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Road Construction Ahead



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has awarded the construction contract for the widening of 2.7 miles of Route 17 between Route 134 (Hampton Highway) and Wolf Trap Road. The contractor, E.V. Williams, Inc. (the same contractor that recently completed the widening of Fort

Eustis Boulevard), is expected to be mobilized and have initial work underway by the publication date of this edition of "Citizen News."

George Washington Memorial Highway (Route 17) carries an average daily traffic volume of approximately 56,000 vehicles. Those who drive it know of and experience the frequent traffic congestion and delays during peak travel periods. VDOT projects that traffic volume could increase to about 90,000 vehicles per day by 2035 and this project will add much-needed capacity to this, the most congested segment of the corridor in York County.

The proposed improvements will increase the roadway width from four lanes to six, with three lanes in each direction, divided by a raised median. The proposed roadway will include curb and gutter and underground stormwater

Please see Road Work on page 6

Flood Insurance Changes

The Biggert-Waters National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 provides long-term changes to the National Flood Insurance Program. Under the new law, rates are to increase overall to reflect the true flood risk of your home and many insurance discounts will be eliminated.

Policy rates for all properties could increase based on change of ownership, lapse in coverage, change in risk, and/or substantial damage or improvement to a building.

Owners of non-primary/secondary residences on a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) property that has experienced severe or repeated flooding and business properties in a SFHA will see increases in insurance starting this year.

Owners with low "grandfathered" rates will see those rates change when the county adopts new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The FEMA FIRM maps are under review and will be updated by next year. Letters are being sent to the affected property owners to notify them of the map changes. Public hearings will be held on the map changes and the ordinance change adopting the maps in the near future.

If you have questions on how your property might be affected, you can call Connie Bennett at 890-3752 or contact your insurance agent.

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Board of Supervisors Actions

May 21, 2013

- Authorized the establishment of a group home (assisted living facility) with up to eight occupants and up to eight shift employees in an existing single-family detached home at 101 Shady Bluff Point.
- Authorized leasing docking space at the York County piers on the Yorktown waterfront to Williamsburg Charter Sails for the purpose of conducting sailing, sightseeing, educational, and instructional charters and excursions.
- Commended the 2012-2013 Youth Commission and appointed members to the 2013-2014 Youth Commission. New Commissioners are: Kassie Abbinanti, Laura Ellen Barber, Jessica Chandrasekhar, Alice Grace Cherry, Sophie Cienski, Ashley Gailey, Haley Gardner, Taylor Hogge, Maegan Kranz, Ashley Letendre, Bryan Moon, Darius Palmer, Michaela Svaranowic, Courtney Taylor, and Suzanna Wright.

June 4, 2013

- Accepted and appropriated grant funding in the amount of \$31,068 from the Virginia Department of Health Office of EMS Financial Assistance for Emergency Medical Services Grant Program. The grant funds are designated for use towards the purchase of patient stretchers that require replacement.

June 18, 2013

- Authorized a special use permit for the expansion of an existing motorcycle sales and service facility located at 7325 and 7331 George Washington Memorial Highway. The business on the site has operated for over ten years.

July 16, 2013

- Added provisions to allow authorization by Special Use Permit of wedding receptions conducted as a commercial venture on the premises of operating bed and breakfast establishments.
- Authorized the County Administrator to enter into agreements with the Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority for the removal, reduction and disposal of debris from hurricanes and other disasters, and monitoring services for same.

August 6, 2013

- Authorized the execution of a contract for the construction of the Moore's Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Project.

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Board Appointments

•Historical Committee

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•Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Steve Bultman Christopher Eckols

•Planning Commission

Glenn Brazelton

•Senior Center Board

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Norma Hayes

DMV2Go Scheduled to Visit Library

DMV2Go is a full-service mobile customer service center that comes to you at convenient locations and conducts any DMV transaction that can be done at your local DMV office to include:

- Applying for or renewing your ID card or driver's license
- Applying for a Veteran ID card
- Obtaining a copy of your driving record
- Obtaining vehicle titles, license plates, decals, transcripts
- Ordering disabled parking placards or plates
- Obtaining fishing and hunting licenses
- Updating your address on your DMV record and/or voter registration card
- Much more!

