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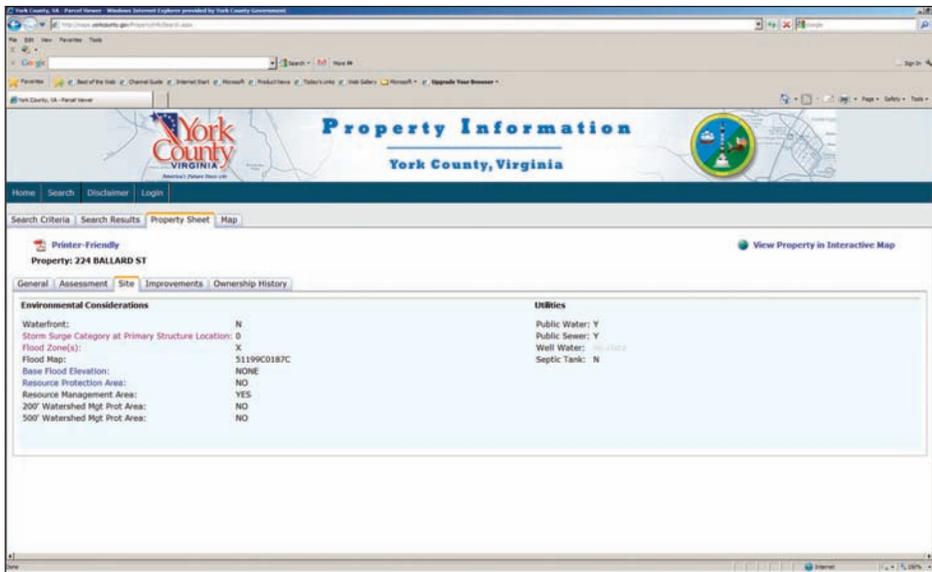
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Storm Surge Zone Online

County provides two means of determining the storm surge zone for your property

Along the coast, storm surge is often the greatest threat to life and property from a hurricane. In the past, large death tolls have resulted from the rise of the ocean waters associated with many of the major hurricanes that have made landfall. Storm surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm, over and above the predicted astronomical tides.

Do you know if you live in an identified hurricane storm surge zone? If you do not know or are unsure of the storm surge zone that your property is in, you can use the county's website to find out.



In this snapshot of the Property Information system, you will see the information available under the "Site" tab. This page shows the environmental conditions for the County Administration Center at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown.

There are two locations online where you can determine your

See *Storm Surge* continued on page 12

Yorktown Maritime Weekend

June 1-3, 2012

Schedule of events on page 15



The *Godspeed* and the *Alliance* will take part in the Maritime Weekend.

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Board of Supervisors Actions

February 21, 2012

•Established a Special Assessment for the Marquis Community Development Authority and authorized amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Community Development Authority. Consistent with the original bonds, the restructured bonds will not be debt of York County and the county will have no legal or moral obligation for their payment.

March 6, 2012

•Authorized the County Administrator to accept funding and continue to implement the Housing Choice Voucher Program. These funds subsidize low-income families in renting privately owned dwellings dispersed throughout the county.
 •Authorized the County Administrator to continue to implement the Emergency Home Repair Program and to accept and appropriate any grant funds awarded to the county by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The funds provide low-level grant assistance to eliminate safety or health hazards in homes of income eligible residents of the county.

March 20, 2012

•Authorized renewal of the contract with Yorktown Sailing Charters for docking space at the Riverwalk Landing T-Pier for the masted vessels *Alliance* and *Serenity* for passenger excursions.
 •Authorized a lease for docking space at the Riverwalk Landing T-Pier with York River Charters for fishing and sightseeing cruises.

April 3, 2012

•Adopted the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget and set tax rates for 2012. The rates are:

Real Estate	\$0.7415
Tangible Personal Property	\$4.00
Tangible Personal Property – disabled veteran	\$1.00
Machinery and Tools.....	\$4.00
Manufactured Homes.....	\$0.7415
Boats weighing five tons or more	\$1.00

•Authorized the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the York County Board of Supervisors and the York County School Board to memorialize conditions under which the Board of Supervisors will increase the county contribution made to support School Division operations.

April 17, 2012

•Commended and congratulated the recipients of the 2012 Outstanding Youth Awards. The recipients are: Edwin Joseph Kuster II for Community Service, Danielle Woolston for Compassion, Andrew G. Bentley for Courage, and Rose Mulherin for Overall Achievement.

May 1, 2012

•Accepted and appropriated \$32,720 in grant funds for community emergency response team programs from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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Board Appointments

•**Transportation Safety Commission**
 Tammi Webb

•**Youth Commission**

Kassie Abbinanti	Ashley Letendre
Cody Carroll	David Nicks
Jessice Chandrasekhar	Monica Quintana
Eesha Choudhari	Christina Selby
Anne Conner	Xinye Zhang
Ashley Nicole Gailey	
Matthew Hoffman	
Joey Hsu	
Sara Mohamed Khalil	
Hobie Kopczynski	

Taxes are due June 5

York County Personal Property and Real Estate taxes for the first half of 2012 are due on or before June 5. Taxes are considered late on June 6 and penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, will be assessed. If you did not receive your bill, tax information is now available online (see website address below and choose "Online Services"). Since York County prorates Personal Property taxes on motor vehicles, citizens are taxed for the actual number of months the vehicle was owned for the first half of 2012.

