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Be Someone's Lifeline: Support Whole Blood Donations at Our Community Drive

York County Fire and Life Safety invites community members to help strengthen its Whole Blood program

by donating blood from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, at Fire Station #1 (Grafton), 118 Dare Road. Donations collected at this drive will stay within the community to help residents, neighbors, and visitors when they need it most. Both scheduled appointments and walk-ins are welcome. To register in advance, visit https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/301576



Savor the Flavor: York County's Restaurant Week Returns February 20 – March 1

What are you making for dinner? How about reservations? Dine at one of the participating restaurants during York County's third annual Restaurant Week from February 20 to March 1. Whether you are craving comfort food or a formal night on the town, our local restaurants have put together a variety of unique and discounted menu options that are sure to hit the spot! Check out VisitYorktown.org for a full list of participating restaurants and start planning your culinary adventure today.



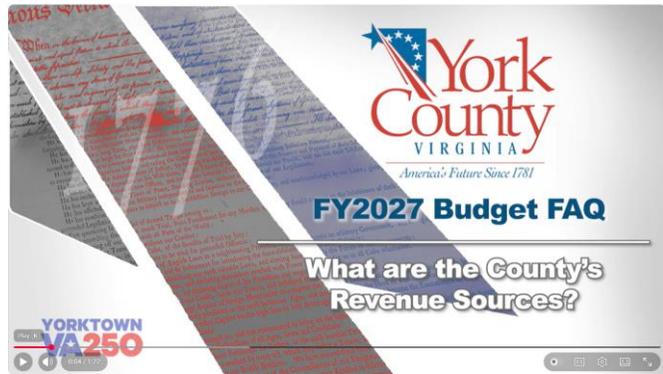
It's Budget Season: Learn, Engage, and Get Involved!

York County's annual budget process is underway, and we want you to be part of the conversation.

This Week's Featured Video:

Ever wondered where York County's general fund revenue comes from? The general fund is supported by a variety of revenue sources—from real estate and personal property taxes to local fees and state and federal contributions. Learn how these funds keep essential services running in your community

Where York County's Revenue Comes From: Taxes, Fees, and More Explained

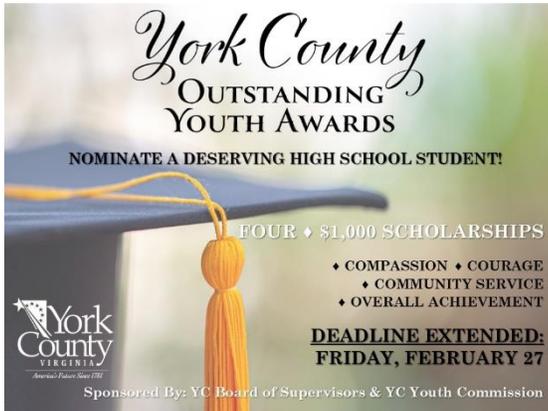


Want to learn more? Watch our short video to see who qualifies and how to submit your application. Watch now at www.yorkcounty.gov/budget.

Last Chance to Score! Get Discounted Tickets for Yorktown Admirals Game

It's GOAL time! [Discounted tickets](#) are still available to watch the Norfolk Admirals rebrand to become the [Yorktown Admirals](#) at 7:05 p.m. on Saturday, February 21. Don't miss this night of hometown pride and heart pounding hockey at the Norfolk Scope Arena. We'll see you for the puck drop!





Outstanding Youth Award Nomination Deadline Extended to Friday, February 27

The York County Board of Supervisors and Youth Commission are now accepting nominations for the 2026 Outstanding Youth Awards, honoring exceptional high school students in grades 9–12. Categories include Compassion, Courage, Community Service, and Overall Achievement (for seniors only).

Each winner will receive a \$1,000 educational scholarship and be recognized at the May 19 Board of Supervisors meeting. Nominations are open to all York County residents and must be submitted by 5:00 PM on February 27, 2026. For details, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/861, or contact York County Parks & Recreation at 757-890-3500.



Clear the Clutter & Recycle Right: York County's Big Green Event

York County residents, mark your calendars! The first Household Chemical Collection, Computer Recycling, and Paper Shredding Event is happening Saturday, March 14th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 105 Service Drive, Yorktown.

Bring household chemicals, old computer equipment (no TVs), and up to five boxes of personal paperwork for secure on-site shredding. Recycling right matters too!

Contamination in bins can ruin entire loads of recyclables. Want to know what's accepted and what's not? Visit <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/578> or <http://www.vppsa.org> for event details and <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/4415> for recycling guidelines.

Healthy Virginia Lawns Program – Spring Visits Now Open

Is your lawn struggling with weeds, bare spots, or thinning grass? The Healthy Virginia Lawns Program can help you improve your lawn while protecting local

waterways. Through this program, York and Poquoson residents can receive an on-site visit from York/Poquoson Master Gardeners trained in sustainable lawn care practices. For a \$20 fee, Master Gardeners will visit your property and measure your lawn area, collect soil samples, conduct a stormwater assessment, provide a certified Nutrient Management Plan tailored to your lawn, and answer any questions about turf, trees, shrubs, and gardens.

This program is offered in partnership with Virginia Cooperative Extension as part of the Healthy Virginia Lawns initiative. Spring visits will take place March 10-26th, and the deadline to register is March 23. Register online at:

<https://forms.gle/jUhzZdhUmCAjYUQ28> or call 757-890-4940 for more information.

Virginia 4:00pm Burn Law in Effect Now Through April 30th

Virginia's 4:00 p.m. Burning Law has begun and is in effect through April 30. This law bans open-air burning prior to 4:00 p.m. and allows the burning of leaves only from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All open-air fires should follow regulated distance and safety precautions and should be supervised until fully extinguished. Check local regulations and take precautions before starting any outdoor burning. Visit <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/402> for a complete list of burning requirements and burning permit applications or contact the Department of Fire and Life Safety at 757-890-3600 for more information.



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