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2017 Budget Adopted; Tax Rates Unchanged

by County Administrator Neil Morgan



Neil Morgan

I was pleased that our budget review and approval process came to a conclusion on May 3rd when the Board of Supervisors (BOS) unanimously adopted the recommended operating budget and a new six year Capital Improvements Plan. All tax rates in the new budget remained the same as calendar year 2015 and all programs and services were maintained. We were able to provide some

salary increases for our workforce with an emphasis on increasing compensation for those at the lower end of the salary spectrum. We also provided the county schools with slightly more money than was provided last year. Partially as a result of stronger funding by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the York County School Division should have the resources to meet their highest priorities in the coming year.

Our challenges going into next year's budget process will include a loss of revenue associated with the partial closure of the Yorktown Power Plant, a backlog of capital projects

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Queens Lake Sewer Phase 3 Work to Begin

Project will last approximately 18 months

The final phase of the Queens Lake Sewer project will begin in June while the construction of the pedestrian pipe bridge will begin in late August/early September. This final phase will be focused on the west side of Queens Lake at a cost of \$5.6 million.

"Part of the system, which is a vacuum system, requires the placement of an air intake, or 'candycane,' in homeowners' yards," says Brian Woodward, Deputy Director of Public Works. "Once work is completed, residents are permitted to camouflage these intakes if they wish. They can be painted or hidden by landscaping."

According to Project Engineer Kevin Campbell, "This project will take about 18 months to complete, including the pedestrian pipe bridge.



A rendering of the pedestrian pipe bridge

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Board of Supervisors Actions

February 16, 2016

•Authorized an insurance recovery appropriation in the County Capital Fund. In June 2015, the emergency standby generator at the Public Safety building was destroyed by fire. The County's insurance carrier issued a payment in the amount of \$66,478 toward the loss. That amount exceeds the \$50,000 limit for which appropriation of insurance recoveries is authorized. Therefore, the Board approved the appropriation to the County Capital Fund.

March 15, 2016

- Approved an additional appropriation from the Sewer Utility Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000 to fully fund the Queens Lake Sewer Project and award the contract to J. Sanders Construction Company.
- Authorized the issuance of up to \$13,105,000 of general obligation bonds to finance school capital needs including the HVAC replacement and installation of an energy management system at Magruder Elementary School, roof replacement at Waller Mill Elementary School, Magruder Elementary School gym, replacement of gym floor at York High School, and others. The County advanced the funds from the County Capital Fund to finance the projects until the bond sale in April.
- Approved the acquisition of easements in association with the Queens Lake Sewer Project.

April 21, 2016

- Approved the selections of four York County high school students as 2016 Outstanding Youth Award Scholarship recipients. Emma Donatelli, a student at Tabb High School, is the recipient of the award for Community Service; Kayla Woolston, a senior at Tabb High School, is the recipient of the award for Compassion; Sarah Lewis, a student at Tabb High School, is the recipient of the award for Overall Achievement; and Rosalind Wade, a senior at Bruton High School, is the recipient for Courage.
- Amended the County Code to require that a solicitor's permit obtained from the Sheriff's Office must be displayed at all times so that anyone being solicited will know immediately whether or not the solicitor has the necessary permit.

May 3, 2016

•Adopted the Fiscal Year 2017 budget, approved the tax rates for calendar year 2016, approved the FY2017-2022 Capital Improvements Program, and designated a portion of the real property tax for school purposes.

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Board Appointments

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•Planning Commission

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•2016-2017 Youth Commission

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Tax Information

Vehicle Registration fees will be included on the tax bill for the first half of 2016 Personal Property taxes, which is due on or before June 25.

Citizens should receive their first half of 2016 York County Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills during the last week of May. The tax bills are due on or before June 25. Taxes are considered late on June 28 and penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, will be assessed. If you do not receive your bill by June 1, you can find tax information online at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer (under "Online Services"). York County prorates personal property tax, so citizens are taxed for the actual number of months the property was owned for the first half of 2016.

Taxes and vehicle registration fees may be paid by mail or online at the Treasurer's Office website. Taxes also may be paid at the Treasurer's Office or deposited in the dropbox located at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, Yorktown. The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website or call (757) 890-3420.



