



# Citizen News

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## Reassessment Notices to be Mailed by December 31

York County's Real Estate Assessment Office is nearing the end of the 2014 reassessment process. Notices will be mailed to all property owners during the last week of December.

Included in your assessment notice will be important information about the assessment as well as instructions on how to file an appeal if you believe your property is assessed above or below its market value, or is not assessed uniformly with similar real estate. You may contact the Real Estate Assessment Office at 890-3720 upon receipt of the notice, but before the final date listed on the notice for "Administrative Real Estate Assessment Hearings."

"This is a very open process and we want it to be clear that property owners can ask questions and request additional information at any time," said James McReynolds, County Administrator.

There is no fee or cost to the property owner for reviewing the assessment with the appraisal staff.

If you are not in agreement with the appraiser's decision on the assessment of your property, you may appeal to the Board of Equalization (BOE). An application is required; filing information and the deadline date will be on the notice. BOE meeting dates also are stated on the notice.

Please see Assessments continued on page 10



## Route 17 or CSX Rail Concerns?

CSX wants to hear from you if you have concerns or complaints about the condition of rail crossings, the crossing signs/arms, and any other concerns regarding the rail access in York County. The TELL CSX phone number is 1-877-835-5279.

Work is progressing on the Route 17 widening project. More information about the Route 17 project will be available and periodically updated on VDOT's website: [www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/george\\_washington\\_memorial\\_highway.asp](http://www.vdot.virginia.gov/projects/hamptonroads/george_washington_memorial_highway.asp). To receive email project updates, send a request to: [hamptonroadspublicinfo@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:hamptonroadspublicinfo@VDOT.virginia.gov) with "Subscribe to George Washington Highway Project Updates" in the subject line. VDOT's Public Information Officer can be reached by calling 925-2583.

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## Board of Supervisors Actions

### August 20, 2013

- Conditional approval for Mid-Atlantic Regional Ambulance to provide certain transport services within York County. This item was approved with revisions.

### September 3, 2013

- Requested that VDOT include certain streets in the Hunter Estates Subdivision into the Secondary System of State Highways.
- Authorized county participation in Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta Grant programs.

### September 17, 2013

- Amended the York County Zoning Map by reclassifying an approximately 8.6-acre parcel of land located at 131 White's Road from Medium-density single-family residential to conditional Limited Industrial subject to voluntarily proffered conditions.
- Approved a Special Use Permit to authorize the construction of various ancillary facilities on the site of the Lafayette Gun Club's nonconforming indoor/outdoor firing range on a 25.6-acre parcel of land located at 331 Dare Road, thus constituting an expansion under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance.
- Authorized the execution of a contract with the City of Williamsburg and James City County for the provision of library services to the residents of the upper York County area.

### October 1, 2013

- Authorized the execution of an extraterritorial sanitary sewer service agreement with the City of Newport News to provide sanitary sewer service to two lots located in York County which are to become part of Carter Estates Subdivision, the majority of which is located in the City of Newport News.

### October 15, 2013

- Executed a deed conveying an electric utility easement to Dominion Virginia Power at the site of the Goosley Road Pump Station located at 101 Leigh Road.
- Authorized the execution of a contract for the Yorktown Library Roof Replacement Project.
- Authorized an extension of the county's sanitary sewer system to a proposed development known as Patrick's Creek Estates and authorized execution of the necessary public sewer extension agreement.
- Sponsored an amendment to the York County Code to include "Places of Worship" as a land use which may utilize electronic changeable message signs that may change every eight seconds.

## Contact Your Board Member

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## Board Appointments

### •Regional Issues Committee

Stephen K. Collier

If you would like to serve on a board, commission or committee, please complete and submit a Board Bank Application. The application is available by calling the County Administration office at 890-3320 or by visiting our website at [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov), select "On-Line Services," followed by "Boards and Commissions" and then "Board Bank Application."

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*Citizen News* is published quarterly for the citizens of York County. One copy is mailed to each household in the County. Address comments to P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, VA, 23690 or call 890-3310.

