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Dear fellow member of Friends of Jefferson Lab,

By now you have probably heard the news if you were unable to attend the announcement yesterday, that Jefferson Lab was awarded the High Performance Data Facility hub by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The addition of this asset to Hampton Roads and Virginia is monumental and the impact it will have over the years to come will be significant. I want to thank you for your support and for lending your name to our group. Just as it was with the Lab's initial attempt in winning the Electron Ion Collider, this application was highly competitive among all the national labs.

This time we were successful!

The community support demonstrated by our organization had a substantial impact on DOE, as well as our elected officials. Thanks to our efforts, the support from our Congressional delegation, Governor Youngkin, the General Assembly and the City of Newport News was incredible. I believe we were an important ingredient to the successful outcome.

So again, thank you for the role you played in this important win for our community.

Alan S. Witt

Chair, Friends of Jefferson Lab



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HISTORIC TRIANGLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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First Phase of Evaluating Sports Center Design Nears Completion; Design Moves to Williamsburg Architectural Review Board for Conceptual Review

Williamsburg, Va. – The Historic Triangle Recreational Facilities Authority is nearing completion of a final design concept and cost estimate for the regional indoor sports facility on property in the City of Williamsburg.

The exterior design of the sports complex will go before the City of Williamsburg's Architectural Review Board (ARB) for a conceptual review on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023. The meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Room 127 of the Stryker Center, 412 N. Boundary St.

The chosen property for the sports facility is adjacent to the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center at 100 Visitor Center Drive and is zoned in a Corridor Protection District, or a major entrance corridor of the City, which requires ARB approval to ensure the exterior design complies with the City's [Design Review Guidelines](#).

No decision regarding approval will be made at the ARB meeting; the exterior design would need final approval from the ARB, with any required changes incorporated into the exterior design, at a future meeting. A cost estimate can be determined after a final design is approved.

The indoor sports facility will be at least 160,000 square feet and include 12 basketball courts that can be converted to 24 volleyball courts and 36 pickleball courts. The facility will grow and improve Greater Williamsburg's sports offerings while attracting teams and tournaments to boost sports tourism in the area.

In September 2022, the [Historic Triangle Recreational Facilities Authority](#), a governing body made up of members of the three Historic Triangle localities, approved an interim agreement with construction firm MEB to design and build a regional indoor sports facility on property in the City of Williamsburg. Architectural firms Clark Nexsen, Guernsey Tingle, and Timmons Group are part of the design-build team for this project.

Over the course of this fall and winter, the plan review process for this project will include a site plan review by City staff and the Williamsburg Planning Commission's Site Plan Review Committee, as well as a rezoning request, which will require public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Williamsburg City Council. In addition, the regional indoor sports facility requires final approval from the Williamsburg City Council, the James City County Board of Supervisors, and the York County Board of Supervisors.

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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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