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## Fall Yorktown Market Days Features Four Free, Family-Friendly Events

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Fall is right around the corner, and Yorktown is hosting four complimentary, special themed Market Days in September, October, and November for family and friends to enjoy: **First Responders Market, Fall Festival, Paws at the River, and the Maritime Festival.**

More than 50 vendors, artists, and food trucks will participate in these events. Shoppers can purchase seasonal fruits and vegetables, grass-fed meats, dairy products, baked goods, nitro-brewed coffee, wine, soaps, candles, and much more. Talented artists will be showcasing stained glass, paintings, and custom jewelry.

### **First Responders Market Saturday, September 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

This market salutes the firefighters, sheriff's deputies, 911 and emergency communications dispatchers, public works officials, and other first responders who protect the community every day. Stop by the **First Responders Market** and let them know how much they are appreciated. Vendors and artists will give discounts to first responders who shop at the market.



Several emergency vehicles and officials will be on-site to educate the public and answer questions. York County Fire & Life Safety will bring its ladder truck. The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office will have a patrol car, crime prevention trailer, DARE tent, motorcycles, and its K-9 unit. Public Works' large Vactor Truck, which is used to handle large-scale liquid and sludge clean-up in emergencies, will also be parked at the event.

### **Fall Festival Saturday, October 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

During the **Fall Festival**, guests will have the opportunity to purchase seasonal "gourd-ous" and tasty treats like pumpkins, apples, mums, and kettle corn. Visitors can participate in

several family-oriented activities: a hayride, face painting, a hay maze, a petting zoo featuring miniature animals, and pumpkin painting.

Guests of all ages can take the *Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin* challenge. Submit your estimate on the morning of the market on [Visit Yorktown's Facebook page](#). The first to guess, or get the closest without going over, will receive a basket filled with market favorites. The Carrot Tree, located in Riverwalk Landing, will be selling its famous caramel apples and apple cider. The Fifes and Drums of York Town performs at 10 a.m.

### **Paws at the River Saturday, October 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Paws at the River** brings awareness to animal rescue organizations and helps place adoptable pets in their “forever” homes. On this “purrfectly” adorable day, the market extends to Riverwalk Landing businesses, where visitors will find information booths and other educational opportunities. Purchase delicious doggy delights at FiDough Homemade Dog Treats at the market or Gangsta Dog, located in Riverwalk Landing.



Staff will snap free photos of visitors and their canine companions ([uploaded to Visit Yorktown on Facebook](#)) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stick around for the annual Halloween Pet Costume Parade at 1 p.m. This popular trick-or-treating event will feature several Yorktown businesses and rescue organizations. A map will be posted both online and on-site.

### **Maritime Festival Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



This event is sure to float a water-lover's boat. Visitors to the **Maritime Festival** can enjoy some of the best local and seasonal seafood including clam chowder, Virginia blue crabs, and fresh fried fish. Guests can also shop for nautical-inspired art and jewelry.

Pirates will invade the waterfront to talk to kids about seafaring life, and there will be educational information for mariners of all ages. Sing along to live sea shanties on the Riverwalk Landing stage. Watch a special performance by the Fifes and Drums of York Town at 10 a.m.

A bonus: Stop by the History Fair inside the Freight Shed to hear the untold stories of Yorktown, then cruise on over to the Riverwalk Landing Piers for historic workboat tours.

### **Important Parking Information**

Free parking for special events is available in several lots throughout Historic Yorktown, including the two-level parking terrace on Water Street. The free Yorktown Trolley runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Yorktown Market Days is always held rain or shine. The vendors and artists will move into the lower level of the parking terrace in the case of inclement weather. Extra activities, however, may be canceled and will not be rescheduled. Visitors are encouraged to follow Visit Yorktown's social media accounts for all event-related changes and announcements.

**Additional Event Info:**

- [www.yorktownmarketdays.com](http://www.yorktownmarketdays.com)
- York County Economic & Tourism Development: 757-890-5900
- Event Weather Hotline: 757-890-3520
- Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: @VisitYorktown

**Additional Photos are available at <https://bit.ly/3R5Gn88>**

*Special thanks to **TSP Lawns & Landscapes** and **Yorktown Feed Seed 'N More** for generously donating labor and materials for this year's hay maze. And to our 2022 **Barn Raising Sponsor** State Farm Agent Mark Irwin and **Cultivator Sponsor** Langley Federal Credit Union. Additional recognition goes to **Harvester Sponsor** Amory Funeral Home, **Seed Sower Sponsor** Parks Orthodontics, and **Friend of the Market Sponsor** Fox Pest Control.*

*Yorktown Market Days and its activities are presented by York County and the Riverwalk Landing Business Association.*