



## RECYCLING DONE RIGHT

York County participation rates high; County collects plastic bags for free benches at schools

York County's recycling program is a dynamic feature of the County's Waste Services Division, consisting of curbside collection, a drop-off facility on Goodwin Neck Road, and a variety of secondary recycling opportunities, including household chemical collections and document shredding.

Among the Board of Supervisors' list of strategic priorities is a dedication to improving the environment: *Protect and respect the County's natural and built attributes through balanced and cost-effective environmental stewardship.* This priority is visible through the installation of electric car chargers at public places, the County's Public Works department's continued effort to make our facilities Energy Star certified, the smart landscaping and maintenance of green areas, and the Board's dedication to our county-wide recycling program.

"Our citizens are superhero recyclers," says Laurie Halperin, York County's Waste Services Manager. "County residents continue to recycle tremendous amounts of materials, diverting tons of items from the waste stream, helping reduce garbage being placed in landfills."



Without citizen involvement, our recycling program would be non-existent. "Residents work hard to separate their recyclables from their household garbage, place it carefully in the proper container, and wheel it to the roadside by 7 a.m. on their collection day," Mrs. Halperin adds.

In fact, the numbers are great! We have 17,945 customers in our program with an average set-out rate (percentage of homes who set their cart out) of 77.19 percent!

Also, last fiscal year, curbside collections totaled 4,121 tons of recyclable materials -- an average of almost 25 pounds collected per container.

"Many of these recycled materials are used to produce similar items, such as aluminum cans and old newspaper, but items can also be made into something completely new, as we've seen recently in the Trex<sup>®</sup> Company plastic bag challenge, of which the County is a participant" Mrs. Halperin says.

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### THE PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE, ROUND 2



With your help, the County has collected enough single-use plastics to receive a free bench from the Trex<sup>®</sup> Company.

This plastics recycling challenge asks organizations to collect and turn in 500 pounds of plastic bags, bubble wrap, and other qualifying items in exchange for a free Trex<sup>®</sup> bench. The company, maker of wood-alternative outdoor products, will soon send the first bench to the County, which will be placed at York High School. The Trex<sup>®</sup> challenge is again underway! Now through January, drop off your single-use plastics at the Waste Management Center on Goodwin Neck Road or at local grocery stores. For program details, call (757) 890-3780 or visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement).

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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 second May 2018 meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/bos](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/bos).

### MAY 15, 2018

- Authorized special use permits for a recreational vehicle sales and display use business, and a farm equipment sales, rental, and service store - both on Route 17, a car wash facility and fuel station on Bypass Road, and a home occupation for a small contracting business on Fielding Lewis Drive.
- Approved purchasing arrangements for the Ballard Street Brick Pavers Sidewalk Project. The project cost \$137,000. See page 4 "By The Numbers" for additional information about the new sidewalk.

### JUNE 5, 2018

- Approved FY2019 funding for community service organizations and local arts organizations. The lists of organizations are available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/budget](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/budget).
- Authorized the construction of an outdoor patio at 524 Water Street. The location is home to Larry's Lemonade, which is installing a 20'x20' patio adjacent to the building.
- Approved the County Attorney's submittal of a petition for a special election to fill the position of York County Treasurer. Deborah Robinson, Treasurer, retired August 1, leaving approximately five months in her term of office. Deputy Treasurer Candice Kelley is serving as Interim Treasurer. The petition requests the special election be held on Election Day - November 6.

### THE BOARD DID NOT HOLD MEETINGS ON JUNE 19 AND JULY 3.

### JULY 17, 2018

- Approved the exchange of County property at 6714 George Washington Memorial Highway (GWMH) for the Economic Development Authority (EDA) property at 9219 GWMH. The property at 9219 is being utilized by the County in connection with the Falcon Crest drainage project. The property conveyed to the EDA - at 6714 GWMH - has the potential to be developed in conjunction with adjacent, privately owned land.
- Supported SMART SCALE (the statewide prioritization process for transportation needs) funding request for a series of capacity enhancements to Victory Boulevard between Route 134 and Wythe Creek Road in Poquoson and improvements to the intersection of Mooretown and Lightfoot Roads.

