

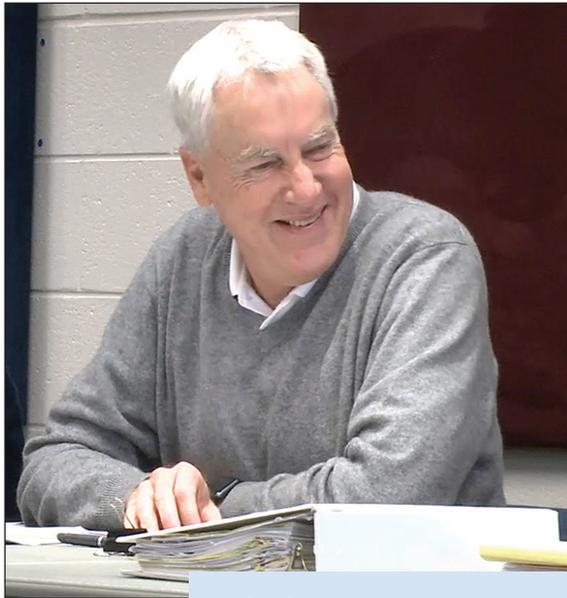


## SHOES TOO BIG TO FILL

Deputy County Administrator Mark Carter retiring with a legacy of service



1980s - Planning & Community Development Department (Mark second from left, front row); 2017 - Capital Improvements Program committee meeting.



“Riverwalk Landing, a testimony to Mark’s patience and fortitude - a sense of place - of which we can all be justly proud.”

If you were to walk every square foot of York County, you would not be able to place your feet on land that was not somehow impacted by the work of Deputy County Administrator J. Mark Carter. For more than four decades with York County and a career spanning many functions of planning, zoning, and administration, Mark is retiring, leaving a remarkable legacy of forward progress, thoughtful guidance, sound management, and an unwavering appreciation of teamwork. It is this last item - a belief that it is the work of the team that is deserving of recognition, as opposed to the work of an individual - that may make him uncomfortable when reading this article. He may argue that he has had no more impact than anyone else. And while all County employees past and present have made their mark (no pun intended), we would be remiss in not highlighting Mark’s role in helping to make York County the community it is today.

It’s impossible to sum up a 40-year career, but even more so when you’re talking about a tenure as dynamic as Mark’s. But, in looking back, one major item from Mark’s long project list stands out: Riverwalk Landing. “I believe it was in the ‘80s when the first ‘Focus on Yorktown’ was convened and from those sessions, the ‘Yorktown Master Plan’

### A FEW CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**Riverwalk Landing/Yorktown Master Plan** The County’s gathering place for families and visitors to shop, dine, listen to live music, and enjoy the water and beach. The Riverwalk Landing report is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov](http://www.yorkcounty.gov) under “County Reports & News.”

**York County Comprehensive Plan** This document helps guide the future actions of the community. The County’s Comprehensive Plan is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/planning](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/planning).

**Zoning Ordinance** This is the rule book for land development in York County. Along with the zoning map, it determines what can be built where and how it can be built. Zoning helps ensure development occurs in a way that does not conflict with other land uses and is in accordance with traffic capacity, water/sewer systems, school capacity, etc. You can find the Zoning Ordinance at [www.yorkcounty.gov/planning](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/planning) (select “Zoning” tab at right).

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTIONS

This list features a sampling of items that were considered by the Board of Supervisors since the November 2017 meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at

[www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

### NOVEMBER 21, 2017

- Reclassified land on Yorktown Road known as the Smith Property to allow for a proposed housing development. The proposal, revised to address the concerns from the Planning Commission, includes up to 113 single-family detached homes featuring multi-use trails and sidewalks, the installation of turn lanes to assist with increased traffic, and a significant common space area.

### DECEMBER 5, 2017

- The December 5 meeting was a joint retreat with the School Board. No action was taken at this meeting. The Boards received presentations on their respective Strategic Plans, Human Resources Initiatives including health insurance options, the Capital Improvement Program, and a General Financial Update.

### DECEMBER 19, 2017

- Authorized the purchase of a replacement aerial ladder firetruck. The new truck, purchased for just over \$1.3 million, replaces a 2003 model that has become unreliable, has experienced excessive mechanical issues, and has exceeded its useful life for service to York County citizens, businesses, and visitors.

### JANUARY 2, 2018

- At this meeting, the Board elected Sheila Noll (District 2) as Chairman and Tom Shepperd (District 5) as Vice Chairman. The Board approved its current meeting schedule and will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in York Hall.