York County Head Start

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 2016-2017 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*

Family Services Staff will be conducting On-Site Recruitment on the following dates:

- June 9th – **Bethel Manor Head Start, 1797 1st Street, Hampton, VA 23665** - 2:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.
- June 16th – **Bethel Manor Head Start, 1797 1st Street, Hampton, VA 23665** - 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
- June 23rd **Yorktown Square Rivermeade Apts., 100 Rivermeade Court, Yorktown, VA 23690** - 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
- June 30th – **Woods of Yorktown Apartments, 2801 Olde Williamsburg Road Apt 84, Yorktown VA 23690** - 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

For eligibility determination please bring your family's 2015 Income Verification (W-2, 1040 tax form, TANF statement, 1 month of pay stubs), and your child's Original Birth Certificate, updated/completed/signed Immunization Records.

Please bring copies of current physical and dental exams and Proof of your Family's Residency in York County.

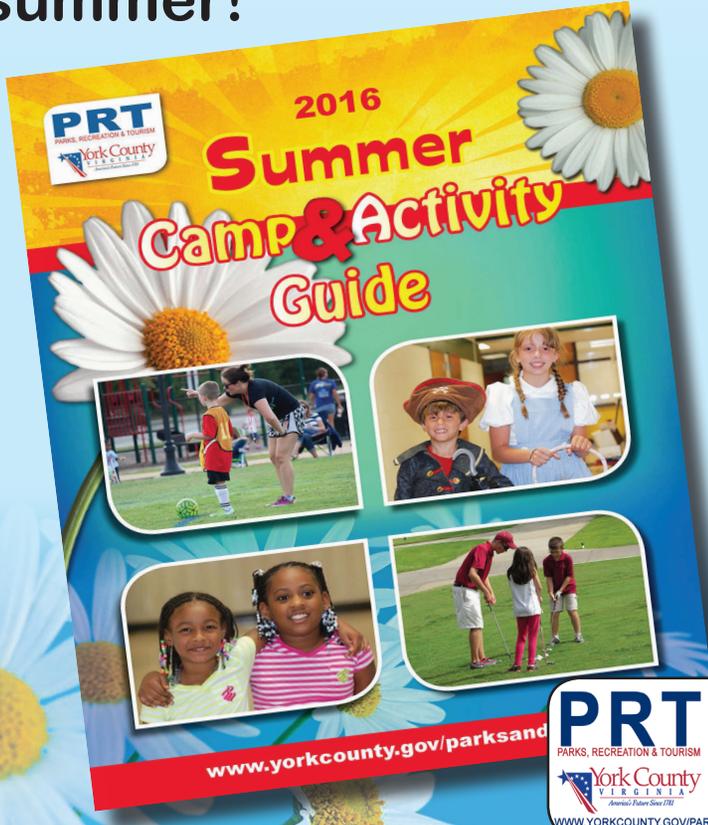
For more information, or assistance with completing the enrollment or health verifications, please call the Family Services staff at 890-3888.

Head Start does not discriminate in any of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism

SUMMER DAYS IN YORK COUNTY!

Find our program guide online or at the PRT Office, York County libraries & the YMCA for exciting events, camps and programs this summer!



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Local Business Report

by Melissa Davidson, Assistant Director, York County Office of Economic Development

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Business Headlines

- **Panda Express Chain Restaurant Coming to Kiln Creek**
- **Virginia Beer Company Holds Grand Opening**
- **Sentara Williamsburg Regional Hospital Named One of Nation's Top 100 Hospitals**
- **Greater Williamsburg Partnership Launches**

Visit www.YesYorkCounty.com for full stories.

Pritchard & Miller Real Estate Recognized for Nelson's Grant Development

The York County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) awarded Pritchard & Miller Real Estate Development, the company that developed the County's first mixed-use development called Nelson's Grant, with the 2016 William



From left to right: Steve Miller, Pritchard & Miller Real Estate Development, accepts the award from R. Anderson Moberg, EDA Chairman.

Rogers "Poor Potter" Award, for their significant investment in York County. Nelson's Grant will ultimately have over 18,000 square feet of commercial space. Current commercial occupants include Sentara, Subway, and Great Clips, with 3 Amigos restaurant opening soon. The residential component will soon have 104 homes comprised of townhomes and condominiums, and incorporates sidewalks, rear-entry garages, community spaces, and other

new urban design features. In addition to adding unique residential offerings in the County, Nelson's Grant has helped stimulate significant new commercial and residential development in the Ft. Eustis Blvd./Route 17 quadrant.