County Administrator.....James O. McReynolds  
Public Information Coordinator.....Gail L. Whittaker

## Reminders from the Treasurer's Office

### York County Dog Licenses

The 2014 Dog License applications have been mailed. The license must be purchased by December 31, 2013, and costs \$5.00 per license. All dogs over the age of four months are required to have a current license and rabies vaccination.

You can purchase your dog license by mail, in person at the Treasurer's Office, or online at the Treasurer's website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer). To obtain a license by mail, send the application and a check payable to "Treasurer, County of York" to P.O. Box 251, Yorktown, VA, 23690-0251. A current rabies certificate is required to purchase a first-time license.

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

### Taxes

York County second half tax bills for 2013 Personal Property and Real Estate have been mailed and are due on or before December 5, 2013. Taxes are late on December 6 and penalty and interest, which are calculated separately on each item, will be assessed as required by York County Ordinance. If you did not receive your bill, tax information is available online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer), select "View Tax Bill."

Taxes may be paid by mail or online (see website address above - choose "View 2013 Tax Bill" once on the site). Taxes may also be deposited in the Treasurer's Office drop box at the Finance Building, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, in historic Yorktown.

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

## Head Start accepting applications

York County Head Start is accepting applications for children ages 3, 4, and 5, including children with disabilities, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Services include: Monday-Friday half-day classroom activities, education and disabilities services, free USDA breakfast and lunch services, case management, health/mental health, nutrition support services, and parent education services.

Classrooms are located at the Griffin-Yeates Center, Yorktown Elementary and Bethel Manor Elementary.

For more information, call 890-3888.

## 13th Annual County-wide High School Ski Trip scheduled for Friday, January 24

Registration is now open for York County's 13th annual county-wide high school ski trip to Wintergreen Ski Resort near Charlottesville. The fully chaperoned day trip is scheduled during semester break on Friday, January 24. The trip is open to any high school student (grades 9-12) residing in York County, including public, private and home-schooled students.

This annual trip is cosponsored each year by York County's Parks, Recreation and Tourism office and the Youth Commission. For registration information, please call 890-3500 or visit [www.ycyc.info](http://www.ycyc.info).



**SKATE, RATTLE & ROLL**

**DARE ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL GYM**  
300 DARE ROAD, GRAFTON, 23692

**FRIDAYS**

**6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**FAMILY & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K-5<sup>TH</sup>)**

**9:00 PM - 11:00 PM**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL (6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup>)**

**ADMISSION**

**\$5.00/SESSION (INCLUDES SKATES)**  
**\$3.00/ROLLERBLADE RENTAL**  
**CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE**

Sponsored by York County Parks,  
Recreation and Tourism. For more  
information call 890-3500.

### PART TIME HELP WANTED

Local printing company has immediate need for part time people interested in hand inserting and sealing letters, brochures, etc. into envelopes. Many projects can be done from home to fit your schedule provided deadlines are met. Some projects require you to work at our Yorktown facility. Great opportunity to supplement your income.

For consideration contact or apply in person to:

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# Local Business Report

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## Economic Development Updates

York County Economic Development Authority Sponsors Upcoming START! Peninsula Entrepreneurial Event

**PITCHERS WANTED:** Do you have an innovative business or product idea? START! Peninsula is the place for you! You could win up to \$10,000 plus space in a local business incubator and business acceleration program, to help bring your ideas to fruition.

**2nd Annual START! Peninsula Event  
November 22-24, 2013  
National Institute of Aerospace in Hampton**

Startup weekends are being held across the country. The goal is to catalyze the creation of high-tech/high-growth potential businesses by bringing all of the resources (ideas, technical expertise, business acumen, capital, etc.) together on one intensive weekend, to identify the most viable ideas and to invest resources in those ideas to jump-start the business. The top three contenders will not only be awarded an initial surge of start-up funding, but will also receive free office space in one of the three peninsula business incubators and participation in a 90-day business acceleration program.

For the second year in a row, the York County Economic Development Authority is sponsoring this exciting event. Several businesses were born from last year's event and are still vibrant and growing today. MedChek, a York County business, is one that did not win, but that is more successful today than ever due to the resources made available to them via START! Peninsula. 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.