### JANUARY 16, 2018

- Authorized the replacement of the online customer service portal for Building Regulation, Development and Compliance, and Planning with the INFOR Rhythm for Civics program.
- The Board held a budget public forum to receive input for the development of the Fiscal Year 2019 budget. Citizens have the opportunity to speak at the budget public hearing on April 17 and during the citizen comment period at the March 20 meeting held in York Hall, following the County Administrator's proposed budget presentation. Meetings begin at 6 p.m. You also may email your comments to [bos@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:bos@yorkcounty.gov) or leave a message on the Budget Comment Line - (757) 890-3220. Budget information is available online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/budget](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/budget).

### FEBRUARY 6, 2018

- Approved financing of County projects included in the FY17 and FY18 adopted Capital Improvements Program. The \$8.1 million in lease revenue bonds will finance the Grafton fire station construction, fire apparatus replacement, and the general fund contribution to the Carver Gardens water project.

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## CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA SPRING 2018

"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, call 890-3300, or email [piofc@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:piofc@yorkcounty.gov).

County Administrator ..... Neil Morgan  
Public Affairs Manager ..... Paula Hersh  
Public Information Officer ..... Gail L. Whittaker

## DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

The Commissioner of the Revenue reminds you of these upcoming taxes due **March 1**:

- **2018 Business License**  
Renew and pay [online](#). (757) 890-3383
  - **2018 Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property and Machinery and Tools** This is for all business furniture, tools, equipment, etc. as of January 1, 2018. (757) 890-3381
  - **2018 Tax Return of Tangible Personal Property for Manufactured (Mobile) Homes** For mobile homes owned as of January 1, 2018. (757) 890-3381
  - **Active Military non-Virginia Resident Personal Property Tax Exemption**  
You must submit a LES from the last three months to qualify. (757) 890-3381
- These taxes are due **April 1**:
- **2018 Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled for Real Estate and Mobile Home Owners** (757) 890-3382
  - **Real Estate Tax Exemption for Veterans with 100% Service-Related Disability** (757) 890-3382

The Commissioner's office is located at 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard.

Applications for the **2018-2019 York County Youth Commission** are due Monday, **March 12**. The Youth Commission is a 15-member, student led group that serves as a link between the Board and the County's youth. Members conduct student surveys, report findings to the Board of Supervisors and School Board, perform community service, and other activities. Application forms are downloadable from [www.ycyc.info](http://www.ycyc.info). For program details, call Parks, Recreation and Tourism at (757) 890-3500.

In November, York County voters will cast their ballots for a **member of the U.S. Senate and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives**. If necessary, primaries for candidates will be June 12. Therefore, the **deadline to register to vote in a June 12 primary is Monday, May 21**. This is also the date to register any changes to your address or other registration information.

If a primary is held and you are not able to visit your polling place, you may qualify to vote absentee. The **deadline to apply for absentee ballot** by mail, fax, email or online is **Tuesday, June 5**; the deadline to apply in person is **Saturday, June 9**. For more information, visit the [website](#) or call the Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440.

## Tide Chart

## WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

### NEW LOOK FOR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES

Sheriff's Office deputies are now wearing navy blue uniform shirts, a big change from the tan shirts we're used to seeing. The uniform change has been in process for several months and came at the request of the deputies themselves. The new uniform is less expensive and adds a layer of safety at night.



### NEW IN TOWN - WELCOME NEW BUSINESS

York County recently welcomed the following new business with ribbon-cutting ceremonies:

- Jimmy Da Greek's Deli



Check out our featured **New In Town** video on York County's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/YorkCountyVirginiaUS](http://www.youtube.com/user/YorkCountyVirginiaUS).

### NEW ONLINE DOCUMENT UPLOAD PORTAL

The Commissioner of the Revenue's office announces the implementation of a new Document Upload Portal. Citizens may upload records to this portal for instantaneous saving to the Document Imaging System. This initiative helps streamline processes and promotes better efficiency for staff and citizens/business owners. Visit the website at [www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue).

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Marina Electrical Equipment Wins Award at 2018's Distinguished Business Affair

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) and the Office of Economic Development (OED) awarded **Marina Electrical Equipment** (MEE) with the 2018 William Rogers "Poor Potter" Award for its significant investment in York County. Owner Bob Dively, long-time County businessman and serial entrepreneur, has developed several products and taken them to market over the years, all from locations in York County. In 2017, MEE purchased the former Altria manufacturing facility on Merrimac Trail in upper York and is now producing high-quality, weatherproof electrical equipment for the marina industry.



The Marina Electrical Equipment building on Merrimac Trail.