Taxes and Vehicle Registration fees may be paid by mail or online at the Treasurer's website. Taxes may also be paid at the Treasurer's Office, or deposited in the Treasurer's drop box, at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, in Yorktown.

The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more tax payment information, visit the website at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer or call 890-3420.

Vehicle Registration Fee

Reminder: The Vehicle Registration fee will be included on your bill for the first half of 2012 Personal Property taxes, due on or before June 5.

Are you New to York County?

Call the Public Information Office and request that a New Resident Kit be mailed to you. The kit contains helpful information about York County. Call 890-3300 today.

Citizen Rewards Card

The businesses and attractions in Historic Yorktown, including the businesses at Riverwalk Landing, have partnered with the York County Offices of Economic Development, County Administration, Tourism & Events and Public Information to offer a rewards program for all York County citizens.

To receive your Citizen Rewards Card, bring a valid I.D. or utility bill with a county address to one of the following locations: The Administration Building (224 Ballard Street) Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. - OR - The Gallery at York Hall (301 Main Street) April through December, Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. Present your card at any of the participating businesses to receive the current reward they are offering.

For details, visit www.yorkcounty.gov.

Mariner's Museum Provides Modular Classroom for York County Head Start

Due to the expansion of Tabb Elementary School in June 2012, the Head Start classroom will relocate to Bethel Manor Elementary School. Head Start would like to extend a "thank you" to The Mariner's Museum for providing a modular classroom unit at the school. This modular classroom will not only provide a learning environment for our preschoolers in the Tabb area, but it is large enough to include our preschoolers in the Grafton Bethel area as well.

This fall will be an exciting time for the Head Start program as we open up our two new classrooms at Bethel Manor Elementary School and say farewell to our classrooms at Tabb and Grafton Bethel Elementary Schools. We are extremely excited to be able to house our preschool students from the lower end of York County in one central location.

Please see enrollment information below.



Enrollment Information Fair

FREE PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The York County Head Start Staff are currently recruiting eligible **3, 4 and 5** year old children, including those with disabilities, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Head Start classrooms are located at the Griffin-Yeates Center, Bethel Manor Elementary, and Yorktown Elementary

**Limited transportation available at the Griffin-Yeates Center
Joint On-site recruitment will be held*

in conjunction with Child Development Resources on the following dates:

- * May 8: Tabb Library, 10:30am-1:30pm
- * May 16: Victory YMCA, 10am-1pm
- * May 18: Yorktown Library, 10:30am-1:30pm
- * June 6: Victory YMCA, 10am-1pm
- * June 7: Yorktown Head Start trailer, 2pm-4:30pm
- * June 14: Yorktown Head Start trailer, 10am-1pm, 2pm-4:30pm
- * June 18: Victory YMCA, 10am-1pm

For eligibility determination please bring your family's 2011 income verification (W-2, 1040 form, TANF statement, 1 month of pay stubs), and your child's Original Birth Certificate, Updated Immunization Records and Proof of your Family's Residency.

For more information, please call the Family Services staff at 890-3888



Local Business Report

by Melissa Davidson, Sr. Business Development Rep., York County Office of Economic Development

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York County would like to welcome Shorty's Diner on Merrimac Trail and Southern Estates & Books at Riverwalk Landing, who recently celebrated their Grand Openings, to our community. For a complete list of new businesses in York County, visit our website at www.yesyorkcounty.com.



Did you know - The Office of Economic Development offers Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting assistance for any new business located in York County. Our staff can help organize the event, arrange speakers, help generate positive publicity for the event and your business, and we even provide the ribbon and large, ceremonial scissors.

If you own or operate a new business in the county and would like assistance planning your New Business Announcement Event, please contact us at 890-3317 or check out our Grand Opening Guide online at www.yesyorkcounty.com for more information.

York County Site Selector is an interactive Internet mapping program that simplifies the search for available commercial property and building information in our area. In addition to providing comprehensive search capabilities, this free and easy-to-use market research tool generates a wide range of traffic, demographic, and business analysis reports, useful to both new and existing York County businesses.

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

- Enhanced and Updated Maps and Aerial Photos
- Ability to Customize Maps for Export or Print
- Widely-known Google Map Capabilities
- Search by Zoning Designation
- Improved Saved Sites and Reporting Functionalities

****Attention Brokers:** To list your available York County properties for free, please send property brochures to melissa.davidson@yorkcounty.gov.

If you or anyone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, please contact us. We are also very interested in hearing from you regarding new ideas to improve the county's business environment. Working together to sustain our existing businesses and to attract new commercial development, we can all help improve the county's quality of life.



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

School-Level Teachers of the Year

YCSD would like to congratulate our school-level teachers of the year for 2013:

- Rebecca Nunes, BMES
- Stephanie Andrus, CES
- Richard Winfree, DES
- Shannon Wanderer, GBES
- Tiffany Dormire, MES
- Jeanette Weinberg, MVES
- Heather Long, SES
- (Lari) Sue Shields, TES
- Susan Spratt, WMES
- Melanie Cline, YES
- Abbey Padua, GMS
- Catherine VanDyke, QLMS
- Heather Ulsh, TMS
- Vince Hundley, YMS
- Katie Sheehan, BHS
- Susan Huffines, GHS
- Rachel McBride, THS
- Kristin Kelly, YHS
- Veronica Warwick, YRA

2012 Summer Academies

For 2012 Summer Academy qualifications, registration, transportation, course offerings and additional information, please visit yorkcountyschools.org/parents/studentInfo/summerAcademy.aspx or scan this QR code with your smart device. Follow the links located at the bottom of the page for specific academies.



