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Stay Safe this Winter with Fire Safety Tips

Because of the high cost of home heating fuels and utilities, during the cold winter months many people resort to using fireplaces, wood stoves, space heaters and other alternative heating methods to keep warm. In fact, winter residential building fires occur mainly in the early evening hours, peaking from 5 to 8 p.m. Although at its highest in December, residential building fire incidence is collectively highest in the three winter months: January, February and March. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire-safe home this winter.

Kerosene Heaters

Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.

- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type of fuel.

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In Memoriam James "Mac" McReynolds

York County's Administrator James "Mac" McReynolds died on Sunday, October 19. Mac, as he was known to many in York County and throughout the region, was hired by York County in 1983, beginning his tenure as an accountant. After several promotions within the finance department, he was appointed Acting County Administrator early in 2001. In May of that year, he was appointed County Administrator.



Mac's term as County Administrator was longer than those of his predecessors, an achievement of which he was quite proud. Mac was loyal, compassionate, and dedicated to York County and its citizens, the Board of Supervisors, and the staff. He is and always will be missed by those of us fortunate to have worked with him. Rest in Peace, Mac.

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Board of Supervisors Actions

August 19, 2014

- Authorized the execution of a contract and appropriated additional funding in the Sewer Utility Fund for the Hornsbyville Road Sanitary Sewer Project.

September 2, 2014

- Authorized the execution of a contract for the stream restoration and BMP retrofit at Dare Elementary School.

September 16, 2014

- Amended sections of the York County Code relating to real property tax relief for the elderly and disabled persons, allowing property held in certain trusts to be eligible for relief and excluding income of caregivers from the computation of household incomes.
- Amended the York County Zoning Ordinance to modify the requirements pertaining to political signs to ensure consistency with the requirements of the Code of Virginia and, specifically, to allow certain temporary political signs to be as large as 40 square feet in area.
- Approved a special use permit authorizing seafood harvesting as a home occupation with up to three non-resident employees at 1818 Calthrop Neck Road.
- Approved a special use permit to conduct private weddings and receptions for a fee as a business venture on the premises of a bed and breakfast located at 702 Main Street and with off-street parking proposed on the adjacent properties located at 606 Main Street and 204 Smith Street.

October 7, 2014

- Adopted a resolution to initiate formal consideration of a "No Wake" designation at the mouth of Wormley Creek.
- Authorized the execution of procurement arrangements for replacement emergency medical services biomedical and associated equipment.

October 21, 2014

- Amended the Low Density Single-family Residential land use description contained in the York County Comprehensive Plan and amended various sections of the York County Zoning Ordinance to establish performance standards for agriculture and aquaculture uses and clarified various other sections.
- Approved a special use permit authorizing the establishment of a towing service/ automobile storage yard at 135, 137, and 139 Fenton Mill Road.

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Board Appointments

•Civic and Cultural Grants Advisory Committee

Walt Akers
Robin Andleton
Richard Biege
Bruce Keener
John Zwirschitz

If you are interested in serving on a Board, Committee, or Commission, please complete a Board Bank Application available on-line (under Board of Supervisors) or by calling 890-3320.

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Interim County Administrator.....J. Mark Carter
Public Information Coordinator.....Gail L. Whittaker

York County Dog Licenses

The 2015 Dog License applications have been mailed. The licenses must be purchased by December 31, 2014, and cost \$5.00 each. 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, www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer.

To obtain the license by mail, send the application and a check payable to "Treasurer, County of York," P.O. Box 251, Yorktown, VA 23690-0251. A current Rabies Certificate is required to purchase a first-time license.

The Treasurer's office is located at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard in historic Yorktown and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website or call the office at 890-3420.

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

Taxes due December 5

Personal Property and Real Estate tax bills for the second half of 2014 have been mailed and are due on or before December 5. Taxes are considered 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 (select "View 2014 Tax Bill").

Taxes may be paid by mail or online at the Treasurer's website, paid at the Treasurer's Office, or deposited in the Treasurer's drop box located on the outside of the building.