Mr. Dively accepted the award at the Distinguished Business Affair, held this year on February 13 in the Freight Shed with over 100 York County business representatives in attendance.

Also presented at the event was the York County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year Award. The award, named for the late John D. "Pete" Sterrett, Jr., the County's first Industrial Development Authority Executive Director, was given to Walsh Electric.

New this year, Karen Riordan, President of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance, recognized the **American Revolution Museum at Yorktown** with the 2018 Lafayette Award for Best Placemaking Business in York County.



### Launchpad Celebrates Two Years Bringing Together Business Community

Two years ago, Launchpad, the region's joint business incubator, started a journey to build a thriving entrepreneurial community in the region. Today, Launchpad is successfully bringing together entrepreneurs and small businesses, mentors, coaches, industry-leading experts and investors to further this goal. In addition to support received from local municipalities, the incubator recently started soliciting sponsorships from local businesses and has already raised \$10,000 toward its goal of \$30,000.

To date, Launchpad has worked with more than 55 businesses in different capacities with several successful exits/graduations. The business incubator hosts an average of eight monthly entrepreneurial events, attracting between 150-200 attendees each month. Space is available for two full-time organizations and several virtual businesses. Visit [www.gwlaunchpad.com](http://www.gwlaunchpad.com) for more information.

### Home-Based Business Lunch & Learn Series Begins in March

This popular lunch and learn series returns in a new location. We invite you to join us the second Wednesday of each month (March - October) from 12-1 p.m. at Colonial Harbor, 2405 Ft. Eustis Boulevard. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy free drinks and desserts, provided by the York County EDA. The monthly, hour-long sessions focus on various topics, such as legal, accounting, marketing, etc., that apply to all home-based businesses, including network and direct marketing, traditional, and franchise companies.

### County Business is Again on Inc. 5000 List

Congratulations to **ITA International** for being recognized on the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America for the FIFTH TIME!



If you or someone you know is interested in establishing, expanding, or relocating a business in York County, or if you have ideas to help improve our business environment, please call (757) 890-3317. Don't forget to visit [www.YesYorkCounty.com](http://www.YesYorkCounty.com) for more on these stories.

*By The Numbers*

626  
200  
26,000

Tons of leaves collected in November and December of 2017

Children who attended Safety Town last year. Registration begins in May. Visit [recreation.yorkcounty.gov](http://recreation.yorkcounty.gov).

Copies of "Citizen News" mailed to York County residents each quarter

## YCS D CALENDAR

### February 2018

- 9 Report Cards Issued
- 19 Make-Up Day for all students and staff

### March 2018

- 2 Early Dismissal
- 7 Interim Reports Issued
- 30 Early Dismissal

### April 2018

- 2-6 Spring Break
- 13 Report Cards Issued

*\*In the event of inclement weather, calendar adjustments will be posted on the yorkcountyschools.org website.*

# Elementary Attendance Zone Adjustments

On Monday, January 22, 2018, the York County School Board approved adjustments to elementary attendance zones for Coventry, Grafton Bethel, Seaford, and Yorktown elementary schools which will affect approximately 110 students.

**Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, students in the following neighborhoods will attend Coventry Elementary School:**

- Byrd Lane
- Cain Terrace
- York Manor
- Commonwealth Green
- Commonwealth at York

**Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, students in the following neighborhoods will attend Seaford Elementary School:**

- Yorktown Arch
- The Quarters of Yorktown
- Wood Towne Quarters

Rising fifth grade students and their siblings who reside in the impacted neighborhoods will be allowed to attend their current school for the 2018-19 school year only. Parents would need to provide transportation if they participate in this option. Parents of eligible students should complete the out-of-zone application form by Friday, March 30, 2018, if they wish to continue enrollment in their current elementary school.

## FY19 Operating Budget

The York County School Division is in the process of developing the FY19 Operating Budget.

Updates on the FY19 Operating Budget process can be located on the yorkcountyschools.org website under the "Learn About" section on the main page.

The School Board Proposed Budget Timeline:

- Release of Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget: Mid-February
- School Board Public Hearing: February 26, 7 p.m., York Hall
- Approval of School Board Proposed Budget: March 26

## Too Sick for School?

*Good health habits, like covering your cough and washing your hands often, can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.*

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends these everyday steps to help prevent the spread of germs:

### Staying Healthy & Keeping Others Healthy

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
- Stay home from work or school when you are sick. Children should be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of cold medicine, before returning to school.
- Practice good hygiene. Wash hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol-based sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze. Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

## Did you know?

YCS D students have free access to Microsoft Office 365 Suite cloud-based software & Microsoft Office.