The award, named after William Rogers, a highly successful entrepreneur from the 1700s who is, ironically, known as the "Poor Potter" of Yorktown, was given during the EDA's Distinguished Business Affair held in February at the Victory Center in Yorktown with over 100 York County business representatives in attendance. Steve Miller accepted the award, which is given annually to honor the most significant economic development project of the year.

Tim Meyer, President of the York County Chamber of Commerce, presented the 2015 John D. Sterrett, Jr. Small Business of the Year award to Home Helpers, owned and operated by Gail and Randy Stathers. The award is named after the late John D. "Pete" Sterrett, Jr., who was York County's first Industrial Development Authority Executive Director.

York County thanks each of the reception sponsors: Dominion Virginia Power, Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, Henderson, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Commercial, Plains All American Pipeline, The Commonwealth Company, TowneBank, and the York County Chamber of Commerce.

York County EDA Launches Google Street View for Business Grant Program

The EDA is pleased to announce York County's new Google Street View for Business Grant Program, a partnership of the York County EDA, the OED, and the area's Google Trusted Photographers. The program was created to help "Get York County Businesses on the Map" and to enable York County's businesses to get more widespread exposure on the world's number one search engine, Google, by posting an interior virtual tour of their business.

The EDA has appropriated \$20,000 in grant funds for this program. Grants are 50% of total project costs, up to \$500 per business. Applications are available online and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. This grant program awards 50% matching grants only on a first-come, first-served basis to existing York County businesses for the purpose of having interior panoramic photos taken of their business location, which will be transformed into a virtual tour and posted on Google Maps. Some restrictions apply. See www.yesyorkcounty.com for more program details.

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.



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

Teachers of the Year

YCSD would like to congratulate the overall, division level, and individual school winners for Teacher of the Year!

DIVISION LEVEL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Elizabeth O'Brien, Yorktown Middle School

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Tracy Buckley,
Mt. Vernon Elementary

MIDDLE LEVEL

Elizabeth O'Brien,
Yorktown Middle

HIGH LEVEL

Lyndsay Kimbro,
Bruton High

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Dana Moore	Bethel Manor Elementary
Joni Littreal	Coventry Elementary
Sandra Fraebel	Dare Elementary
Carol McKisson	Grafton Bethel Elementary
Melissa Overton	Magruder Elementary
Tracy Buckley	Mt. Vernon Elementary
Donna Manicone	Seaford Elementary
Kelly Phelan	Tabb Elementary
Ashley Wrenn	Waller Mill Elementary
Elisabeth Brantley	Yorktown Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Joanne Spino	Grafton Middle
Kelli Katz	Queens Lake Middle
Danette Zasimowich	Tabb Middle
Elizabeth O'Brien	Yorktown Middle

HIGH SCHOOLS

Lyndsay Kimbro	Bruton High
Jamie Jacobsen	Grafton High
Rainah Yedlock	Tabb High
Amber LaMonte	York High
Erik Tremblay	York River Academy

2016 Summer Academies

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMY

Seaford Elementary School
June 22–July 21, 7:45–11:45 a.m.
Monday–Thursday

Open House

June 21, 1–2 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACADEMIES

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

English and Math: June 22–July 21
Science: June 22–July 6
History/Social Science: July 7–July 21

Register at your home school by June 10 by visiting your school guidance department. After June 10, walk-in registration is June 20–21, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Summer Academy school location.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES

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

High School Academy

(multiple courses available)
June 22–July 25

High School SOL Academy

English 11/Writing (MC/SP): July 12–21
English 11/Reading: June 22–July 21
Earth Science: June 22–July 6
Algebra I: July 7–21

Virtual High School Summer Academy

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

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YCSD 2016 CALENDAR

May

13 Early Dismissal
19 Interim reports issued
25 Memorial Day Holiday

June

14-16 Early dismissal, all schools

GRADUATION 2016

June 16

at Yorktown Middle School Auditorium
6 p.m. York River Academy

June 17

at William and Mary Hall
9 a.m. York High School
12 p.m. Grafton High School
3:30 p.m. Bruton High School
7 p.m. Tabb High School

YCSD REGISTRATION

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

- The child's original certificate of birth (or certified copy)
- The child's Social Security card
- A current School Entrance Physical (MCH-213G)
- An immunization certificate
- Proof of York County residency

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before September 30.