Elementary School Academy

Yorktown Elementary School

Open House

June 21 1 – 2 p.m.

Dates/Time/Location

June 25 - July 26

7:45 – 11:45 a.m./Monday – Thursday

Middle School Academies

8 a.m. – noon/Monday – Thursday

York High School

Open House

June 21 1 – 2 p.m.

- English and Math: June 25 - July 26
 - Science: June 25 - July 9
- History/Social Science: July 11 - July 26

High School Academies

8 a.m. – noon/Monday – Thursday
York High School

High School Academy
(Multiple Courses Available)
June 25 - July 30

High School SOL Academy

- English 11/Writing (MC/SP): July 2 - 16
 - English 11/Reading: July 17 – 26
 - Earth Science: July 2 - 12
 - Algebra I: July 16 - 26

Verified Credit Academy

- World History I, World History II and Virginia & U.S. History:
June 25 and July 9
- Earth Science, Biology and Chemistry:
July 11 and July 25

Virtual High School Summer Academy

- Online Learning
- Summer Academy Computer Lab Available
8 a.m. - noon at YHS

Students within YCSD should visit their school guidance department to receive the necessary forms for Summer Academies.

YCSD Calendar

May 11	Early Dismissal
May 17	Early Dismissal
May 28	Memorial Day Holiday
June 12-14	Early Dismissal - Exams
June 14	Last Day of School
June 15	Graduation
June 21	Report Cards Issued

YCSD Registration

Are you new to York County or do you have a new kindergartner? In order to register your child with the York County School Division, you must provide the following required records:

1. the child's original certificate of birth (or certified copy)
2. the child's Social Security card
3. a current School Entrance Physical (MCH-213G)
4. an Immunization Certificate
5. proof of York County residency

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before Sept. 30. Enrollment requirements and a list of acceptable documents are available at each school and on the York County School Division's website at yorkcountyschools.org. Scan this QR code with your smart device for registration information.



The 2012-13 school year begins on Tuesday, September 4th!

Graduation 2012

June 14, 2012

at Yorktown Middle School Auditorium

York River Academy 6 p.m.

June 15, 2012

at William and Mary Hall

York High School	9 a.m.
Grafton High School	Noon
Bruton High School	3:30 p.m.
Tabb High School	7 p.m.

2012 Virginia Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday

Hurricane season is just around the corner, and so is Virginia's Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, scheduled this year for the week of May 25-31. During this seven-day period, purchases of certain supplies and equipment needed for hurricane preparedness will be exempt from Virginia sales tax. Residents considering the purchase of equipment/supplies for their home preparedness kit should take advantage of this tax free preparedness week.

There are rules and restrictions in place during this tax holiday. For example, a home generator must cost \$1,000 or less to qualify for the tax free program. Many other preparedness items also qualify for tax free status as long as they cost less than \$60.

For a complete list of exempt products and for program guidelines, visit the Virginia Department of Taxation Hurricane Preparedness Equipment Holiday website at www.tax.virginia.gov and search for "Hurricane Equipment Holiday."

If you do not already have a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio, take this opportunity to visit a local electronics retailer and obtain one. A NOAA All-Hazards Weather Radio with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) when programmed correctly will alert you only of weather and other emergencies for the counties, cities, or other areas that you have programmed into the radio. NWR receivers without the SAME capability are alerted for emergencies anywhere within the coverage area of the NWR transmitter, typically several cities and/or counties, even though the emergency could be well away from the listener.



During severe weather events, tune your radio to WXGM 99.1 FM for York County-specific information.

Be Ready for Spring Flooding: Consider Flood Insurance

Spring flooding has arrived in Virginia. While some flooding can be minor and inconsequential, other flooding can become quite costly! Just one inch of water in a home or office can mean \$8,000 in cleanup and repairs.

Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover damages and loss caused by flooding. Talk to your agent now about flood insurance. Here are important facts to know:

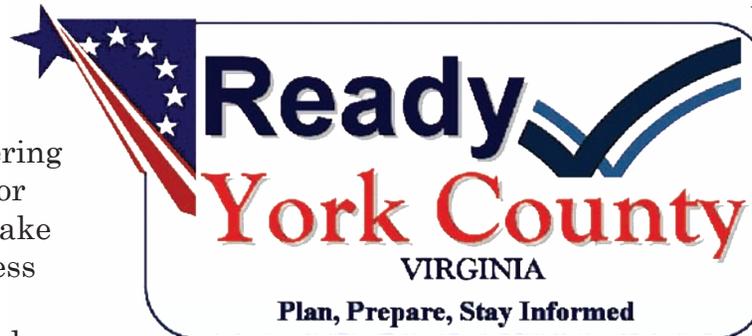
- There is usually a 30-day waiting period before coverage begins.

- Renters can buy flood insurance to cover personal belongings or business inventory.
- Basement coverage includes repair or replacement of items such as furnaces, water heaters, washers, dryers, air conditioners, freezers, and pumps.
- Buying flood insurance is the best thing you can do to protect your home and business and your family's financial security from a flood.
- Flood insurance is relatively inexpensive.

