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District 1 Update: September 2025

OVERVIEW OF COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES

Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL)

In the June newsletter, 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 rebuilding of the downtown library in Williamsburg.

It is not our intent to eliminate our partnership with WRL, but we need to be able to fund these services at an affordable cost.

In August Our York County Administrator, James City County Administrator and the Williamsburg City Manager began to meet to discuss potential solutions. I will keep you informed as I learn of possible ways forward.

Schools are back in session

Thank you for remembering to slow down.

Remember that the speed cameras are still in place. In our District, cameras are in place on Rochambeau in front of Bruton High School. Last school year 330 citations were issued from this camera location.

On another school related matter, the intersection of Hubbard and Penniman is being evaluated for a possible return to the original stop sign configuration. An additional deputy has been placed since the beginning of the current school year at the intersection to monitor traffic flow during school hours. York Poquoson Sheriff's office has recommended this change. YCSD has been asked for their input.

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.

A request for bid was issued to approximately 10 contractors for the restoration of the dam and spillway. The bidders have received additional addendums to the original bid solicitation and are expected to provide their bids in September.

Springfield Road, Tranquility Development

I have spoken to representatives of the Tranquility HOA, as well as the Developer Tranquility LLC, regarding unauthorized traffic on Springfield Rd.

Repeated use by residents of the construction entrance into Tranquility led to a security guard being located at the gate to monitor all traffic. The guard, paid for out of HOA reserve funds has now been removed, rather than continuing to deplete cash reserves.

The use of the road for non-approved traffic is now being monitored remotely. Tranquility residents are required to use the access road through Kings Creek timeshare, with separate entrance onto Penniman Rd. While this may seem inconvenient and slower, Springfield Rd was never designed for the volume of traffic that Tranquility Development would generate. I'll provide feedback on the effectiveness in a later newsletter.

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.

All for a Good Cause – Alzheimer's Association

Thank you to all who have supported me for this wonderful cause.

Heather Harmon serves as the Executive Chair for the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's-Williamsburg and delivers the pie to my face during our August Board of Supervisors meeting.



Those interested in supporting the local organization can sign up for the annual Alzheimer's walk on Oct 25th.

https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2025/VA-SoutheasternVirginia?pg=entry&fr_id=18966

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

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

Support for a local Kiwanis Chapter. As a Gold level sponsor for Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg Shrimp Feast event, I was interviewed on air at TIDE radio station.



New Businesses

The number of new businesses in York County continues to grow, with 22 new businesses licensed in August and 8 business closures.

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

- **Together We Stand Residential Services Inc. a commercial services business at 1524 Merrimac Trail.**

And the following home-based businesses in Williamsburg:

- **Candace Coleman personal service/group home at 109 Caran Road**
- **Montgomery's Heating and A/C at 6306 Old Mooretown Road**
- **With Caring Arms, personal services at 225 Hubbard Lane**

- Sweetas Teas LLC, a retail merchandise business at 206 Franklins Tower Bend
- KH & C, LLC a personal services / bookkeeping business at 406 Angus Lane
- The Skinner Group LLC, personal services business at 203 Pinetree Road
- Scott Collins janitorial services at 104 Schenck Drive.

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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