## STUDENT HOTLINE

 (757) 890-5000




## KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

### TORNADO WATCH vs TORNADO WARNING

**A tornado is possible in your area.**  
You should monitor weather-alert radios and local radio and TV stations for information.

**Take cover immediately.**  
A tornado has been sighted in the area or has been indicated by National Weather Service Doppler radar.



There is no part of Virginia that is immune to tornadoes. In fact, twisters can hit at any time of the year and at any time of the day. Because of this, there are two things that every family, business, and organization should do to be prepared:

- **Get a NOAA Weather Radio with SAME alerts**
- **Join us in the statewide tornado drill on March 20 at 9:45 a.m.**

“NOAA Weather Radios are the best way of getting tornado warnings,” said York County Fire Chief Stephen P. Kopczynski. “When a tornado warning is issued, the Weather Radio alerts by sounding an alarm and/or flashing a light - for the hearing impaired - followed by information on where the storm is, which way it’s moving, and telling people in its path to take cover.”

SAME stands for Specific Area Message Encoding, a feature that lets you program your radio for your area. NOAA Weather Radios are available at electronics and sporting goods stores, department stores, boating stores, some grocery stores, and the internet with prices starting at about \$30.

Everyone should practice taking cover from tornadoes. A statewide tornado drill is planned for Tuesday, March 20, at 9:45 a.m. On that date, the Department of Fire & Life Safety and the Commonwealth of Virginia, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, will conduct a statewide tornado drill so that schools, businesses, and families can practice their tornado emergency plans.

“The purpose of Tornado Preparedness Day is to get people thinking about not only tornadoes and what one needs to do to protect themselves, their families, and their property, but other types of severe weather as well,” Kopczynski said.

Tornado drill information is available at [www.vaemergency.gov](http://www.vaemergency.gov).

# Yorktown 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SISTER CITIES FRENCH MARKET

*April 21*  
Saturday  
10 AM - 3 PM, FREE  
Riverwalk Landing



### PIRATES INVADE YORKTOWN

*April 28 & 29*  
Saturday & Sunday  
10AM - 6 PM, FREE  
Riverwalk Landing



### BLUES, BREWS & BBQ FESTIVAL

*May 5*  
Saturday  
12 - 6 PM, \$  
Riverwalk Landing



### ART AT THE RIVER JURIED ART SHOW

*May 6*  
Sunday  
10 AM - 4 PM, FREE  
Riverwalk Landing

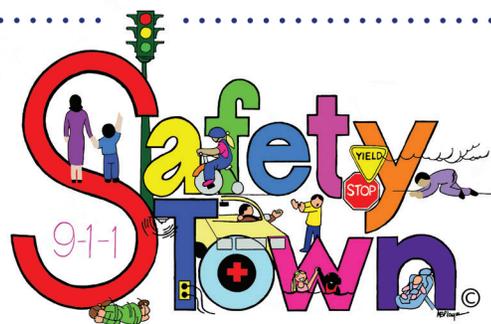
[WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG](http://WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG)

## HISTORICAL MUSEUM WANTS YOU



The Historical Museum inside York Hall.

Do you love history? Are you looking for ways to contribute to the community? If you answered "yes" to both of those questions, then we have the right opportunity for you! The York County Historical Museum is seeking volunteers. As a small non-profit museum, we rely on volunteer support to help tell the world about York County's unique history. We are always on the lookout for motivated and friendly individuals to serve as docents at our two locations. For information about our sites and volunteering for the museum, please visit our website - [www.yorkcountymuseum.com](http://www.yorkcountymuseum.com) - or pick up one of our brochures at either of our museum locations.



Safety Town gives **rising Kindergarten children** and their parents important life safety information to help children avoid dangers and develop safe practices.

### Residents

Fee: \$35

Registration starts May 7

### Non-Residents

\$50

Registration Starts May 14

**MT. VERNON ELEMENTARY**– JULY 9-13 • JULY 16-20 • JULY 23-27

**WALLER MILL ELEMENTARY**– JULY 30-AUGUST 3

**Register online at:**

[www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)

or at the PRT Office from

8:15am-5:00pm Monday-Friday.

