m.			
QLMS	6	Aug. 29	10:30 - 11:15 a.m.	6 - 8	Oct. 3	6 - 8 p.m.
	7 & 8		11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.			
TMS	6	Aug. 29	1 - 2:30 p.m.	6	Oct. 4	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.
	7		2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	7 & 8		7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
	8		3:30 - 4:30 p.m.			
YMS	6	Aug. 29	8:30 - 10 a.m.	7 & 8	Oct. 2	5:15 p.m.
	7 & 8		1 - 2:30 p.m.	6	Oct. 4	7 p.m.
BHS	9	Aug. 31	9 - 11 a.m.	9 - 12	Sept. 10	6:30 p.m.
	10 - 12		1 - 2:30 p.m.			
GHS	New Student Orientation 9-12	Aug. 28	6:30 p.m.	9 - 12	Sept. 13	6:30 p.m.
THS	New Student Orientation 9-12	Aug. 28	6:30 p.m.	9 - 12	Sept. 11	6:30 p.m.
YHS	New Student Orientation 9	Aug. 29	10 - noon	9 - 12	Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.
	New Student Orientation 10 - 12		noon - 1 p.m.			
YRA	9 - 12	Aug. 28	4 - 6 p.m.	9 - 12	Sept. 13	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The 2012 - 2013 school year begins on Tuesday, September 4th!

School Hours

High Schools

BHS, GHS, THS, YHS
7:20 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

YRA

8:25 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Middle Schools

GMS, YMS

8:05 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

QLMS, TMS

8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Elementary Schools

BMES, GBES, MES, MVES, TES

8:45 a.m. - 3:21 p.m.

CES, DES, SES, WMES, YES

9 a.m. - 3:36 p.m.

Grading Scale

The York County School Division has implemented a modified grading scale starting with the 2012-13 school year. The new grading scale is considered a modified 10-point scale. Beginning September 4, the grading scale for all students in grades 3 - 12 is as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	64-69
F	63 & Below

Students enrolled in Kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 will continue to use a development scale. For additional information visit yorkcountyschools.org.

Meal Prices

Meal prices for the 2012 - 13 school year are:

	Lunch	Breakfast	Milk
Elementary	\$2.25	\$1.25	\$0.55
Middle/High	\$2.35	\$1.35	\$0.55
Adult	\$3.00	\$1.75	\$0.55
Reduced Price	\$0.40	\$0.30	

YCSD Calendar

Sep. 3	Labor Day Holiday
Sep. 4	First Day of School
Oct. 5	Early Dismissal
Oct. 11	Interim Reports Issued
Nov. 6	Election Day/Student Holiday
Nov. 7	Second Quarter Begins

Pawsibilities: People & Pets Against Violence

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, Colonial Behavioral Health and the York-Poquoson Victim-Witness Assistance Program will be cosponsoring "Pawsibilities: People & Pets Against Violence" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Quarter Park, Shelter 4. Vaccinated and leashed dogs are welcome! Registration is \$6.

This one-of-a-kind event is aimed at raising awareness of the links between abusive behavior and abusive relationships, animal abuse and mental health issues. Activities will include a dog walk, community resources, adoptable pets, dog costume contest, vendors, and family-friendly activities. Goods and funds will be collected for non-profit organizations that serve abused women and children, as well as animal rescue rehabilitation agencies.

For more information or to register, visit www.colonialbh.org/paws or call 890-3402.



People & Pets Against Violence
OCTOBER 13, 2012

Job and Career Opportunities through PCFWD

York County, along with other local jurisdictions and companies, is an active business partner with The Peninsula Council For Workforce Development (PCFWD). PCFWD is a unique nonprofit organization that offers services and programs to citizens seeking jobs, job training opportunities, and education. PCFWD also works directly with local organizations – companies and educational institutions - to create and fill job training opportunities that meet the growing needs of employers.

