



NO MORE MOSQUITOES

It requires a team effort, and that includes you!

If you've lived here for any amount of time, you know this area is prime real estate for mosquitoes. In recent months, we have received a significant amount of rainfall, which, according to York County's Mosquito Control Operations Superintendent Betsy Hodson, means that "we likely will have a serious mosquito problem this year." In fact, the National Weather Service website reports over 14 inches of rain since the first of the year - a noteworthy amount, especially when it is paired with the warm trend we've already experienced.

"When the ground remains damp, and the temperatures begin to warm, that is the perfect condition for mosquitoes," Betsy says. "What many people don't know is that mosquito eggs stay viable in dirt for up to a year, so even when it's dry and cold, they are there waiting for optimum conditions in which to hatch."

While there is nothing we can do about the weather, we can help reduce the number of mosquitoes in our yards. "If we eliminate mosquito breeding sites, they won't be there for mosquitoes to lay eggs to hatch this season or remain in the earth until next year," she adds. So, how can YOU join the team and help?

Residents are asked to inspect their yard once a week and empty items that hold water, such as birdbaths, flower pots, children's toys and pools, tarps, corrugated downspouts, etc. You may be surprised to know that mosquitoes can breed in water collected in a bottle cap! Did you know that knotholes in trees can be home to mosquito larvae? Fill those with sand or drill a hole so water drains.

Let's not forget unused swimming pools. "These can be a major source of mosquitoes and we have ways to treat that water. If you have a neighbor with an abandoned pool, please let us know so we can talk with them and help provide ways to address the situation."



Operations Superintendent Betsy Hodson (left) and intern Tiffany Adams check for mosquito larvae in standing water.

Another problem...litter. Those bottle caps we mentioned? Imagine those along the sides of roads or in medians. Each one that holds water is a potential breeding site. "People really need to stop littering, not only for beautification efforts, but also for health and safety," she states. "We work closely with our coworkers in Waste Management because litter and recyclables that could be and should be disposed of properly, are instead adding to the problem."

Mosquito Season, continued on page 7

In This Issue

Changes are coming to our curbside recycling program. Look inside this issue for a special insert of recycling do's and don'ts. Be sure to check your May utility bill for updated rates and new service offerings.



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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 February meeting. Additional information about these and other Board actions is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/bos.

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

- Approved the construction services for the Victory Industrial Park - Route 17 Drainage Improvement Project. This area floods during significant wet weather events, with stormwater often covering Old York Hampton Highway. This project improves the drainage structure under Route 17 allowing it to handle the volume of the stormwater.

MARCH 5, 2019

- This meeting was a budget work session with only two action items on the agenda: minutes and the commendation of a retiring employee.

MARCH 19, 2019

- Approved a special use permit for a convenience store with gas pumps (Wawa) at 6466 Richmond Road/171 Lightfoot Road. Because a portion of the property is in James City County, the item appeared before the James City County Board of Supervisors, which approved it unanimously.
- Amended the York County sign ordinance, removing specific references to sign content so that signs are primarily regulated based on physical characteristics and location. An ad hoc committee consisting of community stakeholders was formed to review and discuss the provisions prior to their finalization and submission to the Board of Supervisors.

APRIL 2, 2019

- Authorized the construction of a parking lot at 11806 George Washington Memorial Highway. This site was previously a restaurant that has since been demolished. The new parking lot will feature 42 parking spots and two ADA compliant handicap spaces to provide adequate parking for the new York County Tourism Office (121 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard) and overflow for other County offices and Yorktown events. The County will install landscaping for this project along with adequate lighting.

APRIL 16, 2019

- Amended the York County Code to change the fees for the solid waste and recycling programs, and added additional services. The new fees were included in the May utility bill mailed to current customers and listed on page 9 of this "Citizen News." Additional information is available at www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement. Program updates are included as an insert in this issue.