DMV2Go has scheduled visits to the Yorktown Library, 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway, on certain Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next visit is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, followed by a visit on November 5. For a full schedule of DMV2Go visits in Virginia, visit the website www.dmvnow.com.

If you file a Schedule C or C-EZ. . .

You are considered engaged in business. If Line E on Schedule C or C-EZ is left blank, 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.

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

Are you registered to vote? Do you know where your polling place is?

Through a service provided by the Virginia State Board of Elections, you are now able to check your registration status online. Go to www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Verify Your Voter Registration Here" followed by "Update or View Voter Record." After completing the requested information, you will be able to view your registration information as well as find out where you vote.

For more information, call the Registrar's Office at 890-3440 or e-mail registrar@yorkcounty.gov.

See more Registrar information on page 7.

YORK COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FALL ACTIVITY GUIDE

Parks & Recreation activities and programs are published ONLINE through its website publications.



www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec

Head Start Accepting Student Applications

York County Head Start is now accepting applications for children ages 3, 4, and 5 - including children with disabilities - for the 2013-2014 school year. Call 890-3888 or visit the Griffin-Yeates Center (1490 Government Road, Williamsburg) to apply. Applications may be picked up at the Tabb and Yorktown libraries or printed from www.yorkcounty.gov.

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.

Local Business Report

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Economic Development Updates

Upcoming Affordable Care Act Seminars

Are you and your employees prepared for Healthcare Reform? Check out these two options for learning more about the new law, which goes into effect this October.

At 8:30 a.m. on September 12, the York County EDA will host an Affordable Care Act Business Breakfast at the Freight Shed in Historic Yorktown. Corbin Granger, Compliance Training Specialist with TRA Benefits, will explain the key pieces of the new law, so that small business owners can understand the facts and make the most informed decisions possible about providing health insurance for their employees. To register for this free event, e-mail econdev@yorkcounty.gov or call 890-3317. Space is limited.

The Small Business Administration is hosting a free weekly webinar series on the new law. This series will focus on federal and state provisions to help small business owners understand how the law will affect them. The webinars will take place each Thursday from now through October. To register, visit www.sba.gov and search for Affordable Care.

Triangle Business Incubator Welcomes It's First York County Client

In July, the Triangle Business Incubator, a partnership between the three Historic Triangle localities and the College of William & Mary, announced its first York County client, MedChek LLC. MedChek uses the latest in cloud-based and information technologies to collect medical data, store and analyze the data, and provide secure, on-call access anywhere at any time.

Riverwalk Landing Welcomes Two New Businesses

Riverwalk Landing is now fully-leased. The recent grand opening of Water Street Grille and Auntie M's American Cottage, coupled with the former additions of Alexander's Photography and Kero Asian Grill, have fully leased the retail component of this scenic development.

Enterprise Holdings to Relocate to York County

Enterprise Holdings, the company that operates the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent-A-Car brands, and its Enterprise Fleet Management affiliate, will relocate about 90 employees to two office

complexes in York County in late 2013 or early 2014. The moves will bring together the administrative, human resources and accounting functions for the Enterprise Holdings' operations in Virginia to the new location in Busch Industrial Park. Meanwhile, the Enterprise Fleet Management and vehicle re-marketing and training teams for the company's Virginia operations will move to the former Presidents Park development.

York County Chamber of Commerce Opens New Office on Route 17

In June, the York County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of its new office location, at 5225 George Washington Memorial Highway, across from Washington Square. This new and prominent location will help the Chamber reach its goals of attracting new members, while also continuing its important role as "The Voice of Business" for York County's companies.

Businesses in the News

CW Optics Recognized for Healthcare Innovation

CW Optics was recently recognized for its work in advancing healthcare at the 2013 Virginia Healthcare Innovators Awards. The Seaford firm was recognized in the Medical Product or Device Category for its WoundImager technology.

AVID Named Top Five Unmanned Aircraft Companies to Watch

AVID LLC, an aerospace engineering and software development firm headquartered in Yorktown, was recently named by SoarA5, an independent aviation resources company that focuses on the Unmanned Aircraft Systems and Solutions market, as one of the Top 5 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Companies in the country to watch.