The Treasurer's Office is located at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard in historic Yorktown and is open Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit the website or call the office at 890-3420.

Officers of Election Needed

The years 2015 and 2016 are big election years 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 890-3440 or visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting and select "Officer of Election Form."

Yorktown

2014
CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

7 pm, The Fifes & Drums of York Town perform
Victory Monument. Free. 757.898.9418

7:30 pm, Christmas Tree Lighting

Procession from Victory Monument to Riverwalk Landing.
Free. 757.890.3500

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

10 am - 3 pm, Christmas Market on Main
Historic Main Street. Free. 757.877.2933

11 am - 3 pm, Watermen's Museum Oyster Roast
Tickets required. \$ 757.887.2641

7 pm, Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade
Yorktown Waterfront. Free. 757.890.4970

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

1 - 4 pm, Cookies with Santa, York Hall. Free. 757.890.4490

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:30 am, Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Riverwalk Restaurant. Tickets required. \$19 for 3 and older. 757.875.1522

9 am - 3 pm, Yorktown Market Days
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

1 pm, Toyland Parade
Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXHIBITS & EVENTS

'Christmas in Yorktown' Exhibit

November- December, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm & Sunday, 1 - 4 pm.
The Gallery at York Hall. Free. 757.890.4490

Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia

November 27-29, Thursday - Saturday 9am - 5pm.
Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

A Colonial Christmas

December 1 - January 4, 9am - 5pm.
Yorktown Victory Center. Admission \$ 757.253.4838



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Local Business Report

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BUSINESSES IN THE NEWS

- [AleWerks Brewing Company](#) - This local brewery won a gold medal for "Lover's Greed" beer and a silver medal for "Bitter Valentine" beer at the Virginia Craft Beer Festival in August.
- [Ryson International](#) - The number one manufacturer of spiral conveyors in the USA produced its 2,000th spiral conveyor in September. The announcement came just in time to celebrate during October's National Manufacturing Month, an event highlighting the value of manufacturing to the U.S. economy as well as its available, highly-skilled careers.
- [Atlantic Emergency Solutions](#) - This emergency vehicle sales and service company opened its Hampton Roads service center in York County in October.
- [AVID LLC](#) - At the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership's First Flight Ceremony, AVID received two Certificates of Authorization (COA) for AVID EDF-8. These two-year COAs will allow AVID to fly EDF-8 in civil airspace under Federal Aviation Administration guidelines and to continue developing unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) technology in Virginia.

EMAIL DATABASE UPDATE ON THE HORIZON

Later this year, the Office of Economic Development will be updating its email database. This important step will enable us to more effectively communicate with our business community via our email notification system. Each month, announcements are sent out regarding upcoming events and workshops, local business news, and more. Businesses will receive a call asking for their updated email address and permission to send Economic Development communications

to them. **If you are interested in receiving these notifications from our office, please be sure to sign up when you receive this call or online at www.YesYorkCounty.com.**

UPDATE YOUR "BUY LOCAL" LISTING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In 2013, the York County Economic Development Authority launched a new Buy Local website, www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com. The interactive site provides a free one-stop-shop for finding local businesses and explaining how buying local directly benefits residents, businesses, and our entire community. The site also hosts a community calendar to help promote local events, sales, and specials, a feature meant to keep visitors periodically checking back to the site. All commercially-based businesses with a current York County business license receive a free listing on the site (includes business name, physical address, phone number, website address, photos, logos, coupons, events, descriptions, tag lines, and more).

The Office of Economic Development will be heavily promoting the site for the upcoming holiday season. Review your listing at www.KeepItInYorkCounty.com and submit changes to econdev@yorkcounty.gov today.

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 www.YesYorkCounty.com.





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

In Case of Inclement Weather

Tune into Cox Channel 47 or Verizon Channel 39 for the latest news, programs and events from the York County School Division on YCSD TV-47.

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.

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. Information will also be sent to parents and staff via the division's telephone and email notification systems. If an event is school-specific, only parents with children at that school will be notified.

