

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 28, 2020

TO: Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator

FROM: Brian P. Fuller, Director of Community Services 

SUBJECT: Update on Yorktown Market Days

As you know, given the current pandemic, we've made adjustments to the Yorktown Farmers Market to comply with the Governor's Public Health Orders. The temporary drive-thru version of Yorktown Market Days at the McReynolds Athletic Complex kicked off Saturday, April 25. The market vendors were limited to food and essential items and were spaced out to allow for social distancing. This spacing out was for pickup of customer pre-orders only, and all customers remained in their vehicles. Their orders were prepackaged and ready for delivery through the driver-side window or loaded into the back seat/trunk. The markets support a cashless model with payments made in advance directly to vendors.

It was extremely successful with overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community! Overall, 220 cars/customers passed through the MAC to pick up more than 350 pre-orders. I've attached some of their comments, which were posted immediately following the event.

This is primarily a Facebook Event (Yorktown Market Days) where vendors are individually sharing products, pricing, and pre-order information. The vast majority of them do not have websites to list their inventory. For citizens without access to social media, we have also listed the vendors' email addresses and phone numbers online under the "[This Week at the Market](#)" page so customers may reach out to them directly to see what they offer. This information is updated every Monday, preceding the next market.

This Saturday, May 2, is **Virginia Farmers Market Week**. We are excited to participate in this special campaign with the Virginia Tourism Corporation to shine light on markets across the state that have modified operations to provide families with access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy food. We recognize farmers markets are essential to our communities, especially now, during this time of uncertainty.

Thank you for your support in allowing us to be creative and helping to connect our market vendors with customers. We look forward to returning to Riverwalk Landing and discussing adjustments that will allow us to comply with any restrictions that are in place as the County and State begin to re-open.

Debra Paulus It was super easy picking up the produce. I already made pickled beets, cut up the strawberries for a topping..used the amazing spring onions for chicken salad for lunch. I am also pretty sure my hubby ate a peanut butter cookie already..Now its time for a Bloody Mary. Thank you to everyone. See you soon.

Love · Reply · Message · 16h · Edited



Ouida Archinal We loved the strawberries we got from Penn Farm. Also got a beautiful butternut squash, beautiful collards, and eggs. We will be back next week.

Love · Reply · Message · 16h



Susan Warner Wilbourn Strawberries are great. Thanks Allen's Farm.



Like · Reply · Message · 14h



Lauren Thorpe Hunter Can't wait to try my market goods



Like · Reply · Message · 13h

Jennifer Blake Allen's Farm & Joe Grows!



Like · Reply · Message · 18h



Sarah Collie Fresh veggies from Allen's Farm and a Tommy Toes Tomato Plant from Joe's Grows 🍅 I highly recommend Yorktown Market Days Drive-Thru. I pre-ordered on Wednesday, paid through Venmo and they had it ready when I arrived. Super easy and smooth process. Thank you to our farmers, small businesses, and volunteers who made this possible!



Like · Reply · Message · 17h



Kim Hutchinson Awesome job! Thanks for providing such a necessary service to your community!

Like · Reply · Message · 11h



Bruce Sturk Definitely worth it! Very well organized! Thanks to all the vendors! We will be back. Stay healthy and safe! Thanks

Like · Reply · Message · 14h



Melissa DeHart Thank you, everything went so smoothly. Great job! I can't wait to eat the asparagus from Penn Farm tonight.

Like · Reply · Message · 16h



Amber Christine We got there right after 8 and there was no line. We've already devoured the strawberries and made a salad with the kale and arugula we got from Penn Farm.

Like · Reply · Message · 13h



Lorrie Hamilton Mercer Thanks Penn Farms and Moonstruck Soaps. I found an origami crane in my Moonstruck bag. ❤️



Like · Reply · Message · 18h



CJ Simp Appalachian Maes bread is a hit in our Home! Her sour dough is mouth watering! And the pickled jalapenos are so amazing! We cant wait to order from Her again! She was superb!

Like · Reply · Message · 1h



Abbey Jack Love the elderberry syrup & immune-tea we ordered from OverAchieving Tea!

Like · Reply · Message · 18h



Caroline Williamson Herath Great experience and love our produce and eggs from Penn Farms. We'll be back next week. Thank you for organizing this event!!



Love · Reply · Message · 15h



Mary M. Spracher Annett Well done today! Thank you! 😊
Like · Reply · Message · 19h

Katie Nalrah I came this morning, and enjoyed the event so much!
Like · Reply · Message · 19h

Teresa Woodward Already made a strawberry lemon cake using the awesome strawberries we bought from Allen's Farm. They're awesome.