Sentara Ranked Third in Regional Hospitals

U.S. News and World Report ranked Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center 3rd out of 26 on its list of Virginia's best hospitals in the Hampton Roads area and 13th out of 128 hospitals in Virginia.



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Back to School Nights

School	Grade Levels	Date	Time
Bethel Manor Elementary School	3 – 5	Tue, Sept. 24	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
	K – 2	Tue, Oct. 1	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Coventry Elementary School	Pre-K & K – 2	Tue, Sept. 24	5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
	3 – 5	Tue, Sept. 24	6:45 – 7:30 p.m.
Dare Elementary School	MD, Pre-K & K – 2	Tue, Sept. 24	7:00 p.m.
	3 – 5	Thu, Sept. 26	7:00 p.m.
Grafton Bethel Elementary School	K – 2	Tue, Sept. 17	5:30 – 7 p.m.
	3 – 5	Thu, Sept. 19	5:30 – 7 p.m.
Magruder Elementary School	Pre-K & K – 5	Tue, Sept. 24	6:15 – 8 p.m.
Mt. Vernon Elementary School	Pre-K – 2	Tue, Sept. 17	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
	3 – 5	Thu, Sept. 19	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Seaford Elementary School	K – 2	Tue, Sept. 24	5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
	3 – 5	Tue, Sept. 24	6:45 – 7:30 p.m.
Tabb Elementary School	Pre-K, K – 2	Tue, Sept. 17	6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
	3 – 5	Tue, Sept. 17	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Waller Mill Elementary School	K – 5	Tue, Sept. 17	5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Yorktown Elementary School	K – 2	Tue, Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
	3 – 5	Thu, Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.
Grafton Middle School	6 – 8	Thu, Oct. 3	6:00 p.m.
Queens Lake Middle School	6 – 8	Wed, Oct. 2	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tabb Middle School	6	Tue, Oct. 1	6:00 – 8:15 p.m.
	7 & 8	Thu, Oct. 3	6:00 – 8:15 p.m.
Yorktown Middle School	6	Thu, Oct. 3	5:30 – 6:45 p.m.
	7 & 8	Thu, Oct. 3	7:15 – 8:30 p.m.
Bruton High School	9 – 12	Mon, Sept. 9	6:30 p.m.
Grafton High School	9 – 12	Thu, Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.
Tabb High School	9 – 12	Tue, Sept. 10	6:30 p.m.
York High School	9 – 12	Wed, Sept 11	6:30 p.m.
York River Academy	9 – 12	Thu, Sept. 12	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

For Open House Dates/Times, see yorkcountyschools.org

Meal Prices

Meal prices for the 2013 - 14 school year are:

	Lunch	Breakfast	Milk
Elementary	\$2.35	\$1.25	\$0.55
Middle/High	\$2.45	\$1.35	\$0.55
Adult	\$3.10	\$1.75	\$0.55
Reduced Price	\$0.40	\$0.30	

Substitute Bus Drivers Wanted



- Training is provided
- Open until filled
- \$11 per hour
- Call 757-898-0494 for more info
- Apply online at yorkcountyschools.org

School Hours

Elementary Schools

BMES, MES, MVES, TES

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

CES, DES, GBES, SES, WMES, YES

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

Middle Schools

QLMS, TMS

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

GMS, YMS

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

High Schools

BHS, GHS, THS, YHS

7:20 a.m. - 2:05 p.m.

YRA

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

YCSD Calendar

Sep 2	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 3	First Day of School
Oct 4	Early Dismissal
Oct 10	Interim Reports Issued

Road Work continued from front page

pipings. A shared-use path will be constructed parallel to the northbound lane from Mill Road to Showalter Road. The two existing bridges over the Poquoson River will be replaced with one bridge carrying six lanes of traffic and the shared-use path.



Work has been underway for the past 18 months on relocation of the overhead utility lines for the portion of the project between Showalter Road and Wolf Trap Road. This relocation/undergrounding initiative is being funded jointly by VDOT, the utilities, and York County, and the results are already evident in the southern-most portion of the project where all the lines are underground and energized and the overhead lines and support poles have been removed. The photos above show the work that has been performed placing the utility lines underground.