MAY 7, 2019

- Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget and Tax Rates for 2019. The tax rates remain unchanged at \$0.795 per \$100 (real estate) and \$4.00 per \$100 (personal property). In the \$146 million budget, the largest funding of almost \$66 million is for Education & Educational Services, with the next highest amount (\$36 million) to Public Safety.

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DATES & DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND

Tax bills for the **first half of 2019 (personal property and real estate) are due on or before June 25**. Tax information is available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer (select "Online Services"). York County prorates taxes, so you should only be billed for the months of ownership during the first half of 2019. Taxes and vehicle registration fees may be paid by mail or online. Taxes also may be paid in person at the Treasurer's Office, 120 Alexander Hamilton Boulevard, or deposited in the drop-box located on the outside of the building. For more information, please call (757) 890-3420.

Note: All property owners will be receiving a bill.

Calling all runners and walkers! This year marks the York County Historical Museum's **10th Annual Yorktown Independence Day 8K & 5K Run/Walk!** This July 4th run/walk takes you along the battlefields and the front lines of the Siege of Yorktown where the American and French allies won the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. There are awards for overall top three runners and top runners in each five-year age group. All runners and walkers completing the course will get a finishers medal. For more information and to register, visit www.athlinks.com/event/yorktown-independence-day-8k-5k-8911.



Tide Chart

WHAT'S ON THE RISE IN YORK COUNTY

THE MAC CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

This year, the McReynolds Athletic Complex (MAC) celebrates its 10th anniversary. Originally named the York County Sports Complex, in 2015 the facility was renamed in honor of the late County Administrator James O. "Mac" McReynolds. Mr. McReynolds, or "Mac" to most everyone who knew him, was instrumental in the development of the complex. Today, the MAC features 13 lighted athletic fields, picnic shelters, playgrounds, fitness stations, walking/bike paths, concession/bathroom buildings, and even a community garden. Add to those features Movies in the Parks events and the Vintage Marketplace in the fall, and you have more than an athletic complex...you have a destination! Stop by and appreciate all it has to offer.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The 2019 Home-Based Business Conference went regional this year! With attendance nearly doubled, the conference moved to larger space and included a full day of keynotes, workshops, and exhibitors targeted at local entrepreneurs. This annual conference, held each spring, shares topics focused on all stages and all types of home-based businesses and is one of the many resources available from our Office of Economic Development. Visit the page at www.YesYorkCounty.com or call (757) 890-3317.



**2019 YORKTOWN
FOURTH OF JULY**

EVENT SCHEDULE

8 AM	The Yorktown Independence Day 8K & 5K Run/Walk - York High School
9 AM	Parade on Water & Main Streets and music provided by U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Ceremonial Band Yorktown
1 PM	Family games & kids activities sponsored by Riverwalk Landing Business Association - Riverwalk Landing
4 PM	Event parking opens at the corner of Cook Road and Ballard Street
7 PM	Sounds of Liberty Bell Ringing Ceremony - Riverwalk Landing Stage
8 PM	Super Jazz Band Concert featuring Conni Ironmonger - Riverwalk Landing Stage
9:15 PM	FIREWORKS display over the York River

Visit our website for important event details on parking, maps, street closures and other restrictions.

WWW.VISITYORKTOWN.ORG

YORKTOWN TROLLEY OPERATES 10 AM TO 5 PM
757.890.3500 | EVENT WEATHER HOTLINE: 757.890.3520

IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Casa Pearl A Gem For Foodies Old gas station turned into hip eatery

Marrying oysters and tacos in a fun, lively atmosphere, Casa Pearl opened earlier this year in a uniquely renovated Texaco station. Owners Mikey and Chelsea Maksimowicz were formally trained at the French Culinary Institute in New York City and Le Cordon Bleu in London, respectively. Casa Pearl focuses on quality locally sourced ingredients, seasoned culinary expertise, and gracious customer service. It's located in the newly dubbed "Edge District," along the Williamsburg-York-James City County line.