Enrollment requirements and a list of acceptable documents are available at each school and at yorkcountyschools.org.

BUILD A LASTING FOUNDATION

Engrave the name of your graduate, teacher, loved one, or community leader on a brick at any of our high schools or at the school board office.

Deadline: July 1



York Foundation
for Public Education, Inc.

Visit yorkcountyschools.org/yfpe/bricks to order yours today.
Call or email for more information. 757-898-0451 | willis@ycsd.york.va.us

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Z zinio for LIBRARIES

The York County Public Library is pleased to announce the debut of *Write Stuff: Celebrating Writers @ YCPL*, a free series of workshops and events encouraging writers and showing off their work. This month-long event will be held in June. Two workshops with local writers will be held, as well as the Second Annual Author Garden, which showcases local authors. Registration is required to attend the workshops. Register online through the library's Event Calendar at www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

The first workshop will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Yorktown Library. Joslyn Robinson will present *The Hero's Journey - An Exploration of Form vs. Formula*. Robinson is an instructor at the Christopher Wren Association of Lifelong Learning through the College of William and Mary. Jen Milius, author of the *Einstein and Moo* children's book series and radio host at WRSP Radio's *Encouraging the You in Success*, will teach *Crafting Children's Books & Beyond: Tips for Every Author* on June 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Tabb Library.

The **Author Garden** will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on June 18, at the Tabb Library, featuring a variety of local authors who have written nonfiction titles about Civil War history, golf, and LEGO science projects, as well as novels ranging from mysteries to young adult thrillers.

This free series is supported by a generous grant from the York County Arts Commission. For more information about the Write Stuff series, please call the Tabb Reference Department at (757) 890-5120 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

We want you to **Read - For the Win!** York County Public Library's 2016 Adult Summer Reading Program will run from June 27 through August 5. Read

and review books each week during the program. Then log your reviews on our summer reading website. Each review will receive an entry in our Weekly and Grand Prize drawings. In addition, this year the Tabb Library will be hosting a weekly gathering for adults called *Adults Just Wanna Have Fun!* You can join other adults in the area as we relive the fun of our youth with coloring, Legos, board games, and Wii sports. This series will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 29 through August 3, in the Tabb Library Meeting Room. Light refreshments will be served during the events.

Don't miss our **Monday Night Movies** for adults during July when we will screen your favorite sports movies. Screenings will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays, July 11 through July 25, in the Tabb Library Meeting Room. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Children and teens are invited to participate in the library's **summer reading programs** from June 27 through August 5. Registration begins Monday, June 20, at both the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries and online. A list of programs and activities will be available at registration and on the library's website.

Mark your calendars for a **Neighborhood Block Party** on Saturday, August 27, celebrating neighborhood spirit, safety, and environmental awareness. This event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Tabb Library parking lot. Attending the block party will be representatives from York County Fire and Life Safety, Recycling, Library, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism. A fire truck, SAFE House, children's games and crafts, and more will be available. This event is sponsored by the Coventry, Greenlands, Running Man and Tabb Lakes neighborhoods.

Primary Election June 14

On June 14, the Democratic Party will hold a primary in Queeks Lake and Magruder precincts to select a nominee for the member of the Senate of Virginia from the 1st Senate District. The Republican Party will hold a primary in all precincts in York County to select a nominee for the member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the 2nd Congressional District. All polling places will be open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sample ballots are available on the York County Registrar's website at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

For more information, call the Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440 (TDD for hearing impaired is 890-3621) or email registrar@yorkcounty.gov. Additional information is available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

Are you registered to vote?

Through a service provided by the Virginia Department of Elections, you are now able to check your registration status online. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Confirm Your Voter Registration By Clicking Here."

Absentee Voting

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 14. Absentee voting is underway now for the primaries.

The deadline to apply by mail, fax, or email for an absentee ballot is **Tuesday, June 7, at 5 p.m.** The deadline to apply in person for an absentee ballot is **Saturday, June 11, at 5 p.m.** The Registrar's Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 11. The Registrar's Office is located in the County Administration Center at 224 Ballard Street in historic Yorktown.

Officers of Election Needed!

This is a presidential election year and 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 Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Officer of Election Form."

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that were deferred during the Great Recession, and the need to keep our salaries competitive to retain and recruit the excellent workforce we have come to expect in this community.