### AUGUST 7, 2018

- Transferred funds from the Revenue Stabilization Reserve Fund to the School Division to fund the preliminary design work for a new elementary school. The design work for this portion of the project is projected to cost \$365,460.
- Approved the purchase of an emergency generator for (new) Fire Station No. 1. This generator will provide power to the fire station any time commercial power is out, which enables the station to be fully operational at all times. The generator cost is \$116,161.

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## CITIZEN NEWS | YORK COUNTY, VIRGINIA FALL 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 (757) 890-3300, or email [publicaffairs@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@yorkcounty.gov).

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## DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office is participating in the Peninsula "Senior and Law Enforcement Together" (S.A.L.T.) Council's **23rd Annual Senior Safety Summit** on Tuesday, October 16, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Situation Awareness: Seniors Stay Alert." Sessions will feature fraud and elder abuse, fire and fall prevention, pain and opioid use among seniors, and how to prepare and respond during and after an active shooter incident. The deadline to register is October 5. For complete details, call the Sheriff's Office at (757) 890-3630. Register online at <http://recreation.yorkcounty.gov>.

Registrations are being accepted for the Fire & Life Safety **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training**.



This free course is offered to citizens of York County ages 18 and up, as well as those who work or attend church in York County. The course requires online training prior to the beginning of the program, one night per week for seven weeks (Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.) and one Saturday for a final exercise and graduation. The next CERT training begins September 11. Register online at [www.yorkcounty.gov/fire](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/fire) - select "Emergency Management" and then "Volunteer."

Virginia is scheduled to adopt its updated **Uniform Statewide Building Codes** and has mandated that the building official, inspectors, and plans examiner attend training. While not all staff in these positions will be in training at the same time, services may be limited September 12, 13, and 14. This will impact the inspection and plan review process for those three days. Please plan accordingly!

Register by Monday, October 15, to vote in the **November 6 General and Special Elections**. You may be able to vote absentee if you are going to be out of town or otherwise unavailable. Absentee ballot registration deadline is Tuesday, October 30, at 5 p.m. by mail, fax, email, or online; in person by Saturday, November 3, at 5 p.m. For complete voter registration details, call (757) 890-3440 or visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/voting](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/voting). Also, register for text or email alerts through the York Alert system at [www.yorkalert.com](http://www.yorkalert.com).

Join us on September 15 as we participate in the **2018 International Coastal Cleanup**. Form your group and register with the Waste Management Center at (757) 890-3780. The County supplies cleanup tools!

## Tide Chart

## WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

### WE CELEBRATE THESE LONG-TIME, LOCAL BUSINESSES

Visit [www.YesYorkCounty.com](http://www.YesYorkCounty.com) for these "Featured Businesses":

- Grafton True Value - 41 years
- Berrane Law - 35 years
- Yorktown Pub - 31 years
- Ned's Marine and Auto Center - 25 years
- Topline Horse Center - 21 years
- Anthony Martin Dentistry - 20 years

### KAYAKS AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Through October 1, visitors to New Quarter and Back Creek parks who are ages 13 and up may rent a kayak: \$10/2 hours or \$30/full day (slightly higher charge for non-residents).



Rentals are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Back Creek Park: (757) 890-3580; New Quarter Park: (757) 890-5840.

### YORKTOWN LIBRARY RENOVATION

The Yorktown Library will be renovated and expanded in the next few years. The County held two public work sessions to gather input. The architect's presentation slides are available at [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library). Email your ideas to [LibraryIdeas@yorkcounty.gov](mailto:LibraryIdeas@yorkcounty.gov).

## IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### In The News

- York County received national recognition in a feature article by "Business In Focus Magazine."
- Forbes recently named Sentara one of America's Best Employers.
- York County's Home-Based Business Program has been featured in the International Economic Development Council's professional journal.
- Home-Based business leaders take a break to chat with York County Chamber of Commerce Vice President, Chris Davidson, about how they #MakeHomeWork from York County. Check out the new Coffee at Home show today.