Earn rewards for eating & shopping in York County

The **LOVEVA app** is a great new reason to buy local! Collect points for each transaction at a participating local business in Hampton Roads, which can be redeemed for discounts and freebies! Learn more and download at bealocalloveva.com.

Show your **Citizen Rewards Card** to enjoy savings and specials around Historic Yorktown and Riverwalk Landing. The card is free for all County residents. For complete details, call (757) 890-3300.



new spots to

Wine & Dine

From light bites to multicourse delights



NOW OPEN

Free Range Juice | Cold pressed juices & smoothies on Lightfoot Rd

Mobjack Bay Coffee Roasters & Petit Café | Coffee house on Main St

Dukes Italian Eatery | Restaurant in the Duke of York Hotel on Water St

Donutz on a Stick | Ice cream & donuts in former Chill Out on Hampton Hwy

SnoMania Island | Snowcone stop in the former Dairy Queen on Bypass Rd

COMING SOON

Alpha Pittsmokers | Fresh BBQ for delivery & dine-in on Hampton Hwy

BurgerIM | Israeli chain of gourmet mini burgers—Rte 17 in Grafton

Sweet Dreams French Bakery & Café | Light bites & drinks, Kiln Creek

Find more great eateries in the
2019 Shopping & Dining Guide at visityorktown.org

By The Numbers

15
5,820
8,251

Movies in the Parks now through October. For dates and locations, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/movies.

Pounds (2.91 tons) of paper shredded at the Drug Take Back/ Shredding Event on Saturday, April 27.

People getting the latest information on the York County Government Facebook page. Follow us: @yorkcountyva.



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

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

YCSD would like to congratulate the school and division level winners for Teacher of the Year.

YCSD TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Amanda Poe
Grafton Middle School

ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Stacey Herrick
Seaford Elementary School

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Amanda Poe
Grafton Middle School

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Cara Townsend
Bruton High School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sarah Brown	Bethel Manor Elementary
Jeffrey Gibson	Coventry Elementary
LaTrese Martin	Dare Elementary
Kyle Kimes	Grafton Bethel Elementary
Tiffany Ward	Magruder Elementary
Sarah Collie	Mt. Vernon Elementary
Stacey Herrick	Seaford Elementary
Joy Lemonds	Tabb Elementary
Emily Barolotta	Waller Mill Elementary
Melanie Cline	Yorktown Elementary

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Amanda Poe	Grafton Middle
Carrie Provensen	Queens Lake Middle
Laura Shaske	Tabb Middle
Shereka Greene	Yorktown Middle

HIGH SCHOOLS

Cara Townsend	Bruton High
Kyle Boyd	Grafton High
Erin Curry	Tabb High
Katie Pierce	York High
Ace Acena	York River Academy

2019 SUMMER ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMY

Grafton Bethel and Magruder elementary schools
June 24 – July 24
7:45 – 11:45 a.m. / Monday – Thursday

Open House

June 20, 1 – 2 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOL ACADEMIES

Tabb High School
8 a.m. – noon / Monday - Thursday
English and Math: June 24 – July 24
Science: June 25 – July 9
History/Social Science: July 10 – July 25

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES

Tabb High School
8 a.m. – noon / Monday – Thursday

High School SOL Academy

End of Course/Writing (MC/SP): June 24 – July 9
English 11/Reading: July 10 – 24
Earth Science: June 25 – July 10
Algebra I: July 10 – 24

Virtual High School Summer Academy

Online Learning
Summer Academy Computer Lab Available
8 a.m. – noon at THS

Students within YCSD should visit their school guidance department to receive the necessary forms for Summer Academies. Registration for Summer Academies is available at each school until June 7. Students who have not registered by June 7 must register on Tuesday & Wednesday, June 18 & 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Summer Academy school location. **NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 19.**