Go to www.floodsmart.gov or call 1-800-427-2419 for more information about flood insurance.

Prepare your home and family now for flash floods:

- **Make a family emergency plan.** Write down your plan. Decide ahead of time where you will go if you have to leave and where family members will meet up. Identify an out-of-town emergency contact. Go to www.ReadyVirginia.gov for a plan worksheet.
- **Get supplies for your emergency kit.** Start with three days' water and three days' packaged and canned food. Add a battery-powered radio with a weather band and extra batteries. Store in waterproof containers with wheels or that you can lift easily so you can take them with you.
- **Stay informed about what could happen.** During storm season, listen to local media for up-to-date reports on weather watches and warnings. Get a battery-powered portable radio in case the power goes out. Choose one with a NOAA Weather Band.
- **Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/fire for more information.**



Republican Primary Scheduled for June 12, 2012

On Tuesday, June 12, a **Republican Primary** will be held to nominate a candidate for the U.S. Senate. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A sample ballot is available on the York County Registrar's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

The deadline to register to vote for the June 12 primary - or to update your address or other registration information - is Monday, May 21. Voter registration applications can be obtained and submitted at the Registrar's Office, Yorktown Library, Tabb Library, and the Griffin-Yeates Center. Applications can also be obtained via the Registrar's website.

Through a service provided by the **Virginia State Board of Elections**, you are now able to check your registration status online. Go to the website and click on "Verify Your Voter Registration Here." You can check your registration information as well as find out where to vote.

You may be able to **vote absentee** if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable to go to your polling place on June 12. Absentee ballots are already available.

To obtain an absentee ballot, you must complete an absentee ballot application. Applications are available from the Registrar's Office or via the website and clicking on "Absentee Voting."

The deadline to apply by mail, fax, or by e-mail for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, June 5, at 5 p.m. The deadline to apply in person is Saturday, June 9. The Registrar's Office will be open Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate voters. The office is located at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown.

On Tuesday, November 6, York County voters will go to the polls to elect a President and Vice-President, members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, and vote on two amendments to the Constitution of Virginia. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. A sample ballot will be available on the York County Registrar's website.

York County needs election officials! Citizens who wish to serve as election officials are welcome to apply. As an election official, you will ensure impartial elections in York County, have an opportunity to meet your friends and neighbors, 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."

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**

"Let us connect your business to success!" Call us today to find out how. (757) 890-3317

York County Economic Development

Available Business Services:

- Furnish local, state, & federal assistance information
- Help with workforce training and development needs
- Assist with permitting & regulatory requirements
- Offer grant, scholarship, & incentive programs
- Provide current demographic, consumer spending, & traffic data
- Offer networking and educational opportunities
- Ensure licensing/permitting procedures are business-friendly
- Prepare customized proposals for new & growing companies



What's Happening @ Your Library

The York County Public Library is proud to offer you best-selling **eBooks** available 24/7 through the library's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library. Patrons can browse the collection, check out with their library card and download eBooks to their PC, Mac, Nook, Kindle and many other devices. Titles automatically expire at the end of the two week lending period. With hundreds of popular fiction and nonfiction titles to choose from, the new adult digital collection is guaranteed to have something for everyone.

The Library will be hosting three **writers' workshops** at the Tabb Library in June - all with the focus of getting your books published. Author Greg Lilly will present "Snagging a Publisher with the Perfect Query Letter" on June 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. On June 9, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., children's author Kim Norman will present "Breaking into Print: Steps to Getting Your Children's Book Published." Author Dora Hiers will present "A Glimpse into Publishing" from 7 to 8 p.m. on June 14. Registration is required for the June 2 and June 14 workshops and begins May 14.

Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate in the library's **summer reading programs** from June 25 through August 3. The themes for this summer's programs are "Dream Big - READ!" for children ages 2½ to 12, "Own the Night" for teens, and "Read for the Gold!" for adults. Registration begins Monday, June 18, at both the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries. Teens and adults may also register online beginning June 18.

A list of programs and activities will be available at registration and on the library's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.



Visit Property Information System for New Features

The county's Geographic Information System staff has updated the Property Information system to include a vast array of information about individual property parcels. A quick look on a property sheet, found via <http://maps.yorkcounty.gov>, can show you a home's assessment, sales data, size, zoning code, polling places, schools and more. But recent additions include trash pickup day and directions to your polling place and local fire station.

"Many property insurance policies require information about the nearest fire station and fire hydrant," says GIS Manager Korine Leonard. "So, we added that information to the property information site as well. Also, when you select your polling place or local fire station, you can get driving directions to those locations."

Additional information includes storm surge and flood zone information (see page 1). These items are highlighted to indicate a hyper link to a "what does this mean" pop-up page. Links are also found with "Zoning Code," "Base Flood Elevation," "Resource Protection Area," and "Fair Market Sale."

"We want the site to be as helpful as possible," Leonard adds. "We are constantly thinking of ways to improve the site and make it more user friendly."

In fact, the site is updated on a regular basis. Parcel and real estate information is updated every Monday. This information includes sales data and any changes in ownership. Other data is updated monthly.

Online maps are available to show your parcel, those nearby, and, by zooming out, the entire county. Along with the map, aerial photos are available at the click of a button. These also have zoom ability and can be applied as a layer with property lines marked in red. The aerial photos online at this time are from 2009. However, the 2011 photos are coming soon and also will be available.