Completion of the utility work and removal of the lines and poles for the remainder of the project corridor are

anticipated by the end of 2013. Having these utilities placed underground makes them less susceptible to storm damage, improves the appearance of the corridor, and represents the fulfillment of one of the long-standing implementation strategies set out in the York County Comprehensive Plan.

The actual road widening work will be undertaken in three phases, beginning at the southern end of the project and focusing first on replacement of the two separate bridges that carry the northbound and southbound lanes over the Harwoods Mill Reservoir spillway.

The Phase I bridge construction will occur in three stages: first, a segment of the new bridge will be constructed in the "median" between the two existing spans; next, the southbound traffic will be shifted to this new segment while the existing southbound bridge is demolished and new southbound lanes and a shoulder are added to the new bridge; and, finally, northbound traffic will be shifted to the new bridge while the northbound lanes and multi-use path section are added. Phase I construction, which also includes stormwater drainage pipe installation, extends northward to Lakeside Drive and is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2014.

Phase II work will cover the segment between Lakeside Drive and Washington Square Shopping Center and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2015.

Phase III will extend from Washington Square to Wolf Trap Road, with completion for that segment and the entire project projected for October 2016.

A substantial amount of the work will be performed between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., Monday through Friday, in order to preclude the need for lane closures during daylight, peak travel hours. However, when essential, VDOT will consider allowing lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The speed limit will be decreased to 35 mph through the entire work zone for the duration of the project. Access to all businesses will remain available throughout the project timeline.

Further information about the Route 17 project will be available and periodically updated on VDOT's web site: www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/george_washington_memorial_highway.asp. To receive e-mail project updates, citizens should send a request to: hamptonroadspublicinfo@VDOT.virginia.gov with "Subscribe to George Washington Highway Project Updates" in the subject line.

Additionally, VDOT's Public Information Officer can be reached by calling 925-2583

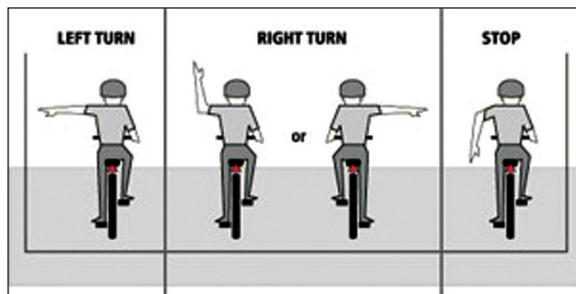
Be sure to bike safely

In York County, bicycle riders fourteen years of age or younger must wear a helmet that meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundation. Violators of this ordinance may be fined for not wearing a helmet. However, we encourage everyone - even older than 14 - to wear a helmet for safety when bicycling in York County.

Here are some other tips for you to bike safely (courtesy of VDOT):

- Obey all traffic control devices and use proper hand signals.
- Always ride with the flow of traffic.
- Wear a helmet, bright colored clothing and secure loose pant legs.
- Pass vehicles with extreme care - turning vehicles may not see you.
- Ride defensively - anticipate the actions of other road users and watch for road hazards.
- Be aware of vehicle blind spots.
- Wear reflective clothing when you ride your bicycle at night.
- Bicyclists operating a bicycle on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as safely practicable to the right curb or edge of roadway. There are exceptions to this rule. Please visit www.virginiadot.org for detailed information.
- Bicyclists cannot ride more than two abreast on highways. When riding two abreast, bicyclists cannot impede the movement of traffic and need to move into a single file when being overtaken from the rear. On a laned roadway, bicyclists shall ride in a single lane.

For more information, visit the VDOT website at www.virginiadot.org.



Bicyclists must signal their intentions to stop or turn. The proper signals are made with the left arm as shown.

November 5 General Election

General Election - On November 5, York County voters will cast votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and members of the House of Delegates.

Any qualified resident of Virginia may apply for voter registration or update his/her registration information at the Registrar's Office, the Yorktown or Tabb libraries, or the Griffin-Yeates Center. Voter registration applications are also available on the Registrar's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/voting. Qualified residents who will be age 18 on or before November 5 may register to vote in the election.