YCSD CALENDAR

May 2019

16 Interim Reports Issued
27 Memorial Day Holiday

June 2019

11-13 Early Dismissal, all schools

GRADUATION 2019

June 13

at Yorktown Middle School Auditorium
6 p.m. York River Academy

June 14

Kaplan Arena,
The College of William and Mary
9 a.m. Grafton High School
12 p.m. Bruton High School
3:30 p.m. Tabb High School
7 p.m. York High School

YCSD REGISTRATION

Are you new to York County or do you have a new kindergartner? To register your child with the York County School Division, you must provide the following required records:

- The child's original certificate of birth (or certified copy)
- A current School Entrance Physical (MCH-213G)
- An immunization certificate
- Proof of York County residency

Children entering kindergarten must be five years old before September 30. Enrollment requirements and a list of acceptable documents are available at each school and at yorkcountyschools.org.



SUMMER WATER FUN THE SAFE WAY

THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & LIFE SAFETY OFFERS THIS ADVICE SO THAT YOU WON'T NEED TO CALL ON THEM THIS SUMMER

Here in York County, and the entire Hampton Roads region, we are surrounded by water. We live near it, drive over it, play in it. Most of us LOVE it. Unfortunately, being in and near so much water means that there is the increased potential for drowning.



The National Safety Council reports

that on average about 10 people drown every day in the U.S. A startlingly high number of those are children, with over 1,000 child drownings each year and 70 percent of them occurring between May and August.

Drownings are not limited to the river, bay, ocean, pool, or lake; they can occur in the bathtub, toilet, or a bucket. In short, wherever there is water, there is the potential for tragedy to strike.

This information is not shared as a way to keep you and your loved ones out of the water. Rather, we bring this to your attention so that you do not lose someone to a preventable water accident. Increased

awareness of preventative measures can help save lives. Please follow these water safety tips:

- **Supervise children in and around water.** Designate a responsible adult to watch children while in the bath and all children swimming or playing in or around water.
- **If a child is missing, check the water FIRST!**
- **Use the buddy system** and always swim with a friend.
- **Learn to swim.** Formal lessons can protect young children from drowning. However, even when kids have lessons, be sure to supervise them in the water and erect barriers, such as pool fencing, to prevent unsupervised access.
- **Learn CPR.** In the time it takes for paramedics to arrive, CPR could save a life.
- **Air-Filled or Foam Toys are not safety devices.** Don't use air-filled or foam toys, such as water wings, noodles, or



In the time it takes paramedics to arrive, CPR could save a life.

swimmers safe.

- **Avoid alcohol.**
- **Don't let swimmers try to hold their breath for long periods of time.** They could pass out and drown!
- **Know the local weather conditions and forecast before swimming or boating.**

If you have a swimming pool at home, install fencing and keep the pool and deck clear of toys. If you are in or near natural water, use U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets, know the meaning of and obey warnings, watch for dangerous waves and rip currents, and learn to swim parallel to shore if caught in a rip current.

Please join our efforts to reduce the risks of drowning and water-related injuries/deaths. For more information, contact Fire and Life Safety at (757) 890-3600, Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In an emergency, always call 911.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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Cooling Assistance Program

Applications Accepted June 15 – August 15

Qualifying Households* eligible for assistance with –

- Cooling Unit Repair
- Cooling Deposit
- Cooling Bill

Call (855) 635-4370 or apply online
www.commonhelp.virginia.gov

*Households with at least one individual disabled, over age 60, or under age 6

Now enrolling eligible children ages 3-5 for the 2019 – 2020 School Year including children with disabilities!

Program Locations:

- Bethel Manor Elementary School
- Griffin-Yeates Center*
- Yorktown Elementary School

Program Features:

- Monday-Friday Classes
- Family Support and Education Services
- Free Nutritious Meals
- Quality Preschool Program

* Limited Transportation is Available at the Griffin-Yeates Location

For more information, call (757) 890-3888
www.yorkcounty.gov/headstart

Mosquito Season, continued from page 1

One often untapped resource for residents...free yard inspections.

