

County Compass

King and Queen County



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Message from the Board

Mark Berry, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

A Season of Community and Connection

As we welcome the fall season, we're pleased to share the latest news, updates, and opportunities happening across the King and Queen community. Fall is a wonderful time to reflect on the progress we've made together and look ahead to the projects, events, and initiatives that will shape our community in the months ahead.

In this edition, of the **County Compass**, you'll find updates from county departments, information about upcoming events and services, important community reminders, and ways to stay engaged. We encourage you to take a few minutes to catch up and learn how you can get involved.

Thank you for being an active and valued part of our King and Queen community. We wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and colorful fall season!



Sheriff Balderson, Virginia Sheriff's Association Treasurer



Sheriff W.R. "Rob" Balderson was sworn in today as Treasurer of the Virginia Sheriffs' Association during the association's annual conference in Virginia Beach. Sheriff Balderson was administered the oath of office by Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger, marking a historic moment for King and Queen County as Balderson becomes the first Sheriff from King and Queen County to serve as an officer on the Virginia Sheriffs' Association Board of Directors.

October 4-10 Fire Prevention Week



This year's campaign focuses on an increasingly common fire hazard in our homes and communities: lithium-ion batteries.

Lithium-ion batteries power many of the devices we use every day, including cell phones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, scooters, toys and other rechargeable electronics. While these batteries are generally safe when used properly, damaged batteries, or improper charging, can cause them to overheat, catch fire, or even explode. The good news is that a few simple habits can greatly reduce the risk.

Charge safely:

- Use the charger that came with the device or one approved by the manufacturer.*
- Follow the manufacturer's charging instructions.*
- Charge devices on a hard, flat surface where heat can escape—not on a bed, couch or under a pillow.*
- Keep charging batteries away from anything that can burn.*
- Do not use batteries or devices that are damaged, swollen, leaking or unusually hot.*
- Unplug devices when they are fully charged or when the manufacturer recommends doing so.*
- Never modify, tamper with, or attempt to repair a lithium-ion battery yourself.*

It is also important to know the warning signs. If a battery becomes extremely hot, changes shape, makes unusual sounds, gives off an odor, smokes, or begins to swell, move away from the device and call 911 if there is an immediate fire or safety concern. Do not attempt to handle a battery that is smoking or burning.

Fire safety starts with small decisions we make every day. This Fire Prevention Week, take a few minutes to look around your home. Check how and where your rechargeable devices are being charged, inspect batteries for damage, and make sure everyone in your household knows the safe way to charge them.

Safe charging is a superpower—and every household can use it.

Citizen Interest

Interested in serving your community?

Complete the Citizen Interest Form to express
interest in serving on a Committee and Commission.



Did you know King and Queen County has several boards, commissions, and groups appointed by the Board of Supervisors? Complete the citizen interest form to have your name added to the list. Visit <https://kingandqueenco.net/board-of-supervisors>



HUB33
KING AND QUEEN COUNTY RURAL SOLUTIONS CENTER

What You'll Find at HUB33

- Free high-speed internet
- Computer access and printing services
- Meeting and collaboration spaces
- Small business and workforce resources
- On-site and virtual healthcare services

All designed to help you work, learn, and connect—
without leaving your community.

4521 Lewis B. Puller
Memorial Highway
Mattaponi, VA 23110
Email:

hub33@kingandqueenco.net

Call: 804-785-8102



**A SMART
WAY TO
WORK
STARTS
HERE**



KING AND QUEEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
* ALL COUNTIES WELCOME *

FALL RABIES CLINIC

* ALL COUNTIES WELCOME *

- For dogs and cats older than 4 months of age
- Please leash all dogs, MUZZLE AGGRESSIVE dogs, and contain cats in carriers
- 2027 dog county license will be available for pre purchase

\$10 CASH ONLY
FIRST 200 DOGS GETS **\$5 OFF**
RABIES VACCINE ONLY
— WITH THE —
PRE PURCHASE OF
2027 COUNTY TAGS

KING AND QUEEN RESIDENTS ONLY
\$5.00 OFF FOR KING AND QUEEN RESIDENTS ONLY
RESTRICTED TO 2 DISCOUNTS PER ADDRESS

October 10th | 9AM-12PM

396 Newtown Road
St. Stephen's Church, VA 23148
EMAIL: ACO@KQSO.NET



NOTICE FROM THE KING & QUEEN Circuit Court Clerk's Office
HATTIE M. ROBINSON, CLERK

JURY QUESTIONNAIRES
for the **2027** calendar year
were mailed on
August 31, 2026

THIS IS NOT A JURY SUMMONS.
It is an official juror questionnaire from the Clerk's Office.

