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Fire & Life Safety Launches New Whole Blood Program



York County Fire Chief Allen W. Baldwin is proud to announce the addition of a Whole Blood Program to the department’s EMS protocols. The program allows for the administration of whole blood to critical medical patients who may require blood and trauma victims at their location and during transport to a medical center, which can significantly improve patient outcomes. “The time that passes from our first responders’ assessment of the patient to their arrival at a hospital is crucial,” Chief Baldwin explained. "The timely delivery of whole blood to the patient could be a determining factor in their survival." The program was launched on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. More information about this life-saving initiative is available [online](#).

Creative Stitching Social at Yorktown Library

Looking for a relaxing way to spend your Saturday? Join us tomorrow, **November 22**, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Yorktown Library for an afternoon of creativity and connection. Bring your favorite fiber arts project—whether you knit, crochet, needlepoint, or enjoy another craft—and unwind alongside fellow makers in a friendly, welcoming space. All skill levels are invited. Come meet new friends, share inspiration, and enjoy a cozy crafting break. Questions? Call us at 757-890-5207.



Big News for Locals: Get Your Colonial Williamsburg Good Neighbor Pass

Great news! Colonial Williamsburg’s [Good Neighbor Pass](#) is now available to ALL York County residents. This annual pass may be purchased online for \$35 (ages 13+) or \$10 (ages 6–12) and provides access to select art museums, historic sites, and trade shops, as well as discounts on store purchases, evening programs, and designated food and beverages. Teachers and current municipal

employees from the City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County are eligible to receive the pass free of charge.

**BEWARE
OF SCAMS!**



Scam Alert: Beware of Caller Impersonating YPSO Deputy

The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office has received reports of an individual falsely identifying himself as "Aaron Little" and posing as a deputy. This caller is attempting to collect money by claiming that a family member is incarcerated or by referencing a COVID-related loan. Please remember: *no deputy from the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will ever call to demand payment, request personal financial information, or collect money for any reason.* If you receive a call like this, do not share any information. Simply hang up and report the

incident to the Sheriff's Office by calling the non-emergency line at **757-890-3621**. Stay alert and help us keep our community safe from fraud.

York County Shines with Four International Pinnacle Awards

York County recently received [four honors](#) in the prestigious International Festivals and Events Association (IFEA)/Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards Competition, earning recognition in the following categories:

- **Gold Award** – Best Facebook Site for Visit Yorktown
- **Gold Award** – Best Event (within an Existing Festival) for the 250th Anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party
- **Bronze Award** – Best Instagram Site for Visit Yorktown
- **Bronze Award** – Best Organizational Website

This is the first year Visit Yorktown has been recognized by IFEA for its Facebook account and the third year for its Instagram account. In August 2024, Visit Yorktown's website was updated to reflect a beachy, user-friendly, and modern digital space where guests can find useful information about Historic Yorktown's events, history, dining and lodging establishments, shops, and more. The County also received

recognition for its four-day celebration in early November 2024 commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Yorktown Tea Party. The milestone event brought together partners including the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the VA250 Commission, the National Park Service, the Watermen's Museum, and the Colonial Seaport Foundation, and featured both the Maritime Festival and the Yorktown Tea Festival.



Natural Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop

Parks and Recreation invites the community to get into the holiday spirit with a Natural Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop on **Wednesday, December 3**, at the Senior Center of York. Participants may choose between two session times—10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—and will enjoy light refreshments while creating a festive 14-inch wreath using provided natural materials. Space and supplies are limited, so [early registration is encouraged](#). The event fee is **\$30 for residents** and **\$45 for non-residents**.

Additional Notes for the Week.... Set a reminder on your phone - Winter Indoor Tennis Lesson registration opens **Monday, November 17**, for the January session. Find out more on www.yorkcounty.gov/parksandrec.

Teen Counselors are needed for next summer's 4-H camp and the deadline for applying is December 1. Teens (must be age 14 by January 1, 2026). [Find out more here](#).



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