**757.890.3500**



**SATURDAYS • 8 AM to 12 PM**  
**April 14 - October 27**  
 (Except May 5 & Oct. 6)

### 2018 THEMED MARKETS

Apr 21	Sister Cities French Market	10 AM - 3 PM
May 12	Fitness Market	8 AM - 12 PM
Sep 8	Paws at the River	8 AM - 12 PM
Oct 13	Fall Festival	8 AM - 3 PM
Nov 10	Harvest Festival	9 AM - 3 PM
Nov 17	Holiday Open House	9 AM - 3 PM
Dec 8	Holiday Market	9 AM - 3 PM

*Presented by York County and Riverwalk Landing*

[WWW.YORKTOWNMARKETDAYS.COM](http://WWW.YORKTOWNMARKETDAYS.COM) | 757.890.3500

## UPDATED AERIAL MAPS NOW ONLINE

Citizens visiting the County's property information system can now view aerial imagery taken by the State last year. To view the maps, visit the site at [maps.yorkcounty.gov](http://maps.yorkcounty.gov), search a property, and when you view the map, select "Planimetrics" on the right side of your screen. On the drop down menu, select 2017 Aerials.

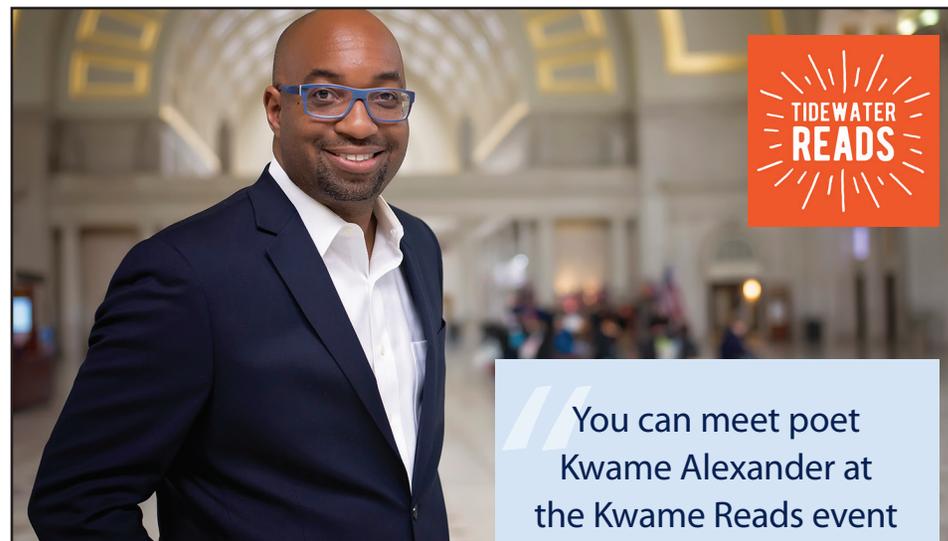


## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

Throughout 2018, the Tabb Library will host Virginia Housing Development Authority's (VHDA) free **First-time Homebuyer classes**. This spring, classes are held from 11:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays, March 24, April 21, and May 19. Additional dates are scheduled for the summer and fall. In these classes, you'll learn the entire home-buying process and how to stay on track as a responsible homeowner. Anyone can take this class, but it is required if you're applying for a VHDA home loan. Visit [www.vhda.com/freeclass](http://www.vhda.com/freeclass), click on Upcoming Classes & Events, and browse for our class.

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles' **DMV Connect** portable customer service center is visiting the Yorktown Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18. DMV Connect can process all transactions *except* vital records and testing.

In April, the library is participating in **Tidewater Reads**, a community literary collaborative that this year will feature poet and author Kwame Alexander. To get the community excited to celebrate the famed poet, we are challenging kids, teens, and adults to submit a piece of their own original work to a poetry contest. The contest is open for entries February 26 through March 16. The York County Public Library entry form is available at the Reference Desk at both libraries, as well as [online](#). Refer to the forms for entry rules. There are five categories from kindergarten to adult, and the top three poems in each category will move on to be judged against submissions from other library systems in the Tidewater Reads regional competition. Grand prizes will then be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each age division during the **Kwame Reads** event, on Saturday,



You can meet poet Kwame Alexander at the Kwame Reads event on Saturday, April 28, at Slover Library in Norfolk.

April 28, 3 to 5 p.m., at the Slover Library in Norfolk. Winning entries will be compiled into a digital poetry book made available at [www.TidewaterReads.org](http://www.TidewaterReads.org). Visit the website for more information.





**York County  
Head Start**

For more information, call  
(757) 890-3888

Now Enrolling for the 2018-2019 School Year!

Now accepting applications for eligible 3, 4, and 5 year olds including children with special needs!