## Businesses in the News

### Gentiva Hospice Opens New Office

Gentiva Hospice, which is a member of the Gentiva Health Services family of nationwide home health and hospice providers, held a grand opening of its new office in Michael Commons, in upper York County, that will bring a host of nursing and other hospice services to the residents and families on the peninsula. Visit [www.gentiva.com](http://www.gentiva.com) for more information.

### Henderson, Inc. Breaks Ground for Colonial Crossings Resort Expansion

Henderson, Inc., a York County general contracting company, held a ground breaking ceremony on October 9 to mark the beginning of the expansion of the new Colonial Crossings Resort, located in the Lightfoot area of upper York County. Visit [www.hendersoninc.com](http://www.hendersoninc.com) for more information.

## Contact Us

If you or anyone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, or if you have new ideas to improve the county's business environment, please contact us. Don't forget to visit our website at [www.YesYorkCounty.com](http://www.YesYorkCounty.com) to access our Site Selector database of available commercial property and to sign up for our monthly e-newsletter.

## Deadline reminders for 2014

- **March 3** - Deadline to file **Annual Business License Renewals** to avoid a late or non-filing penalty; deadline to file **Tax Returns of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes** to avoid a late or non-filing penalty; deadline to file **Tax Returns of Business Tangible Personal Property and Machinery and Tools** to avoid a non-filing penalty.
- **April 1** - Deadline to submit application for **Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled for Real Estate and Mobile Home Owners**; submit an application for
- Exemption of Real Estate Tax for 100% Service-Connected Disabled Veteran** (if you have previously filed, it is not necessary to re-file)
- **May 1** - Deadline to file **Virginia Income Tax Returns** and **Estimated Vouchers**



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## In Case of Inclement Weather...

Safety is the priority when York County School Division makes decisions regarding weather-related school schedule changes. Factors that impact these decisions include: weather forecasts, road conditions, and assessments by local law enforcement and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Once a decision is made to close or delay the start of a school day (typically by 6 a.m.), the division uses several communication methods to notify parents and staff members of the status of school.

YTalk, the division's telephone notification system is used to contact each student and staff member in the event of a school closing or delay. Make sure your child's school has current phone numbers in order to receive important messages. If your contact information changes during the school year, be sure to update this information with the school.

Y-Line, the division's email notification system, is also used to alert parents with registered Edline accounts, as well as y-Line subscribers who have opted to receive emergency e-mail announcements from the school division.

The division's website (yorkcountyschools.org), Facebook page, Twitter and YCSD TV-47 will all provide information on closings and delays as soon as a decision is made.

Should severe weather begin after the school day has started, these same notification procedures are used. The school division strives to provide two hours notice to parents if schools will close before the end of the school day. More information on the York County School Division's policy for weather-related closings is available on the division's website at yorkcountyschools.org.

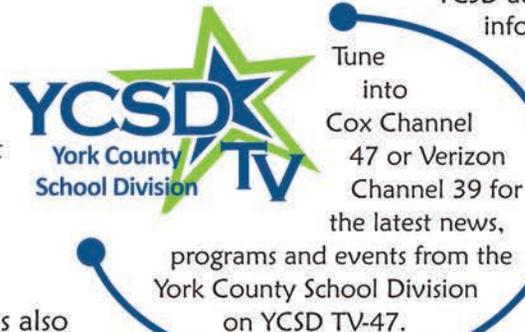
## Too Sick for School

Please use the symptoms below as guidelines for when it is better for your child - and his/her classmates - to stay home and recuperate:

- Flu-like symptoms
- Fever over 100 degrees
- Active gastrointestinal symptoms
- Coughing up yellowish or greenish phlegm
- Excessive eye watering or drainage
- Any open sores which appear to be infected (red, warm to touch)
- Evidence of lice/nits that have not been treated



Keeping a sick child at home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the child an opportunity to rest and recover. The health and wellness of all our students are top priorities. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact your school nurse or family physician.



## Adult Education Classes

### English as a Second Language Class

Winter Registration: January 7 during class time

Bethel Baptist Church - 1004 Yorktown Rd.