"If a resident reports a problem, we can schedule a visit to their home and inspect their yard along with them," she explains. "Often, we will find a breeding site that the homeowner was unaware of, like underneath the deck or in piles of grass clippings where mosquitoes love to hang out."



In fact, yard inspections sometimes result in discovering other problem areas. "We were inspecting a yard and discovered a small woodland pool next door. And also, we find tire ruts or piles of unused, discarded tires - both of which are favorites with mosquitoes," she states. And speaking of tires, Betsy and her team held a tire collection event that saw 1,000 tires turned in for proper disposal! Do you have tires you need to get rid of? The next **tire collection event is from 8 to 4, June 22**, on Operations Drive.

"That's a busy day for us," she says, "because that's also our **2nd annual Bug-Fest event at the Tabb Library.**" This event is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and kids can participate in a scavenger hunt, crafts, learn about a variety of insects, and maybe even hold one or two. "The children are a fantastic resource for us and are so eager to learn," she says. "Our 3rd grade school program has been a huge success because the kids are like sponges and soak up the information and then take it home to share with their families."

And informing the public is more important than ever. Recent surveillance data indicates that we have three times the number of mosquitoes compared to this time last year. In addition, Mosquito Control has seen new mosquito species in this area. Let's not forget, many of these pests carry diseases.

"Last year was a bad year for West Nile Virus," Betsy says. "We had 47 cases and some fatalities in Virginia, according to the CDC. We could easily prevent that from happening."

Mosquito Control will be conducting nighttime spraying of problem areas this season - and working with beekeepers to NOT spray those residences. If you want to add your address to the Do Not Spray list, give Mosquito Control a call at (757) 890-3790.

"And don't forget to visit www.yorkcounty.gov/mosquitocontrol," Betsy adds. "We have a lot of helpful information on the site. Working together, I KNOW we can reduce the number of mosquitoes."

Yorktown 2019

CONCERT CONNECTION

All events are free!

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Concert Series

JUNE 30
JULY 7 . 14 . 21 . 28
AUG 4 . 11 . 18 . 25

Thursdays, 5 PM at Grace Church

VIRGINIA SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

VS

AUGUST 31

Saturday at 7:30 PM
(Pre-concert starts at 6 PM)
Riverwalk Landing

www.VisitYorktown.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY

Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate in the Library's **Summer Reading Programs** from June 23 through August 3.

Registration begins Saturday, June 15, for the adult program, and Monday, June 17, for the children and teen program. We're excited

to announce that the Virginia Living Museum, Centerstage Academy, and magician Chris Michael will present! A complete list of programs and activities soon will be available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/library.



The Alzheimer's Community Education Series presents **Healthy Living for your Brain and Body** on Thursday, June 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library. The series concludes on Friday, July 26, with **Understanding and Responding to Dementia-related Behaviors** from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Tabb Library. For additional program information and to register, visit the Library's website. This series is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Southeastern Virginia Chapter and your Library.



The **SYNC Audiobooks for Teens program**, sponsored by AudioFile

Magazine and powered by Rakuten OverDrive, kicks off its 10th year with an exciting lineup of bestselling and award-winning authors. SYNC gives away two free audiobook downloads every week through July to listeners age 13+. Each themed pair of SYNC titles will be available to download through the OverDrive app for seven days. Once downloaded, titles are yours to keep. Sign up for email or text alerts at www.audiobooksync.com, and be the first to know when new titles are available each Thursday.

Join us at the Tabb Library from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 24, for a **Neighborhood Block Party** promoting neighborhood spirit, safety, and environmental awareness. Enjoy music, games, a petting zoo, entertainment, and more. Representatives from YMCA, Neighborhood Watch, CERT program, and a variety of York County agencies (Fire & Life Safety, Sheriff's Office, Parks and Recreation, Library, and School Division to name a few) are scheduled to attend. This program is sponsored by Greenlands, Tabb Lakes, and Coventry Homeowners' Associations, and your Library.