Some services, such as the Youth Career Café, provide services to a younger generation just getting started in the workplace or in a career. The Council also provides two One Stop Career Centers on the Peninsula: one at 600 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA 23666, and one at Williamsburg Crossing Shopping Center, 5235 John Tyler Highway, Williamsburg, VA 23185. The Centers provide free career development workshops throughout the year. Among the offerings for September are:

- "Preparing a Winning Resume," Mondays, Sept. 10, 24
- "Identify Methods of Finding Employment Through Networking," Friday, Sept. 14
- "Effective Job Search Techniques and Tools," Wednesday, Sept. 19

For a complete list of free career development workshops, go to PCFWD Calendar of Events at www.pcfwd.org.

PCFWD also provides SHARE Network Access Points (SNAPs) at a number of convenient locations in York County and elsewhere on the Peninsula. SNAP locations provide computer access to job search services and resources for people who are not close to a Career Center. For a list of SNAPs near you, go to www.pcfwd.org/SNAPS/.

For further information, go to www.pcfwd.org, or call 766-4900.

YORK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION QUARTERLY BROCHURE

Parks and Recreation activities and programs are now published ONLINE through it's website publication, "Now Playing."

www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec

- Yorktown Market Days
 - Yorktown Day Events
 - "Rhythms on the Riverwalk" Concert Series
 - Adult & Youth Leisure Classes
 - Youth Winter Basketball
 - New Quarter Park Activities
 - Senior Center Activities
- and much more!

What's
Coming
Up in
this
Issue!



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 4. Please check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms. If you have questions or need assistance obtaining an alarm, call Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600.



General and Special Election is Tuesday, November 6

November 6 General Election

On November 6, registered voters in Virginia will cast their votes for President and Vice President, a member of the U.S. Senate, and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Voters in Virginia also will vote on two proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia.

Any qualified resident of Virginia may apply for voter registration or update his or her registration information at the Registrar's office, the Yorktown or Tabb libraries, or the Griffin-Yeates Building in Williamsburg. Voter registration applications are available on-line at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting. Qualified residents who will be 18 years of age on or before November 6 may register and vote in the November 2012 election.

If the voter registration application is mailed via the U.S. Postal Service, the application must be postmarked no later than the deadline of Monday, October 15. If the application is delivered in person or by any other method besides the U.S. Postal Service, the application must be received by the Registrar by October 15.

Are You Registered to Vote?

Do You Know Your Polling Place?

Through a service provided by the Virginia State Board of Elections, you are now able to check your registration status on-line. Go to the website and select "Verify Your Voter Registration Here."

Officers of Election Needed

Citizens who wish to serve as election officials are welcome to apply. As an election official, you will have an opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors, ensure

the integrity of the election process, and receive a small payment for your services. If you are interested in serving, call the office or visit the website and select "Officer of Election Form."

Absentee Voting

To obtain an absentee ballot, you must complete an absentee ballot application and return it in person, by mail, by fax, or by scanning and e-mailing it. You can obtain an application by contacting the Registrar's Office. Alternatively, you can obtain one on-line by going to the website and selecting "Absentee Voting."

The deadlines to apply for an absentee ballot for the November 6 election are as follows:

- If applying by mail, fax, e-mail - Tuesday, October 30 at 5 p.m.
- If applying in person - Saturday, November 3 at 5 p.m.

The Registrar's Office will be open Saturdays, October 27 and November 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to accommodate in-person absentee voters. The Registrar's Office is located at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown.

For more information about registering to vote, absentee voting, and officers of election, call the Registrar's Office at 890-3440, fax to 890-3449, or e-mail to registrar@yorkcounty.gov. Information is also available on the website, www.yorkcounty.gov/voting. TDD for the hearing impaired, call 890-3300.

