

CITIZEN NEWS

Weekly



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Winter Markets Begin with the Valentine’s Day Market

We can *heart-ly* wait for tomorrow’s (2/10) [Yorktown Market Days Valentine’s Day Market](#)! If you are still searching for a way to celebrate a loved one, stop by Riverwalk Landing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for our first Winter Market of 2024. Local vendors and talented *heart-isans* will be there selling desserts, flowers, artwork, and other treats that your sweetheart is sure to love. We’ll also have a Cupid photo hunt and a special way for visitors to help us decorate the LOVE letters. Mark your calendars for this fun event, so you don’t miss a *beat*!



Our [2024 Save the Date Calendar](#) is out and jam-packed with concerts, festivals, art strolls, and more! Be sure to grab your calendar and plan for a year of fun in Historic Yorktown!



Celebrate American Heart Month by Taking a Hands Only CPR Class

Every year, nearly 500,000 Americans die from heart disease. In February, we recognize American Heart Month and urge people of all ages to take an active role in reducing the risk of heart disease by eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly, and managing cholesterol and blood pressure. Also, learn how to save a life in just three steps with the “Take 3 Steps to Save a Life” program from Fire and Life Safety: 1) Call 9-1-1, 2) Perform CPR, and 3) Retrieve an AED. Fire and Life Safety is offering Hands Only CPR Classes on Monday (2/12) at the Tabb Library; Tuesday (2/13) at the Yorktown Library; Tuesday, February 20 at the Senior Center; and Tuesday, February 27 at Queens Lake Middle School. All classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information and to sign up for a class, please visit the [website](#).

Upcoming VDOT Project Requires Temporary Closure of Parking Lot on Water Street in Yorktown

On Monday, February 20, VDOT crews are scheduled to begin repair work around the Coleman Bridge abutment closest to Water Street on the York County side of the bridge. In order to make these repairs, VDOT will be utilizing the parking area across from the Watermen’s Museum on Water Street for the duration of the project, which is estimated to last approximately three weeks. The parking area will be closed to the public. Visitors will be



directed to alternative parking areas in Yorktown including the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace, which is now open for parking on both levels.

Help Keep York County Litter Free

Roadside litter is a big issue in York County. Recently, the County's Grounds Maintenance Division performed a County-wide cleanup to collect litter. We'll have the final numbers for you in next week's "Citizen News Weekly," but early reports are that the team collected just over 7,000 lbs. of trash! To help out, citizens can do their part to keep York County clean and beautiful:

1. Please secure your trash in your vehicles. Trash flies out of cars and truck beds, and ends up in our waterways.
2. Bag your trash before placing it in your container for weekly pickup. Loose trash scatters quickly, especially on windy days.
3. Discard cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles. Cigarettes are the #1 most littered item and, because they're plastic, they are toxic to the water and ground when discarded.
4. Sign up for the [Great American Cleanup](#) on March 22-23! You can organize your own cleanup in your neighborhood, or staff can direct you to a location in need of attention. This is a great program for scout groups too.



Updates from Virginia Cooperative Extension

4-H Junior Summer Camp will be held July 22-26 at the Jamestown 4-H Center. **Adult volunteers** are needed to help provide a safe, supportive, and fun environment for the campers. Serving as an adult volunteer allows individuals to participate in many of the camp's classes and activities. Volunteers camp for free and those that stay all four nights receive a discount and a guaranteed spot for their camper (if they have a child in attendance). Background checks are required. Interested? Call the office at 757-890-4940. Applications for the **Spring 2024 Peninsula Master Naturalist Training** class are now being accepted. The basic training course covers the background knowledge and skills needed to prepare for service as a Virginia Master Naturalist volunteer. Registration and details are available [online](#).

Additional Notes for the Week . . . Nominations for the **Outstanding Youth Award scholarship program** are due no later than February 16. Forms and details are available [online](#). **Skate, Rattle, & Roll tonight** (2/9) at Dare Elementary School gym is a special **glow skate** for Valentine's Day! Families and kids grades K-5 can skate from 6 to 8 p.m.; kids grades 6-8 take the floor from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Happy Valenskite! More information is [online](#). **Register** by Monday (2/12) for the **March 5 Presidential Primaries**. Registration is available to most Virginia residents [online](#). More information is available in the recent [press release](#).



NEW UPDATE



Riverwalk Landing Parking Terrace Now Fully Open



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