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Taking Time for a Summer News Break!



Citizen News Weekly is taking a short summer vacation and will return on **Friday, July 18**. Staff is hard at work keeping an eye on things and if breaking news happens, we'll jump right in and keep you informed!

Celebrate Their Achievements Again: York County Class of 2025 Graduation

The 2025 York County School Division high school commencements were held Wednesday (6/11) and Thursday (6/12) at the Kaplan Arena located at William & Mary. Full replays of all ceremonies are now playing in rotation on YCSD-TV (Cox 47/HD87, Verizon 2139) and on demand from the School Division's [YouTube channel](#). Also [online](#) is the graduation ceremony for York River Academy, which took place Tuesday (6/10) at Yorktown Middle School. Congratulations, graduates!



Music, Market Finds, and River Views Await in Yorktown this Saturday

Begin your weekend with beautiful views of the York River and a wide variety of vendors at our weekly Yorktown Market Days! From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on [Saturday, June 21](#), shop for seasonal produce, fresh baked goods, meats, art, and more. This weekend, we have an entertainment twofer for you! Beginning at 9 a.m., *A Taste of Love with Jan and Bart* will perform a variety of hits on the Riverwalk Landing Stage followed by a special appearance at 10 a.m. by *The Fifes and Drums of York Town*. We'll see you at the market!

LIVE on the Riverwalk: June 26

You don't want to miss our next *free* Sounds of Summer Concert! Back by popular demand, *The Gentlemen & Their Lady* will be performing on the Riverwalk Landing Stage from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on [Thursday, June 26](#). This nine-piece band offers creative twists on contemporary hits and classic crowd favorites from Adele, Bob Dylan, Drake, John Mayer, Pitbull, Frank Sinatra, Katy Perry, Van Morrison, among many others.



All concerts are **FREE!**
THURSDAYS
6:30 – 9 PM



S'mores & More: Campfire Fun at New Quarter Park

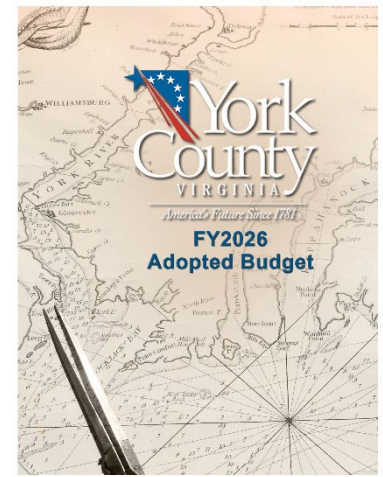
Join us on Friday, June 27 at the Fire Circle at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr, Williamsburg, as we offer you a fun, free, relaxing evening by the campfire filled with tasty s'mores and different activities each month. The fun begins 30 minutes before sunset. We hope to see you there! Did you know that New Quarter Park has a monthly calendar of events? [Find it here.](#)

The Summer Heat is On: Cooling Assistance Available to Eligible Applicants

Now through **August 15**, Virginia residents may apply for cooling assistance from the Department of Social Services, including purchase and installation of window air conditioning units, repair of central air conditioning unit or heat pump, and assistance with paying electric bills for operation of cooling equipment. Certain eligibility requirements apply. More information is available [online](#). If you're looking to beat the heat, consider visiting one of our libraries. Both the Tabb and Yorktown branches have children's areas, computers available for public use, a great selection of books, comfortable chairs, and more. Our libraries are air-conditioned and open during the hottest hours of the day. For hours of operation and locations, visit the [Library website](#).

Adopted FY2026 Budget and Survey Results Now Available Online

The York County Board of Supervisors officially adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, covering the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. The full document is available [online](#) and includes detailed information on revenues and expenditures, as well as specifics about County departments and agencies. Also online is the adopted [Capital Improvements Program](#) for FY2026 through FY2031, which outlines planned County projects along with associated funding and timelines.



As part of the budget development process, the County conducted a budget engagement effort to share information with residents and gather public feedback. The input we received is helping shape our budget engagement efforts for the upcoming fiscal year. We're pleased to share that the survey results are [now available](#). Your feedback is a valuable part of how we plan, prioritize, and communicate about the budget — and we appreciate your time and insights.



Upcoming Gun Safety Class – Open for Registration

Sheriff Montgomery is proud to once again offer a Gun Safety Class on Wednesday, June 25, for citizens of York County and Poquoson who are 18 years or older. This free 2-hour lecture-style course covers the basics of handgun safety and fulfills the training requirement to apply for a concealed carry permit in Virginia. (Please note: this is not a hands-on class and does not include live firearms training.) Join us at 159 Goodwin Neck Road. A photo ID is

required at check-in. All participants will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the course. Spaces are limited – [register today](#) to reserve your spot!

Yorktown's Biggest Day of the Year Is Almost Here—Don't Miss the Fourth of July Fun!

We're just two weeks away from the biggest day of the year in Yorktown – the Fourth of July! The holiday is filled with patriotic celebrations, such as a parade through Historic Yorktown, live music, outdoor games, and a spectacular fireworks show. We've put together [an all-access guide](#) to everything you need to know about our festivities on Independence Day. Come join us as we party like it's 1776!



Additional Notes for the Week... From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on [Saturday, July 12](#), we've got sunshine and summertime at the Yorktown Market Days' Fun in the Sun Market! Join us for outdoor games; ice-cold drinks; live music; the season's freshest produce, like tomatoes, corn, watermelon, and squash; sea-inspired art; and so much more. The free, accessible [Yorktown Trolley](#) will be in operation beginning at 10 a.m. during this event. York County is pleased to announce the appointment of **Earl W. Anderson, AICP, CZA**, as the **Acting Director of the Department of Planning and Development Services**. [Read the press release](#).

Reminder... The **Design Public Hearing** for the Route 171 (Victory Boulevard) roadway improvements with shared-use path project in York County will be held **Tuesday, June 24** from 5-7 pm in the Villages of Kiln Creek Recreation Center (2801 Kiln Creek Parkway, Yorktown).

A graphic with a background of a hand holding a pen over a document. The text "York County Real Estate and Property Tax Bills Have Been Mailed" is in large blue and red fonts. Below it, a grey box says "Payment due June 25". Further down, it says "View Your e-Bill Now and Pay Online". At the bottom left is the York County Virginia logo. At the bottom right is a blue mailbox icon with a red flag. The text "More Information and Sign up for Email Notification at www.yorkcounty.gov/treasurer" is at the bottom center.

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