- **Tuesdays & Thursdays** 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Tuesdays** 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

### GED® Class

Winter Registration: January 6 during class time

Adult Learning Center - York High School



- **Mondays & Wednesdays** 9 a.m. - noon
- **Mondays & Wednesdays** 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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

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## YCSD Calendar

Nov. 27	Early Dismissal
Nov. 28 - 29	Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 13	Early Dismissal
Dec. 20	Early Dismissal
Dec. 23 - 31	Winter Break
Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
Jan. 21 - 23	Early Dismissal - Exams
Jan. 24	Student/Teacher Holiday
Jan. 27	Student Holiday
Feb. 17	President's Day Holiday

## What's Happening @ Your Library

Would you like to read eBooks or magazines on your new electronic device? Then the library's **Technology Fair** is just for you. Drop by the Yorktown Library on Thursday, January 9, or the Tabb Library on Thursday, January 23, any time between 6 and 7:30 p.m. for demonstrations of the library's digital resources on a variety of eReaders and tablets.

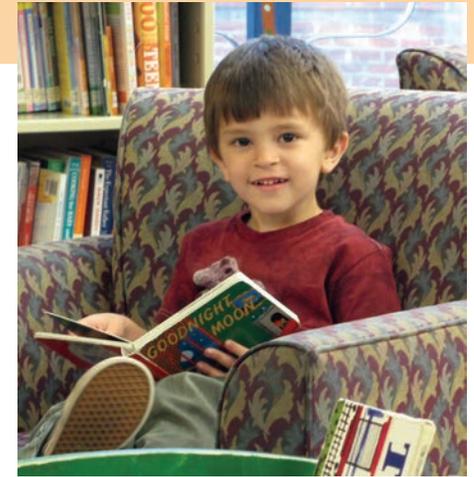
The winter session of **Tiny Tales, Toddler Tales and Preschool Story Time** begins January 13 and runs through February 14. Preschool Story Time is for children ages 2-1/2 to 5; Tiny Tales is for 6 to 14 months; and Toddler Tales is for ages 15 to 30 months. Registration begins at 10 a.m. on January 6 for Tiny Tales and Toddler Tales. Preschool Story Time registration begins at 10 a.m. on January 7. To register for sessions at the Tabb Library, call 890-5110 or register in person at the Tabb Youth Services desk. To register for sessions at the Yorktown Library, call 890-3236 or register in person at the Yorktown Youth Services desk.

Have you tried the library's **Homework Help** service? Students in grades 3 through 12 can find free help in Reading, Writing and Arithmetic from state certified teachers using an online whiteboard. All you need is your library card and an Internet connection. Homework Help is available 3 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Access Homework Help via the Research and Homework link on the library's website, [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library).

York County Public Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27, and remain closed Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, in observance of **Thanksgiving**. Both libraries will be closed to the public from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, December 6, for staff development, but we will be open from 1 to 6 p.m. The libraries will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1.

For more information on library programs and hours of operation, visit our website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library) or contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or the Yorktown Library at 890-5207. Visit the Tabb Library at 100 Long Green Boulevard, or the Yorktown Library at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway.



Kamden Dynan enjoys a good book.

## Partnership Formed to Address Basic Needs of Citizens

Lack of transportation and the ability to maintain adequate housing affects citizens with limited financial resources and family support.

In February 2013, a partnership was formed between Caritas, Inc., a York County non-profit civic organization, York County Community Services, and York-Poquoson Social Services to address the transportation and housing needs of low-income citizens.

This initiative has been named **KEYS: York-Poquoson Transportation and Housing Initiative**. We believe that in meeting transportation and housing needs, we can enhance our community - furthering its potential, health and prosperity.

Our solution lies in the development of this public-private partnership, which will enable us to bring awareness and obtain support from local businesses, community agencies

and faith-based organizations as well as grant opportunities to enhance the quality of life for citizens of York County and the City of Poquoson. Funds will be used to secure contractors/vendors to provide housing and transportation services.

Providing transportation services to low-income residents would enable parents to search for and obtain employment, attend school to receive a high school diploma, or attend a training program preparing them for employment in today's job market. Providing transportation services and housing rehabilitation assistance to our elderly and citizens with disabilities would enable them to remain healthy and sustained in their own homes.