"This site is a helpful tool for residents, business owners, and county employees, and we welcome suggestions on how to make it even more helpful," says Leonard.

It's important to note, however, that the property system is not a legal survey of property and cannot be used as a legal representation for the filing of official property-related documents.

For more information about the Property Information site, call the county at 890-3899.

York County Beautification Committee



VPPSA Compost Facility

The VPPSA Compost Facility processes yard waste such as leaves, grass, and brush into quality compost and mulch products that are available for purchase throughout the year. Go Green for Spring - use the facility's recycled products for your landscaping projects!

* VPPSA's compost is certified as meeting the national standards of the U. S. Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) program.



Call 898-5012 for pricing information. The VPPSA Compost Facility is located at 145 Goodwin Neck Road. Hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Colored mulch now available for \$28.00 per cubic yard.**



Keep America Beautiful trainer, Jenny Stultz (shown standing) works with the YCBC on its affiliation.

County Certified as a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate!

On Tuesday, April 17, 2012, following a three-hour training session with Jenny Stultz and John Deuel, National Trainers for Keep America Beautiful, Inc. (KAB), the York County Board of Supervisors, through the work of the York County Beautification Committee (YCBC), was presented with a Certificate of Affiliation with the national Keep America Beautiful organization. This recognition completes a nearly two-year certification process that included a "litter index" survey of the amount of litter along our roadways and in neighborhoods. In her remarks to the Board, Mrs. Stultz noted that in 25 years of work with KAB, she has not seen a locality with litter scores as low as those found in York County! This is great news – our standard is high, but we must work to keep it there.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc. is a national non-profit organization that follows a practical approach utilizing citizens, businesses, and government to find solutions advancing the core issues of preventing litter, reducing waste and beautifying communities. Affiliation with this program will enhance the existing efforts of the YCBC as well as provide access to educational materials and grant funding.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting, growing partnership between local government, business and civic groups, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/ycbc or call 890-3780.

Household Chemical Collection and Computer/Electronics Recycling Events



2012

<u>Williamsburg/James City County</u>	<u>York County</u>	<u>Hampton</u>	<u>Poquoson</u>
Lafayette High School 4460 Longhill Road	County Drive, Yorktown (off Goodwin Neck Road)	Public Works Operations Complex 419 North Armistead Ave.	Poquoson Swimming Pool Parking Lot Municipal Drive
8 AM - 12 Noon	8 AM - 12 Noon	8 AM - 12 Noon	8 AM - 12 Noon
Feb. 11, 2012	March 10, 2012	March 17, 2012	
April 14, 2012	May 12, 2012	May 19, 2012	
June 9, 2012	July 14, 2012	July 21, 2012	Oct. 6, 2012
August 11, 2012	Sept. 8, 2012	Sept. 15, 2012	
Oct. 13, 2012	Nov. 10, 2012	Nov. 17, 2012	

Any Questions? Visit www.vppsa.org or call 259-9850

These collection events are for the residents of Hampton, James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, and York County. No businesses please.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- Computers and Electronics
- Household Maintenance Products, including Latex and Oil-based Paints
- Automotive Products
- Lawn and Garden Products
- Household Cleaning Products



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- *Televisions
- *Business or Medical Waste
- *Compressed Gas Cylinders
- *Explosives, Ammunition, or Gun Powder
- *Shock Sensitive Materials
- *Radioactive Products

PLEASE - do not bring alkaline batteries to the Household Chemical events!

This material can be disposed of with regular household trash. For more information, check www.duracell.com

BULLYING

Join us for an informative session with Sandra Fabian, Community Outreach Program Manager with CHKD. Fabian will present the latest information on bullying and strategies for parents to help their children deal with bullying.

Wednesday, May 23

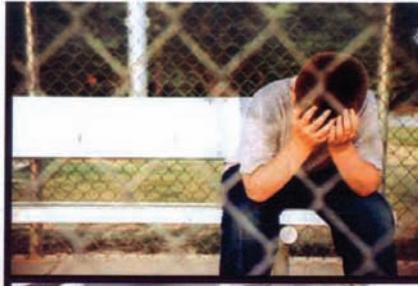
6:30 to 8 pm

Tabb Library • 100 Long Green Blvd • Yorktown, VA

For additional information please contact
Courtney Dowell at 757-253-4074



This event is sponsored by Colonial Behavioral Health and Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.



R.A.D. Class

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office sponsors a R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) class for citizens of York County and Poquoson.



The R.A.D. System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. R.A.D. is not a Martial Arts program. Our courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors and provide each student with a workbook/reference manual.

All five classes must be attended. Classes will be held June 11, 13, 18, 20, and 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Yorktown Elementary School gym (131 Siege Lane off Route 17 near York High School).

For more information or to register, call Deputy Reggie Simms at 890-3631. Space is limited, so act now!

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist

- Clip this checklist and mark off items as completed.
- Have a flashlight and battery powered radio with extra batteries. Listen to 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.
- Plan for family members and friends who have special needs.
- Keep prescription medications filled and consult with physician for an additional supply before the storm.

Note: This is not a complete list. For complete details, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.

Did You Know...

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office can help you start a **Neighborhood Watch** program in your community? Call 890-3630 and request that a member of the Crime Prevention Unit speak at your next neighborhood association meeting to help you get started.