Find these stories and more at [www.YesYorkCounty.com](http://www.YesYorkCounty.com). Call us at (757) 890-3317 for information or business assistance.



The Economic Development Authority welcomes Leslie Henderson Schultz and Mark Carter, both appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Schultz and Carter replace outgoing members Tom Anderson and Harvey Weinstein.

**New In Town** If you are opening or expanding a business in York County, let us help you with your event! Here are a few ribbon cutting/ground breaking photo highlights.



Snow Companies held a ribbon cutting with Board of Supervisors Chairman Sheila Noll in attendance (center). Snow Companies is a full-service agency focused on connecting patients to science through communications, storytelling, insight, and research initiatives.



Although it has been in business in York County for several years, York Veterinary Hospital held a ground breaking for its building expansion. Upon completion, the addition will house new exam rooms and a waiting area.



Board of Supervisors member Jeff Wassmer participated in ground breaking ceremonies for the Riverside Rehabilitation Hospital - a 50-bed, 52,000 square-foot hospital specializing in working with patients who have experienced a brain injury, stroke, or other serious condition.

## By The Numbers

### Ballard Street Sidewalk

35	Number of days to complete the sidewalk from Read Street to the Courthouse
1,200	Lineal feet from end to end
27,648	Number of bricks in sidewalk





302 Dare Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692 (757) 898-0300 [yorkcountyschools.org](http://yorkcountyschools.org)

# STAY CONNECTED

*The York County School Division believes having active, involved & informed parents and families is critical to our students' success.*

## PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

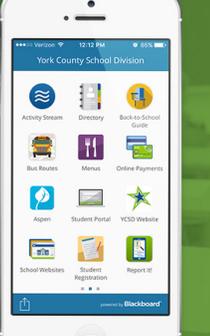
It is very important that parents provide schools with current home address, home phone number and email address (if exists) to ensure schools can reach you with important information. Student contact forms will be provided to all parents at the start of the school year and should be returned immediately to help ensure school staff can reach you in an emergency.

## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Parents will be notified of emergencies through the division's rapid notification system. The system utilizes multiple platforms, such as telephone, email and text messaging, to share urgent school information. The primary purpose of these platforms is to quickly notify parents/guardians of emergency situations such as school closings, lockdowns, utility outages, etc. Rapid notification systems may also be used to send other important announcements and messages from the division and/or individual schools.

## Download the YCSD MOBILE APP

Stay connected with YCSD and your school  
—customized to your personal preferences



## YCSD MOBILE APP

Information at your fingertips - find school and sports calendars, bus schedules, news, and more.

- Customize the app to view the info you want most
- Follow the school(s) of your choice
- Receive push notifications in emergencies

## SCHOOL MEALS

### 2018-19 Prices

	ELEMENTARY	MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	ADULT	REDUCED PRICE
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	\$1.55	\$1.65	\$2.05	\$0.30
<b>LUNCH</b>	\$2.65	\$2.75	\$3.40	\$0.40
<b>MILK</b>	\$0.60	\$0.60	\$0.60	

Students may pay for meal purchases on a daily or weekly (5-day and 4-day weeks only) basis.

Free or reduced price lunches are available (upon application and approval) to students whose family income falls within federally established guidelines. Applications for free and reduced-price meals are distributed to parents at the beginning of the school year. Applications also may be requested at any time from any school.