**Mailing address:
General Registrar, P.O. Box 451,
Yorktown, VA 23690-0451**

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Ballot Question 1: Shall Section 11 of Article I (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended (I) to require that eminent domain only be exercised where the property taken or damaged is for public use and, except for utilities or the elimination of a public nuisance, not where the primary use is for private gain, private benefit, private enterprise, increasing jobs, increasing tax revenue, or economic development; (II) to define what is included in just compensation for such taking or damaging of property; and (III) to prohibit the taking or

damaging of more private property than is necessary for the public use?

Ballot Question 2: Shall Section 6 of Article IV (Legislature) of the Constitution of Virginia concerning legislative sessions be amended to allow the General Assembly to delay by no more than one week the fixed starting date for the reconvened or "veto" session when the General Assembly meets after a session to consider the bills returned to it by the Governor with vetoes or amendments?

What's Happening @ Your Library

Nikki Giovanni, the award-winning author of more than 30 volumes of poetry and prose, will present an author talk and book signing at 7 p.m on Thursday, October 4, on the campus of Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton. Giovanni is a world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, activist, and educator. One of the most widely read American poets of the past 30 years, she has been called a "national treasure" and, most recently, one of Oprah Winfrey's 25 "Living Legends." The author of 30 books for both adults and children, Giovanni is a university distinguished professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session and book signing are available beginning September 4 at the sponsoring libraries of the Virginia Peninsula Literary Consortium, which consists of the public libraries of Newport News, Hampton, Poquoson, and York County and the academic libraries of Christopher Newport University, Hampton University, and Thomas Nelson Community College. Tickets will be provided on a first-come, first served basis and limited to two per person while supplies last. Open seating at the event, to be held in the Dr. Mary T. Christian Auditorium, is limited, and attendees are advised to arrive early. Ticket holders will be seated first. Any remaining seats will be open to the general public.



Author Nikki Giovanni will speak at 7 p.m. on October 4 at TNCC in Hampton.

Join us this fall for **Tiny Tales, Toddler Tales and Preschool Story Time**. Children ages 6 to 14 months will enjoy Tiny Tales; Toddler Tales is for ages 15 to 30 months; and Preschool Story Time is for children ages 2½ to 5. The story hour schedule is available on the library's event calendar and website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

The first fall story hour session runs from September 10 through October 12. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on September 4 for Tiny and Toddler Tales. Preschool Story Time registration begins at 10 a.m. on September 5. To register for sessions at the Tabb Library, call 890-5110 or register in person at the Tabb Youth Services desk. Sign up at the Yorktown Youth Services desk or call 890-3236 to register for sessions held at the Yorktown Library.

Celebrate **International Games Day** at your library on Saturday, November 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Yorktown Library meeting room. Children ages 5 and older and their parents are invited to play Wii games and board games. Registration is not required.

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to read aloud to a certified therapy dog during our **Paws to Read** program at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month. Children and dogs bond over a shared story, and readers gain confidence by reading to dogs. A signed parental permission slip is required. The sessions on September 22 and October 27 will be held in the Tabb Library meeting room.

Join us for a **Lego experience** on the second Monday of each month from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Tabb Library. Children ages 6 to 12 will construct a project based on a monthly theme. Registration is required. Siblings, ages 5 and under, of registered participants are welcome to play in the Duplo area, but must be supervised by a parent. For more information, contact the Youth Services department at 890-5110.

For more information on library programs, visit our website at www.yorkcounty.gov/library or contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207. Visit the Tabb Library at 100 Long Green Boulevard, or the Yorktown Library at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

York County Beautification Committee



Please place bin correctly!

Residents who subscribe to the county's curbside collection program are asked to remember to place your trash bin at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.



Following collection, please remove the container by midnight that night.

If you are going to be away from home on vacation or business, please make arrangements with friends or neighbors to have the containers placed and/or removed by the times listed above.

Thank you for helping us keep York County beautiful.

For more information about trash collection, call the Waste Management Center at 890-3780.