Applications available at Tabb & Yorktown Libraries, Griffin-Yeates Center or online at [yorkcounty.gov/communityservices](http://yorkcounty.gov/communityservices)

**Program Features**

- Monday – Friday
- Low Child-Staff Ratio
- Free Breakfast & Lunch
- Family Support & Parent Education Services
- No Cost for Tuition

# Field Trip Fever

**RIISING 2ND-7TH GRADERS!**

## FIELD TRIP FEVER I:

Fridays (6/29-7/27 • 7:30-5:30)

Coventry Elementary

Grafton Bethel Elementary

Magruder Elementary

Seaford Elementary

**Residents \$100 • Non-Residents \$130**

## FIELD TRIP FEVER II:

Monday-Friday (7/30-8/3 • 7:30-5:30)

Coventry Elementary

Grafton Bethel Elementary

Magruder Elementary

Seaford Elementary

**Residents \$100 • Non-Residents \$130**

**PRT**

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## WASTE MANAGEMENT WANTS YOU TO KNOW....

### Please recycle these items:

- Plastic bottles, jugs and food containers
- Rigid plastics-flower pots, plastic dishes
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal cans
- Cardboard and mixed paper

Please check our website, [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org) for a more complete list of accepted items.

### York County Waste Management Center

### Curbside Recycling Collection Schedule February - June 2018

Call (757) 890-3780 for more information.

### NOT ACCEPTED:

- X Plastic Bags
- X Greasy Paper (pizza boxes)
- X Foam Plastic Products- "Styrofoam®"
- X Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues
- X Diapers, Other Personal Care Products
- X Milk cartons, juice boxes, candy wrappers

For more info, check [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org)

Your Collection DAY: **MON TUES WED THU FRI**  Your Collection WEEK: **BLUE RED**

#### February 2018

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

#### March 2018

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

#### April 2018

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

#### May 2018

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

### Helpful tips:

- Please place all recyclables **inside** your cart. Put flattened boxes in last, placing them under the cart lid.
- A larger cart is available if desired. Call 757-259-9850 to "upsized" your cart.
- Make sure to place your cart at the curb by 7AM on your collection day.

#### June 2018

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

[www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org)

## WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

**DPW**  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**AT THE WATERFRONT** Just in time for spring....enjoy a new picnic shelter at the Beach Picnic Area on Water Street. The shelter is a



collaborative effort between the Yorktown Rotary Club, National Park Service, and York County's Department of Public Works as well as the division of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The Rotary Club donated the funds and manpower for much of the construction. This new amenity contains three tables, is handicapped accessible, and open for use on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to enjoy this picnic area as the weather improves!

### YORKTOWN IS CHARGED UP

York County recently installed additional charging stations for electric cars. Two are now located in the Riverwalk Landing



parking terrace, two adjacent to the Finance Bldg./Courthouse (one shown above), and one at the Yorktown Library. More stations are planned for installation during the year. To locate these and other charging stations, visit the [PlugShare website](http://PlugShare.com).



## YORK COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ART CONTEST FOR BEAUTIFUL YORK COUNTY CALENDAR

- Theme:** Beautiful "Clean" York County - Artwork should reflect a clean York County and how recycling and litter control efforts help keep it beautiful
- Eligibility:** York County K-12 Students - Participants must be York County K-12 students attending home, private, or public school
- Due Date:** July 27, 2018 - All entries should be submitted to York County Beautification Committee, ATTN: Laurie Halperin, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, VA 23692
- Size:** 8x10 inches - Please make sure your image is a landscape orientation; portrait is not easily utilized in this calendar
- Awards:** Thirteen cash awards of \$100 each

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Top: With Planning & Community Development Director John Matthews in 1982; Bottom: Shops at Lakeside groundbreaking in 2007.

was created,” Board of Supervisors Chairman Sheila Noll said. “Finally, a second ‘Focus on Yorktown’ - again involving a variety of citizens and the business community - reviewed the Master Plan, and with few adjustments, validated the prior work. What we have today is the Riverwalk and Riverwalk Landing, a testimony to Mark’s patience and fortitude - a sense of place - of which we can all be justly proud.”

On the County’s website is a detailed report about Riverwalk Landing. Included is the history of the development, from the workshops to the architectural design to the subsequent building and grand opening in 2005. The project’s history is lengthy and detailed for good reason: not only was it *penned* by

Mark, it was *lived* by Mark. His impact on the Riverwalk Landing development is significant and lasting. Is there a better worklife legacy to leave than Riverwalk - the County’s central meeting place, it’s focal point, and it’s gathering spot for families and visitors throughout the year? It’s a place for concerts, dining, shopping, water excursions, and beach time. The memories that are made at Riverwalk Landing may possibly be the greatest legacy to Mark and the other members of the Focus on Yorktown sessions.