For more information on programs, contact the Tabb Library at (757) 890-5120, or Yorktown Library at (757) 890-5207, visit our website - www.yorkcounty.gov/library - or like us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/yorkcountypubliclibrary.

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2019 SCHEDULE
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SPECIAL THEMED MARKETS

OCT 12	Fall Festival	8 AM - 3 PM
OCT 19	Yorktown Day	8 AM - 3 PM
OCT 26	Paws at the River	9 AM - 3 PM
NOV 9	Maritime Market	9 AM - 3 PM
NOV 16	Harvest Festival	9 AM - 3 PM
DEC 14	Toyland Market & Parade	9 AM - 3 PM

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FALL Youth Soccer

REGISTRATION
Youth Soccer (Ages 5-18)
July 1 - August 3

START SMART Instructional Soccer Ages 3-5

ADULT SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION
RETURNING TEAMS: Begins AUGUST 6
NEW TEAMS: Begins AUGUST 13

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York County
 PARKS AND RECREATION

WASTE MANAGEMENT WANTS YOU TO KNOW....

As you may have heard, our new curbside recycling program begins July 1 with Tidewater Fibre Corporation (TFC). Here are some important guidelines to help you "Recycle Right!"

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED

✓ Plastic Bottles & Jugs

Water and drink bottles; shampoo, soap, and detergent bottles



✓ Metal Cans

Steel and aluminum food and beverage cans



✓ Glass Bottles & Jars

All types and colors

✓ Cardboard & Mixed Paper

Flattened boxes, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, office paper, cards, stationery, paper grocery bags, school paper, computer paper, single layer cardboard such as cereal and tissue boxes, newspapers and advertising



Note: All bottles, jugs, jars and cans must be empty and rinsed. Metal lids can be recycled, but plastic lids should be thrown away. Be sure all food cans are rinsed free of residue.

WHAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

- X **Plastic Bags** grocery, dry cleaning, garbage, sandwich bags, plastic wrap
- X **Greasy Paper** pizza boxes
- X **Wax-covered fiber** milk cartons, juice boxes, candy wrappers, some packing paper
- X **Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues**
- X **Tanglers** garden hoses, chains, twine, string, or wire
- X **Ceramic Dishes or Ovenware**
- X **Plate Glass** window panes, mirrors
- X **Light bulbs** all types
- X **Needles, Medical Waste of Any Kind**
- X **Clothes Hangers, Lawn Chair Frames, Pots & Pans, Scrap Metal**
- X **Paint Cans and Aerosol Cans**
- X **Pesticide, Poison, and Automotive Product Containers**
- X **Foam Plastic Products** Styrofoam® cups, plates, or packing materials
- X **Diapers, Personal Care Products**
- X **Yard Waste/Yard Debris**

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Unacceptable items are considered contaminants and can increase the cost of the program by resulting in the entire load of recycling being diverted to the waste stream.

COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE INFO

On December 31 of last year, Congress enacted the **Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018**, which allows qualifying spouses to choose the same residency as the servicemember for state tax purposes, even if the spouse has a different residency. For personal property tax purposes, this Act became effective January 1. Remember, all



vehicles owned by military mem-

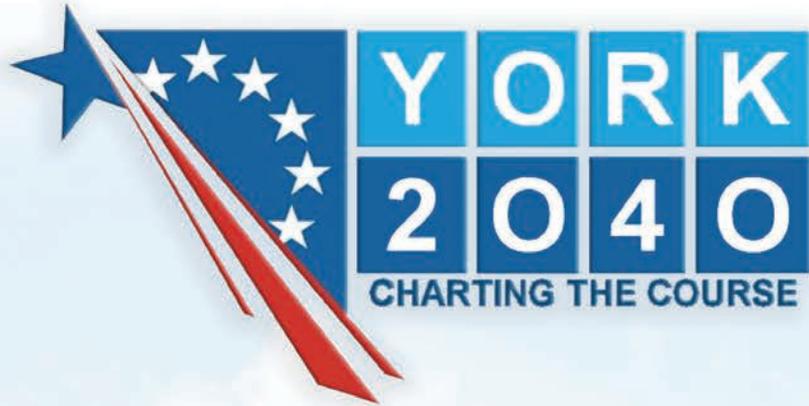
bers who claim *Virginia* as their legal state of residence are subject to personal property tax, under the same provisions as persons not in the military. For more information, please visit www.yorkcounty.gov/revenue.