Mailed voter registration applications must be postmarked no later than the deadline of Tuesday, October 15. If your application is delivered in person, it must be received by the Registrar by October 15.

Online Voter Application - A partnership between the State Board of Elections and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles now allows most Virginia residents to apply to register to vote, or update their registration information, online. Residents can take advantage of this service by visiting www.vote.virginia.gov.

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. Applications are available by contacting the Registrar's Office at 890-3440 or by visiting www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and selecting "Absentee Voting."

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to be delivered by mail is Tuesday, October 29, at 5 p.m. The deadline to apply for absentee ballot to be voted in person at the Registrar's Office is Saturday, November 2, at 5 p.m.

The Registrar's Office will be open Saturdays, October 26 and November 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate in-person absentee voters.

Officers of Election Needed - 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 at www.yorkcounty.gov/voting.

The Registrar's Office is located at 224 Ballard Street in Yorktown. For more information, call 890-3440 or e-mail the office at registrar@yorkcounty.gov. Questions can be faxed to 890-3449. TDD for hearing impaired, call 890-3300.

What's Happening @ Your Library



Author Jeff Shaara
(photo by Slade Downs)

New York Times bestselling author Jeff Shaara will present an author talk and book signing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, at Christopher Newport University's Pope Chapel. A master storyteller of historical and military fiction, Shaara brings America's vivid past to life in stories that span from the Civil War to World War II. His latest book, "A Chain of Thunder," was released in May 2013. It is the second volume of a new Civil War four-book series. The first, "A Blaze of Glory," was published in 2012.

Free tickets for the author talk, question-and-answer session and book signing are available beginning Tuesday, September 17, 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 Pope Chapel, is limited, and attendees are advised to arrive early. Ticket holders will be seated first. Any remaining seats will then be open to the general public.

The Tabb Library is hosting a series of adult education programs, **Create the Life You Want**, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month through October. Online registration is available through the library's Event Calendar at www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

- **September 14: Problem Solving**

Learn five change/conflict management approaches to get the life you want.

- **October 12: Time Management/Life Balance**

Learn a specific strategy to create more balance and conscious use of your time

York County will host the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' mobile customer service center **DMV2Go** on Tuesdays, August 20 and November 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. DMV2Go is a full service office-on-wheels equipped to process all DMV transactions including applying for or renewing driver's licenses and ID

cards, obtaining vehicle titles and license plates, ordering disabled parking placards or plates, getting fishing and hunting licenses, and more.

Join us this fall at the Yorktown Library for **Fun at One**, a program for homeschooled children ages 5-10. There will be two four-week sessions meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. on certain Tuesdays. In the first session, we will explore classic literature on September 17 and 24, and October 1 and 8. We will learn about Native Americans during the second session on November 5, 12, 19 and 26 in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Call the Yorktown Library at 890-3236 for additional information.

Zinio Digital Magazines are now available at your library. Your library card gives you access to over 50 popular magazines, including Newsweek, National Geographic Interactive, Cosmopolitan, Food Network Magazine, Economist, ESPN The Magazine and many more! These full-color magazines can be viewed on your PC/Mac via online streaming. Also, apps are available for many devices for downloading magazines to read offline. All you need to get started is your library card, e-mail address and Internet connection. Visit the library website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library, for more information, or stop by the Reference Desk at the Tabb or Yorktown Library.

For instant library news, find us on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary. You'll find the latest information about programs, eBooks, audiobooks, Zinio magazines, services and more.

York County Public Library cards are available to all residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia, ages 4 and over, free of charge. To issue a library card to a new patron, the Library requires proof of identity such as a driver's license, military ID or passport, proof of address such as a bill, printed checkbook or automobile registration with the patron's current address, and a completed application for a York County Public Library card.

For more information on library programs, visit 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, Yorktown, VA 23693, or the Yorktown Library at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, VA 23692. 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 Waste Management Center

Don't be left holding the bag! Here's what *not* to do when placing your trash out for pick up every week.