But Mark’s impact isn’t found only at Riverwalk Landing. You can find Mark among the pages of the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan. As Mrs. Noll writes, Mark was integral in having citizens involved in the development of the Comprehensive Plan - the document that guides the future of the County.

“When asked to write about Mark’s significant impact on the County, I find it an extremely difficult task! Do I mention the Comprehensive Plan? Do I remind others about the several Route 17 plans? What about the foresight to plan for the eventual undergrounding of the wires on Route 17 or the Planned Development/Mixed Development communities? Perhaps I should mention his relationship with VDOT that has provided improvements to the County over the years?” Mrs. Noll said. “For me, I think developing a ‘sense of place’ and involving the citizens in the process stands out as Mark’s most significant impact.”

Board of Supervisors Vice Chairman Tom Shepperd agreed with the long list of Mark’s impact on the County, adding, “Present and

involved in every aspect of York’s foundation documents such as the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Policy & Procedures, Mark’s input can be seen in such major accomplishments as the York/Poquoson Courthouse, Riverwalk Landing, the McReynolds Athletic Complex, and the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries.”

“Among Mark’s many skills is his ability to listen,” said Planning Commission Chairman Monty Jons. “Mark actively hears what someone has to say. He is the consummate professional.”

This was never more evident than it was in 2014. “Mark was the one we all turned to in keeping the County focused and moving forward during the untimely passing of our beloved County Administrator [James ‘Mac’ McReynolds],” said Tom Shepperd. As a follow-up, District 1 Board of Supervisors member Walt Zaremba added that “Mark has been vital to the well-being of York County in every aspect and without his guidance and leadership during this period, the County would not enjoy the absolute respect and high esteem from the municipalities that comprise the Tidewater region.”

District 5 Board of Supervisors member Jeff Wassmer wrote, “Mark is a man of character, confidence, and integrity. His work has always been solid and based on facts. York County’s success will forever have his fingerprints on our future.”

In his early days as a planner, Mark was able to help citizens and business owners make their way through the permitting process. “Mark has been an advocate for small business since he came on board. He helped me get started when I moved my business from Newport News to Yorktown in 1984,” said H.J. Coxton, businessman and member of the County’s Economic Development Authority. “I was a young businessman and did not know exactly what to do. Mark was always very knowledgeable, kind, polite, and willing to help. Mark guided me through the process of getting all the permits and provided me with help that I needed to get my business started. After many years, I still appreciate him.”

Many who know Mark are struck by his vast knowledge of the County. “When you need to know, ask Mark,” stated Chad Green, District 3 Board of Supervisors member. Monty Jons described Mark thusly: “He is the human version of Google.” In fact, throughout the organization people often say, “Let’s ask Mark Carter. If anyone will know, he will.” It will be difficult moving forward without Mark - his quiet confidence and his resoluteness, as well as all of that institutional knowledge, will be missed. Luckily, we know where he lives.

In closing, we all thank J. Mark Carter for the footprints he has left for us to follow. Mark, it’s time for you to put your feet up...or let them carry you to the nearest golf course. We will be here trying to fill your shoes, yet knowing we never will. But through it all, we will do our best to carry on your work and make you proud.

## VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: CAMPS, TRAINING, & MORE

### HOME GARDENING SERIES AT THE POQUOSON LEARNING GARDEN



A series of four Saturday classes are planned at the Poquoson Learning Garden located at 968 Poquoson Avenue (behind the Poquoson Museum). Dates and topics are:

- March 24 - Getting Started
- April 7 - Starting Seeds Indoors and Planting Straw Bales
- April 28 - Planting Outdoors
- May 12 - The Summer Garden

These hour-long classes begin at 1 p.m. For more information, call (757) 890-4940 or visit

[www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce).

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### FREE PRUNING CLINICS

February is the time to start pruning ornamental plants. Our clinics teach you the proper way to prune your much-loved plants to promote health and growth. Clinics are held on Saturdays in March from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register by calling (757) 890-4940.

- March 10 - Taylor's Do It Center, Wythe Creek Road, Poquoson
- March 17 - Ken Matthews Garden Center, Route 17, Yorktown
- March 24 - Yorktown Feed Seed 'N More, Grafton Dr., Yorktown

### HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM

Sign up now for our Spring Healthy Virginia Lawns program with visits beginning in March. This program is designed to assist York County and Poquoson residents with taking care of their lawns in an economic and environmentally sound manner. For \$20, York/Poquoson Master Gardeners will visit your site, measure your yard, take a soil sample, and provide customized feedback. If you would like to register for this program, call (757) 890-4940.