Recycling update

At the work session held on Tuesday, June 5, the Board of Supervisors rescinded the \$6.25 per month curbside recycling fee established as a part of the FY2013 budget. After hearing from many concerned citizens, the Board decided to maintain the current recycling curbside collection program. Collection dates and routes will continue without change. In addition, the Board directed staff to present options on how the curbside recycling program might be modified and funded by this fall.

Curbside recycling is currently available to all single family homes, as well as some eligible townhomes, trailer communities, and small businesses. If you do not currently participate in the curbside recycling program, you are encouraged to do so. You may request a recycling container, at no cost to you, by calling the Waste Management Center at 890-3780 or through the on-line Service Request System at www.yorkcounty.gov/eds.

Stay tuned for future announcements about the county's recycling program. In the meantime, we welcome your feedback and suggestions! For additional information, please contact the Waste Management Center at 890-3780.

Leaf collection program returns

Each year, York County offers a leaf collection program for residents who live on publicly maintained streets. This program typically runs from November through January and allows for an unlimited number of clear bags of leaves to be placed at the roadside for collection every other week.

Residents who live in private communities or on privately maintained streets may bring leaves out to the closest public roadway for collection. In addition, all residents may bring leaves to the VPPSA Compost Facility year round. The facility is located at 145 Goodwin Neck Road and is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

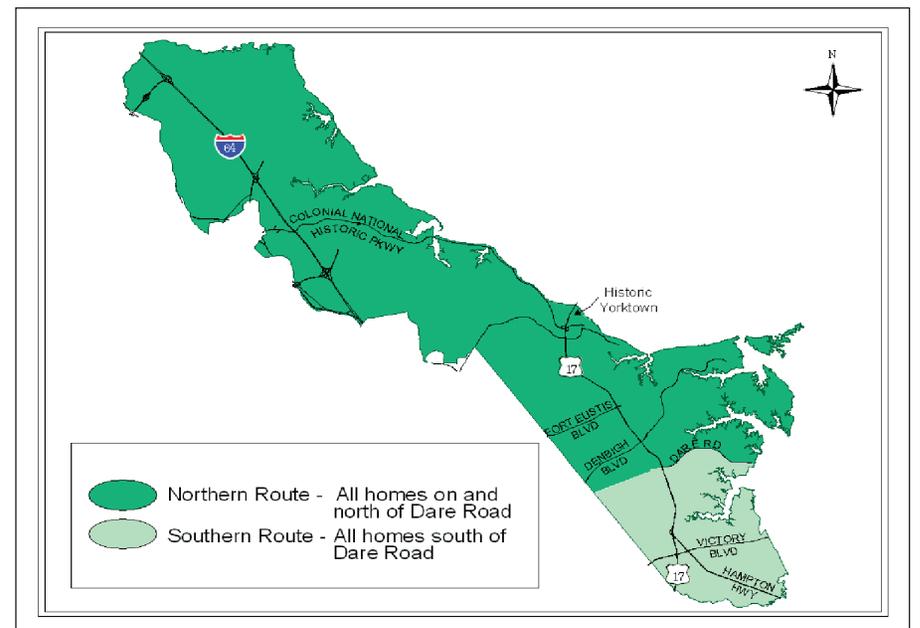
For leaf collection purposes, the county is divided into two zones:

The northern zone includes all homes on and north of Dare Road. The southern zone includes all homes south of Dare Road.

Leaves must be in clear bags and bags must be easy to handle by one person (maximum weight limit is 40 pounds). Clear bags can be purchased at local hardware, grocery and department stores.

Bags must be at the front roadside by 7 a.m. on the Monday of your collection week. Pickup will be completed by week's end.

Look for the leaf collection schedule to come out in late October or early November.





Pictured left to right are: Sandra Fraebel, teacher; Tom Gallagher, Mosquito Control; Gainina Cragg, contest winner; and Agatha Cragg, Gainina's mother.

Mosquito Control outreach program includes contest

A favorite outreach program of the county's Mosquito Control division is the award-winning Mosquito Beater program promoting mosquito awareness and prevention to over 800 third graders each year. This unique program was initiated to encourage children to inform their families about the importance of mosquito prevention.