## SCHOOL HOURS

### Elementary Schools

8:40 a.m.—3:20 p.m.	BMES, MES, MVES, TES
8:55 a.m.—3:35 p.m.	CES, DES, GBES, SES, WMES, YES

### Middle Schools

8 a.m.—2:45 p.m.	QLMS, TMS
8:05 a.m.—2:50 p.m.	GMS, YMS

### High Schools

7:20 a.m.—2:05 p.m.	BHS, GHS, THS, YHS
8:25 a.m.—3:10 p.m.	YRA



check out the

# STUDENT PORTAL

[GO.YCSD.YORK.VA.US](http://GO.YCSD.YORK.VA.US)

- Live homework help from certified teachers
- One-click access to Microsoft Office 365 Suite
- Research resources
- Interactive instructional sites

To access the portal, log in at [go.ycsd.york.va.us](http://go.ycsd.york.va.us) using your student username & password.

## STUDENT HOTLINE

### (757) 890-5000



# Yorktown FALL Upcoming EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

### VIRGINIA SYMPHONY CONCERT

September 1 • Saturday 7:30 PM  
Pre-concert fun starts at 6 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### MARKET DAYS

Weekly through October 27  
(except Oct. 6) • Saturdays  
8 AM - 12 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

*Paws at the River Market Day*  
September 8

### RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

September 7 - October 5  
Fridays • 6:30 - 8:30 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### YORKTOWN ART STROLL

September 30  
Sunday • 11 AM - 6 PM  
Freight Shed and  
Participating Businesses

## OCTOBER

### YORKTOWN WINE FESTIVAL

October 6  
Saturday • 12 - 6 PM  
Riverwalk Landing, \$

### MARKET DAYS Fall Festival

October 13  
Saturday • 8 AM - 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### YORKTOWN DAY

October 19  
Friday • 9 AM - 5 PM  
Victory Monument and  
Main Street



## NOVEMBER

### YORK COUNTY VINTAGE MARKETPLACE

November 3  
Saturday • 10 AM - 3 PM  
McReynolds Athletic Complex

### MARKET DAYS Harvest Festival

November 10  
Saturday • 9 AM - 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

