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DISTRICT 4 UPDATE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 4



Greetings,

As I finalize this update, most of you have power restored. Myself and neighbors in this area of our district are still running off generators as of Sunday. Thank you to all our first responders and utility crews for your dedication and hard work in getting us back to normal.

Here is the next District 4 Update. There are several items of interest in our District.

NOTE: I try not to inundate you with emails. You can unsubscribe below if you prefer. For more updates, you can “LIKE” my political Facebook page below. Feel free to forward this to anyone you think might be interested. They can sign up directly at www.jeffwassmer.com. The headings are meant to help you find the information you may be more interested in. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any concerns, issues, or recommendations.

TRANSPORTATION

PAVING - Beach Road, Whispering Way, Yorkville Road, and portions of Yorktown Road were paved this past year. We are awaiting VDOT's plan for 2019 for our District.

BRIDGE WORK - While not in our District, many citizens use 134, Hampton Highway. Beginning in 2019, the two bridges near the York County - Hampton City line will undergo major construction. The northbound bridge built in 1930 will be replaced, and the southbound will undergo some major structural upgrades.

RECYCLING

Recycling has drastically changed in the past few years. Material once bought by China and other foreign companies is no longer in demand. As an example, recycled paper once bought for \$96 a ton now sells for \$2 a ton. This drastically effects the affordability to collect and process recycled material. County Recycling, the company

currently under contract has notified the county of its intent to suspend the service. We have identified several companies to provide the service. However, because of the change in the international market the price will most likely change.

While we are still negotiating with two contractors and final terms are unknown, in general we believe the cost to continue recycling will be in the range of \$6 additional per month. That would be \$12 on our every other month billing cycle. The bill combines sewer and solid waste and, depending on selection, can vary. My \$87 per two-month bill is fairly typical. In my example, the total bill would probably have to go from \$87 to \$99.

CRIME

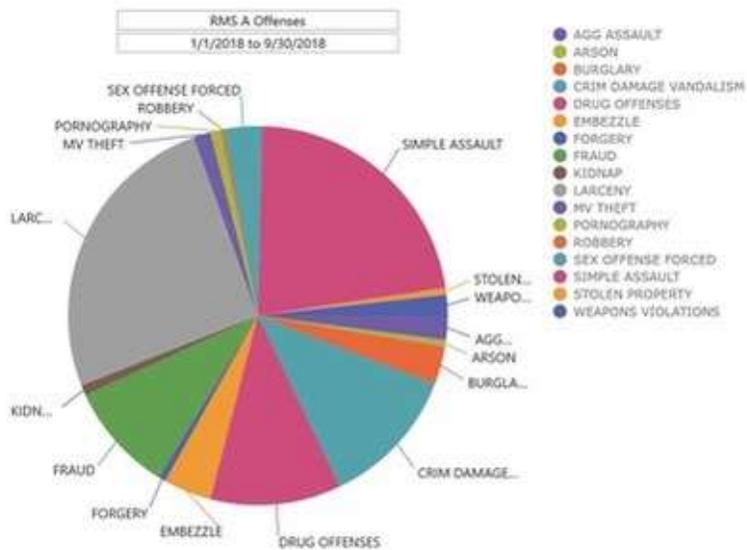
Below is updated information on crime in District 4. We continue to be burdened by car break-ins. Take the time to ensure valuables are not in sight and lock your doors at night. Outside lights are also helpful. I'd encourage you to follow the Sheriff Department on Facebook to get regular updates.

<i>CRIME DISTRICT 4</i>	<i>2018 YTD</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>MURDER</i>	0	0
<i>KIDNAP</i>	3	5
<i>SEX OFFENSE FORCED</i>	11	11
<i>ROBBERY</i>	1	6
<i>AGG ASSAULT</i>	7	8
<i>SIMPLE ASSAULT</i>	76	109
<i>BURGLARY</i>	11	28
<i>LARCENY</i>	87	129
<i>MV THEFT</i>	5	11
<i>ARSON</i>	2	0
<i>EXTORTION</i>	0	0
<i>VANDALISM</i>	41	78
<i>DRUG OFFENSE</i>	38	72
<i>EMBEZZLEMENT</i>	14	4
<i>FORGERY</i>	2	3
<i>FRAUD</i>	32	49
<i>PORNOGRAPHY</i>	3	7
<i>PROSTITUTION</i>	0	0
<i>SEX OFFENSE NON FORCED</i>	0	0
<i>STOLEN PROPERTY</i>	2	2
<i>WEAPONS VIOLATION</i>	6	6

