



October 20, 2023

Events this Weekend in Yorktown

Hip hip hooray there's another [Yorktown Market Days](#) this Saturday (10/21)! Head down to Riverwalk Landing from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to pick up pumpkins, sweet treats, meats, seafood, and drinks, as well as handcrafted jewelry, woodworking, stained glass, and more. Also this weekend, get “hoppy” at this year’s [Yorktoberfest](#)! Sample unlimited tastings of more than 40 beers and ciders, four food trucks, and musical entertainment from Lane Rice from 12 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 22. [Tickets](#) are still available for this event, which is hosted by the York County Chamber of Commerce.



Fire Chief and Sheriff Offer Tips for Safe Trick-or-Treating

In York County, trick-or-treating on Halloween (10/31) is recommended for children ages 12 and under from 6 to 8 p.m. Fire Chief Steve Kopczynski and York-Poquoson Sheriff Ron Montgomery offer the following safety tips: wear fire resistant costumes, wigs, and accessories; fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags and/or give children glow sticks; carry and use a flashlight to see and be seen; have an adult accompany children; and don’t let children eat candy until it has been inspected by an adult. Additional safety tips are available in the County’s [press release](#).

Leaf Collection Program Beginning Soon

It’s time to get your rakes in motion! Leaf collection begins in early November for residents who live on publicly maintained roads. An unlimited number of clear bags of leaves may be placed at the roadside on Monday of your collection weeks. For leaf collection, the County is divided into two zones: the Southern Zone includes homes south of Dare Road, while the Northern Zone includes homes on and north of Dare Road. Collections are held every other week in each zone. In the Southern Zone, leaf collections begin November 6, with the Northern Zone collections starting November 13. A final sweep of the County will be completed the week of January 29. Collection details, including do’s and don’ts, are available [online](#).



Registrar's Office is Open for Early Voting



Early voting is available at the Registrar's Office locations in Washington Square Shopping Center (Grafton) and Victory Village Shopping Center (Williamsburg), Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Both locations will be open on two upcoming Saturdays (10/28 and 11/4) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accommodate voters. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day (11/7). Remember, if you are in line at 7 p.m. on Election Day,

you will still be able to vote. For more information, including sample ballots by precinct, visit the [Registrar's website](#).

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday is Underway!

Better late than never. The Virginia Sales Tax Holiday is happening now through Sunday night (10/20-10/22) and allows shoppers to purchase eligible items without paying sales tax. School supplies, clothing, shoes, generators, weather radios, and many more items are free from sales tax this weekend. Lists of eligible items are available on the state's [website](#).

Virginia History Programs Offered at Yorktown Library

Local author and York County Historical Museum docent Maria Hepner will speak about the **Yorktown Victory Monument** tomorrow (10/21) at 2 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday (10/26), the Yorktown 250th Anniversary Committee will host **A Question of Religious Freedom: The 1773 Baptist Preacher Trials**, an interactive historical performance of the event that led the colonists on the path toward religious freedom. Both of these free events are held at the Yorktown Library (8500 George Washington Memorial Highway). Registration is not required. For more information, call the Library at 757-890-5207.

Yorktown Tea Party Presentation Next Sunday (10/29)

Join historian and interpreter Jim Gallagher for a discussion of Yorktown's Tea Party that occurred on November 7, 1774. In a presentation on Sunday (10/29) at 2 p.m. in York Hall (301 Main Street), Mr. Gallagher will portray Thomas Nelson Jr. to address the citizens of Yorktown to present the case for action to enforce the boycott of tea and other goods. Mr. Gallagher is a well-known living historian and Revolutionary War reenactor who appears in an upcoming PBS documentary airing in advance of the 250th anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party. This presentation is sponsored by the [York County Historical Committee](#) and is free to the public.

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Tomorrow's (10/21) **Movies in the Park** features *Ghostbusters: Afterlife* at the McReynolds Athletic Complex (412 Sports Way). The movie begins at sunset. Concessions are available. Next Friday (10/27), **Skate, Rattle & Roll** features a special Halloween Glow Skate for both sessions. More information is available [online](#). **Drug Take Back** is Saturday (10/28) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Works Building (105 Service Drive). Free paper shredding is also available. See the [website](#) for details.



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