November 12  
Monday • 12 PM  
York Hall, 301 Main Street

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE MARKET DAYS

November 17  
Saturday • 9 AM - 3 PM  
Riverwalk Landing

### HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

November 17 & 18  
Sat/Sun • 9 AM - 5 PM  
Historic Yorktown

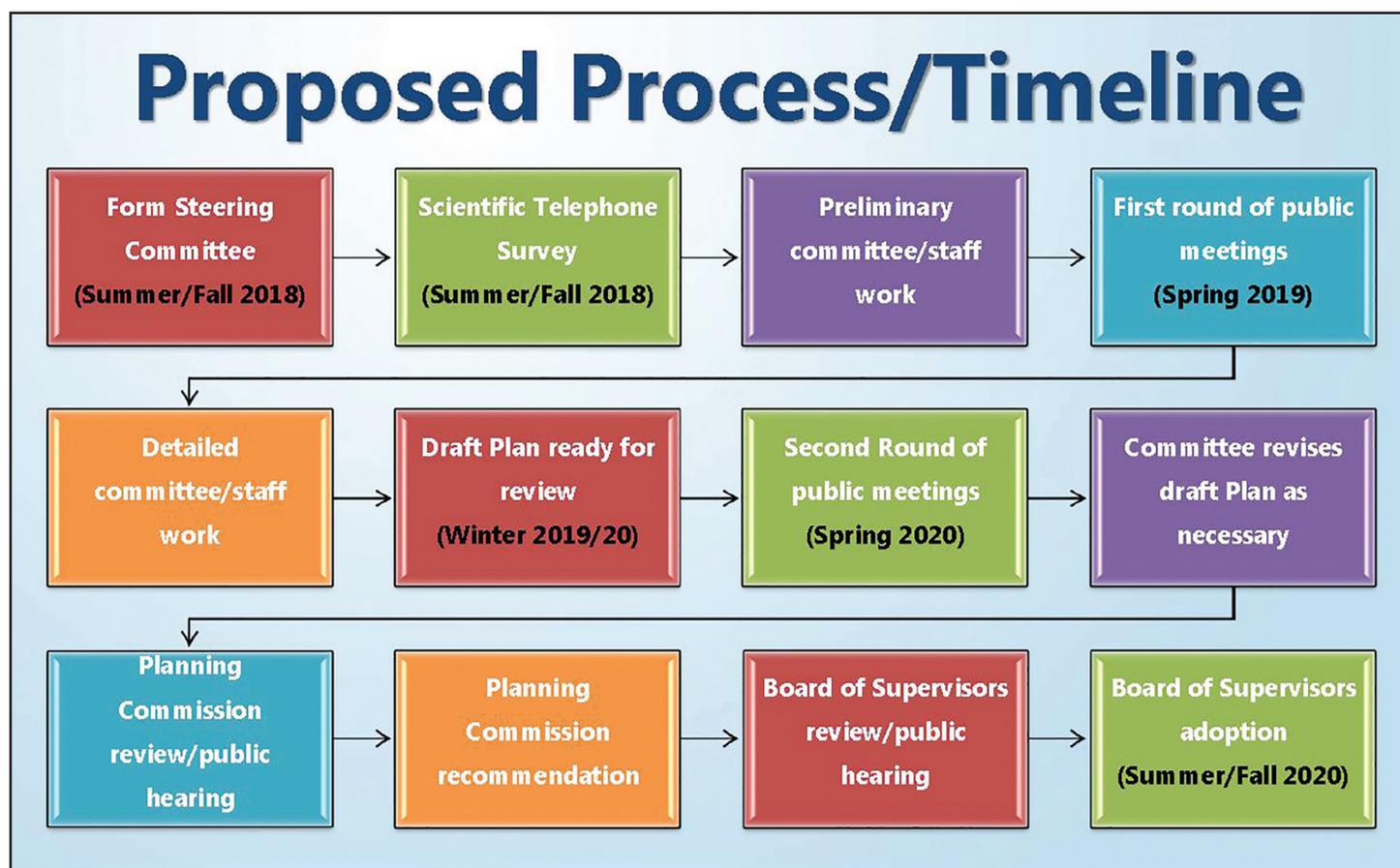


[www.visitYorktown.org](http://www.visitYorktown.org)

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS INCLUDES A STEERING COMMITTEE

The Code of Virginia requires all cities and counties to have a comprehensive plan and perform a review every five years to determine if it needs to be revised. The County's current Comprehensive Plan, "Charting the Course to 2035," is the long-range plan for the physical development of the County and includes future plans for land use, transportation, community facilities, the environment, housing, and economic development. The time to begin reviewing our plan is this year, and the Board of Supervisors has chosen to form a steering committee, which includes one citizen volunteer appointed from each district, as

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## THE COMMISSIONER REMINDS YOU ...

The **Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act** exempts active duty military personnel from personal property tax in a state other than their legal state of residence. Spouses may qualify under the **Military Spouses Residency Relief Act**. To apply, please contact the office at (757) 890-3381.

**Do you operate a business?** If you file a Schedule C or C-EZ with your Federal tax return, you are considered engaged in business. If Line E on this form is left blank and you live in the County, it is presumed that your business is operating in York County and you are required to

obtain a York County business license. Call the office at (757) 890-3383.

In addition, you are required to file a **Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery and Tools**. For more information, call (757) 890-3381.

And don't forget, **DMV Connect**, the portable outreach program that brings services to busy folks like you, will be at the Yorktown Library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. For the full schedule of DMV Connect stops in Virginia, call (804) 497-7100.

# Rhythms ON THE Riverwalk <sup>2018</sup>

**FRIDAY NIGHTS • 6:30-8:30 PM**

<b>SEPT 7</b>	<b>Nashville Nights</b>
<b>SEPT 14</b>	<b>Little Country</b>
<b>SEPT 21</b>	<b>Tailgate Down</b>
<b>SEPT 28</b>	<b>Williamsburg Classic Swing Orchestra</b>
<b>OCT 5</b>	<b>Good Shot Judy</b>

[www.VISITYORKTOWN.org](http://www.VISITYORKTOWN.org)  
 Event Weather Hotline: 757.890.3520