1. Over-filled container/ lid doesn't close - Most areas in York County receive automated garbage collection service, which means that containers are emptied mechanically. Over-filled containers cause trash to spill out on the ground. Trash drops out of the container before it reaches the hopper and either falls beside the truck or flies over it.



2. Too heavy - dirt, sod or other items that make container weigh more than 240 lbs. - To keep damage from occurring to the truck's automated collection arm, collection trucks have a set pressure that grasps the container to lift it to the hopper. If more than 240 lbs. of trash is placed in the container, damage to the automated collection arm will occur.



3. Debris sticking out of container - We have seen basketball goal posts and other items placed in garbage containers, some as high as five to six feet out of the top! Containers with materials in them like this will not fit into the truck's hopper and will not be collected.



4. Container is too close to the mailbox, car/truck, driveway and walls - Containers placed too close to other items may result in damage to the automated arm or items. Containers should be three feet away from any other item.



5. Bags, bricks, or any other items are placed on top of container lid - Items that are placed on top of the trash container will fall off before the container reaches the hopper, spilling onto the ground or hitting the truck. What a mess!



6. Paint cans, chemicals, cooking oils, or any liquid items placed into trash containers - By state law, liquid items are strictly prohibited from being placed into your trash container. Liquids combine together to form leachate (the liquids that drain from landfills) when placed in a landfill. Costs for treating this liquid are very expensive. If the driver does not see the paint cans or other liquid items before they fall into the hopper, these liquids can also end up spilling along the street. York County provides Household Chemical and Computer Drop-Off Collection five times a year. Please visit www.vppsa.org/hhc.htm for a complete schedule of events and locations.



7. Containers are not out when the trash truck is collecting your side of the street - Records are kept by the drivers to identify containers that are out as well as those that are not, including the time that they are there to provide service.



If your container is not out, a record of this is sent over to the County's Waste Management Division staff so they can be fully informed when answering calls from customers.

For more information about curbside collection and other services offered through Waste Management, call 890-3780.

Mosquito Control update



Again this year, York County's award-winning "Skeeter Beater" awareness and prevention program involved over 700 third grade students at 10 elementary schools. A poster contest was held with a winner

selected from each school. Those contest winners each won a \$25 gift card to a local bookstore with another \$25 gift certificate presented to the overall winner - Victoria Sun from Grafton Bethel Elementary School. This year, over 150 entries were received in the poster contest. To top it all off, this program fits in with the Virginia public schools' third grade "Standards of Learning" requirement. Talk about a win-win situation! The only loser here is the mosquito population of York County.

In the early spring it was predicted that due to the wet weather conditions, there was the potential for a robust mosquito season. Surprisingly, that hasn't occurred due to the fact that in June and July several inches of heavy rain fell which washed out the mosquito egg base.

For prevention, Mosquito Control has taken proactive

steps by dispensing biological larvicide and stocking breeding areas with mosquito fish. Since a mosquito outbreak didn't occur as anticipated, the July Air Force aerial spray flight was cancelled. If needed, there is another Air Force spray flight scheduled for York County during the last week of August.

The pesticide used in the aerial spraying is Dibrom applied at a rate of 1/2 ounce per acre (this is half of the one ounce EPA allowed rate).



According to the Virginia Department of Health, Dibrom is not harmful to animals, fish, or birds if applied properly. In addition, the droplet size would not be toxic enough to kill a flying insect much larger than a mosquito. However, bees may be affected by the pesticide in that they will become disoriented and unable to locate their hives. Because of this possibility, it's recommended that beekeepers close their hives during spraying operations.

If you are interested in learning more about Mosquito Control and how the county is treated for these insects, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol. As always, the division's goal is to serve our citizen customers. Please call 890-3790 for more information or with your concerns.

"Skate, Rattle & Roll" program returns September 6



Roller skating family fun returns Friday nights to the Dare Elementary School Gymnasium on September 6. The county's popular "Skate, Rattle & Roll" program will begin the new school year with the following two weekly sessions on Fridays:

- Session 1: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for Family and Elementary School participants (Grades K-5)

- Session 2: 9 to 11 p.m. for Middle School participants (Grades 6-8)

Admission is \$5.00 per session and includes skates. Rollerblades (or Inline) skate rental costs \$3.00. Sodas and snack food are also available for sale.

