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## **York County Update 8/21/2020:**

**New Trolley Coming Soon; Grant Funds Still Available for Small Businesses; Storm Debris Collection Continues; Calendar Photo Contest!**

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### **Tourism Development: New Yorktown Trolley Coming Soon**

- The Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) is wrapping up its inspections of our newest Trolley (number 5 in our fleet) and we expect it to be delivered to us in the very near future. Additionally, ETA Transit is in town updating hardware on Trolleys 3 and 4, as well as performing testing and commissioning for Trolley 5's online SPOT ETA program, which lets you follow the Trolley's location and gives an estimated time of its arrival at various attractions. Soon the entire Historic Yorktown Trolley fleet will be outfitted with this cutting edge technology, and we will begin to maximize the program's potential. For more on this technology, please see the [website](#).
- As we transition into the later part of the summer, we are saying farewell to our part-time summer employees heading off to college and saying hello to new staff to carry us through the remainder of the year. All new part-time staff are cross-trained, making them able to perform a variety of assignments.

### **Funds Still Available Through COVID-19 Small Business Grant**

- The **COVID-19 Small Business Grant**, which offers up to \$5,000 in recovery funding for eligible businesses, still has over \$250,000 in grant funds available. Business owners are encouraged to submit an application for reimbursement of qualifying expenses, including purchases of protective supplies, tools, equipment, or inventory; cleaning services or supplies; property improvements or renovations to accommodate social distancing or outdoor dining, recreation, services, etc.; payment for rent or mortgages during times of required business closure and/or modification; and other qualifying expenses incurred following the State reopening requirements. Visit the [website](#) for more information including eligibility requirements.

## **Tropical Storm Isaias Yard Debris Collections Going Strong**

- The County's collection of Tropical Storm Isaias yard debris that came down during the August 4 storm continues, and crews report having reached over 400 homes! We've received over 1,200 requests for storm debris collection, meaning we are about one-third of the way through the list. When possible, we have three trucks working to pick up the debris and crews hope to work through the list over the next four weeks. Thanks to everyone for their patience.

Citizens are reminded they may deliver materials to the VPPSA Compost Facility, 145 Goodwin Neck Road, Yorktown, Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residential and commercial yard debris deliveries of materials up to 24 inches in diameter and 10 feet in length are accepted at the drop-off site.

## **District 1 and 4 Volunteers Sought for Community Services Grant Advisory Committee**

- This committee serves as an advisory body to the Board regarding the allocation of grants to civic and cultural organizations that are awarded for a fiscal year. The committee is comprised of one member from each voting district and meets in January, February and March to discuss allocations for the upcoming fiscal year. Details are available in the [press release](#).

## **Beautification Committee Seeking Photos for Calendar Contest!**

- Each year, the County's Department of Public Works and its Beautification Committee produce a calendar containing helpful information about environmental programs, popular events, and important meeting reminders. To illustrate the calendar, the committee holds an art contest where citizens submit their work for consideration. The selected artworks are used in the calendar and on its cover. Winners receive a cash prize! This year, the Committee is asking for amateur County photographers to submit their photos of pollinators – flowers, bees, etc. Information regarding photo specifications and submission information is available [online](#). The deadline to submit photos is October 1.

## **Board of Supervisors August 18 Meeting Online, TV**

- The Board of Supervisors August 18 meeting was held remotely. Meeting details are available [here](#). Meeting replays are always available to [view online](#) and are shown on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38). The Board does not hold a meeting on the first Tuesday in July. The next meeting is September 1. The meeting agenda will be posted online during the previous week.