Did you file a **Schedule C or C-EZ** with your Federal Tax Return? If so, you are considered engaged in business. And, if line E of this form indicates that your business is located at a County address or is left blank (indicating that the address on your taxes is your business location), then you are presumed to be operating a business in the County. In that case, you need to get a Business License AND you are required to file a Tax Return of Business Tangible Personal Property, Machinery, and Tools. For more information, please call the office at (757) 890-3383.

NEW OPTIONS AND MONTHLY RATES (as shown in the May utility bill)

Curbside Garbage and Recycling.....	\$24.50*
Garbage Only Service.....	\$21.50
Recycling Only Service.....	\$7.50
Garbage and Recycling – Senior Citizen Rate (Age 70+)	\$20.00
Extra charge for Backyard Service.....	\$12.25
Extra charge for Long/Private Driveway	\$16.00
Extra charge for Additional Container.....	\$10.00

*Reduced fee available for those meeting income qualification. Call (757) 890-3780 for details.



We want to hear from
you

The Comprehensive Plan Review is happening right now! In order to make this long-range development plan represent the needs of the community, we are seeking your opinions on what you'd like to see in York County over the next 20 years. Visit the website and take the survey OR send us an email or leave a voice mail. Thank you!

**www.york2040.com
(757) 890-DATA (3282)
planning@yorkcounty.gov**

REGIONAL PROGRAM SEEKS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

Hampton Roads localities have banded together to educate the public about the need for flood insurance. The website - www.GetFloodFluent.org - was launched recently and separates fact from fiction

when it comes to flooding and insurance coverage. For example, did you know that homeowners and renters insurance policies don't cover flood damage? Or that anywhere it can rain, it can flood? How about the fact that typically there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before your flood insurance becomes active? Visit the website and get the facts. Don't take it from us...on the site you can watch videos from Hampton Roads residents who experienced property loss because of flooding. So, don't wait...Get Flood Fluent today.



DO YOU "KNOW YOUR ZONE?"

In 2017, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, in partnership with local Fire and Emergency Management departments launched the "Know Your Zone" initiative that identifies areas prone to flooding as well as neighborhoods where evacuation would be impossible due to flooded streets. In York County and Hampton Roads, evacuation zones (where applicable) are categorized from A to D, with A being the most significant risk for tidal flooding. So, do you "Know Your Zone?" It just takes a few minutes to visit www.KnowYourZoneVA.org, enter your property address, and determine your evacuation zone!



Don't wait until an evacuation order is given by the Governor before you check the site and determine your need to leave vs. stay.

"This is the time for residents to familiarize themselves with their evacuation zone, route, and plan, as well as make preparations for potential tropical weather this hurricane season - June 1 through November 30," said York County Fire Chief Stephen P. Kopczynski.

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION: SAVE THESE DATES!

HEALTHY VIRGINIA LAWNS PROGRAM



Sign up now for our fall visits beginning August 13. 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, please call the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.

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PENINSULA MASTER GARDENER TRAINING

Applications are being accepted for the Master Gardener training course from August through November. Training course fee is \$150 before June 1 and \$160 after that date, with an application deadline of August 1.

- Day Course - Tuesday and Thursday mornings, plus three Saturdays, from September 3 through November 13
- Night Course - Wednesday evenings, plus three Saturdays from August 14 through November 13

For more information and an application, please visit <https://york.ext.vt.edu>.

A TALK IN THE GARDEN

The York-Poquoson Master Gardeners Talk in the Garden is held monthly at the York Learning Garden located at 301 Goodwin Neck Road (between Goodwin Neck Road and the York County Public Safety Building).