If you are interested in donating to the KEYS initiative, please call Cheryl Ferreira at 890-3941.





Members of the 2013-14 Youth Commission met for teambuilding training during summer orientation.

## 2014-15 Youth Commission Applications Due March 5

The York County Board of Supervisors is currently seeking students who are interested in representing youth interests and concerns by serving on the Youth Commission for the 2014-15 school year. Applicants must be York County residents who are currently enrolled in grades 8-11.

The Youth Commission's primary purpose is to serve as a link between the Board and the county's young people by representing youth-related needs and issues.

A completed application form and a letter of recommendation must be received at the York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5. The Board will appoint up to three teens from each of the county's five voting districts. The new Commission will be formally introduced at a Board of Supervisors' meeting.

Interested teens and their parents are invited to attend the Monday, February 3, meeting of the Youth Commission at the Yorktown Library Meeting Room. The meeting is held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. You will have an opportunity to observe a meeting and ask questions of the commissioners. Applicants are not required to attend this meeting.

Application forms can be downloaded from [www.ycyc.info](http://www.ycyc.info). Hard copy forms are available at the Yorktown and Tabb libraries, the Williamsburg and James City County libraries, and York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism, 100 County Drive in Grafton.

Please call 890-3500 for more information.



The 2013 recipients were: Joey Monk, Morgan Irons, Abby Jones, and Ryan Sidhu.

## Outstanding Youth Award nominations due Feb. 12

Citizens are invited to help celebrate some of the good news about York County's high school aged youth by nominating a deserving student for one of the county's four \$500 Outstanding Youth Award Scholarships sponsored each year by the Board of Supervisors and the Youth Commission. Nominations in the categories of Compassion, Courage, Community Service and Overall Achievement are due at the York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12.

Anyone can nominate a deserving high school student for one of these awards. Nominees must be residents of York County and currently enrolled in grades 9 through 12. The four award recipients will each receive one of the educational scholarships and be formally recognized with their families and nominators at a reception in their honor and at a Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Board of Supervisors will send a letter and signed certificate to *all* nominees congratulating them on their nomination and informing them of their nominator.

Nomination forms and program details are available by downloading them from the Youth Commission's website at [www.ycyc.info](http://www.ycyc.info). Hard copies of the nomination forms are also available at the Yorktown and Tabb libraries, Williamsburg and James City County libraries, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism, 100 County Drive in Grafton.

Please call 890-3500 for more information about this program.

## CERT Training Program

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 winter/spring 2014. Information and the proposed schedule of courses will soon be posted on the department's website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/fire](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fire). CERT training provides citizens the opportunity to not only help their families be better prepared for emergencies, but also 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 following 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 (typically Thursday) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and two Saturday morning classes

Please see CERT continued on page 10

## "Shop with a Sheriff"

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is holding its 12th Annual "Shop with a Sheriff" campaign in December. With the help of local churches and schools, sixty children from York County and the City of Poquoson will be selected to participate.



At 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, the children will arrive at the Tabb K-Mart in Yorktown to go Christmas shopping with York-Poquoson Deputies. In order to make this an extra special day for the children, the "Shop with a Sheriff" committee is hoping to raise \$9,000 prior to December 14.

"Shop with a Sheriff" helps many children through the generosity of our community. In order to continue to provide this positive and meaningful opportunity for the kids, Sheriff J.D. "Danny" Diggs is asking local businesses, community organizations, and individuals to contribute this year.

Checks can be made payable to "Shop with a Sheriff" and mailed to the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office "Shop with Sheriff," P.O. Box 99, Yorktown, VA 23690. All donations are tax deductible.

Anyone wishing to contribute or receive more information about "Shop with a Sheriff" can contact the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office at 890-3679.

