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OVERVIEW OF COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES

2026 Election Season

Early voting for the 2026 General Election is underway, and York County has two locations where you can vote before Election Day.

For those of us in District 1, the closest option is the Registrar's Office in Victory Village off Mooretown Road (Home Depot location).

In-person early voting runs from Friday, September 18, through Saturday, October 31, at the locations and times below:

5322 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown

6614 Mooretown Road, Suite A, Williamsburg

Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Saturdays, October 24 and 31: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sundays, October 18 and 25: 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Both locations will be closed Monday, October 19, in observance of Yorktown Day.

As a reminder, here are the three proposed amendments to the Virginia Constitution. Please click each link below to read the full text for each proposed amendment. Do not rely on the published summary to provide you a full and accurate view of the proposed changes, so It is important to be as informed as you can on the details of these proposed amendments before you cast your vote.

BALLOT QUESTION 1

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) protect the freedom to make personal decisions about prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, birth control, abortion, miscarriage management, and fertility care; (ii) protect doctors, nurses, and patients from being punished for these decisions; and (iii) allow for restrictions on access to abortion during the third trimester of pregnancy except when the patient's health is at risk or the pregnancy cannot survive?

BALLOT QUESTION 2

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended to (i) remove the ban on same-sex marriage; (ii) affirm that two adults may marry regardless of sex, gender, or race; and (iii) require all legally valid marriages to be treated equally under the law?

BALLOT QUESTION 3

Question: Should the Constitution of Virginia be amended (i) to provide for the fundamental right to vote in the Commonwealth, (ii) to revise the qualifications of voters so that a person convicted of a felony is not entitled to vote during his period of incarceration but is automatically invested with the right to vote upon release from incarceration, and (iii) to update the existing prohibition on voting by persons found to be mentally incompetent to instead apply to persons who have been found to lack the capacity to understand the act of voting?

Yorktown Day Events



Victory Weekend kicks off Friday, October 16, with a concert by platinum-selling country artist Michael Ray at 7:00 pm at Riverwalk Landing. Gates open at 6:00 pm, and tickets are required. To buy tickets and find more event information, visit the Visit Yorktown Victory Weekend portal.

The Market Days Victory Market runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 17. It will have Americana-inspired art along with all-American and French-inspired food.

On Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, there will be artillery firings, exhibits, and programs about the siege presented by The American Revolution Museum.

On Saturday, October 17, starting at 6:00 pm, the Colonial National Historical Park is hosting "Hamilton with Hamilton" at the Victory Monument. Admission is free, but **advance registration** is required.

And finally, Yorktown Day on Monday, October 19, begins with wreath-laying ceremonies in the morning. Our annual parade down Main Street begins at 10:30 am and features the Fifes & Drums of York Town.

You can find many more details on Victory Weekend and Yorktown Day events at the **Victory Weekend portal.**

DISTRICT 1 SPECIFIC ISSUES

Queens Lake Dam, Spillway

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 14th to recognize the completion of construction on the dam and spillway at Queens Lake. This project has been under development for five years when Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rated this dam and spillway as inadequate.

Queens Lake Community Association (QLCA) members, York County staff along with Construction Management, attended the event. See below:



Waller Mill Heights Update

As noted previously, Harrison & Lear submitted documentation to York County on August 3rd, outlining construction repair plans for the environmental deviations that led to the Stop Work Order in September 2025.

Unfortunately, a significant number of omissions in the submission prevents the County from allowing the developer to move forward. Harrison & Lear have been advised of the documentation that is either missing or incorrect.

The Engineering company representing Harrison & Lear, Chesapeake Bay Contractors, have now issued a letter to the County advising that BMP's 1,2 and 4 will now be rebuilt rather than considering a sheet piling alternative. Additionally, 7 sections of the storm drain lines will be replaced. Each of them runs under existing paved areas and will need to be completed before final asphalting can be done.

The County has issued a court injunction to compel compliance. The developer has 21 days to respond.

Update on Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL)

We are now in the final year of the contract terms for York County residents' use of the WRL York County served notice in early 2025 that we would exit the current contract.

Last year I highlighted that York County is requesting a new contract be developed for the WRL library services, ahead of any addition of libraries in JCC, and possible rebuild of the downtown library in Williamsburg.

A final contract revision is now complete. We expect it to be approved by the three municipalities in mid-October public meetings.

Local Resident celebrates 100th Birthday

I had the honor of preparing a proclamation for Mr. Pete Colley Sr. a long-time resident of York County. We had the opportunity to celebrate his 100th birthday on October 1st, 2026.



Fenton Mill Update

As reported earlier, Forestar (DR Horton) completed the civil work for Phase 1. Permits were issued for building construction. Home construction began in late spring. However, similar to Phase 1, Phase 2 civil work has environmental and storm water deviations that became apparent with recent storms. A Stop Work Order was issued until corrections are made.

New Businesses

Twenty-eight new businesses opened in September. District 1 welcomes seven of them.

Seven businesses have closed in York County during the same period.

Here is a quick list of those new to District 1.

Commercial businesses:

- **Simply Grace Beauty Salon opened at 107 Bulifants Blvd**
- **Traditional Massage Therapy opened at 455 Merrimac Trail**

Home Based Services:

- **If I Can, You Can LLC opened at 206 Carters Neck Rd. offering personal consulting services.**
- **Kiki's Nail Creations LLC opened at 602 Clements Mill Trace offering beauty services.**
- **Cortez Higgs, at 405 Bulifants Blvd offering internet services.**
- **Stock Logic LLC. at 228 Boltons Mill Pkwy offering commissioned services**
- **Fantastic Tees LLC, at 520 Musket Dr. offering retail / apparel sales.**

I value your input and am happy to address questions or concerns on these or any other topics for the district Please don't hesitate to contact me.
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