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## **York County Update 10/16/2020:**

Recognizing Hometown Heroes; Drug Take Back/Shred Event Returns;  
County Offices Closed for Yorktown Day

October 16, 2020

### **Saturday, October 17 Market Celebrates Hometown Heroes**

- Our inaugural First Responders Market—tomorrow (10/17) from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.—will be a morning dedicated to our firefighters, sheriff's deputies, 911 emergency communications dispatchers, public works officials, and other healthcare and first responders who keep our community safe. Stop by and let them know how much we appreciate them! Many vendors and artists will also be providing discounts to first responders who show up to shop the market.

Enjoy spectacular views of the York River, live music, food trucks, and a variety of vendors! Shop for seasonal produce; fresh seafood and meats; breads; fresh-cut flowers; handmade soaps and candles; honey; gourmet dog treats; and a beautiful display of work from local artists and artisans.

Several emergency vehicles and officials will be on site that day to educate and answer questions. You won't be able to miss the York County Fire & Life Safety ladder truck! The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will also have a patrol car, crime prevention trailer, DARE tent, motorcycles, K-9 unit, and maybe even their drone at the market that day. Public Works will have a large Vactor Truck that's used to handle large-scale liquid and sludge clean-up. They're used where any large-scale liquid transport is necessary!

Be sure to stop by the Riverwalk Landing Concert Stage to talk to Riverside Emergency staff and view inspiring images taken by local photographer Michael Taylor of Sigmon Taylor Photography. Riverside has commissioned him to shoot more than 150 images to honor first responders. They proudly hang on the walls of emergency departments all across Hampton Roads. The ages of participants have ranged from 16 to 76 and represent SWAT teams, bomb units, dive teams, marine units, and helicopter teams, as well as law enforcement, fire, and rescue units.

You'll be able to see some up close in this special digital exhibit. Read more about [Riverside's "First Responders Project"](#) here!

### **Drug Take Back/Shred Event Coming Up Next Weekend**

- It's time to go through your medicine cabinets in search of unused or outdated prescription medications and your desk drawers for old paperwork. Once you've found them, bring these items to the Drug Take Back/Shred Event on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the York County Public Works Complex, 105 Service Drive. This service is *free* and a great way to protect yourself and your family from drug misuse and identity theft. We are also using this opportunity to collect non-perishable food items for needy families in the area. Don't forget to bring your plastic bags for the Trex free bench challenge. Complete details, including what drug items are not accepted, are available [online](#).

### **County Offices, including Voter Registrar locations, Closed Monday, October 19 – Yorktown Day**

- York County offices are closed in observance of Yorktown day – the anniversary of the British Surrender in 1781. The Voter Registrar's offices, located in Washington Square Shopping Center and Victory Village Shopping Center, are closed on Yorktown Day. Garbage and recycling are not affected by these holidays. The Courts are open. Complete details are available in a [press release](#).

### **Next Household Chemical Collection is November 14**

- Residents are reminded that several times a year, VPPSA holds a Household Chemical and Computer Recycling event in York County. The next event is Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Operations Drive (between Service Drive and County Drive just off Goodwin Neck Road). Latex paint is no longer accepted for recycling at the Waste Management Center, so please bring all your excess paints to the collection event. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit the [York County Waste Management page](#).

### **October 20 Board of Supervisors Meeting Agenda Now Online**

- The Board of Supervisors will meet remotely on Tuesday, October 20. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is broadcast live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and live-streamed from the County's [website](#). The agenda, with the phone numbers to call to make public comment, is available [online](#). There are three public hearings on the agenda. At this meeting, Chairman Chad Green will discuss the District 4 vacancy and the application process that will be utilized to appoint a Supervisor to fill the seat.

### **Eastern Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority (EVRIFA) Meeting on Wednesday, October 21**

- Eight localities form this regional body to enhance the economic base of the localities on a cooperative basis. EVRIFA is holding back-to-back meetings on Wednesday, October 21, beginning at 2 p.m. with the regular meeting and followed by the Kings Creek Commerce Center Committee meeting immediately afterward. Agenda materials with instructions on how to join these remote meetings are available on the [EVRIFA website](#). Both meetings have a public comment session.