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York County Update 9/25/2020:

Weather Looks Great for Sunday Stroll; Storm Debris Collection Update; Grant Program Expanded to Help More Local Businesses

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Tourism Development Hosting “Yorktown Art Stroll” This Sunday

- Head to the Yorktown Waterfront this Sunday, Sept. 27 to admire the work of more than 30 local artists! During this year’s Art Stroll, the Freight Shed and Riverwalk will be filled with hundreds of unique hand painted and handcrafted pieces. Shop for paintings, pottery, jewelry, and more. Support some of the area’s most talented artists while getting a jumpstart on your holiday shopping. Enjoy a live performance by Audio Portrait in the afternoon. This event runs 10 to 5 and is free and open to the public. *Social distancing applies. Facemasks required indoors. Learn more at [Visit Yorktown](#).*
- This evening’s kick-off of the free Rhythms on the Riverwalk concert series has been cancelled due to weather. Ticket-holders are being notified by York County Tourism Development. Tickets for next Friday’s concert have already been reserved. However, citizens are reminded to check back with the Visit Yorktown website in case tickets are released by individuals who can no longer attend. These Friday evening concerts have a 250-person capacity. For everyone’s safety, the fields are marked with socially distanced circles for use by ticketholders. Upon check-in, guests will receive wristbands to allow for re-entry if they leave the area once the concert has started. Please follow [Visit Yorktown on Facebook](#) for any concert-related announcements. You may also call the Weather Event Hotline at (757) 890-3520.

Storm Debris Collections Nearly Complete

- York County Public Works is wrapping up its special free storm debris collection program following August’s visit by Tropical Storm Isaias. Over 1,400 piles of debris will have been collected once crews finish their final sweep of the County. Regular yard debris collections begin Monday, October 5. Submit your yard debris request on our [Customer Service Request Portal](#).

Grant Program Expanded to Help Small Businesses/Non-Profits

- The REBUILD! VA Small Business Grant program helps those businesses and non-profits that have had operations disrupted by COVID-19. The program has been expanded to include other business categories and may receive up to three times their average monthly eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$10,000. Additional grants are available to our local, small businesses. Complete details are available on our [Economic Development website](#).

Free COVID-19 Testing Available to York County Residents

- Three free drive-thru or walk-up Coronavirus testing clinics are scheduled in the Williamsburg area and are open to York County residents age 12 and older – no appointment necessary. For more information, call the Peninsula Health District at (757) 594-7069.
 - **October 5, 4-7 p.m. at New Zion Baptist Church, 3991 Longhill Road**
 - **October 13, 4-7 p.m. at Little Zion Baptist Church, 8625 Pocahontas Trail**
 - **October 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Williamsburg House of Mercy, 10 Harrison Avenue**

District 5 Applicants Sought for Board of Equalization

- The Board of Equalization hears and considers a taxpayer's appeal of their property's real estate assessment as determined by the County's Real Estate Assessor. This Board is charged with increasing, decreasing or maintaining the assessment. Members of the Board of Equalization must be County landowners and state law requires at least 30 percent of the members be knowledgeable real estate professionals. Applicants are being sought from landowners in District 5. If you are interested in applying for appointment to this board, please visit our [website](#). Training will occur in 2021 with hearings in early 2022.