



October 13, 2023

Celebrate the 242nd Anniversary of the Victory at Yorktown!

Join the festivities October 14-19 that commemorate the 1781 Siege of Yorktown and the British surrender to the combined American and French forces in the last major battle of the Revolutionary War. The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown is hosting Revolutionary War programs, artillery firings, and musical performances from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow (10/14). Events on Yorktown Day (10/19) include a parade down Main Street, patriotic exercises at the Victory Monument, wreath-laying ceremonies, and tours of historic sites. Local museums are open, including the Watermen's Museum and the York County Historical Museum on the lower level of York Hall. Complete details of the Yorktown Day events are available [online](#). Vehicle access to town will be limited Thursday morning due to Yorktown Day activities. Sections of the upper deck of the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace may be closed for maintenance. The trolley runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information on road closures and trolley schedule is available in this week's [press release](#). Several County offices are closed Yorktown Day, although garbage and recycling are collected as scheduled. The list of office closings is available [here](#).



Celebrate Fall at Yorktown Market Days

Hop in your *autumn-mobile* tomorrow (10/14) for [Yorktown Market Days' Fall Festival](#) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This annual event is packed with fun activities the whole family is sure to enjoy, such as a hay maze, pumpkin painting, petting zoo, balloon art, and face painting. Also, don't miss your chance to win a market-themed gift basket by Guessing the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin over at the

Visit Yorktown booth. In between the activities, shop for goodies from over 60 vendors and artists, and take your picture at the LOVE letters, decorated for fall. In case of rain, call the Event Weather Hotline for status updates: 757-890-3520.

York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Receives Accreditation

For the 6th time, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office (YPSO) has been accredited by Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards. The YPSO was one of two law enforcement agencies to achieve a perfect score. Areas reviewed as part of the accreditation include safety and security of facilities; staff knowledge about operation, training, equipment, and deployment of vehicles and equipment; an in-depth ride-along; and property/evidence procedures and management. The final overall assessment states that the YPSO, led by Sheriff Montgomery, "places a



strong emphasis on professionalism, commitment to the community, and adherence to accreditation standards." Read the full report [here](#). Pictured (left to right): Todd Clingenpeel, Accreditation Center Manager for the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; Sandy Turbeville, Accreditation Assistant; Sheriff Ron Montgomery; Major Tommy West; and Captain David Barke.

School Division Passes the Grade!

The York County School Division (YCSD) announced this week that it has been named as

one of the top three school divisions in Virginia *and* the top division in Hampton Roads, according to Niche, a leading school ranking and review website. The two divisions that ranked higher, Falls Church City and Arlington County, spend almost twice as much as YCSD per pupil annually. In addition, York County Schools were ranked among the Best High Schools in Virginia for 2023-2024 by U.S. News & World Report. Congratulations to the teachers, administrators, staff, and students of YCSD!

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York County School Division 

Genealogy and Ghost Hunting 101 Among Library Programs for Adults

Learn more about the wonders of bird migration, aka **Migration Magic**, from Wild Birds Unlimited tomorrow (10/14) at 1:30 in the Tabb Library. Find out how to research your family history on Monday (10/16) at 6:30 p.m. at Yorktown Library's **Introduction to Genealogy: Where Do I Start?** Stop by the Tabb Library on Wednesday (10/18) at 6:30 p.m. to discover everything you want to know about **Ghost Hunting 101** with Virginia Paranormal Investigations. For more information about these and other programs, call 757-890-5120 or 757-890-5207. Stay up-to-date with library programs for all ages by [subscribing](#) to the Library's newsletters.



National Park Service to Begin Removal of Invasive Plants

As early as next week, crews will begin removing invasive plants from two areas within the Colonial National Historical Park. Five acres of these plants will be cut along the slopes of the historic Tobacco Road trail adjacent to the Visitor Center. Approximately three acres will be cut near the Moore House subdivision. Among the plants to be removed are Golden Bamboo, Empress Tree, Chinese Privet, Wisteria, and English Ivy.

Colonial Parkway Rehabilitation Project Requires Road Closures

Work has begun on the Parkway overpass on Route 17 between Alexander Hamilton Boulevard and Goosley Road. Alternating single-lane road closures are anticipated to last for

approximately two weeks while the bridge work is completed. The temporary road closures will occur on both northbound and southbound lanes of travel.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Registration is now open for **Basketball** for several age groups. Visit the Parks & Recreation [website](#) for details and to register. **Movies in the Park** next Saturday (10/21) features *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* at the McReynolds Athletic Complex (412 Sports Way). The movie starts at sunset. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating.

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