



September 22, 2023

Storm to Bring Wind, Rain, and Potential Tidal Flooding

York County staff continue to monitor the track and potential impact this weekend from Tropical Storm Ophelia. Due to the forecast for coastal flooding caused by the storm, the parking lots at the **McReynolds Athletic Complex (412 Sports Way)** and **Chisman Creek Park (1314 Wolf Trap Road)** have been opened for the parking of vehicles (i.e. RVs, boats, trailers, trucks, etc.). Citizens are asked to remove their vehicles from these lots by Monday afternoon. Please **do not** park at County school sites. The following County programs/services are affected by the storm:

- **Yorktown Market Days** scheduled for tomorrow (9/23) has been canceled. In addition, the **Yorktown Trolley** will not be in operation tomorrow.
- **Riverwalk Landing Piers** are closed tomorrow.
- This evening's **Skate, Rattle, and Roll** program is canceled. All weekend skating parties are canceled.
- York County's **parks are closed** Saturday and Sunday, and all Parks & Recreation activities are canceled for the weekend.



Updated information will be posted to the [York County website](#) and [Facebook page](#) throughout the weekend.



Board Appoints Interim County Administrator Effective January 1, 2024

At Tuesday's (9/19) meeting, the Board of Supervisors named Deputy County Administrator Mark Bellamy as Interim County Administrator upon Neil Morgan's retirement after eight years in the leadership position. Of the appointment, Board Chairman Tom Shepperd said, "The organization and the community can be confident that there will be continuity in all of the important things for which we are responsible." You can read Mr. Shepperd's full comment [online](#). Pictured left to right are Neil Morgan and Mark Bellamy.



York County Holds Dedication Ceremony for Fire Station 7

Earlier this week, County officials were joined by citizens, elected representatives, and officials from neighboring jurisdictions to celebrate the dedication ceremony of Fire Station 7 on Mooretown Road. The station serves residents of the upper County as well as providing mutual aid response to Williamsburg and James City County. A slideshow of images from the event is available [online](#).

Riverwalk Landing Welcomes the Yorktown Art Stroll

The storm should be gone just in time for Sunday's (9/24) free [Yorktown Art Stroll](#) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's a day of creativity and inspiration where you may discover (and purchase) one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces, stunning stained glass creations, beautiful watercolor paintings, captivating photography, and so much more. Audio Portrait performs on the Riverwalk Landing stage from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Rhythms on the Riverwalk Continues!

Take the backroads to Historic Yorktown Thursday (9/28) to hear The Heather Edwards Band perform popular country songs and Southern rock favorites from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Grab dinner at one of the restaurants on Water Street before the show or purchase snacks and dinner items from Coastal Thirst. The Yorktown Trolley runs until 9 p.m. during this event.

Stay Up-To-Date with Fall Activities in *Citizen News Quarterly*

Our quarterly newsletter has been published [online](#). Throughout the multi-page publication, you'll find information about special fall events like Paws at the River, Art Classes, Virginia Cooperative Extension's Fall Plant Sale, the Harvest Festival, and so much more. Want to take a peak inside this issue? Watch WYCG-TV's [special feature](#) about the newsletter—you'll be sure to *fall* in love with all York County has to offer!



York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office Joins "Neighbors"



In an effort to connect with residents and improve the safety of our communities, the Sheriff's Office has joined forces with "Neighbors," a free app from Ring that provides you with real-time crime and safety events delivered directly to your phone. Users may share photos, videos, and information, and the Sheriff's Office can view those posts and provide updates or safety alerts. You don't need a Ring device to join "Neighbors"—anyone with a smart phone can download

the app for free and participate in keeping your community safe. Scan the QR code to download the app.

Digital Photography Competition Accepting Submissions Until October 23

Do you have a favorite area or aspect of York County that is special to you and photography skills that you'd love to show off? Thanks to a generous grant from the York County Arts Commission, the York County Public Library is hosting this competition where teen and adult amateur/hobbyist photographers may submit photos with the theme "My York County." The deadline to [submit photos](#) is October 23. While we're on the topic of photography—Wildlife

and Nature Photographer **Rick Hopson** will share experiences with nature and wildlife photography. He will also offer tips for aspiring digital photographers during his presentation, “The View Through My Lens” tomorrow (9/23) from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Yorktown Library.

Are You a Gamer? Stop by Tabb Library Sunday!

Enjoy some good-natured competition at the **Tabletop Gaming** program on Sunday (9/24) from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Tabb Library. Held on the 4th Sunday of each month, this program is for adults of all levels of gaming experience. Teens are welcome to attend, but must be accompanied by an adult. You are welcome to bring games to share too!

Additional Notes for the Week. . . **Early voting has begun** at both Registrar locations during regular office hours: Washington Square Shopping Center and Victory Village Shopping Center. Additional information, including sample ballots, is available on the [Registrar’s website](#). Parking lot maintenance at **Old Wormley Creek Boat Landing** is complete and the facility is back open for use. **Playground maintenance at Kiln Creek Park** is finished and children are welcome back for some outdoor fun!



FREE for all ages!

4th Annual BugFest

Saturday, September 30
10am - 2pm

Grafton Middle School
405 Grafton Dr, Yorktown

Crafts - Booths - Interactive Displays
Live Bugs - Storytime - Food Trucks



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