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

Are you worried about planning for your retirement journey? Join Deborah Wells for our **Retirement Transition Series**, which will help those contemplating retirement make the best choices. Learn strategies for getting the most out of your social security benefits on Tuesday, September 11, at the Tabb Library, and again on Thursday, September 13, at the Yorktown Library. Learn about Medicare enrollment options and how you can get help navigating the complicated process of applying for Medicare on Tuesday, September 25, at Tabb, and again on Thursday, September 27, at Yorktown. All classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

Join **Master Gardener Bethany Beck** to learn how planting bulbs now will make your spring garden burst with color! The program will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, at the Yorktown Library. One lucky participant will win a container planted with bulbs to take home.

September is **Library Card Sign-Up Month** and the Incridibles are celebrating the power of libraries! Whether you already have a York County library card or still need to sign up, all ages are invited to visit their library this month! Special programs will help you explore the library's many resources. Take part in our scavenger hunt to find all the incredible things

your library has to offer. Then tell us what incredible things you like most about your library and be entered to win a prize. Now is the perfect time to visit your library and check out something incredible.

Are you thinking of buying a home, but are not sure where to start, especially in challenging economic times? **Virginia Housing Development Authority's (VHDA) free First-time Homebuyer Class** can help. In one day of training, you'll learn the entire home buying process from start to finish. Anyone can take VHDA's free Homebuyer Class, but the class is required if you're applying for a VHDA home loan. Classes will be held from 10:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Tabb Library on Saturday, September 15, and Saturday, October 20. To register, visit [www.vhda.com/freeclass](http://www.vhda.com/freeclass).

The **Tabb and Yorktown Libraries will be closed** on:

- Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day
- Friday, October 19, in observance of Yorktown Day
- Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans Day

For more information on library programs, contact the Tabb Library at (757) 890-5120 or Yorktown Library at (757) 890-5207, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/library](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library), or follow us on Facebook



New York Times best-selling author **J.A. Jance** will present an author talk and book signing starting at 7 p.m., Thursday, October 11, at Christopher Newport University's David Student Union. Jance is the author of more than 50 mysteries in four different series featuring J.P. Beaumont, Joanna Brady, Ali Reynolds, and the Walker family. Free tickets are available beginning Monday, September 10, at sponsoring libraries, including Yorktown and Tabb.

(@yorkcountypubliclibrary). The Tabb Library is located at 100 Long Green Boulevard; the Yorktown Library is located at 8500 George Washington Memorial Highway.

**SKATE, Rattle and ROLL**

**Back to School**

**Glow SKATE**

**September 7th**

First Session (K-5): 6:30-8:30 pm  
Second Session (6-8): 6:30-8:30 pm

**757-890-3500**  
[www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)

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VIRGINIA  
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## RECENT RECYCLING CHALLENGES

We have noticed that household trash and non-recyclables are showing up in the containers. For example, pizza boxes and cans that may contain food residue or grease are not recyclable. Similarly, plastic bags and Styrofoam should not be placed in with your recyclables. All of these items may contaminate a load, leading to it all being disposed of as garbage.

What can *you* do? "Rinse out your cans thoroughly before placing them in your container," Mrs. Halperin says. "Bring your plastic bags, bubble wrap, paper towel and toilet paper wrappings and more, to the Waste Management Center for proper disposal. And, be sure you don't use your recycling container as a garbage can."

Residents also may bring their items to the drop-off facility at the Waste Management Center, 145 Goodwin Neck Road. Open to anyone with items to recycle, the facility operates from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

According to Mrs. Halperin, "In 2017, through the drop-off program and our special collection events, we received over 12 tons of computers and electronics, 291 tons of metals, and 90 tons of mixed paper. In fact, we far exceed the national average. We have special collections coming up - **Household Chemical Disposal and Computer Recycling on September 8, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Residents can call our office at (757) 890-3780 or visit

[www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement) for more information.