Parents are encouraged to make sure schools have 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.

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.

YORKCOUNTYSCHOOLS.ORG

YCSD CALENDAR

November 2014

26 Early Dismissal
27–28 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2014

12 Early Dismissal
19 Early Dismissal
22–31 Winter Break

January 2015

1–2 Winter Break
19 Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
21–23 Early Dismissal, Exams
26 Student Holiday

STUDENT HOTLINE

(757) 890-1096

ADULT EDUCATION

English as a Second Language

Winter Registration: January 13 during class
Bethel Baptist Church
1004 Yorktown Road
Yorktown, VA
9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

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

BE SOCIAL!

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[You Tube /yorkcountyschoolsva](https://www.youtube.com/yorkcountyschoolsva)

What's Happening @ Your Library

Join us this winter for **Tiny Tales, Toddler Tales and Preschool Story Time**. The first winter story hour session runs from January 12 through February 13, 2015. Registration begins on January 5 for Tiny and Toddler Tales. Preschool Story Time registration begins on January 6. The story hour schedule is available in the Youth Services Department and on the library's event calendar and website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library. To register for sessions at the Tabb Library, call 890-5110 or register in person at the Tabb Youth Services desk. Sign up at the Yorktown Youth Services desk or call 890-3236 to register for sessions held at the Yorktown Library.

Celebrate the season with a special **Holiday Story Time** on Saturday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tabb Library or 1 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. Enjoy festive stories, songs and a craft. This activity is free and recommended for ages 3 to 7, but all ages are welcome. Registration is not required.

Reading is near and dear to our hearts - especially **Valentine's Day Story Time!** Join us on Saturday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tabb Library or 1 p.m. at the Yorktown Library for heartwarming stories and a craft. No registration is required. For more information, call the Yorktown Library at 890-3236 or Tabb Library at 890-5110.

Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to come to the library at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month to read aloud to a trained therapy dog at **Paws to Read**. The dogs and their owners have been certified in pet therapy. Children and dogs bond over shared stories, and readers gain confidence by reading to dogs. A signed parental permission slip is required. The January 24 and February 28 sessions will meet at the Tabb Library. For additional information, please call 890-5110.

Join us for a **LEGO** experience the second Monday of each month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Tabb Library meeting room. This is a registered program for children ages 6-12. Every month there is an exciting theme! Parents are welcome to participate as well. For more information, please call 890-5110.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' **DMV2Go** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, and Tuesday, January 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. DMV2Go is a full-service office on wheels that conducts DMV transactions including applying for or renewing driver's licenses, ID cards and Veterans ID cards (veteran supplies

a copy of their DD214), obtaining vehicle titles and license plates, ordering disabled parking placards or plates, obtaining an "EZ Pass On-The-Go" transponder, and more.

Have you browsed the library's **Zinio digital magazine collection?** Your library card gives you access to over 75 digital magazines including Us Weekly, The Economist, Newsweek, National Geographic Interactive, Food Network Magazine, and many more. Crafters and hobbyists will enjoy American Craft, PieceWork and Model Railroader. If you love being outdoors, you might enjoy Field & Stream, Backpacker or Outside.

Access Zinio digital magazines through the eCollection link on the library's website, www.yorkcounty.gov/library. These full-color magazines can be viewed on your PC/Mac. Apps are available for many devices for downloading magazines to read offline. All you need to get started is your library card, email address and an Internet connection.

York County Public Libraries will close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26, and remain closed Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, in observance of **Thanksgiving**. The libraries will be closed in observance of the **Christmas and New Year's** holidays on Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1, 2015.

For more information on library programs, contact the Tabb Library at 890-5120 or Yorktown Library at 890-5207, or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary. 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. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.



Library patron Melissa Speas enjoys the space for some study time. The library has free WiFi!

Youth Award Scholarship Nominations Due Feb. 11

Citizens are encouraged 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 in the Parks, Recreation and Tourism office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11.