As part of the program, a poster contest is held among the third grade classes in the 10 elementary schools. This year's contest resulted in 250 posters being submitted, all depicting the need to be mosquito beaters at home by emptying out water from containers in the yard. Many posters illustrated the importance of wearing long, loose, and light clothing along with a repellent.

One winner selected from each school received a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble. Of those 10 winners, one was chosen as overall winner and received an additional \$25 gift card. This year's overall poster contest winner was Gainina Cragg from Dare Elementary School.

This year's mosquito season has been very unusual because the mosquito population has been low. With the very warm, dry conditions, mosquitoes never had an opportunity to establish themselves. However, every week please continue to dump out standing water in backyard containers, tires, old swimming pools, anything that holds water. These containers are the favorite breeding ground of the Asian Tiger mosquito - the carrier of the West Nile Virus.

If you have any questions about Mosquito Control, please call 890-3790 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol.

CERT class scheduled for fall now accepting registrations

The York County Department of Fire and Life Safety is currently accepting applications for registration for its Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course. The next program is planned for this fall with information and the proposed schedule of courses being posted soon on the department's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.



Those interested in participating in the CERT program should be prepared to make a commitment to one night a week (typically Thursday) in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday mornings over a two-month period.

Classes fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. For more information about CERT, call Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit the website.

RIVERWALK LANDING

Yorktown

Market Days and Fall Festival

Saturday, October 13th (8 am to 3 pm)

8 am to 3 pm	Vendors open, Children's Hay Maze & Pumpkin Patch
8:30 am	Entertainment by The Fifes & Drums of York Town
9 am to 3 pm	Entertainment by The Delvers
9:30 & 11 am	Chef Demonstrations
11 am to 3 pm	Children's Activities & Hayrides
11:30 am to 2:30 pm	Face Painting

Fresh Produce ~ Meat and Seafood ~ Baked Goods ~ Cut Flowers ~ Cheese
Potted Plants ~ Gourmet Herbs Quality Art ~ Live Musical Entertainment

www.yorktownmarketdays.com

757.890.3500 Event Weather Hotline: 757.890.3520

Presented by York County and Riverwalk Landing.
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Nelson's Grant, and Farm Bureau Insurance
Dates, Times, and Events are subject to change without notice.



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Science Camp - Oct. 12-14

The Jamestown 4-H Center will be hosting Fall Science Camp, a weekend sleepover camp that runs from October 12-14. This camp, designed for children between the ages of 9 and 13, is an exciting, fun, and educational opportunity. Campers will learn about many diverse science topics such as ecology, insects, CSI, and many others.

For more information, please contact the Jamestown 4-H Center directly at 253-4931 or access the registration information at www.jamestown4hcenter.org.

Fall Landscape Extravaganza

The annual Fall Landscape Extravaganza sponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension-York/Poquoson office will be held on Saturday, October 6, at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church, 6218 George Washington Memorial Highway, in the Grafton area. Sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m. with orientation at 9 a.m. Two blocks of concurrent educational programs will be offered from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. and from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The goal of the Fall Landscape Extravaganza is to provide practical, useful information for homeowners, and to provide it via experts. This is a popular event and seating is limited, so early registration is required. The event is offered free of charge and is open to the public. Registration materials will be available after September 1. For more information, call the York-Poquoson Extension Office at 890-4490.

Virginia Cooperative Extension provides educational programs conducted in workplaces, schools, and communities of Virginians. Research based information from Virginia Tech and Virginia State University is used by Extension Agents and their volunteers to teach people innovative ways to solve problems.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in any of these programs, please call the York Cooperative Extension Office at 890-4940 to discuss accommodations ten days prior to the event.

Yorktown Market Days at the River

York County Master Gardeners will have a booth at the Yorktown Market Days at Riverwalk Landing. Bring your plant or insect identification questions or concerns, or come and browse the information table on September 1, 8, and 15, October 13, and November 10.