The BOS ultimately approved a budget that featured \$154,000 of net adjustments as compared to my original March 15 recommendation. When you consider that is less than 1% at variance from my initial budget, most folks would say that our budget process was successful. I want to thank all of the staff that worked so hard to make our budgeting efforts smooth, the citizens that followed our briefings and TV shows, as well as the members of the BOS for their responsible leadership in this matter. All of the details of both my original recommendation and the final adjustments are available online at www.yorkcounty.gov.

We are already turning our attention to what will be involved in the budget for fiscal year 2017/2018.

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However, during the construction phase, the road across the dam will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic. This is why we are waiting until late August/early September to begin the bridge construction. We want to get past most of the summer season so kids can easily access the pool."

No project can be completed without some inconveniences to residents and this project is no exception.

"The project workday will be approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.," says Richard Sutton, Project Manager. "The road will be down to one lane while work is being completed, but the construction trench will be closed each evening, which will open up the entire road to traffic."

Residents should also expect to see crews working in the easements and also in their yards. However, they will be notified in advance.

"A York County Public Works employee will notify residents when crews will be in their yards one day before the work is scheduled to begin," Sutton adds.

Once construction is completed, residents will receive a notice that will contain the information they need to connect to the sewer.

A video program detailing the project was recorded recently and is airing on the county's cable channel - WYCG (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and can be found on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/YorkCountyVirginiaUS.

Yorktown 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS



MARKET DAYS

Weekly through
October 29
Saturdays

(excludes October 1)
9am - 1pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



"SHAGGING ON THE RIVERWALK" BEACH MUSIC SERIES

June 2, 9 16 & 23
July 7, 14 & 21

Thursdays,
6:30pm - 9:30pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



MILITARY BAND CONCERT SERIES

August 2, 9, 16 & 23
Tuesdays
6:30pm - 8pm, FREE
Riverwalk Landing



VIRGINIA SYMPHONY

September 3rd
Saturday
7:30pm, FREE
Pre-concert starts at 6pm
Riverwalk Landing

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Consumer Use Tax

Businesses required to file and pay the monthly 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 website. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue and select "E-Commissioner Online." Monthly forms are not mailed.

For more information, please call (757) 890-3383 or email revofc@yorkcounty.gov.

Tax 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 the form indicates your business is located at a York County address, or is left blank which indicates the address on your tax return is your business address, it is presumed that your business is operating in York County. If you have not yet obtained a York County Business License, you are in violation of State and County law.

You also are required to file a Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools on all your business furniture, tools, and equipment owned, used or leased as of January 1, 2016.

For more information, please call (757) 890-3383 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

Military Persons Exemption

The "Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act" exempts active duty military personnel from personal property tax in any state other than their legal state of residence. Vehicles titled in an active duty non-resident military person's name will be exempt as long as each owner furnishes a Leave & Earnings Statement each year for the period they reside in York County. All vehicles owned by military individuals who claim Virginia as their legal state of residence are subject to personal property tax. If military personnel separate from active duty status or retire and stay in York County, each owner must provide a DD214. Vehicles will be subject to a prorated tax.

Spouses of military members may be eligible for tax exemption on personal property based on qualifying conditions provided in the federal "Military Spouses Residence Relief Act."

For more information, please call (757) 890-3381.

York County Waste Management Center

2016 Calendar Art/Photograph Contest

- Theme:** *Beautiful "Clean" York County*
Artwork images/photographs should reflect a clean York County and how recycling and litter control efforts help keep it beautiful.
- Eligibility:** **Open to York County Senior Citizens (ages 55 and up)**
Participants must be York County residents. Amateur artwork only - work from professional or published photographers or artists will be excluded.
- Deadline:** **No later than 4 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2016**
All entries should be submitted to York County Beautification Committee, Attn: Laurie Halperin, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA 23692.
- Media:** **Black & White or Color Two-Dimensional images**
--Original Art - 8"x10" landscape orientation items are to be made on or with recycled materials. Painting, drawing, any form of printmaking such as stamping, woodcut, etc., will be accepted.
--Original Photography - 8"x10" landscape orientation images
All submissions should incorporate themes of recycling, litter control, and/or environmental sustainability.
- Awards:** **Thirteen cash awards of \$100**

For complete contest rules, please call Acting Waste Services Manager Laurie Halperin at (757) 890-3780.