Make sure you have enough people interested. A Watch program needs a coordinator, several block captains, and many Watch participants.



VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

A Partnership of Virginia Tech and Virginia State University

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4-H Growing Mums for Profit



The award-winning 4-H Chrysanthemum Project combines the skills of growing plants with the knowledge of how to account for, market, and sell a "product." Youth ages 10 to 15 will receive materials to grow 20 chrysanthemums and will attend five educational sessions (one hour each) throughout the summer. Classes will meet May 31, June 14, June 28, July 2,

and August 9, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Methodist Church on Ella Taylor Road.

Space in this program is limited to 20 participants. Application and registration fee of \$10 must be received before the first class. Registration forms are available by calling 890-4940 and can be found online at www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

Fall Fescue Lawn Maintenance

Do you already know that you will have to renovate the lawn this fall? Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. Put these Renovation Clinic dates on your calendar. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in the Lawn Renovation program. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, call the office at 890-4940 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

- Saturday, August 18 - Grafton True Value Hardware
- Saturday, August 25 - Ken Matthews Garden Center

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 May 12, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, and October 13.



Master Gardener Application Deadline

The deadline to submit Master Gardener training applications is May 31.

Master Gardeners are a vital resource to the York County Extension Horticultural Program. These volunteers teach classes, answer horticultural inquiries, present programs, and diagnose plant diseases. Master Gardeners extend the resources of the land-grant university through their volunteer efforts.

The Peninsula Offices of Virginia Cooperative Extension sponsor the 2012 Master Gardener training. The training is held each Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., September 4 through November 15, 2012. Classes are held at the Northside Christian Church, located on Route 17 in Tabb. Participants in the program attend all classes and will receive a minimum of 50 hours of horticultural information. Upon graduation the participant will return 50 hours of service to Virginia Cooperative Extension, through answering the phone, conducting educational programs, leading a team, support positions, and many other areas.

Mosquito Control: Frequently Asked Questions



The mosquito shown in the picture is the Asian Tiger mosquito. This mosquito has a potential to carry the West Nile Virus disease and is only found breeding in containers with stagnant water. Don't give the Asian Tiger mosquito the change to bite you or your neighbors - every week simply dump out water found in containers in your yard. It's also

important to eliminate unnecessary water-holding containers such as tires, large cans, and bottles. Cover rain barrels with screening and be sure to drain, cover, or biologically treat an unused backyard swimming pool. Be a good neighbor and do your part to help fight the bite!

Mosquito Control FAQs

Q: What can I do to prevent mosquitoes from biting me?

A: Wear long, loose, and light colored clothing along with a repellent containing DEET.

Q: Does the county have a total approach to mosquito control?

A: Yes, there is an integrated mosquito control program in place, which greatly reduces the annoyance. The program's cornerstone is a combination of surveillance, source reduction, biological application, the stocking of mosquito fish, and judicious chemical treatments. It's a mosquito prevention process.

Q: What determines if and when an area is sprayed?

A: Surveillance data, mosquito monitor trap reporting, and the number of calls we receive from a specific location or neighborhood are the determining factors. It's important to remember that spraying is not performed automatically but is based on an evident mosquito problem. It's important that everyone be aware that there's no such thing as a mosquito free environment.

Q: How can I find out when our area will be sprayed?

A: Call the Mosquito Spray Hotline - 890-3793 - after 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to find out if spraying will occur that day. Spraying usually starts at 8 p.m. (weather permitting) when most mosquitoes are out. Spraying for the

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storm surge zone. The first is via the Property Information system. Through the Geographic Information System, the county has been able to update the property look-up tool to not only determine real estate assessments and sales data, but, among other things, your storm surge zone and your flood zone, along with a map of your parcel and neighborhood with waterways indicated.

- Visit <http://maps.yorkcounty.gov>.
- On that page, select the box next to the statement "By checking here, you agree to the information provided above."
- Click "Enter Site."
- Under "Search Criteria," enter either your last name or your address (do not include Rd., St., Ln., Ave., etc.)
- Once on your property's page, you will easily find storm surge information under the "Site" tab. (See photo on page 1.)

The other location for storm surge look-up is the Storm Surge Zone Automatic Look-up Tool that can be accessed under the "Citizen's Corner" section on the left-hand side of the Department of Fire and Life Safety website at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.

The Storm Surge Automated Look-up Tool provides residents the ability to search their address and determine if they are located within one of the storm surge zones designated for York County. The storm surge zones listed in the look-up tool are based upon an address point for the parcel of property that is roughly the center of the residential structure and does not include detached buildings such as garages, sheds and workshops (this is also true of the Property Information system). It is important to keep in mind that a parcel may fall within one or more storm surge zones. Directions for using the service can be found on the site.

Please remember, however, that hurricane storm surge zones are classified within categories, but these categories are no longer associated with the categories of hurricanes. It is possible, and not uncommon, for a hurricane to produce a storm surge that is greater than the storm's category.

Residents should tune to local television and radio (99.1 FM - official radio station for York County news and information) and the York County website for important news, updates and protective action recommendations. Residents should always be prepared and have an emergency plan and disaster supply kit available.

Consumer Use Tax Online Filing Available

Businesses that are required to file and pay Consumer Use Tax (Food & Beverage Tax), Transient Occupancy Tax (Room Tax), and the \$2.00 Nightly Room Tax are now offered the online filing option through the county's newly revamped website.