Extension sends 14 to class

Fourteen York and Poquoson residents will be attending the 2012 Peninsula Master Gardener training beginning September 4 at Northside Christian Church. The peninsula training also includes Extension offices from Gloucester, Hampton, and Newport News. The class will be learning all about botany, entomology, plant pathology and more. Graduation will be November 15.

Master Gardeners extend and make the resources of the unit Extension office available to many residents of the Commonwealth.

4-Hers harvest chrysanthemums

Twelve youth ages 10-15 have been growing and caring for over 20 chrysanthemums throughout the summer as a part of their 4-H Mums Project. These members will harvest their mums in late August through September. They will also be at the York-Poquoson booth at Market Days on September 1.

If you would like to purchase a 4-H mum, please call 890-4940.



Are you ready York County?

Hurricane season continues until November 30

Hurricane season is here. If you have not already prepared your home and family for the possibility of a tropical system impacting this area, please take the time to prepare now. Use the hurricane preparedness checklist below and call the York County Department of Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600 if you have any questions about getting ready for a hurricane or tropical storm.

In the event of impending severe weather, please tune to local weather stations and closely monitor conditions. York County officials will use Cox Channel 46/Verizon 38 and

WXGM 99.1FM to inform residents of pending emergencies and recommendations for protective actions.

If you do not know if you live in a storm surge zone, visit www.yorkcounty.gov and select "Property Information Lookup" under the find it fast tool. Storm surge zone information is also available at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire under "Citizen's Corner."

If you do not have flood insurance, consider purchasing it now. Insurance often takes 30 days to become effective after date of purchase.

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

- Clip this checklist and mark off items as completed.
- Have a flashlight and battery powered radio with extra batteries. Listen to radio station WXGM 99.1 FM during a disaster to get important York County information.
- Have a first aid kit.
- Create an emergency contact list for family members.
- Use cell phone sparingly to preserve batteries.
- Check on neighbors.
- If you evacuate, pre-establish your plan and know the route you will take. However, once winds are strong enough to blow debris around, remain in your home.
- Secure your valuables in a safe deposit box or take them with you if you choose to evacuate.
- Secure your home if you leave.
- If you remain in your home, stay there until roads are cleared and traffic control is established.
- Build a disaster supply kit and buy non-perishable food.
- Plan to be self-sufficient in a public shelter. Shelters have very few amenities. Remember to plan for your pet and arrange for their shelter with your pet's veterinarian and/or kennel.
- Plan for family members and friends who have special needs. A shelter may not be the best place for someone receiving home health care. Develop the plan for special needs individuals in conjunction with your physician.
- Keep prescription medications filled and consult with physician for an additional supply before the storm.
- Keep trees and shrubbery trimmed. Make trees more wind resistant by removing diseased or damaged limbs, and strategically remove branches so that wind can blow through.
- Clear loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts. Hurricanes often bring long periods of heavy rain. Providing clear drainage will help prevent flooding.
- Dispose of garbage and/or recycling materials to keep them from collecting. Dispose of extra items as they accumulate, rather than waiting until a storm watch or warning.
- Be prepared to be without electricity and telephone. Reduce the amount of frozen and refrigerated food stored during late summer and early fall to minimize loss due to spoilage.
- Check insurance policies for adequate coverage.
- Keep cash on hand. Keep good records of disaster related expenses.
- Put important papers together in a waterproof container and keep them with you if you evacuate.
- Stay out of damaged areas, particularly public areas, until they are deemed safe.
- Keep your vehicles in good working order and keep the fuel tank topped off.
- Prepare your property for possible landfall by boarding up windows, placing lawn furniture and other loose items in a secure storage area, and unplugging electrical appliances.
- Follow instructions carefully when using a generator. Consult an electrician or visit Virginia Dominion Power's Web site - dom.com - for more information.