- June 20 at 5:30 p.m. - ID and Control of Weeds

For future monthly talk topics, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/vce.

FALL FESCUE LAWN CLINICS

Fall is the best season to renovate a fescue lawn. Incorporating organic matter, rake level, and seed selection will be discussed in this FREE lawn clinic. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to noon. Clinic dates and locations are:

- August 10 - Taylor's Do It Center, Poquoson
- August 17 - TBD
- August 24 - Ken Matthews Garden Center, Grafton

If you would like to register for one of these clinics, please call the Extension Office at (757) 890-4940.



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JUNE PRIMARIES

On June 11, the Democratic Party is holding a primary for its nominees for the 91st and 96th House of Delegates seats. Also that day, the Republican Party is selecting its nominee for the 96th District House of Delegates seat. The deadline to register to vote in the primary has passed; however, if you were already registered to vote in York County, you should have no problem voting in the primary. Visit www.yorkcounty.gov/voting to verify your registration status, polling place, and your district.



If you are going to be out of town or otherwise

not available to vote in the June 11 primary, you may be able to apply for an absentee ballot. Call the Registrar's Office at (757) 890-3440, or send an email to registrar@yorkcounty.gov.

Virginia law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of photo ID when voting in person at your polling place. Many types of photo IDs are permitted, including: Virginia driver's license, Virginia DMV-issued photo ID, U.S. passport, employer-issued photo ID, student photo ID issued by school, college, or university in Virginia, among others. If you are not sure if you have an acceptable form of ID, please contact the Registrar's Office.

One More Thing

INVESTING IN YORK COUNTY'S PREPAREDNESS

By Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



We all understand that one of these days a significantly disruptive storm is going to hit Hampton Roads directly.

Tropical weather season in York County officially begins June 1. Those of you who have lived around here for a while realize what that can mean. Tropical threats can come in many different shapes and sizes. Sometimes it's something like Hurricane Floyd, which inundated the Virginia Peninsula with over two feet of rain in forty-eight hours during 1999. Or maybe it's Isabel in 2003 with wind, tidal flooding, and an incredible number of downed trees. Just last year we had two substantial threats. Hurricane Florence caused much excitement, but really did not impact us. Three weeks later, Tropical Storm Michael blew through and knocked out power in half the County. It was gone by the time we understood how significant its impact really was.

Although we never know when, we all understand that one of these days a significantly disruptive storm is going to hit Hampton Roads directly. Imagine if we have a storm that combines winds worse than Isabel with the rainfall of Floyd. It's just a matter of time.

All we can do is be as prepared as possible with our personal affairs and here at the County government. Your County team, led by our Department of Fire and Life Safety, rehearses for bad storms and tries to anticipate how serious storms might unfold. With the Board of Supervisors' strong encouragement, we continue to invest in generators for public buildings, shelter preparedness, training, communications techniques, and safety equipment.

The truth is, a seriously bad storm could easily overwhelm the County's response capabilities, and we would need to fall back on the assistance of the region (which may be similarly affected), the state, and the nation.

Just as the County prepares, you have a personal responsibility to prepare your family in the event of an extreme tropical event. Helpful links with preparedness information and the *Know Your Zone* campaign can be found on our Fire and Life Safety website – www.yorkcounty.gov/fire. With our regional partners, we have started a campaign to encourage everyone who owns or rents a home to buy flood insurance. There are policies for business owners to protect your property in case your business is damaged in a flood. Visit www.GetFloodFluent.org for information about insurance, flood facts, and personal testimonials from flood victims in this part of the state. Remember, policies require 30 days before they go into effect. So, do not wait until a storm threatens to purchase flood insurance.

Here in the County, we enjoy the many good things about living near the river and the Bay. You can minimize the chance of a tropical event becoming more than just a bad day for you and your family if you stay prepared and stay informed. Your County government is ready to do its part. Have a great summer.