Who Picks Up Roadside Litter in York County?

York County is a beautiful and historic area and we take pride in being a "Keep America Beautiful" community. That said, litter is an issue that we often struggle with as we do not have staff dedicated to that purpose. Generally speaking, roadside litter is removed primarily through the kindness and hard work of volunteers! One way to help keep York County beautiful is by participating in "adopt" programs in which groups or individuals adopt a segment of roadway, or specific "spot," and commit to periodic cleanups. "Adopt-A-Highway," coordinated through VDOT, focuses on primary and secondary roadways that are maintained by them. Additional information regarding that program can be found online at www.virginiadot.org/programs/prog-aah-default.asp.

For areas not under the purview of VDOT, York County has an "Adopt-A-Spot" program coordinated through the Division of Waste Management. The York County Beautification Committee works with York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism to coordinate cleanups for the Great American Cleanup and Clean The Bay Day. We are currently soliciting volunteers to participate in events throughout the County in May and June,

but welcome volunteers throughout the year. Current priority areas are Denbigh Blvd., Goodwin Neck Rd., Ft. Eustis Blvd., Old York-Hampton Hwy., Wolftrap Rd., and Cook Rd. However, we are pleased to work with individuals and groups to clean up areas of their choosing. We provide bags, gloves, and pick up and dispose of all debris collected.

For more information, please call the Waste Management Center at (757) 890-3780.



On Saturday, March 19, volunteers from St. John Baptist Church, Penniman Road, the Buffalo Boyz Civic Organization, and Boy Scout Troop 195 collected 63 bags of litter and debris from Penniman Road in the upper County.

HOME-BASED BUSINESS

2016 Lunch & Learn Series

Join us the 2nd Wednesday of each month from Noon - 1pm.

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy free drinks and desserts.
New Home-Based Business topics each month!

RSVP to 757-890-3317

Sponsored by the [York County Economic Development Authority](#) and hosted by the [York County Chamber of Commerce](#) and [Launchpad: Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator](#).

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The library is just a click away this summer

With a WRL library card, York County residents have access to great summer reading, downloadable books, music, and magazines, and can sign their kids up for the summer reading program.

There's also a wide variety of programs guaranteed to help make the season a breeze to enjoy.



Williamsburg Library: 515 Scotland St.

James City County Library: 7770 Croaker Rd.

www.wrl.org | 259.4050

Are you a new resident to York County? The Public Information Office has available upon request a New Resident packet that contains helpful information about utilities, elected representative contact information, visitor brochures, and more. Email piofc@yorkcounty.gov or call (757) 890-3300 to request a packet.

Fireworks: Not Worth the Risk

In York County, the possession, sale and/or use of all fireworks is illegal unless you have the proper permit from the County's Department of Fire & Life Safety for "supervised public displays meeting applicable codes, standards and safety guidelines." Use of unpermitted fireworks can result in their being confiscated as well as the violator(s) facing criminal charges.

Fireworks of any kind pose an unusually high risk of fires, burns, and other types of injuries. These injuries are often serious enough to result in a visit to the emergency room, some are serious enough to require a hospital stay, and some are so severe that they result in death. Sometimes the victims of fireworks-involved incidents are bystanders.

According to the 2014 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's annual fireworks report, there were 11 deaths associated with the non-occupational use of fireworks. Four victims died in house fires caused by fireworks, including several where the person(s) killed may not have been using the fireworks. Seven victims died from direct impacts of fireworks. Of the 10,500 fireworks-related injuries treated in U.S. hospital emergency rooms during 2014, 7,000 occurred during the one-month special study period of June 20-July 20. Most injuries were associated with misuse or malfunctions of fireworks, including: lighting fireworks in one's hand; being too close to lit fireworks; setting off fireworks improperly; mischief involving fireworks; igniting fireworks too close to someone; dismantling fireworks; errant flight paths; tip-over incidents; early ignitions; and blowouts. In addition, debris and smoke from fireworks were involved in some of the injuries.

Sparklers are fireworks also. "No one would dream of handing a torch burning at 1,800 degrees to a child, but that essentially is what a sparkler is," says York County Fire Chief Stephen Kopczynski. "That's hot enough to melt gold!"

The use of fireworks is not endorsed by York County nor the National Fire Protection Association. Instead, enjoy the public fireworks displays conducted around the area, especially at the Yorktown waterfront on July 4!