Log onto www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue, click on "E-Commissioner Online" on the left-hand side and select the appropriate form from the list provided. Monthly forms will no longer be mailed.

For assistance, call 890-3383 or e-mail revofc@yorkcounty.gov.

Personal Property Tax

York County prorates personal property tax on motor vehicles only.

The following rules apply to personal property tax in York County:

- Newly purchased vehicles or vehicles belonging to new county residents must be registered within 60 days from the date of purchase or move to York County. The vehicle may be subject to a prorated tax.
- Owners of vehicles disposed of or vehicle owners who have moved elsewhere in Virginia must notify the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Commissioner of the Revenue immediately. The vehicle may be subject to a prorated tax.
- Vehicle owners who have moved out of Virginia must provide proof of registration in the new state before proration will be considered. Proration will be based upon the date the vehicle is registered in the new state.

Late filing penalties apply. If you have any questions, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at 890-3381 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

The *Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act* exempts active duty military personnel 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 will be exempt as long as each owner furnishes a LES for the period of time he/she lives here. All vehicles owned by military individuals who claim Virginia as their legal state of residence are subject to personal property tax, regardless of where the vehicle is physically located. Once military personnel separate from active duty status or retire and remain in York County, each owner must provide a copy of their DD214. Vehicles will be subject to a prorated tax.

Spouses of military servicemembers may be eligible to be tax exempt on personal property in their names or titled jointly with their spouse based on certain qualifying conditions.

To apply for exemption, contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at 890-3381.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's office is located in the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

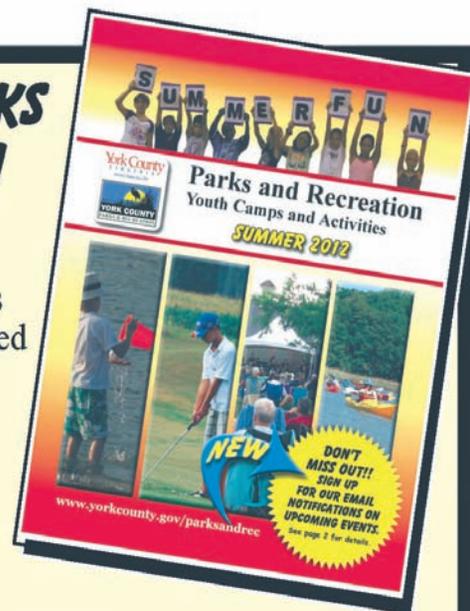
YORK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER GUIDE

Parks and Recreation activities and programs are now published ONLINE through it's website publications.

What's in this Issue!

- Summer Camps & Activities
 - Summer Fun Program
 - Yorktown Summer Concert Series
 - Yorktown Market Days
 - Civil War 150th Anniversary Commemoration
 - Yorktown Maritime Weekend
 - New Quarter Park Camps & Activities
- and much more!

www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec



Sidewalk Ideas Needed

In recent years, York County has been working to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment through the addition of sidewalks along various roads and road segments, including Merrimac Trail, Second Street, Victory Boulevard, Richmond Road, Hampton Highway, Hubbard Lane, Commons Way, Yorktown Road, and Coachman Drive. Perhaps as a result, the county and VDOT have received more requests in recent years from county residents asking for sidewalks to be installed in various locations.

Currently, sidewalk needs are set forth in a County Sidewalk Plan that the Board of Supervisors approved in 1995 and incorporated into the county's long-range plan for physical development, also known as the Comprehensive Plan. Recognizing that sidewalks are appropriate in some areas and not in others, the Sidewalk Plan generally focuses on collector and higher order streets in areas where population centers are located within a reasonable walking distance of activity centers - schools, retail and office centers, libraries, parks, etc.

The sidewalk plan has been used as a guide in allocating federal, state, and local sidewalk funds, as they have become available, to address safety deficiencies in the sidewalk network. It has also been used to help determine which road improvement projects and new developments should include sidewalks. The Sidewalk Plan is generally not intended to address sidewalk needs in subdivisions that don't have sidewalks, either because they were developed before there were sidewalk requirements in place or because they did not meet the county's lot size or street classification thresholds for requiring sidewalks.



One of several sidewalks constructed in recent years.

As reported in the last issue of the "Citizen News," the county is reviewing and updating its Comprehensive Plan this year. This review process, which the Code of Virginia requires localities to undertake at least once every five years, is a good opportunity to reexamine the county's sidewalk needs and priorities to determine if they are still applicable or if changes are needed. The York County Transportation Safety Commission developed the original Sidewalk Plan and will be recommending updates to that plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan review, and they need input from county residents. Are there any areas in the county where you think sidewalks are needed? If so, please send an e-mail to planning@yorkcounty.gov, or call the Planning Division at 890-3404.

To view the current sidewalk plan on the web, please go to www.yorkcounty.gov/planning and click on "Transportation Safety Commission."

Business Owners If you file Schedule C or C-EZ

If you file a Schedule C or C-EZ with your Federal Tax Return, you are considered engaged in business. If Line E on this form indicates that your business is located at a York County address or is left blank (which indicates the address on your tax return is your business location), it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. If you have not obtained a York County Business License, you are in violation of county and state laws.