Like · Reply · Message · 8

Love · Reply · Message · 17h

Jennifer Blake So easy to pick up today! Thank you everyone working to make that such an easy process.
Like · Reply · Message · 21h

Scott Krick Extremely organized and shopping made easy. Thank you!
Like · Reply · Message · 19h

Shannon Maria George What a fabulous idea and I love all my goodies!
Like · Reply · Message · 17h

Tami Estell Lynch I was very impressed about how easy it was to pick up my orders! Great job! 😊
Like · Reply · Message · 21h · Edited

Rebecca Breedlove-Berry It was an amazing event! Well organized and so easy to place orders. Thank you!
Like · Reply · Message · 22h

April Albert Very well organized!!! Thank you so much for offering this service. My son and I will be back next week to try more goodies.
Like · Reply · Message · 21h

Katie Nalrah I think it worked very well! I already ate two of the three cinnamon rolls from Rising Tides Provisions, and y'all THEY ARE ADDICTIVE. I will definitely be back for more next week, and will be checking out more and more of the wonderful vendors.
Love · Reply · Message · 15h

Mary M. Spracher Annett Got my goodies - thanks! 😊
Like · Reply · Message · 19h

Amy Newman Kartage Thanks! It was wonderful this morning to see everyone!
Like · Reply · Message · 16h

Tami Estell Lynch I was very impressed about how easy it was to pick up my orders! Great job! 😊
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Scott Krick Can't wait to go back and buy some more veggies and cinnamon buns! How about this delicious tuna from Uncle Russ' Dockside Seafood Market



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Love · Reply · Message · 1d

Astrid Smith I picked up my order at 8:30 this morning. It was really well organized, everyone was so helpful. I hope that you will have another one soon
Like · Reply · Message · 23h

CJ Simp
21 hrs · 🌐

Thank you all for doing this! Looking forward to going every week!

Katelyn Suzanna Can't wait until next week! We are enjoying our produce a lot.
Like · Reply · Message · 1d



May 1, 2020

To all our Contractor Partners:

In our continued effort to provide you with the most efficient and cost effective ways to work with us, we are introducing a new customer service online portal to assist in your permitting and inspection process. It will increase the availability of permit information and reduce your need for in-person visits and phone calls. You will also be able to track your current projects and submit requests for any new items online using the portal. **However, it will require that you have a portal account set up for your contracting business.**

To ensure that you will have access to this new online service, please find the registration form [here](#):

After filling out and submitting the form, we will make sure your account is active on our “go-live” date of **May 11th**. As part of the registration, all of your current projects will be linked to your account.

Please be aware of the following important dates and process changes:

- The existing phone line for the IVR inspection request system will no longer be in service after Thursday May 7, 2020, 5pm.
- Until your account is operational and permits made available online, you will need to request inspections by calling 757-890-3522. Once your account is active, you will need to make your requests for inspections online only.
- No new permits will be issued Friday, May 8, 2020, but scheduled inspections will be completed as usual.
- The “go-live” date for the new system is Monday, May 11, 2020.

Look for a quick reference guide on how to use the portal, request inspections, and view permit information on our [York County Building Safety](#) website as well as any future information.

We appreciate your patience as we launch this new technology. Feel free to contact our **Building Safety** office at 757-890-3522 with any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation,

Susan Kassel

Susan D. Kassel
Director Planning and Development Services

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Building Official

From: Whittaker, Gail
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:21 PM
Subject: York County Update 5/1/2020 - Board Meeting Agenda Online; Compost Facility Reopening; Household Chemical Collection May 9; Market Days Drive-Thru, Art at the River Event Online
Attachments: 2020-044.pdf; Market Feedback first drive thru 2.pdf

May 1, 2020

Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda

- The Board of Supervisors' next meeting is Tuesday, May 5. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and live streaming at www.yorkcounty.gov/tv. The agenda can be viewed [here](#). This is an electronic remote meeting.

Public Works

- The VPPSA Compost Facility reopens to the public on Monday, May 4. Credit cards and commercial accounts will be accepted for payment. The facility is located at the York County Waste Management Center, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, and is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details are available in the [press release](#) and at www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement.
- The Household Chemical Collection and Computer Recycling event is being held Saturday, May 9, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Operations Drive (just off Goodwin Neck Road). Additional details are available in the [press release](#) and at www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement.

Tourism Development

- In partnership with the Art at the River Committee, Tourism Development launched the **Art at the River Virtual Art Show Facebook event**, which runs through Sunday, May 3. The Facebook event includes images of the artists' work as well as contact information for purchases. Twenty-five of the thirty-nine artists chosen earlier this year for the Art at the River Juried Art Show, scheduled to be held at Riverwalk Landing before the event was cancelled due to COVID-19, are participating in this online event.

Of the online event, participating artist Russ Turnage said, "Some really nice work! We shared it to my Facebook page. The customer I had today had never seen my work before and found me through the Visit Yorktown site. She made a significant purchase, very welcome during these difficult days."

The Art at the River Virtual Art Show Facebook event is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1572593099555977/>.

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One of our vendors, Birch Knoll Farm, stated: "I wanted to thank you for the marketing post. Yesterday was our best sales day, nearly doubling all other days. Thank you so much!"

Community feedback/comments are attached.

Gail L. Whittaker

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