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### Free Citizen Rewards Cards Available at New Locations



Who doesn't love saving money? Using your Citizen Rewards Card pays off! Participating shops, restaurants and attractions at Riverwalk Landing and Historic Yorktown offer discounts and reduced rates on certain items and attractions. Visit the [website](#) for the list of discounts. If you don't already have yours, stop by the **Senior Center of York** or the **Parks and Recreation Office** (both located in Washington Square Shopping Center). Cards are also available at the **Gallery at York Hall**, 301 Main Street. Current Gallery hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginning April 1, the Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Calling All Artists! Apply by February 1 for the Juried Art Show

Applications for the May 8 "Art at the River" Juried Art Show are due no later than Tuesday, February 1. There are so many talented people in and around our community and we cannot wait to see the wonderful art chosen for this event. Original works in painting, clay, glass, fiber, basketry, leather, wood, and more are accepted. This event is presented by the Art at the River Committee in conjunction with the Yorktown Foundation and York County. Applications are available online or can be mailed upon [request](#). Complete details can be found in this week's [press release](#).



### Nominations for Scholarship Program due February 18

York County's Outstanding Youth Awards program recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of the County's high school students by providing winners with a \$1,000 educational scholarship for post-secondary college or trade school. Students must reside in York County and be enrolled in grades 9-12. This program is open to those in public, private, or home school. Nomination categories are Courage, Compassion, Community Service, and Overall Achievement. Students may be nominated in all categories. Applications and complete details are available [online](#).



### York County Public Library Participates in Free COVID-19 Test Distribution

Earlier this week, the York County Public Library announced its partnership with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) in the state's COVID-19 at-home test program. On

Monday (1/10), the Library had a limited supply and, within hours, all free tests were picked up by citizens. The Library is awaiting another shipment and staff will post on their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) when tests are available. Limit one per person. In the meantime, if you are seeking information and resources about COVID-19, visit the County's [COVID-19 Connection](#). You'll find testing information, symptoms, recent news and more.

### **National Park's Fee Free Days Begin Monday**

The National Park Service has five fee free days in 2022 and the first one is Monday! The free admission days are designed to encourage visitation to our national parks to learn about our history and enjoy the natural beauty. In addition to Monday, the remaining fee free days this year are April 16 (first day of National Park Week), August 4 (Anniversary of the Great American Outdoors Act), September 24 (National Public Lands Day), and November 11 (Veterans Day). We are fortunate to have a national park right here in Yorktown! For hours of operation, visit the battlefield's [website](#).



### **“Financial Safety for Seniors” Program is January 26**

The York-Poquoson Triad is offering this hour-long program for our senior citizens to protect them from scams. Too often we hear about our elderly being taken advantage of by scammers, and in some cases, by caregivers and loved ones. Oscar Alvarez of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center will present tips on how to safeguard your bank accounts and also about financial resources that can help protect you from becoming a victim. [Registration](#) is required by January 22. This presentation is free.

**Additional Notes for the Week.....**The **Board of Supervisors’ meeting** is Tuesday, January 18. At this meeting, the Board will hold a **public forum** to gather information about the upcoming **Fiscal Year 2023 County Budget**. Those who are unable to attend may provide their input via [email](#) or can leave their comments on the Budget Comment Line (890-3220). The deadline to register for **spring soccer programs** is January 30. **Start Smart** is available for kids ages 3-5 and **Youth Coed** is open for those 5-18. Spaces are filling up quickly, so [register](#) soon! York County government and court offices are closed Monday (1/17) in observance of the **Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**. Garbage and recycling collections are not affected by the holiday. Please place your containers at the roadside by 7 a.m. on Monday.

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