"With additional outreach to better educate others in our community, we can make sure we keep our County and environment clean and continue to reduce, reuse, and recycle. And personally, I'd love to see us reach a 100 percent set-out rate with EVERYONE recycling."



Plastic bags should not be placed in recycling containers. Also, please rinse out food cans before placing them with your recyclables.

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well as representatives from the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, and County staff. Work on the plan's review will begin later this year and is expected to continue through the spring of 2020.

Once the Steering Committee takes charge of the process, there will be opportunities for citizen input, including a sample telephone survey and community meetings.

To stay up-to-date about the Comprehensive Plan Review, please visit [www.york2040.com](http://www.york2040.com) or call Planning at (757) 890-3404.

# Recycling Only

Cardboard & Mixed Paper	Metal Cans	Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Food Containers	Rigid Plastics	Glass Bottles & Jars

**NO TRASH, NO PLASTIC BAGS**

**NO** Styrofoam  
Ceramics  
Trash

Yard Waste  
Light Bulbs  
Plastic Bags

Batteries  
Window Glass  
Drinking Glasses

[www.jamescitycountyva.gov](http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov)

[www.poquoson-va.gov](http://www.poquoson-va.gov)

[www.williamsburgva.gov](http://www.williamsburgva.gov)

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

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
- No Cost for Tuition

For more information, call (757) 890-3888

## SUMMER 2018 IN PICTURES



# NEW QUARTER PARK

york county, virginia

## September

- 8th The Hare and Tortoise Race**  
5k and 8k run for Ovarian Cancer  
Register at [www.hareandtortoiserunwalk.com](http://www.hareandtortoiserunwalk.com)
- 14th Wash & Talk – 10 am-12 noon – FREE**  
Help us clean, identify, and sort our growing artifact collection.
- 15th Walk & Talk – 10 am-12 noon – FREE**  
Legacy of York County's African-American Community at Charles Corner
- 15th NASA/Langley Skywatchers 7 pm-10 pm – FREE**  
The Skywatchers Club will have telescopes placed out for the public to view celestial bodies.
- 26th Moonlight and Music 6:30 pm – FREE**  
Bring your own instrument for a live music circle, led by local musician Joe Duggan.
- 27-28th Public Dig Days – FREE**  
Register by emailing [Fairfield@fairfieldfoundation.org](mailto:Fairfield@fairfieldfoundation.org)
- 22nd Bird Walk 8 am – FREE**

## October

- 12th Wash & Talk – 10 am-12 noon – FREE**  
Help us clean, identify, and sort our growing artifact collection.
- 27th Bird Walk 8 am – FREE**

## November

Winter Hours: Friday 10 am-Dusk, Saturday & Sunday 8 am-Dusk

- 3rd-4th 21st Annual Fall Colors Disc Golf Tournament**
- 3rd Walk & Talk Nature Journaling 10 am-12 noon**  
Led by Lynn Wilson, Riverine Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists.  
Limited to 15. Sign up at [www.yorkcounty.gov/ParksandRec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/ParksandRec)
- 9th Wash & Talk – 10 am-12 noon – FREE**  
Help us clean, identify, and sort our growing artifact collection.
- 24th Bird Walk 8 am – FREE**

Kayak Rentals through October 1<sup>st</sup>



1000 Lakeshead Dr. • 757.890.5840  
(Summer Hours: 8 a.m.-Dusk, Mon-Sun)  
RAINOUT: 757.890.3501 Ext. 35  
[www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec)

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



September 8

The Virginia Cooperative Extension Peninsula Master Gardeners are once again sponsoring the 10th Annual "Go Green Expo" on Saturday, September 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, 570 McLawhorne Drive. Bring the whole family to this free event and enjoy a kid's petting zoo, crafts, vendors, and food. This year's theme is "10 Years of Going Green (TYGG)." For event details and vendor registration, visit [www.nngogreenexpo.org](http://www.nngogreenexpo.org).