Three convenient ways to respond

 IN PERSON at the Circuit Court Clerk's Office	 COMPLETE ONLINE King & Queen Circuit Court Juror Portal	 RETURN BY MAIL using the enclosed return envelope
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Please complete and return your questionnaire promptly.
Thank you for your service to King and Queen County.
Questions? Contact the King & Queen Circuit Court at **804-785-5984**.

Economic Development Update

Kelly Evko, Director

Members of the King and Queen County Economic Development Authority were able to tour the Bridging Communities Career and Technical Center campus in New Kent. King and Queen Schools send 17 students to the facility for various programs.



Photo courtesy of King and Queen Schools

King and Queen Library News

Jesse Kelley, Director

Spooky season is here and we're very excited to welcome cooler temperatures and the changing fall foliage. King and Queen County offers so many beautiful vistas this time of year. The fields are being harvested and replanted. The river offers fantastic views of the changing fall leaves. There are few things better than taking a leisurely country drive during October! Just make sure the library is one of your top destinations. Want to learn about events happening at the library?

Visit <https://bit.ly/4hacFyd>



Interested in being a Friend of the Library? Contact the library for more information @ 804-769-1623

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM Sign Up Today!

Return this form with:

Name: _____

Address: _____

I want to be contacted by (choose any one or more):

Phone call to: _____

Text to: _____

Email to: _____

Questions?

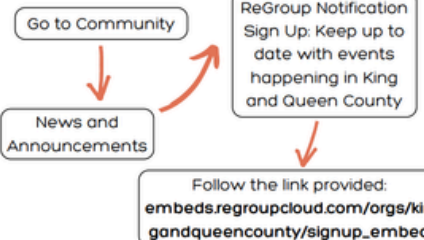
CONTACT ERIN LAZAR AT:
(804) 898-4958

ELAZAR@KINGANDQUEENCO.NET

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From our website (kingandqueenco.net)



KING & QUEEN COUNTY
VA250

Mark your calendars for the King and Queen
County Ag Day
Saturday, May 22, 2027
King and Queen County Court House Complex
Looking to volunteer or exhibit?

Contact Erin Lazar
elazar@kingandqueenco.net



Stay in the know!!

RECEIVE MESSAGES ABOUT COUNTY EVENTS,
PROGRAMS, AND GENERAL INFORMATION



Stay in the Know- sign up for
ReGroup

King and Queen County
Treasurer's Office

Satellite Collection Sites 2026 Tax Year

1:00 p.m.
-
4:30 p.m.

King and Queen County Library

396 Newtown Rd
St. Stephens Ch, VA 23148

November 5, 2026 (Thursday)
November 10, 2026 (Tuesday)
November 12, 2026 (Thursday)
November 17, 2026 (Tuesday)
November 19, 2026 (Thursday)
November 24, 2026 (Tuesday)
December 1, 2026 (Tuesday)
December 3, 2026 (Thursday)

HUB 33

5421 Lewis B. Puller Mem Hwy
Mattaponi, VA 23110

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KING AND QUEEN COUNTY

**WE'RE
HIRING!**



FULL AND PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

<https://kingandqueenco.bamboohr.com/careers>

Sales Tax Referendum on November 3rd Ballot



1% SALES TAX REFERENDUM EXPLAINED



- Revenue from the sales tax is restricted to **school construction** and **major school renovation projects ONLY**.
- By law, it can not be used for other purposes.
- Groceries, medication, and personal hygiene products exempt from 1% sales tax.
- Estimated \$450,000 per year (almost \$0.04 on the real estate tax rate) in revenue for King and Queen County.



**New School
Construction Projects**



**Major School
Renovations**



**School Construction
Debt Service**

Election Day November 3rd

Sales Tax

Should King and Queen County be authorized to add a 1% general retail sales tax on purchases to provide revenue solely for the construction or major renovation of schools serving King and Queen County, which general retail sales tax would expire on June 30, 2046.