Anyone - parents, grandparents, teachers, counselors, coaches, club sponsors, neighbors, employers, youth ministers, scout leaders and friends - can nominate a high school student for one of these awards. Nominees must be residents of York County and currently enrolled in grades 9-12. A selection committee will review the nominations



The 2014 Outstanding Youth Award winners were (left to right) Owen Robinson, Gabrielle Patrick, Erin Baxley, and Kiran Bagalkotkar.

and choose an award recipient for each category. 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 in May 2015.

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 complete program details are available by downloading them from the York County Youth Commission's website at www.ycyc.info. Hard copies of the forms are also available at the Yorktown and Tabb libraries, Williamsburg-James City County libraries, and the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Office, 100 County Drive.

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



York County Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)

Worried about you or your kids catching the "Wintertime Blues?"

Blizzard INACTIVITY **Televisionitis**
GAINING WEIGHT **CABIN FEVER**
Couch Potato Syndrome
QUARRELS OVER THE REMOTE Stagnation

Let York County PRT help you to...

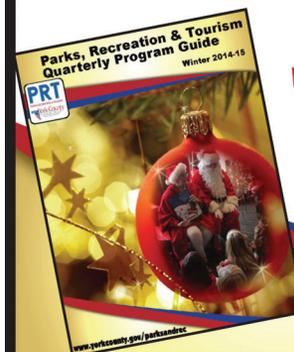
Stay Active! **GET OUT!** **TAKE A CLASS!**
DO SOMETHING NEW! **Meet New People!**
Experience Community! **LAUGH!**
DRAW! **Sweat!** **LEARN!** **Grow!**
Enjoy a Yorktown Special Event!
DO SOMETHING FUN FOR ALL AGES & FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Why not do it ALL this winter?

For Winter activities and events, visit our Seasonal Program Guide ONLINE at:

www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec
Email: parksandrec@yorkcounty.gov

(757) 890-3500



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Winter Safety, continued from page 1

- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids, stored in approved metal containers and in well ventilated storage areas outside of the house.
- Never fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters - especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.
- When using a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.

**Furnace Heating**

It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.

- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.



Never discard hot ashes inside or near your home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.

Call York County Fire & Life Safety at 890-3600 for more home heating tips.

Call the County *Before* You Install Your Fence, Shed, Etc.

Property owners are advised to check with the county's Zoning and Code Enforcement office when considering the installation of fences, sheds and other structures on their properties. While building permits may not be required for some of these improvements, various other limitations (setback from property lines, height of fences or structures, etc.) will apply and must be observed. Also, the presence

of drainage and utility easements may affect the allowable location. As a general rule, property owners should be aware that they (and not the County) will be responsible for the cost of replacing any structure that must be removed from a County drainage or utility easement to accommodate any necessary utility maintenance or repair work. Call Zoning and Code Enforcement at 890-3524.

York County Waste Management Center

2015 Beautiful York County Calendar

The 2015 *Beautiful York County* calendar will be available for downloading and printing from www.yorkcounty.gov/ycbc. In addition, a number of printed copies will be available at both branches of the York County Public Library, offices of Environmental Services including the Waste Management Center, and County Administration.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Curbside garbage and recycling collections will move forward by one day beginning with each holiday. For example, Thursday, November 27 collections will be moved to Friday, November 28, and Friday collections will be moved to Saturday, November 29. This rescheduling will continue for the Christmas and New Year's holidays

as well. Please call 890-3780 if you have any questions.

All operations at the Waste Management facility will be closed on Thursdays, November 27, December 25 and January 1. The Administrative office will also be closed on Friday, November 28, Wednesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 31;

however, most operations, including the transfer station and citizen drop-off for recycling and/or garbage disposal will be open under normal operating hours on those three days. The VPPSA Composting Facility will be open a half day on Wednesday, December 24, from 8 a.m. to noon.



Your Collection DAY: Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri



Your Collection WEEK: Blue Red

January 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B					1*	2	3
R	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
R	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
B	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

*Jan. 1: No service. Thu, Fri each delayed by 1 day.

