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York County Update 5/15/2020: Phase One Reopening Today; Citizen News Available Online

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County Administrator Neil Morgan spoke about the reopening in a video message to the public. View the [video](#).

Yorktown Beach

Following state and federal guidelines, all beaches – including our **Yorktown Beach** – remain **closed**. While many localities are able to allow the beaches to be used for exercise and fishing, the Yorktown Beach's small size makes the required social distancing difficult, if not impossible. In addition, when open, our beach is frequented by guests from neighboring localities, which increases the chance of the spread.

- Waterfront Operations –
 - Riverwalk Landing piers are now open for transient and recreational boaters; piers are closed to the general public.
 - Yorktown Fishing Pier is open, but limited to no more than 10 people at a time and social distancing rules must be followed.
 - Beach Picnic area is open for passive recreation of groups no larger than 10. The adjacent parking area remains closed.
 - Grassy areas of Riverwalk Landing are open for passive recreation such as reading, playing Frisbee, etc. Social distancing and group size applies.
 - Many Riverwalk Landing businesses are opening with enhanced health and safety measures in place for employees and customers. Currently, restaurants with carry-out options and those with limited patio and outdoor seating include: Water Street Grille, Riverwalk Restaurant, Ben & Jerry's, and Mobjack Bay Coffee Roasters. Patriot Tours & Provisions offers outdoor recreation, including paddle board and kayak rentals, bicycle rentals, and guided Segway tours.

- Library Services
 - Beginning Monday, May 18, the book drop will be open at the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday. The

physical buildings will not be open to the public. Returned books will be quarantined for three days. Items will be removed from your account on the fourth day after drop off. No fines will be assessed. Please maintain social distancing when returning items to the book drop.

- Parks and Fields –
 - County and School Division green areas are open for recreation by groups of no more than 10, but not for organized sports. Basketball courts and playgrounds remain closed.

Citizen News – York County’s Quarterly Newsletter – Now Online

- The summer edition of York County’s quarterly newsletter is now available exclusively [online](#). The newsletter, usually mailed quarterly to all homes in York County, was instead produced as an online publication due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Readers will find inside the publication their familiar favorites: School Division, Special Events such as Market Days and Concerts, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Recycling Update, and so much more!

Tourism Development

- **Drive-thru Mother’s Day Farmers Market:** Despite an unseasonably cold and windy morning, the Mother’s Day Drive-thru Market at McReynolds Athletic Complex was the busiest one yet! Of course, that’s mainly due to the fact that it’s strictly for pickup of pre-orders, most of which have already been paid for... and the fact that customers can stay in their cars! In all, an estimated 300 vehicles came through the MAC, and with two more vendors this week, sales surpassed 600. The addition of grab-and-go options helped with sales and gave customers a way to explore new businesses while waiting. The farms continue to report fantastic numbers. 127 for one and 83 for another. The biggest success story was Raders Quarter Farm who sold out of fresh pork within hours of posting their inventory as well as their remaining beef. With talks of a national shortage due to COVID-19, it was a wonderful opportunity for the community to get fresh meat for their families. Last weekend, three EBT customers took advantage of the Fresh Match Program where they receive a dollar-for-dollar match on fruits and vegetables. Overall, the farms sold \$190 in produce to these more vulnerable citizens.
- **National Travel & Tourism Week:** As a part of this nationally-recognized campaign, Yorktown joined hundreds of destinations across the state in celebrating an outline set forth by the VTC. This year, the focus was really to try to stay connected to and supportive of visitors by meeting them where they are now and still embracing the #spiritoftravel. In particular, we tapped into themes of supporting local restaurants offering takeout, purchasing gift cards from small businesses to shop at a later date, booking hotel and B&B reservations for future vacations, and showcasing the amazing history that surrounds us. We wholeheartedly believe the tourism industry will be integral to our nation’s recovery when this is over—for both the Greater Williamsburg economy, and

American jobs. After months of isolation, travel will be a way to help heal the country's morale.

Waste Management

- Recycling will not be collected on Memorial Day – Monday, May 25. Collections will be delayed one day until all routes are serviced by Saturday, May 30. Garbage collection is not affected by the holiday. For more information, visit the Waste Management [website](#) or call (757) 890-3780.

Wetlands Board Vacancy

- The Board of Supervisors is seeking applications from citizens to fill vacancies on the Wetlands Board. The Wetlands Board is charged with issuing permits for the use and development of tidal wetlands while balancing the needs of the property owners with the protection of wetlands. More information and the online application are available [here](#).