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### FESCUE LAWN RENOVATION WORKSHOP - September 22

Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. The workshop will cover Ph level, seed selection, and incorporating organic matter. The workshop is held from 10 a.m. to noon at Taylor's Do-It Center, 475 Wythe Creek Road, Poquoson, and costs \$5.00. To register, visit [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce) or call the Extension office at (757) 890-4940.

### MASTER GARDENER'S ANNUAL FALL PLANT SALE - September 29

The York-Poquoson Master Gardeners are holding their annual fall plant sale on Saturday, September 29, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Poquoson Learning Garden, 968 Poquoson Avenue (behind the museum). Annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, and a limited supply of Yorktown Onions will be for sale. Arrive early! Payment made by cash or check only.



### MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK - GIVE US A CALL!

Got weeds, bugs, or plant disease issues? Give us a call so we can be your plant doctor. A Help Desk Master Gardener is available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from March through October, 9 a.m. to noon, at (757) 890-4940. You can send an email to the Master Gardener Help Desk at [yk.pq.mg@gmail.com](mailto:yk.pq.mg@gmail.com). Visit us at [www.yorkcounty.gov/vce](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/vce) for more information.

## MOSQUITO CONTROL UPDATE



### IT'S A TRAP!

York County Mosquito Control has identified 34 separate species of the insect. Each one has different behaviors and habitats. Because of this, Mosquito Control uses traps to catch and identify them to better treat the County in order to reduce their numbers. We use three different traps:

1. A light trap that is lightweight and contains a bait. The trap itself hangs from a tree and is best for woodland and salt water species.
2. CDC Gravid traps designed to catch the Culex species (carriers of West Nile Virus).
3. The BG-Sentinel 2 trap - the latest on the market - uses bait and a fan to trap the insects. This works best with container mosquitoes, like those that carry Zika virus.

Thirty-seven traps are placed throughout the County to determine the best control measures to utilize. For more information on uses of traps and mosquitoes, call (757) 890-3790.

# One More Thing



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## GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

It's back to school time in York County with all that it entails for our families, the York County School Division, and, in some ways, all of the citizens of York County. It's a big deal! Ours is a proud community with a strong commitment to family and quality public schools. Along with the excitement, schedule, and traffic changes that accompany a new school year, the smooth opening of our 18 public schools requires much planning and hard work.

As residents, we can mostly take all that effort for granted. But I did want to mention a few things that the York County School Division and the County are doing in preparation for the upcoming academic year. With the County's support, each summer the School Division undertakes major and minor renovation projects, inside and out, that can be challenging to complete during the short summer break. Please bear with us as a few of these get wrapped up after Labor Day. Among the projects is the addition of security vestibules to the entrances at Bruton High, Dare Elementary, Seaford Elementary, and Tabb Elementary. This additional layer of security directs visitor traffic to the front office and requires that guests sign in before entering the building.

Also in the area of enhancing security, the School Division has partnered with the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office to provide two additional School Resource Officers (SROs) for the upcoming school year. These will be assigned to our middle schools. I know and certainly share the satisfaction of our Board of Supervisors, Superintendent, and School Board when we are able to continue making improvements to the safety and modernization of our schools.

Although it mostly occurs in areas you don't see, recent years have featured important new shared services initiatives between the County and the School Division that add value and save resources that can then be made available for core instructional services. In particular, the first phase of our modern financial accounting system has just gone live after two years of planning and implementation. The County and School staff who continue to work hard on this transition deserve special thanks.

Most recently, the County and the School Division completed a joint procurement for health insurance management services. By working together, we will achieve some short-term savings, but in the long-term we will reduce the historical growth of health care costs for both of the organizations and our employees. By working together, we build stronger, more secure futures and assure School and County shared success.

Finally, Dr. Shandor and I would like to remind you that once school begins, please watch your speed and be mindful of kids you see getting on and off school buses. Also, let's not forget the many folks you don't see who also are working hard to make this school year a great one for our children.

*For complete information and details concerning new policies and changes for the upcoming school year, please visit [www.yorkcountyschools.org](http://www.yorkcountyschools.org).*