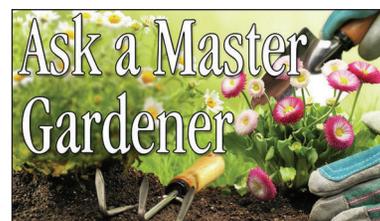
### A TALK IN THE GARDEN

The York/Poquoson Master Gardeners will hold a monthly **Talk in the Garden**. These talks will begin in April and continue every month on the third Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the York Learning Garden located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road. Bring your lunch and listen to a different topic each month. No need to register...just come out, enjoy the garden, and gain some knowledge and gardening tips from the York/Poquoson Master Gardeners.

- April 19 - Deciduous Azaleas
- May 17 - Shade Plants in the Landscape

### YORK/POQUOSON MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK

Got weeds, bugs, or plant disease issues? Give us a call Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., so we can help! Call us at (757) 890-4940.



York County-Poquoson Office, 100 County Drive, P.O. Box 532, Yorktown, Virginia 23690-0532

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## MOSQUITO CONTROL UPDATE



**COUNTY BIOLOGIST WINS AWARD** We love sharing good news like this...our very own Michelle Slosser, Mosquito Control Biologist, won the award for Outstanding Service by the Virginia Mosquito Control Association (VMCA) at its 71st annual meeting. Michelle's win was credited to her work on improving mapping of trap sites, raising the number of trapped mosquitoes from 6,000 a year to over 45,000 last season, which helped to identify five additional species in this area. Shown with Michelle is Jeff Hottenstein, President of the VMCA.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL STARTS WITH YOU** The best method of mosquito control is for you to take a walk around your yard every week and look for standing water. If you find it on a surface, in a flower pot, tire, etc., please dump it. Mosquito Control offers free yard inspections and larvacide treatment. For more information, please email Operations Superintendent Betsy Hodson at [elizabeth.hodson@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:elizabeth.hodson@yorkcounty.gov).

# One More Thing



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## A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

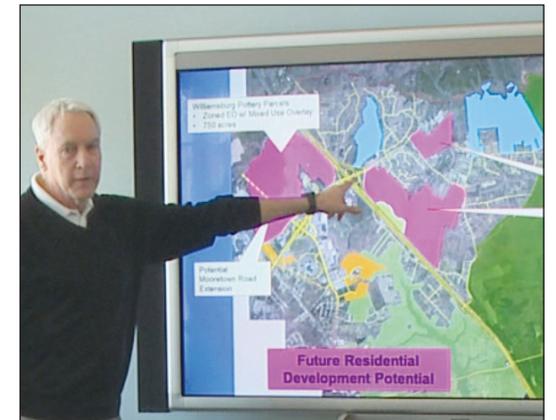
Our front page story features Mark Carter, retiring after almost forty-one years with York County, the last several years as Deputy County Administrator. A book could be written about Mark's contributions to York County. Rather than listing some of his many accomplishments, I will say that anyone who now lives in the County has been positively impacted by Mark's work, whether you are aware of it or not. I am the last of several County Administrators who have benefitted from Mark's detailed knowledge of York County's contemporary history, his creative ideas for problem solving, his quiet strength, his strong ethical character, and his excellent writing skills.

After James "Mac" McReynolds' sudden death in the fall of 2014, the Board of Supervisors turned to Mark without hesitation to be the Interim County Administrator. For many County employees and the Board of Supervisors as well, Mac's sudden death was a very traumatic event that triggered much uncertainty. Because of the deep respect that Mark had with his fellow employees and among the Board, he was able to quickly establish a sense of continuity and regular order that allowed County operations to continue without disruption and in a manner that was imperceptible to most citizens. As always during his distinguished career, Mark stepped up to do what needed to be done when his community and his organization called on him to do so.

When I arrived in June of 2015, what a great comfort it was to have someone with Mark's deep understanding of the County's challenges, opportunities, and traditions. Over the last three years, he has been a major contributor in all of our new initiatives, continuing to innovate, guide, and advise me and all of the staff. We all very much wish that Mark would continue in his role as Deputy County Administrator, but we understand that he has earned the right to turn the page and enjoy a new and, hopefully, long chapter in his life.

I often say that a great organization is comprised of three things: great people, a plan of action, and the tools to do the job. Mark is one of those great people. As important as his substantive work has been, perhaps his most lasting contribution to this County is his example of personal excellence in all that he does. Mark continues to be, first and foremost, a husband, a father, a professional, a friend, and a trusted colleague.

Thank you, Mark!



At the January 2018 Board retreat, Mark gave a presentation on county property development that provided the board with historical reference and gave some insight into what may develop in the future.