February 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
R	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
B	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
R	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
B	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
R	29	30	31				

April 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R				1	2	3	4
B	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
R	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
B	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
R	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
R						1	2
B	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
R	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
B	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
R	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
B	31						

June 2015

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
B		1	2	3	4	5	6
R	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
B	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
R	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
B	28	29	30				

www.vppsa.org

Curbside Recycling Calendar

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Violence Against Women Task Force Holds 6th Conference

The York County Violence Against Women Task Force recently held its Sixth Annual Conference on Crimes Against Women in Williamsburg. This year's theme was "Changing How We Work: New Methods and Fresh Perspectives on Handling Crimes Against Women," and featured a wide range of workshops and speakers that represented best practices in the field. Among the sessions presented were some new and exciting approaches to prevention of violent crime, as well as service provision to victims and society in general. The conference was attended by victim advocates, law enforcement, social services, health care, probation and parole, and animal control personnel across the region as well as therapists and prosecutors from other parts of the state.



During the conference, York County Sheriff's Office Investigator Adam Cooper (left) was presented with the award for Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2013, while York County Sheriff's Deputy Ben Howlett (far right)

received the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award for 2014. Shown between Cooper and Howlett is York-Poquoson Sheriff J. D. "Danny" Diggs.

The York County Violence Against Women Task Force is a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary team formed in November 2007 to examine our jurisdiction's current response to cases of domestic violence and sexual assault; stalking and dating violence; and to enhance areas in which they perform well, and address gaps in the system. The Task Force mission is to work together with a collaborative spirit to improve response to crimes against women, enhance offender accountability, and create better outcomes for victims.

If you or someone you know has been, or is currently, the victim of any of these crimes, there is help available. For more information, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vawtf or www.yorkcounty.gov/vw.

Smart Choices in Smoke Alarm Placement

Home is where most people feel the safest - but it's also where you are most likely to experience a fatal fire. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, 85 percent of all fire fatalities - close to 2,650 people annually - occur in a home. Many deaths may have been prevented. Most fire fatalities happen in the 29 percent of homes that either have inoperable smoke alarms or no alarms.

Newly constructed homes are required to have hard wired, interconnected smoke alarms on each floor, in hallways and inside of all sleeping areas. But more than 84 million homes - most built prior to 1993 - only have isolated battery powered or electric powered smoke alarms. Millions more do not have an alarm inside of bedrooms. Simply put, residents without a sufficient number of working smoke alarms are under-protected and at increased risk. Families may have less than three minutes from the time the first smoke alarm sounds to escape a fire. (Source: National Institute of Standards and Technology)



Alarm Installation Tips

- Install at least one smoke alarm on each level or story of a multi-story dwelling, inside and outside of sleeping areas, in hallways, and living/kitchen areas.
- Since smoke travels up, smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall. Mount on the ceiling as close to the center as possible and at least four inches away from the wall.
- Install alarms 20 feet away from stoves, furnace, water heater, etc. that could cause nuisance alarms, such as in the kitchen.
- Install 10 feet away from bathrooms or other damp, humid areas. The steam can often set off nuisance alarms.
- Install alarms according to manufacturer's instructions in the owner's manual.

If you need help with smoke alarms, call York County Fire and Life Safety at 890-3600 Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Horticultural Extravaganza March 21, 2015

The 2015 Horticultural Extravaganza is scheduled for March 14, 2015, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tabb High School. The Extravaganza will cover a broad amount of information for both the novice and the more 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, call 890-4940 or email ex199@vt.edu.

Winter Teen Camp at Jamestown 4-H Center

Jamestown 4-H Center is offering an overnight camp for teens (ages 14-19) December 29-31, 2014. This is a great opportunity for Junior 4-H Camp Teen Counselors to participate in their own camp, or for teens that never had the opportunity to participate in Junior 4-H Camp to experience camp! This camp will include classes, campfires, a talent show, and a dance - just like summer camp.