Yorktown's 4th of July fireworks show will begin at 9:15 p.m. on Monday, July 4. This is a popular event and parking is limited, so please arrive early.



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4-H Growing Mums for Profit Project

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 participants will receive materials to grow and propagate 15 mums and will attend five educational sessions throughout the summer. Participants will have the opportunity to sell their mums at a Yorktown Market Days event in the fall. Classes will be held on June 13, 20, 27, July 25, and an additional date in August TBD. All classes take place at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Yorktown from 6 to 8 p.m. The program is open to all youth in York County and Poquoson ages 9-18. Registration is limited to 30 youth and there is a \$20 registration fee. Register by June 10 by calling the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.

Yorktown Market Days on the Riverwalk

York County/Poquoson 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 these dates: June 25, July 30, and September 3.

New! Master Gardener Help Desk

Master Gardener volunteers can assist in diagnosing plant disease or insect problems, advising on lawn and plant care, identifying plants and weeds, and providing other Virginia Tech VCE research-based information and publications relating to landscape and gardening issues. Contact the Help Desk at (757) 890-4940 or email yk.pq.mg@gmail.com. You can also visit the York/Poquoson Extension Office, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help Desk Hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Virginia Healthy Lawns Program

Sign-up now for our Fall Healthy Virginia Lawns program! This program is designed to assist York and Poquoson residents in taking care of their lawn in an economically and environmentally sound manner. For \$20, York/Poquoson Master Gardeners will visit your site, measure your yard, take a soil sample, and provide customized feedback. If you would like to be added to our program list, call the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.



Master Gardener Training Application Deadline is July 15!
Call (757) 890-4940 or visit
www.yorkcounty.gov/vce for more information!

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Mosquito Control Measures You Can Do at Home

Because of the efforts of mosquito control organizations in this country, the threat of contracting the Zika virus or other mosquito-borne viruses, such as dengue fever or West Nile virus, is minimal. Although minimal, the threat is still real. Taking preventative measures to control mosquitoes on and around your property will greatly reduce the risk. Here are some ideas to protect you and keep your outdoor areas mosquito-free all season long.

- **Wear insect repellent.** If you are going to be outside, apply insect repellent. You can also wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing.
- **Clean your gutters.** Clogged gutters are an ideal breeding ground for the Asian Tiger mosquito.
- **Dispose of old tires.** Tires are the favorite breeding ground for the Asian Tiger mosquito.
- **Maintain your pool.** Unused swimming pools produce thousands of mosquitoes each year in York County. If you are not maintaining your pool, then it must be drained or treated for mosquito larvae. Please call Mosquito Control for help with what to do with your unused pool or to report the location of an unused pool.
- **Remove all sources of standing water** in your yard including buckets, flower pots, tarps, bottles and any other containers that hold water.
- **Keep drains, ditches and culverts clean** of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- **Do not dump grass or vegetative debris** around your yard or in drainageways. Keep your grass cut and shrubbery trimmed to reduce adult mosquito hiding areas.
- If you are planning on traveling out of the country, check with the **Centers for Disease Control** website - www.cdc.gov - for travel advisories regarding mosquito-borne illness.

TIRE AMNESTY EVENT

Saturday, June 25,
8am-4pm

105 Service Drive

Dispose of old tires FREE!

For complete details, visit

www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol.

Mosquito Control offers many services to our citizens. For information on our services, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol.

To stay informed about special events and important announcements, please subscribe to the email notification list

at www.yorkcounty.gov under "Online Services," and then "Subscribe to Notifications."

June 26 - July 2 is National Mosquito Control Awareness week! Mosquito Control staff has events planned all week that focus on public outreach and education. Please visit our website for a full schedule of events.

When necessary, ground spray services to control adult mosquitoes will be performed. Adulticide applications will occur between the hours of 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Monday through Friday. Citizens may opt out of ground spray services by completing a "Mosquito Spray Avoidance Request" found on our website. The website and Mosquito Spray Hotline (890-3793) will be updated by 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will detail the areas scheduled to be sprayed. In the event conditions necessitate the use of an aerial spray, citizens will be notified using the hotline and our website.

BEEKEEPERS - We want to know about you! If you are a beekeeper, please call (757) 890-3790 to report the location of your beehives.

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