## Cold weather heating safety tips from Fire and Life Safety

- If you use a space heater, maintain a minimum clearance of three feet in all directions around the heater.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit and avoid the use of extension cords. If you must use one, only use extension cords that have the necessary rating to carry the amp load.
- Avoid using electric space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come into contact with water.
- Keep electric space heaters away from flammable/combustible materials.
- Do not lay gloves, coats, hats, or any other items on the heater to dry.
- If you use a kerosene heater, ensure that it is operating properly and not allowing carbon monoxide to form. Never refill the kerosene indoors or while the heater is still hot.
- If you are heating with gas logs or a conventional fireplace, take the appropriate precautions to ensure use of the equipment safely and as intended.
- If you heat with gas, propane, kerosene or a fireplace, make sure that you not only have a working smoke detector, but also a working carbon monoxide detector.

For more winter weather safety and preparedness tips, visit [www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com](http://www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com).

# York County Waste Management Center

## 2013-14 Leaf collection program began November 11

Leaf collection began the week of November 11, and continues through the week of January 27.

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

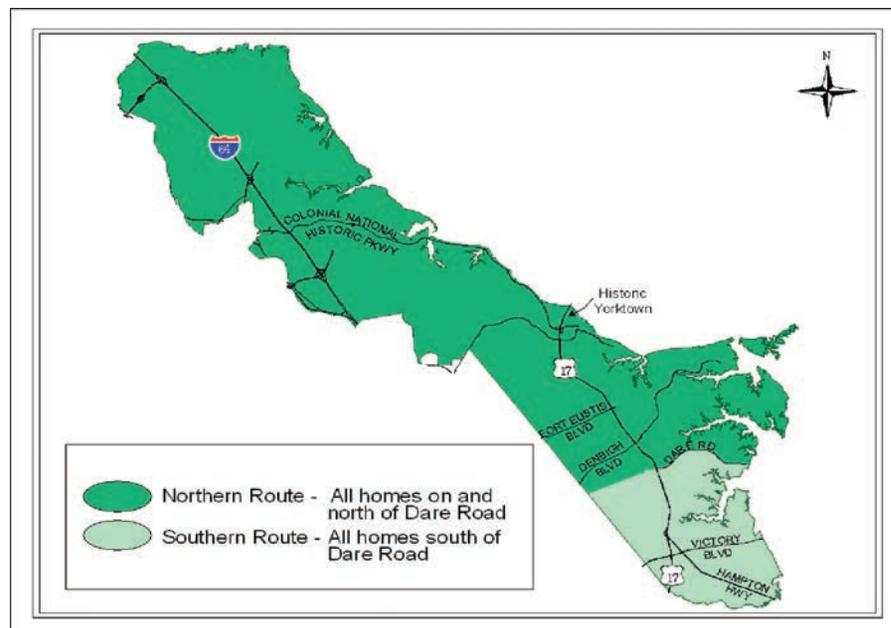
*Southern Zone* includes all homes south of Dare Road, including areas of Tabb, Coventry, Kiln Creek, Brandywine, and Harwood's Mill. Collection weeks for the Southern Zone:

November 11	November 25	December 9
December 23	January 6	January 20
January 27		

*Northern Zone* includes all homes on and north of Dare Road, including the area along Wolf Trap Road, Goodwin Neck Road, Marlbank, Edgehill, and all neighborhoods in the upper county. Collection weeks for the Northern Zone:

November 18	December 2	December 16
December 30	January 13	January 27

- Please be sure your clear bags are at the roadside by 7 a.m. on Monday of your designated week to ensure collection by the end of the week.
- Bags should weigh 40 pounds or less and contain only leaves. Being overweight or containing garbage, dirt, and/or pet waste will cause a bag and potentially an



entire load to be rejected.

- Rejected bags that are overweight or contain unaccepted material will be tagged and left behind. In order to be collected during the next scheduled week, rejected bags will need to be lightened or contaminated debris removed.

## Holiday collection schedule for garbage/recycling

### Recycling Collection

- Recycling collections normally scheduled for Thursday, November 28 (Thanksgiving), will be moved to Saturday, November 30.
- Collections normally scheduled for December 25 (Christmas) will be moved to Saturday, December 28.
- Collections normally scheduled for Wednesday, January 1, will be moved to Saturday, January 4.

Please be sure to have your recycling carts out by 7 a.m. on your re-scheduled collection day.