CRIME IN DISTRICT 4 JAN 01 – SEPT 30, 2018

-  10* - Kidnapping
-  11* - Sex Offenses - Forcible
-  12* - Robbery
-  13* - Assault Offenses
-  21* - Extortion
-  22* - Burglary / Breaking Entering
-  23* - Larceny / Theft
-  24* - Motor Vehicle Theft
-  25* - Counterfeiting / Forgery
-  26* - Fraud
-  27* - Embezzlement
-  28* - Stolen Property
-  29* - Destruction / Damage / Vandalism
-  35* - Drugs / Narcotic Offenses
-  52* - Weapon Law Violations
-  90* - All Other Offenses





Current Period to Same Period of Prior Year for district of 4
 Current: 01/01/2018 To: 09/30/2018 Prior: 01/01/2017 To: 09/30/2017

TypeOrArea	CurCount	PriorCount	Differ	PercentChg
AGG ASSAULT	7	6	1	16.67%
ARSON	2	0	2	n.c.
BURGLARY	11	19	-8	-42.11%
CRIM DAMAGE VANI	41	60	-19	-31.67%
DRUG OFFENSES	38	52	-14	-26.92%
EMBEZZLE	14	3	11	366.67%
EXTORTION	0	0	0	0
FORGERY	2	3	-1	-33.33%
FRAUD	32	41	-9	-21.95%
KIDNAP	3	4	-1	-25.00%
LARCENY	87	96	-9	-9.38%
MURDER	0	0	0	0
MV THEFT	5	9	-4	-44.44%
PORNOGRAPHY	3	6	-3	-50.00%
PROSTITUTION	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY	1	6	-5	-83.33%
SEX OFFENSE FORCE	11	8	3	37.50%
SEX OFFENSE NON F	0	0	0	0
SIMPLE ASSAULT	76	81	-5	-6.17%
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	1	1	100.00%
WEAPONS VIOLATIO	6	5	1	20.00%

- A note on crime from our Commonwealth Attorney, Ben Hahn:

There is no doubt that crime is increasing and becoming more violent in York County and Poquoson. When I came to the Commonwealth's Office in 2007, we would average one homicide a year with, at most, two pending at a time due to the overlap of one case ending and one case beginning. At present, we have seven (7) homicide cases pending. If we add pending attempted murders and malicious wounding, that number more than doubles. We presently have a three (3) week trial scheduled in January and February 2019 on one first degree murder charge. Armed robberies, burglaries, sexual assaults and possession/manufacture/distribution of child pornography are happening in York County and Poquoson with alarming frequency. Although not as serious, but no less concerning, are the increasing number of individuals who enter the County under the cover of darkness to rummage through unlocked vehicles. Most of these car burglaries are perpetrated by young men or juveniles who live in surrounding jurisdictions. We must educate the citizenry to lock their vehicles and take other precautions so that our jurisdiction does not attract this type of criminality.

There can be little doubt that the increase in crime is directly related to the increase in heroin/opioid use and to the increased potency of marijuana and its derivatives. Drug

usage that was once confined to inner cities has found its way to suburbia. Unfortunately, this is a nationwide phenomenon.

- A note from Sheriff Danny Diggs:

a. Crime Trends.

Over the past year, reports have identified numerous incidences of Larceny from vehicles. Wallets, purses, cameras, loose change, golf clubs, checkbooks, credit cards, computers, and guns along with many other items were taken. One characteristic of these crimes is that over 98% of the vehicles were unlocked. Today, larceny from vehicles remains the most prevalent crime in York County. The simplest way to protect your property is to remove valuables and lock your vehicles.