Full program details including drop off times for children and rules for safety are available on-line at the York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism website at www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec.

For more information, please call the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism office at 890-3500.



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Fall Fescue Lawn Maintenance

Did you know that you will have to renovate the lawn this fall? Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. Put this Renovation Clinic on your calendar. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in the Lawn Renovation program. The class is held from 10 a.m. to noon.

- September 7 - Ken Mathews Garden Center, Route 17

Natural Resources & Environmental Camp

The Jamestown 4-H Educational Center will be hosting Natural Resources and Environmental Education Camp, a weekend sleep over camp that runs from October 11-13. This camp, designed for children between the ages of 9 and 13, is an exciting, fun, and educational opportunity.

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

Free Plant Diagnosis

Are your plants dying? Do you have mysterious bugs infesting your house or your yard? Citizens of York County and Poquoson can bring plant problems and insect samples to the Extension office for free diagnostic services, and recommendations on solving your landscaping problems. Call the office for specific information.

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 on the River

York County/Poquoson Master Gardeners have a booth at the Yorktown Market Days at Riverwalk Landing. Bring your plant or insect identification questions or concerns, or



come browse the information table on the following dates: September 7, October 12 and November 9.

4-H Youth Harvest Mums

Twenty youth ages 10 to 15 have been growing and caring for 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 Yorktown Market Days in September and October.

Extension Office Sends 10 to Class

Ten York and Poquoson residents will be attending the 2013 Peninsula Master Gardener training beginning September 3 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 14. Master Gardeners extend and make the resources of the unit Extension office available to many residents of the Commonwealth.

Ready York County Virginia - Plan, Prepare, Stay Informed

Emergency preparedness is not the sole concern of Californians for earthquakes, those who live in "Tornado Alley" or Gulf Coast residents because of hurricanes. Most communities may be impacted by several types of hazards during a lifetime. Americans also travel more than ever before to areas impacted by hazards they may not be at risk of near their homes. Knowing what to do before, during and after an emergency is a critical part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

Some of the basic protective actions are similar for multiple hazards. For example, safety is necessary when experiencing all hazards; whether this means sheltering or evacuating depends on the specific emergency. Developing a family communications plan or making an emergency supply kit are the same for accidental emergencies, natural disasters and also terrorism. However, there are important differences among potential emergencies that should impact the decisions you make and the actions you take.

To help York County citizens be better prepared and to provide a single location which allows for the sharing of information related to the preparation for and/or recovery from a large scale emergency and/or disaster, the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety Office of Emergency Management has launched the Ready York

County Virginia website.

This initiative corresponds with the Commonwealth's Ready Virginia and the National Ready.gov preparedness

campaigns. Visitors to the Ready York County Virginia website will find links on this page to learn about the potential emergencies that can occur and the appropriate ways to respond to and/or recover from them. When you know what to do, you can plan with your household and prepare in advance to be ready.

This new preparedness site allows people to learn about their risks before an emergency/disaster. They can familiarize themselves with the signs of events that come without warning and know the local advance alerts and warnings and how you will receive them.

For more emergency preparedness information, visit the Ready York County Virginia website at www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com or the Department of Fire and Life Safety site at www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.



CERT Training Program Accepting Applications

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 September 2013. Information and the proposed

schedule of courses will soon be posted on the department's website - www.yorkcounty.gov/fire. CERT training provides citizens the opportunity to obtain and/or enhance their knowledge, skills, and abilities to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but to help their neighborhood be better prepared to take action when York County is affected by major emergencies or disasters.

In recent years, the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety has seen that training citizens to be prepared for

an emergency offers another level of protection for the community. CERT was originally developed by the Los Angeles Fire Department to train residents to have the skills to assist their families and neighbors during and immediately after an earthquake until emergency services could respond. Since then, the CERT model has been adapted throughout the nation to prepare citizens to assist in both man-made and natural disasters.

Those interested in participating in York County's CERT Training Program should be prepared to make a commitment to one night a week in the evening from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday mornings over a two-month period. Classes often fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety at 890-3600, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/fire.