



February 11, 2022

Love is in the Air at Tomorrow's Valentine's Day Market

It will feel like spring tomorrow with temps forecast in the low to mid 60s . . . the perfect weather to come to Yorktown and enjoy the Valentine's Market. Shop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and peruse the tables of fresh produce and baked goods, coffee and tea, snacks and sweets, original art, and the best backdrop (Riverwalk Landing and the York River) that anyone could ask for.



While you're there, take a picture with your sweetie at our giant LOVE letters. Click over to the [Visit Yorktown website](#) for a list of scheduled vendors.

Lighting the Way: Streetlights in York County Being Converted to LED



Within the next few weeks, Dominion Energy will begin converting streetlights along Kiln Creek Parkway to LED lighting. Once completed, drivers and pedestrians will appreciate the greater visibility and reliability (these lights are less likely to burn out). Also, because they use less energy, LED lights are a benefit to the environment. Switching out traditional lights with LEDs is not new in York County. Dominion began this process several months ago when installing new lights or replacing older ones that were broken or burned out. Neighborhood associations that would like to put their streets on the list for a future upgrade can complete the [inquiry form online](#).

Law Enforcement Building Rezoning on Board of Supervisors' Agenda

The agenda for Tuesday's (2/15) meeting is now available online. Among the items on this meeting's agenda is the rezoning of two parcels where the Law Enforcement Building is being constructed. Public safety facilities and government offices are permitted as a matter of right in all zoning districts, so a rezoning is not required. Therefore, the site work was able to commence. The new building is an extension of the County's Operations Center, which is zoning IL (Limited Industrial). So, it makes sense for the entire complex to be located in a single zoning district. Also, the height of the proposed building is 40 feet and the existing LB (Limited Business) zoning allows a maximum building height of 35 feet, whereas the proposed IL allows a maximum height of 60 feet. The County Administrator and Zoning Administrator believe this rezoning is important to follow the same standards as private development.



Are You a Teen Interested in Serving on the Youth Commission?

The Board of Supervisors is currently seeking high school students interested in representing the County's school-aged citizens by serving on the Youth Commission for the 2022-2023 school year. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on March 25. Interested students and their parents are invited to attend the Commission's meeting on March 9th at 6 p.m. in the Fire and Life Safety Meeting Room (301 Goodwin Neck Road) to observe and ask questions. The application is available on the [Youth Commission website](#).



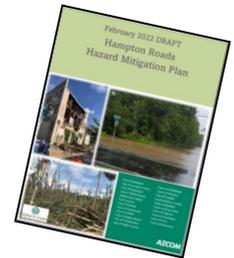
Free Lecture February 27: *African-Americans in the Civil War*

Noted historian and author Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander will present little-known history of African-Americans in the Civil War in Hampton Roads in a free lecture sponsored by the York County Historical Committee. The lecture begins at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 27, in the Board Room of York Hall. Based on her book, *An African American History of the Civil War in Hampton Roads*, Dr. Newby-Alexander's presentation charts the history of the African American community from Civil War to Reconstruction. No registration is required. Additional information is available on the [Historical Committee's website](#).



Draft 2022 Hampton Roads Hazard Mitigation Plan Online for Public Review

For several months, staff from Hampton Roads' localities have been reviewing and updating the plan that provides guidance and strategies for managing the various hazards that impact our region. Two public sessions have been held to gather citizen input. The draft is now complete and available for review online. In addition, there is a public Zoom meeting at 6 p.m. on March 2 where citizens can learn about the Mitigation Action Plan prepared as part of this process and may comment on the draft plan. The link to the document and Zoom instructions are available on the [County's website](#).



York/Poquoson Master Gardeners Offering \$1,000 Scholarships

Graduating York County or Poquoson high school seniors accepted by a recognized and accredited community college, college or university are eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship. To qualify, the student's field of study must be in horticulture, botany, or a related field. Current college students will also be considered for one of these scholarships if no graduating seniors are selected. More information and applications, due April 8, may be found on the [York/Poquoson Extension website](#).

Additional Notes for the Week..... York County offices and courts are closed Monday, February 21, in observance of **Presidents' Day**. Trash and recycling collections are not affected by the holiday. Complete details are available in this week's [press release](#).

Don't forget to register for the **Great American Cleanup**, March 25-26! Gather your team and get ready to make a big impact on your community and the environment. More information is available on the [Waste Management Center's website](#). **Spring CoEd Doubles Adult Tennis League** registration begins Monday (2/14). The tennis league is April 7-May 26. Register on the [Parks and Recreation website](#).

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