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York County Update 9/11/2020:

Governor Northam Eases Restrictions; Sister Cities French Market Coming Next Week; Storm Debris Collection Almost Complete; Small Business Grant Still Accepting Applications

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Governor Northam Eases Restrictions on Hampton Roads

- Yesterday, Governor Northam lifted the temporary restrictions that had been placed on Hampton Roads due to the increase of COVID-19 in our region. We are now included with the rest of the state in Phase 3. For complete details, read the [Governor's order](#).

Sister Cities French Market is September 19

- Modeled after the market in Yorktown's sister city Port-Vendres France, shoppers of Yorktown Market Days are invited to stock up on French favorites next **Saturday, September 19, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Riverwalk Landing. Customers will find fresh-baked breads and pastries; chocolates, macarons, and pies; crepes; soaps and handcrafted jewelry; and more! Enjoy a Wine Garden featuring French varieties, a silent auction and student exchange raffle. NEW this year.....visitors can take advantage of a French Flea Market filled with vintage and repurposed collectibles. More information is available on the [Market Days website](#).

Storm Debris Collection Nearing Completion

- York County Public Works crews have been busy collecting storm debris left over from Tropical Storm Isaias that passed through our region on August 4. Collections began Wednesday, August 12 and as of Wednesday, September 9, 1,237 piles of debris have been picked up for disposal. Crews estimate that all yard debris will be collected in the next two to three weeks. For those you still waiting, thank you for your patience. We're on our way Banbury Cross, Lackey, Dare, Seaford, Quaker Meetinghouse, Dandy, Kiln Creek, Foxwood, Wolftrap Road, and Yorktown Village!

Funds Still Available Through COVID-19 Small Business Grant

- York County, in partnership with Williamsburg and Poquoson, is offering the COVID-19 Small Business Grant with up to \$5,000 in recovery funding for eligible small businesses with 20 or fewer employees. Grants funds are still available to business owners for reimbursement of qualifying expenses, including purchases of protective supplies, tools, equipment, or inventory; cleaning services or supplies; property improvements or renovations to accommodate social distancing or outdoor dining, recreation, services, etc.; payment for rent or mortgages during times of required business closure and/or modification; and other qualifying expenses incurred following the State reopening requirements. Applications are now being accepted. Visit the [website](#) for more information including eligibility requirements.

Commissioner of the Revenue Offers Helpful Information to Unemployment Recipients

- Ann Thomas, York County Commissioner of the Revenue, reminds individuals unemployment benefits are taxable and also that having taxes withheld from those benefits now will help you avoid owing taxes when you file your tax return next year. For more information, visit the [IRS website](#).

Reminder: Board of Supervisors September 15 Meeting Scheduled for York Hall

- The Board of Supervisors' September 15 meeting will be held in person in the Board Room of York Hall, 301 Main Street, in historic Yorktown. There are seven public hearing items on the [agenda](#) as well as a comment period during which citizens may speak. Safety measures will be in place, including limited seating to allow for social distancing and citizens will be asked to wear a mask. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be broadcast live on WYCG-TV (Cox 46, Verizon 38) and at www.yorkcounty.gov/tv. The Board of Supervisors work sessions (typically the first meeting of each month) will continue to be held remotely. The second meeting of each month will be held in person as long as COVID-19 safety requirements can be met.