Opioid overdose is still a very serious problem in York County. Sheriff Deputies responded to 126 calls for opioid overdoses in the past two years. The death rate from opioids in Virginia is 13.5 deaths per 100,000 persons. In 2015, Virginia providers wrote 70 opioid prescriptions per 100 persons, which equates to about 5.6 million prescriptions. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, these figures are equivalent to the national average. York County Deputies now carry Narcan on their duty belts and have administered Narcan more than 50 times in the past two years. Narcan (Naloxone HCl) is used for the treatment of an opioid emergency or a possible opioid overdose.

Comment: Taking fentanyl, which is an opioid, without prescription, especially when mixed with other medication or alcohol can result in death. Parents, please talk with your children about the very real dangers of experimenting with drugs.

b. Upgrades.

State funds are insufficient to meet the law enforcement requirements of York County and as a result, the County funds over 50% of the deputies within the Sheriff's Department. Over the past three budget years, eight new deputies were added to the Department. Two of the new positions are School Resource Officers in the middle schools. In 2017, the County provided a state of the art mobile command post and funding for the Unmanned Aerial System program that is used jointly with the York County Fire Department.

The quick adoption of new technology in law enforcement has met with tremendous success in York County. The purchase of body cameras and software that is integrated with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office has been timely and effective. The shooting death of a perpetrator by one of our deputies was captured by a body camera and helped to quickly defuse a potentially disruptive and tense situation. Another example of technology upgrade is the installation of new mobile

data terminals for Sheriff's Office patrol cars. These new devices allow deputies on patrol to quickly prioritize and respond to emergency calls.

Other significant improvements that enhance law enforce include \$250,000 to help fund the Sheriff's Office Training/Firearms Range located on County property off of Goodwin Neck Road, funding for the K9 program, and most recently proposed funding in Fiscal Year 2020 for construction of a new Sheriff's Office facility.

MOSQUITO CONTROL

The County is very proactive in addressing mosquito issues. We have a staff dedicated to mosquito issues in York County. The County is divided into 11 spray districts and the staff runs 37 mosquito traps each week. We test mosquitoes for West Nile, encephalitis, and other diseases. When there is a positive result, the samples are sent to the Virginia Health Department for additional testing. To control the mosquito population, the staff stocks water areas such as BMPs with minnows called the (Eastern Gambusia). They also use eight different larvicides in powder and pill form. During ground truck spraying, the staff uses a chemical called Duet to control adult mosquitoes. We are the only municipality on the Peninsula that sprays at 2:00 a.m. to avoid killing bees and other helpful insects. Once the mosquito population reaches a certain count, the County will then contract with a private firm for aerial spraying. The County has a notification process to keep the public informed of pending aerial spraying.

Currently, the overall mosquito population in York County is rather low and therefore does not warrant aerial spraying. Citizens in York County can request that the County come out to their property to inspect for mosquitoes by visiting the webpage or calling 890-3791.

ELECTION DAY - 6 NOVEMBER

Citizens can find out information on polling place, registration, absentee ballots, and sample ballots by visiting the Registrar's webpage

here: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/1379/November-6-2018-Election>

Here are some important dates and times for this year's election:

October 15th – This is the last day to register to vote. It is also the last day for submitting a change of address.

October 30th – This is the last day to apply for an absentee application by mail.

November 3rd – This is the last day to vote absentee in person at the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) in Historic Yorktown. Please note that the CAP will be open on two Saturdays, October 27th and November 3rd.

November 6th – All precincts will open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

We will also be voting on two constitutional amendments to the Virginia Constitution. These can be confusing. I highly recommend you read and research before going to the polls. Information on the amendments can be found here: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2018/index.html>

DEVELOPMENT

- The new fire station is progressing well. It is located in our district on Dare Road. Projected completion is September 2019.
- Not in our district but nearby is the new Riverside Rehabilitation Facility across from Wal-Mart on George Washington Mem Hwy. This is a rehabilitation center for stroke victims, brain injury patients, and others. Riverside sold an out parcel to WaWa and was approved to be built at this location as well. The hospital will be complete in summer 2019.
- The new Kroger located in the old Farm Fresh on 6500 George Washington Memorial Hwy is scheduled to have its grand opening and ribbon cutting around October 24th.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

