



August 25, 2023

Share the Road: Buses Roll on Monday as School Year Begins



School is back in session Monday (8/28) with buses making frequent stops on County roads as they transport students to and from school. Please stop for flashing red bus lights when legally required, watch out for children crossing streets, slow down when yellow school zone lights are flashing, and be aware that more vehicles will be on the road as parents and teenage drivers travel to school. For more

information about School Bus Safety, visit the [DMV website](#). Back to school tips are available from the [School Division](#).

Variety of Fall Events Planned in Historic Yorktown

Pull out your calendar and save the dates for upcoming fall concerts, markets, and more! An [assortment of entertaining activities](#) are on tap September through November—from outdoor concerts and festivals by the river, to oyster roasts and Thanksgiving celebrations. Bring your friends and family for fall fun in Yorktown!

Enjoy Live Music at Yorktown Market Days

Acoustical guitarist Ron Fetner performs tomorrow (8/26) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the performance stage at Riverwalk Landing. Also, the Fifes and Drums of York Town entertain visitors at 10 a.m. Listen to the tunes as you shop for fresh produce, meats, wines, flowers and plants, candles, and handmade artwork. Local farmers, bakers, and artists will be set up on the green across from the performance stage. Visit Yorktown has a [full list](#) of vendors appearing at this week's market.



Submit Your Photos in 2024 Beautiful York County Calendar Contest

Amateur photographers are invited to submit photos depicting sustainability efforts in York

County for a chance to appear in the 2024 calendar. Examples include photos of residents planting native plants and trees, reducing waste and plastic pollution, and recycling efforts. Photos are judged by the York County Beautification Committee with thirteen winners each receiving \$100 along with having their photo in print!

The [submission form](#) is now available. Please include the location where the photo was taken and a description of the sustainability action being shown. Good luck!



Harwoods Mill Dam Improvements Underway

Drivers along Route 17 in Grafton may see construction work at the Harwoods Mill Reservoir. In order to comply with Virginia Dam Safety requirements, the height of the dam is being increased 2 ½ feet, the lake drain is being upgraded, and enhancements are being made to the spillway and rip-rap protection. The work will be completed over the next 2 ½ years. The project is not expected to impact travel on Route 17. Newport News has posted project information [here](#).

Additional Notes for the Week... The **2024 jury selection postcards** have been mailed. Recipients are asked to follow instructions for completing the questionnaire, which is required within 10 days of receipt. More information is available [online](#). The **Commissioner's & Cans Food Drive** continues through Thursday (8/31). Please bring dry and canned food donations to the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office (120 Alexander Hamilton Blvd.). A list of most needed items is available on the [website](#). The fall issue of *Citizens New Quarterly* will be available online early next week! Keep watching the County's home page for a link to the newsletter filled with event news, special programs, and project updates.



The advertisement features a light blue background with hand-drawn clouds, a sun, and a stylized American flag. The text is centered and includes the following information:

York County
Head Start

2023-2024 School Year

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(757) 890-3888

Two small photographs are included: one on the left showing three children with their hands raised, and one on the right showing two children sitting at a desk in a classroom.

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