Yes



No

COLORING CONTEST

Hosted by the King & Queen County Treasurer's Office



Gift Card

Ages: PreK - 6th Grade

One Submission Per Child

Due by 11/4/2026



Please include: Child's Name, Age, Parental Phone Number on back

Coloring Pages Available At:

King & Queen Treasurer's Office and King & Queen Library

Call the Treasurer's Office with any questions at (804) 785-5978



OCTOBER MEETING DATES



October 6

Planning Commission Meeting
242 Allens Circle King and Queen Court House
Conference Room A/B

6pm

October 8

EDA Meeting
242 Allens Circle King and Queen Court House
Conference Room A/B

9:30am

October 13

Electoral Board Meeting
Circuit Court Hearing Room
234 Allens Circle King and Queen Court House

9am

October 13

Board Of Supervisors Monthly Meeting
242 Allens Circle General District Courtroom

7pm

October 26

Board of Supervisors Work Session
242 Allens Circle Conference Room A

6pm

Last Day to Register for the November 3rd election is October 23rd.

To register to vote in Virginia, you must be a Virginia resident, a U.S. citizen, and 18 years old by Election Day, November 3. You also cannot be registered and planning to vote in another state.

The last day to register or make updates and cast a regular ballot, is October 23.



LET'S GET YOU REGISTERED!

REGISTER BY OCTOBER 23 FOR THE NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION

- ☒ Virginia resident
- ☒ US citizen
- ☒ 18 years old by Election Day
- ☒ Not registered in another state

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!



Food Truck Fridays at the Court House
A variety of food trucks join us on Fridays, from 11am-2pm, and this event is open to the public. Stay up to date with the lineup by visiting our Facebook page!

Calling all Seniors...

YOU'RE INVITED!

KING & QUEEN COUNTY TRIAD PROGRAM

**JOIN THE KING & QUEEN SHERIFF'S OFFICE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KING & QUEEN TRIAD
AND HEAR ABOUT KING & QUEEN COUNTY'S
TRIAD PROGRAM**

MONDAY
OCTOBER 5, 2026
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

**IN
CONJUNCTION
WITH
BINGO!**



**KING & QUEEN LIBRARY
396 NEWTOWN ROAD
ST. STEPHENS CHURCH, VA 23148**

COME LEARN • PLAY BINGO • CONNECT

We look forward to seeing you there!



COMMUNITY • CONNECTION • SAFETY

Community Events



Walkerton Community Fire Association
72nd
WALKERTON DAY EVENT

Saturday, October 10th, 2026

Event starts at **12 Noon**
(Behind Scott's Store)

Parade line up starts at **1PM**
(on Woodbury Road)

Parade begins at **4PM**
(on Woodbury Road)

We will have vendors, food trucks, kids activities, music, and more!

For more info contact us at:
804-238-1070 or wcfaplanning7@gmail.com



UPPER KING AND QUEEN
Volunteer Fire Department

TRUNK OR TREAT

FREE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Upper King and Queen
Volunteer Fire Department
8982 Newtown Road
St. Stephen's, VA

CANDY FOR THE KIDS | **MEET YOUR LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS** | **FUN FOR ALL AGES**

Costumes Encouraged!



Lower King & Queen Fire-EMS
October 31, 2026 • 12-2PM
BRUNSWICK STEW
\$12/QUART TO GO

PRE-ORDERS ENCOURAGED!
4764 York River Rd.
Shacklefords, VA 23156

Sponsored By:
YOUR LOGO HERE
Call 804-832-8199 if interested

Interested in sharing your event with the
King and Queen County community,
email Erin Lazar at elazar@kingandqueenco.net

Upcoming Events:

JOIN US FOR THE KING AND QUEEN COUNTY

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Thursday, Oct 15th 5-7pm

Free Fun for Everyone

Games - Food - Crafts
Music - Bingo- Book Sale

KING AND QUEEN CO. LIBRARY

396 Newtown Road St. Stephens CH



COMMUNITY EVENT SUBMISSION

King and Queen County community organizations can submit event information to have it added to the County Community Calendar and possible post on county social media. Please send any graphics you would like included with the post. Contact Erin Lazar with any questions- elazare@kingandqueenco.net.

Organization Information

Organization

Contact Person

Address

Email

Phone

Date/Time/Location of Event

Description/Purpose of Event

Any other information to share about your organization's event.

Family Fun!

King & Queen County
Public Library's

Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Thu Oct 1st - Sat Oct 31st

Library visitors can vote for their
favorite pumpkin, and the winning
pumpkin will receive a prize!

Visit our calendar or ask the library
staff for more information.



Pumpkin
pick up starts
October 1st,
while supplies
last!

SCAN HERE



Visit our Website for more information: www.kingandqueenco.net