I am continually impressed at the level of service we receive from our first responders. Ensuring our folks have the right protective gear and equipment is essential. Here are a few of the things we've done in last three operating budgets:

- Authorized 12 new uniformed firefighter/paramedics, going from 137 to 149 positions
- Funded mobile data terminals for FLS for the first time
- Funded replacement fire trucks and ambulances
- Funded and have under construction new Fire Station #1
- BOS has directed that the design of an upgraded FLS headquarters facility and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) be incorporated in the next CIP
- Maintained Competitive Wages in a very tight labor market

SCHOOLS

York County School District continues to lead the way in many areas. One initiative I led was to look at potential savings by combining the County and School District benefits plans. After a study period and approval by each board, we have moved ahead with implementing this action. This could result in an annual savings of \$1 Million in benefit costs. This will help us offset continued raising costs and keep money in the

classroom.

Additionally, under Dr. Shandor’s leadership, the school district has partnered with the York County Chamber of Commerce to explore ways to educate students about the many paths and opportunities to success. I represent the county on the Peninsula Community Workforce Development Board. As unemployment drops to record lows, finding skilled workers becomes more difficult. This is true in many areas especially our trades. As you know, a lot of explorative classes have been eliminated in schools. The YCSD has committed that by 2022, all graduating seniors will have done some type of work-experience or internship. This is a great way to help our youth get real-world experience in careers they might like to pursue.

WEATHER

We have certainly been fortunate to date with the major potential weather events that have only skirted our community. The Wakefield station for the National Weather Service has detailed information that is helpful for our area. It can be found here: <https://www.weather.gov/akq>

Also, you’ve probably received different warning or watch alerts on your mobile devices or other ways. This chart helps explain the difference between the different terminology.

Watches <i>Conditions are favorable or expected but not occurring or imminent</i>	
Tornado	Atmospheric <i>conditions are favorable</i> for the development of severe thunderstorms capable of producing tornadoes.
Severe Thunderstorm	Atmospheric <i>conditions are favorable</i> for the development of severe thunderstorms (i.e. – producing hail at least 1” in diameter and/or 50 knot (58 mph) or greater wind speeds).
Warnings <i>Conditions are occurring or imminent</i>	
Tornado	A severe thunderstorm <i>has developed</i> and has either produced a tornado <i>or radar has indicated</i> intense low level rotation in the presence of atmospheric conditions conducive to tornado development
Severe Thunderstorm	A severe thunderstorm <i>has developed</i> , capable of producing hail greater than 1” diameter and/or 50 knot (58 mph) wind speeds.

LIBRARY

A \$7 million expansion and renovation of Yorktown Library is under design. We expect construction to begin in the fall of 2019. During construction we will open a small store front popular books branch and use the closed fire station #1 for book storage and back office operations. The improved library will feature more study rooms, a bigger meeting space, a new children's area, modern technology, and better bathrooms.

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR WEEKLY CORRESPONDENCE PACKAGE

Did you know each week members of the Board of Supervisors receive a Correspondence Package from our County Administrator and staff? It is filled with all the important communications and information that we need to be aware of. It might be letters from Mr. Morgan or staff on subjects we've asked about, correspondence sent from the County, correspondence sent to the County, Regional affairs, and/or minutes from various county boards. Curious what is in it? All citizens have access to the weekly correspondence package on the county website and can be viewed here: <https://www.yorkcounty.gov/700/Weekly-Correspondence>

KEEPING INFORMED

The county has several resources to keep citizens informed of the many great things happening in York County. Several months ago we rolled out a brand new website. Citizens can create an account and personalize information. Here are a few great things you'll find on <https://www.yorkcounty.gov>

- Live streaming of both County TV channels- WYCG-TV (local programs and Meetings) and the Announcement Channel (info about events, jobs, programs, and services the County offers).
- The "How Do I" feature to connect to customer service requests, email notifications, heads up sign up, pay bills online, etc.
- Homepage showcase with the latest news about the most important resident info which this week features -voter information, debris pick up, various events, programs around the county, and more.

For Facebook users, you'll also find great information on the County Page, York Poquoson Sheriff Office page, Fire and Life Safety page and Visit Yorktown page.

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