All operations at the Waste Management Center will be closed on Thursday, November 28, Friday, November 29, Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. The Administrative office will also be closed on Tuesday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 31, however most operations, including the Transfer Station and Citizen Drop-off areas will be open under normal operating hours. The VPPSA Composting Facility will be open a half-day on Monday, December 24, from 8 a.m. to noon.

### Garbage Collection

- Garbage collections will move forward by one day beginning with each holiday. Thursday, November 28, collections will be moved to Friday. Friday, November 29, collections will move to Saturday.
- Wednesday, December 25, collections will move to Thursday. Thursday, December 26, collections will move to Friday, and so on.
- Wednesday, January 1, collections will be handled as those the prior week.

## Beautiful York County calendar winners announced

Beginning with calendar year 2001, the York County Beautification Committee has held an annual art contest to illustrate the *Beautiful York County* environmental calendar. In addition to monetary awards, winning art pieces are utilized to illustrate each month plus the cover of the 12-month calendar. County-specific environmental information and dates pertinent to York County are highlighted each month. This annual contest is held among all K-12 students residing in York County.

The theme is "Beautiful 'Green' York County" and students are asked to provide images that reflect the concept of recycling in York County and/or how recycling helps to keep it beautiful. In addition, all pieces are made on or with recycled materials!

Although funding was not available to provide for the printing and mailing to all county residents, the 2014 *Beautiful York County* calendar will be available for downloading at [www.yorkcounty.gov/ycbc](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/ycbc). A limited number of copies will also be available at both branches of the York County Public Library and various county offices, including the Department of Environmental and Development Services and County Administration.

The following individuals are congratulated for their winning entries for the 2014 calendar:

Cover.....	Jessica Chandrasekhar, <i>Shining Beauty</i>
January .....	Emma Heath, <i>Trapped Turtle</i>
February.....	Trinita Choice, <i>Recycle</i>
March.....	Kirsten Halvorsen, <i>Yorktown Onion and Butterfly</i>
April.....	Bianca Mower, <i>Soda Can Cardinal</i>
May .....	Presti Chander, <i>Clean and Green Yorktown</i>
June .....	Michael Brackney, <i>Untitled</i>
July .....	Ella Andrie, <i>Keep York County Sparkling</i>
August .....	Alison Bender, <i>Untitled</i>
September .....	Nicole Knight, <i>Make Recycling Historic</i>
October .....	Michelle Kasbohm, <i>Keep Our History Beautiful</i>
November .....	Vanessa Angelique Beltran, <i>Give a Hoot!</i>
December.....	Monica Baird, <i>Clean Holidays</i>



Cover artwork "Shining Beauty" by Jessica Chandrasekhar

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There is no fee to apply to be heard by the BOE. You may appeal to the BOE even if you have not made an informal appeal directly to the Real Estate Assessment Office.

The BOE is a five-member board of county landowners nominated by the Board of Supervisors and appointed by the Circuit Court. State law requires at least 30 percent of the members be knowledgeable real estate professionals.

If a property owner is still dissatisfied with the decision of the BOE, he or she may, at their own expense, file an appeal to the Circuit Court. In fact, a property owner may choose to take their case directly to the Circuit Court without going through the administrative hearing or BOE process.

For more information, call 890-3720, Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit the county website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/realestateassessment](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/realestateassessment).

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(for practical exercises and graduation) over a two-month period. Classes often fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. The course includes presentations, discussions and practical experiences on the following topics:

- CERT Organization
- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety/Fire Extinguisher Use
- Disaster Medical Care
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Practical Exercises and Graduation

For more information about the CERT training program, visit [www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com](http://www.readyyorkcountyvirginia.com) (select "Volunteer") or call Fire and Life Safety at 890-3600.



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## Horticultural Extravaganza

The 2014 Horticultural Extravaganza is scheduled for March 1, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Extravaganza will cover a broad amount of information for both the novice and experienced gardener:

Topics will cover all facets of gardening, including:

- Specialty plants
- Landscape design
- Self-sufficiency through backyard food production

The registration fee is \$16 and includes a lunch. Registration materials will be available in January.