In addition to obtaining a business license, you are also required to file a Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools, on all of your business furniture, tools, and equipment owned, used or leased as of January 1, 2012.

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

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Asian Tiger mosquito cannot occur during the day.

Q: Can I request a special spray?

A: Yes. Call 890-3790 two weeks before your event. The fee is \$40.

Q: How can I request NOT to be ground sprayed?

A: Call 890-3790 or e-mail gallagher@yorkcounty.gov and leave your name, address, and telephone number.

Q: Will aerial sprays be announced?

A: Notification of an aerial spray is made via the local news, the mosquito spray hotline, and through the county's e-mail subscription list (sign up via Mosquito Control's website - www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol).

York County Commemorates THE 150th Anniversary OF THE Civil War

May 26 - 28, 2012




YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD
Sat, May 26; 10am to 2pm
CIVIL WAR BALLOON EXHIBIT
Sat & Sun, May 26 & 27; 9am to 5pm
CIVIL WAR WEEKEND
Sat & Sun, May 26 & 27; 9am to 5pm
Mon, May 28; 9am to 12pm
VIRGINIA CIVIL WAR HISTORYMOBILE

www.visityorktown.org
757 890-3500

Yorktown Maritime Weekend
Welcoming tall ships *Spirit of Bermuda, Lynx, Godspeed* and *Schooner Alliance*.
Yorktown is proud to be an affiliate port with OpSail 2012 Virginia™ hosting events June 1-12.

Friday, June 1
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Free public tours of tall ships and several military boats.
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. - Doug Dunn and Island Style, FREE concert

Saturday, June 2
8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Market Days
10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m./5 to 7 p.m. - Free public tours of tall ships and several military boats.
2 to 4 p.m. - Parade of Sail with music by the US Navy Band and The Fifes & Drums of York Town.
3 p.m. - Musical entertainment by Folk Jam.

Sunday, June 3
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Free public tours of tall ships and several military boats.
5 p.m. - The Fifes & Drums of York Town.

For a complete schedule, visit www.visityorktown.org. Events subject to change.

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Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown, Virginia

Yorktown Market Days

2012 Saturday Markets
8 am to 12 pm

Yorktown waterfront between Buckner and Ballard streets
May 12 - September 15 (weekly)
October 13* ~ November 10* ~ December 15*
* Extended hours 8 am to 3 pm

Seasonal Fruits & Vegetables ~ Fresh Seafood
Eggs, Poultry, Beef & Pork ~ Fresh Breads
Cheeses ~ Baked Goods ~ Peanuts ~ Cut Flowers
Organic & Gluten Free Products ~ Potted Plants
Coffee, Jams & Jellies ~ Quality Art ~ Live Music

757.890.3500 Event Weather Hotline: 757.890.3520

www.yorktownmarketdays.com
Presented by York County and Riverwalk Landing





Dates, Times, and Events are subject to change without notice.

Cut and save this back page as reference during the summer! These events are family-friendly and FREE. We hope to see you this summer for fun in the sun at Riverwalk Landing.

Events are listed on both sides!



Market Days



Shagging on the Riverwalk

Yorktown Special Events

Concert Connection

7th Annual

“Shagging on the Riverwalk” Beach Music Concert Series

Thursdays 6:30 - 9:30 pm
Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown

FREE and open to the public!

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

June 7	Mark Roberts and Breeze
June 14	The Main Event Band
June 21	The Holiday Band
---Break---	
July 12	Band of Oz
July 19	Slapwater
July 26	TFC Band
August 2	Atlantic Groove Band

- Dancing on the area’s largest outdoor dance floor
- Food and beverages
- Colonial Shag Club lessons & demos

Celebrate Yorktown Committee Sunday Summer Concert Series

Bring a lawn chair, blanket and pack a picnic supper for these FREE outdoor concerts in the Grace Episcopal Churchyard. Sponsored by the Celebrate Yorktown Committee, Grace Episcopal Church, and York County. Call 757-890-4490 for more information.

July 8 - 7:00 pm
STEPHEN BENNETT

July 15 - 5:00 pm
PENINSULA CONCERT BAND

August 5 - 6:00 pm
LANA PUCKETT & KIM PERSON

August 12 - 6:00 pm
THE MAGIC OF HARMONY SHOW
CHORUS

August 26 - 5:00 pm
POISONED DWARF

TUESDAY NIGHTS AT RIVERWALK LANDING IN HISTORIC YORKTOWN AT 6:30 PM

Naval Weapons Station Yorktown 94th Anniversary Band Concert

The Naval Weapons Station Yorktown commemorates its 94th birthday celebration with a FREE concert by the outstanding U.S. Fleet Forces Band from Norfolk, VA

August 7

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating.

Sponsored by York County and Naval Weapons Station Yorktown.

Military Band Concert Series

These outstanding group from Langley Air Force Base and Ft. Eustis, Virginia will present an exciting FREE program of musical entertainment highlighted by a different ensemble each week.

Aug. 14 Heritage Ramblers Dixie Ensemble

Aug. 21 U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Band

Aug. 28 Rhythm in Blue Jazz Ensemble

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Sponsored by York County, Celebrate Yorktown Committee, and the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, and United States Army Training and Doctrine Command Band.

EVENT WEATHER HOTLINE: 757-890-3520

Event dates and times are subject to change without notice. For more information visit www.visitryorktown.org or call 757-890-3500.