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OVERVIEW OF COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES

Early Voting Has Begun

Early voting has begun, and there's no time like the present to lock in your choices for this year's election.



Like many, in the past, I preferred to wait until Election Day to vote. I realized, however, that it could only take an unplanned event or the weather, to cause me to miss that opportunity. I decided to sign up and receive my ballot through early voting. I then deliver the sealed ballot to the Registrar's office so that I know my vote counted.

Another benefit of voting early: once you cast your ballot, campaigns usually stop targeting you with phone calls, texts and mail since they know you've already voted. This means fewer interruptions for you and allows candidates to reduce costs and focus their outreach on those who haven't yet voted.

Please get out and vote for your candidates. District 1 voters can use the Registrar's office location at Victory Plaza on Mooretown Rd. (Home Depot location).

Curbside Recycling

As many of you are aware, curbside recycling service has temporarily ended on September 30th. This follows a decision by the Virginia Peninsula Public Service Authority (VPPSA) Board of Directors to terminate its contract with Tidewater Fibre Corporation (TFC). Full details on what this means for recycling subscribers, as well as alternative recycling options, are available on the County's [recycling portal](#).

Those of you in District 1, please note that JCC recycling locations are accepting items from York County residents while we search for an alternative recycling firm.

- Tewning Road Convenience Center at 117 Tewning Rd, Williamsburg
- Toano Convenience Center at 147 Industrial Blvd, Toano

Why now?

TFC was under contract to meet specific performance and material-handling requirements. Unfortunately, in recent months they consistently failed to meet those standards, including accurate weight recording and billing. Despite opportunities to correct the issues, the problems became frequent and significant enough that VPPSA determined it was in the community's best interest to end the contract immediately rather than continue service under those conditions.

What's next?

While it would have been ideal to have a new vendor in place before ending the current contract, the severity of the problems required swift action. VPPSA is moving quickly to identify and contract with a new curbside recycling provider, and I am hopeful service will resume in the near future.

Fords Colony located within JCC have recently opted for a new recycling firm for their HOA, so this is one of the options being considered.

Dates of Interest

There are several events and public meetings coming up in the near future that you may be interested in:

Yorktown Day Parade & Ceremonies

Sunday, October 19, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - Historic Yorktown

Attached is the draft schedule from the National Park Service. This may obviously change substantially if the shutdown extends beyond Oct. 13. At the moment, the National Parks service will move forward with the original plan if they have reopened by Oct. 13.

- Patriotic exercises will likely move to the American Revolution Museum at 2:15 in the amphitheater outside if there's good weather; If raining, it'll happen inside and will be limited to small groups.
- More than likely parade will be canceled.
- Most ceremonies will move to the museum.
- Possibility Sons of the American Revolution will be at York Hall at 10:15
- They will run two trolleys on YT Day.

Currently Closed:

- Visitor Center lot
- Bathrooms on Church and Read Street
- Trolley won't go into the Visitor Center

Public Forum on Dangers of Vape Products

Monday, October 20 at 6:00 PM - York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office

Hosted in partnership with the Sheriff's Office Citizen Advisory Committee, this important forum will review potentially dangerous products available in some local stores. Parents and guardians are especially encouraged to attend.

Trick or Treat



DISTRICT 1 SPECIFIC ISSUES

Queens Lake Dam, Spillway and Lake Funding

I continue to pursue funding for the Queens Lake Dam and Spillway repairs to prevent environmental damage to Queens Lake estuary and a major loss of property values for residents of Queens Lake, as well as potential damage downstream. I spoke with Congressman Wittman recently. He is still pursuing discussion and negotiations with Doug Burgum, Dept. of Interior Secretary

The County has also checked recently with Army Corps of Engineering regarding the federal CAP grant for remediation efforts towards Queens Lake. The grant request letter issued by York County was submitted June 4, 2025.

A request for bid was issued to approximately 10 contractors for the Queens Lake stream restoration project. The contract was issued to Howard Brothers Contractor, Inc. A pre-construction meeting will be held in the next few weeks between Public Works and the contractor.

Fenton Mill Update

I reported last month that the Fenton Mill Development project had received an Emergency Stop Work Order in response to a number of environmental violations at the construction site.

The issues have been resolved, and the Stop Work Order lifted. County staff met with the construction sub-contractor (LaRS Group Inc.) and the Developer (Forestar Group) to set a clear path forward and agree upon necessary conditions to allow work to continue.

Recent heavy rains have not resulted in flooding of the adjacent neighborhood; however, sediment carry-over to Carters Creek has been observed. The situation continues to be closely monitored.

Waller Mill Heights has also been issued an Emergency Stop Work order recently, ensuring that the County's standards on environmental protection are maintained throughout construction.

Supporting the William & Mary Tribe

Here at Zable stadium for the game against the Maine Black Bears.



All for a Good Cause – It's all for the Kids:

As a Gold level sponsor for Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg Shrimp Feast event, I was able to invite some of my close friends. Here with Chad Green and his children.



New Businesses

The number of new businesses in York County continues to grow, with 28 new businesses licensed in September.

The latest business licenses to be approved in District 1 include five commercial businesses and six home-based businesses. They are as follows:

- Mastercorp Inc. a commercial janitorial services business at 101 Cottage Cove Lane.
- Beyond Words Speech Therapy PLC, professional speech language pathologist service located at 105 Bulifants Blvd.

Re-establishment of 3 commercial business licenses that had lapsed:

- Stanley Park Auto and Mike's Towing LLC. a commercial towing service at 1570 Penniman Rd.
- Millers Towing LLC, a commercial towing service at 525 E. Rochambeau Dr.
- NG Williamsburg LLC, a campground located at 4000 Newman Rd.

And the following home-based businesses in Williamsburg:

- Evolution Recovery Services LLC, personal service/group home at 400 Hubbard Lane
- A tourist home, licensed to David and Angela Barglof, at 203 Bethune Dr.
- Balance Keepers LLC, accounting services located at 309 Cheeseman Rd.
- A group home licensed to April R. Hunter, located at 707 Queensbury Lane.
- Kultured Locs LLC a personal services business at 322 Boltons Mill Pkwy.
- Go Clean Janitorial & Maintenance, a janitorial service operating out of 405 Bulifants Blvd.

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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