For more information and registration forms, visit <http://jamestown4hcenter.org/specialty-camps/>. Registration is due December 17, 2014.

Free Pruning Clinics in February 2015

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.

Clinics are held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. To register, please call 890-4940 or email ex199@vt.edu.

- Saturday, February 7 - True Value in Yorktown
- Saturday, February 21 - Taylor's Do-It Center, Poquoson
- Saturday, February 28 - Ken Mathews Garden Center in Yorktown

York County/Poquoson Jr. 4-H Camp

Mark your calendar! The 2015 York-Poquoson Junior 4-H Camp will be held August 3-7 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg. Activities include archery, canoeing, marine science, swimming and robotics!

If you would like your child to be added to the mailing list, please email the York-Poquoson Extension office at ex199@vt.edu.

The 2015 Mid-Atlantic Horticulture Short Course will be held January 20-23 at the Newport News Marriott at City Center.
Visit www.mahsc.org
for registration and 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.

Mosquito Control Update

Just because mosquitoes are not annoying you as much in winter months does not mean that they are gone. In fact, depending on species, mosquitoes can overwinter in the egg or larval form. As soon as weather conditions are favorable, mosquitoes will quickly hatch and begin searching for a blood meal. This is why it is important to remember mosquito control in the winter as well as the summer. Preventive maintenance and preparation are important components of mosquito control. Beware, some mosquito species also overwinter as adults in human dwellings. They prefer to hide in dark areas, such as closets, and can still bite all winter long. Here are some things to remember in the winter for mosquito control.

- Drainage is key! Standing water is where mosquitoes lay eggs. Make sure that after the leaves fall, you clear your gutters and yards of debris.
- Take advantage of the county's free leaf collection program. Leaf collection begins in November. Do not dump leaves or yard debris into ditches or drainageways. Information on leaf collection can be found at www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement.
- Winterize your home. Not only will you be saving energy, you will be keeping mosquitoes and other pests out of your home. Seal cracks around doors and windows; install door sweeps.
- Mend window and porch screens.
- If you have flexible tubing connected to your gutters, ensure that it can drain and water is not able to sit in the tubes. This is prime breeding habitat.
- Put screens over your rain barrels; clear leaves and debris from screens regularly.
- Take a look around your yard and neighborhood to identify areas of poor drainage or standing water and plan permanent repairs.
- Turn over or store any containers in your yard that can hold water.
- Report any roadside drainage issues to VDOT.



Personal Property Info.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles notifies the Commissioner of the Revenue when property is purchased or moved in to York County. In addition, the Commission of Game & Inland Fisheries notifies the office of boats registered as of January of the tax year.

It is requested that you contact the Commissioner of the Revenue within 60 days, and provide the Title, State Registration, or bill of sale, when registering vehicles, and provide information on property sold, junked or otherwise disposed, or moved out of York County. If the vehicle has been moved out of Virginia, proof of registration in the new state will be required before personal property tax proration is considered.

Information is available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue. Forms can be found on the site under "E-Commissioner/Online Forms."

ATTENTION:

MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS and SPOUSES

Active duty military non-Virginia residents must provide a copy of their Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), each year by March 1, to qualify for exemption under the "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act." Failure to do so, will result in a tax bill. Vehicles titled to a legal spouse may also be entitled to an exemption under the "Military Spouses Residency Relief Act." Additional information is available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

2015 Filing Deadline Reminders

- **March 2** - Deadline to file **Annual Business License Renewals**
- **March 2** - Deadline to file **Tax Returns of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes**
- **March 2** - Deadline to file **Tax Returns of Business Tangible Personal Property and Machinery and Tools**
- **April 1** - Deadline to submit application for **Tax Relief for the Elderly and/or Disabled for Real Estate and Mobile Home Owners**
- **April 1** - Submit an application for **Exemption of Real Estate Tax for 100% Service-Connected Disabled Veteran**
- **May 1** - Deadline to file **2014 Virginia Income Tax Returns and 2015 Estimated Voucher #1**