For more information, please call 890-4940 or email [ex199@vt.edu](mailto:ex199@vt.edu).

## Free Pruning Clinics

February is the time to prune ornamental plants and we have scheduled a number of demonstration clinics to ensure that you are pruning your much-loved plants to promote proper health and growth.

These clinics include hands-on demonstrations, so be sure to bring your pruning shears.

To register, please call 890-4940 or email [ex199@vt.edu](mailto:ex199@vt.edu).

The locations of the clinics will be Grafton True Value, Ken Matthews Garden Center, and Taylor's Do-It Center in Poquoson. Dates are forthcoming, but will be Saturdays in February from 10 a.m. to noon.

*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.*

## York/Poquoson Junior 4-H Camp

Registration begins mid-January for the 2014 York-Poquoson Junior 4-H Camp. Registrations are accepted by mail only.

This year, York County/Poquoson youth will camp July 28-August 1 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg.

Activities include archery, canoeing, marine science, swimming and having entirely too much fun!

Camp will cost \$250 per camper. We are also offering sibling and adult volunteer discounts. Registration materials will be available mid-January.

For more information or to be added to the mailing list, please call 890-4940 or email [ex199@vt.edu](mailto:ex199@vt.edu).



Camper enjoy kayaking at Junior 4-H camp.

## Gardening 101 Short-Course

Join us Tuesday evenings, January 21 through March 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Tabb Library for a gardening short-course. Registration fee of \$50 will cover a manual, the curriculum, and a pair of hand pruners. Call 890-4940 for more information or email [ex199@vt.edu](mailto:ex199@vt.edu).

**The 2014 Mid-Atlantic Short Course will be held January 13-17 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center. Visit [www.mahsc.org](http://www.mahsc.org) for registration and information.**

## Mosquito Season Recap

Our busy mosquito season has come to a close. Like last year, early in the summer the mosquito nuisance was minimal. However, the heavy rainfall later in the summer promoted a serious outbreak. Many citizens called seeking relief from the outdoor pests. As a result, the county performed ground spraying and coordinated with the U.S. Air Force for an aerial spray flight. These methods proved very effective in reducing the number of mosquitoes.



A continuing effort was made to inform residents of the impending spraying applications via the mosquito spray hotline, website, and local media.

Once again, our trained mosquito monitor volunteers did their utmost to provide their assigned mosquito light trap feedback. Their timely input enabled ground and aerial spraying applications for those areas that experienced a mosquito problem.

Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers: Clarence Goodwin (Lackey), Dawn Young (Lakeside), Rita Garboldi (Tabb), Charles Messiner (Seaford), Ginger Auriett (Calthrop Neck), Richard Beige (Tabb), Steve Dodson (Dare), Lani Hergenrother (Edgehill), Maureen Langston (Marlbank), Antionett Lansdell (Schenck Estates), and Nicolas Stokes (Edgehill).

For more information about Mosquito Control, call 890-3790.

## York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PR&T)

For activities and events, visit our  
**Online Program Guide at**  
[www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)

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### Coming Up Soon!

- **Countywide High School Ski Trip**
- **Adult & Youth Leisure Classes**
- **Youth Spring Soccer**
- **Senior Center Trips and Activities**
- **Yorktown Holiday Events**



## Personal Property Tax information

If you have recently moved to York County or have recently purchased a new or used vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, boat or watercraft, you need to register your property with the Commissioner of the Revenue. In addition, the owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, semi-trailer, boat or watercraft shall notify the Commissioner of the Revenue within 60 days whenever there is:

- A change in the name or address of the person or persons owning or leasing taxable personal property;
- A change in the residence of the property;
- Any other change affecting the assessment or levy of the personal property tax on motor vehicles, trailers, semi-trailers, boats or watercraft for which a return has been

filed;

- Any change in the use of a vehicle which affects the eligibility requirements for Personal Property Tax Relief.

It is necessary to provide the Title, State Registration, or bill of sale when registering vehicles. If you sell or trade a vehicle, please notify the Commissioner of the Revenue and the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles so their records may be updated.

For more information, and for information regarding the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and the Military Spouses Residence Relief Act, please call the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 890-3381.