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King and Queen County

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Message from the Board

Mark Berry, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

Dear Residents,

As we welcome November, we are reminded of the importance of community, gratitude, and service. This time of year offers an opportunity to reflect on our shared accomplishments, appreciate the people who make our community special, and look ahead to the opportunities before us.

The Board of Supervisors remain committed to providing responsive public services, maintaining our infrastructure, supporting community programs, and keeping residents informed and engaged. We encourage you to stay connected, participate in upcoming community events, and share your ideas and feedback with us.

As we approach Thanksgiving, we extend our sincere appreciation to our residents, local businesses, community organizations, volunteers, and public servants who contribute to the strength and well-being of our community. Please continue to follow our official communication channels for updates on public meetings, local services, holiday schedules, and other important announcements.

From our local government family to yours, we wish you a safe, healthy, and happy November filled with gratitude and community spirit.

Message from Emergency Services

Warm Homes, Safe Families: Preparing for the Colder Months

As temperatures begin to drop, many households are turning on their heating systems, lighting fireplaces, and pulling out space heaters. While these help keep us comfortable, heating equipment can also increase the risk of home fires. Taking a few precautions now can help keep your family warm and safe throughout the colder months!

Keep the Heat, Prevent the Fire!

Heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires during the winter months. Before settling in for the season, remember these important safety tips:

Keep your distance! Maintain at least three feet of clearance between heating equipment and anything that can burn, including furniture, curtains, and bedding.

Use space heaters safely. Plug them directly into wall outlets, never extension cords or power strips. Always turn them off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Check your chimney. Have chimneys, fireplaces, and heating equipment professionally inspected and cleaned as needed each year.

Dispose of ashes properly. Place ashes in a covered metal container and store it outdoors, at least 10 feet from your home or other combustible materials.

Check your alarms. Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly and replace them according to manufacturer recommendations.

Remember, never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home, and always use heating equipment according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Remember to Burn Responsibly



Resource Council News

Join Us for Our November Resource Council Meeting!
Are you looking to connect with local resources, learn about upcoming community events, or discover new ways to support individuals and families in our community?
We invite community members, local organizations, service providers, and anyone interested in making a difference to join us for our King and Queen Resource Council Meeting!
Come connect, collaborate, and learn! This is a great opportunity to:
Discover local resources and services available to individuals and families.
Learn about upcoming events and opportunities in our community.
Network with local agencies and community partners.
Share information, ideas, and resources to strengthen our community.
Everyone is welcome! Whether you are a community partner, service provider, or resident looking to learn more about available resources, we would love to have you join us.
Together, we can build stronger connections and make a positive impact in our community!
Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2581224481950934...
Meeting ID: 258 122 448 195 093 4
Passcode: Yi3BF7Vi

First Park in King and Queen County Coming Soon

King and Queen County is pleased to announce the purchase of approximately 5 acres of land, adjacent to the King and Queen Library, for the future development of a public park. The acquisition represents an investment in the community's quality of life and will help preserve open space while expanding opportunities for outdoor recreation.

The newly acquired property will provide the foundation for a park designed to serve residents of King and Queen County for years to come. Potential amenities may include walking trails, open green space, picnic areas, playgrounds and other recreational features, subject to future planning, funding and community input.

"Acquiring this property is an important step toward ensuring our community has access to quality parks and outdoor spaces," said Chairman Mark Berry. "This investment will help us preserve valuable land, support healthy lifestyles and create a place where residents and families can gather, connect and enjoy the outdoors."

The purchase aligns with King and Queen County's ongoing efforts to plan for community growth, expand recreational opportunities and protect natural resources. Securing the property now also provides an opportunity to thoughtfully plan for future park development based on community needs and available resources.

Next steps may include developing a park master plan, evaluating site conditions, identifying funding for improvements and gathering public feedback on desired amenities. Additional information about the project timeline and opportunities for community participation will be shared as plans progress.

"This is an opportunity to plan for the future while protecting space that can benefit generations to come," said Vivian Seay, County Administrator/Attorney. "We look forward to engaging residents as we determine how this property can best serve the community."

Citizen Interest



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





Economic Development Update

The Economic Department has been busy.
The Economic Director has represented King and Queen at the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity in Lexington, The Virginia Economic Developers Association Fall Conference in Danville, and the Sovereign Nations of Virginia Conference in Henrico County. The King and Queen economic development team is also leading an initiative effort working with the other Middle Peninsula EDAs to foster a more collaborative regional approach to economic development. Our team has organized two quarterly meetings with presentations from some of our political and state partners.
Later this month our Director will represent King and Queen at the International Economic Development Conference which will increase our networking opportunities.
Looking to start a new business or grow your current business? Take advantage of the free entrepreneurial class https://bit.ly/3UfVmDj
Looking ahead, the EDA is planning to offer their small business scholarships again. Look for more informations and the application later this year. Business appreciation will be held in February.

King and Queen Library News

Jesse Kelley, Director

Old Jack-o-lanterns have been discarded, the Halloween candy has been consumed and now we welcome a breezy November! If you're looking for a book to pass the time, searching for the perfect Thanksgiving recipe, or looking for a break from family, the library welcomes you. This month we're offering several great programs detailed below.

Thursday, November 5, 6 p.m.
Come enjoy the melodic tunes of Andrew McKnight during this concert featuring folk, blues and traditional Appalachian tunes. Andrew McKnight has spent years entertaining audiences with his humor and musical skill. We hope you'll join us for this free, family friendly program.

Tuesday, November 10, 2 p.m.
Nancy Herman-Thompson from the K&Q Courthouse Tavern Museum joins us for this two-part introduction to Ancestry.com.* Learn the basics of searching for your family history during this program. Nancy will walk you through the software and help you search for members. Seating is limited. Laptops will be provided for your use.

Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.
Grab your friends and family and stop by the library to decorate your very own turkey. All supplies provided. Let's see who can make the most creative Thanksgiving decoration!

Thursday, November 19, 6 p.m.
Learn the art of creating hooked rugs. All supplies provided. Registration required.

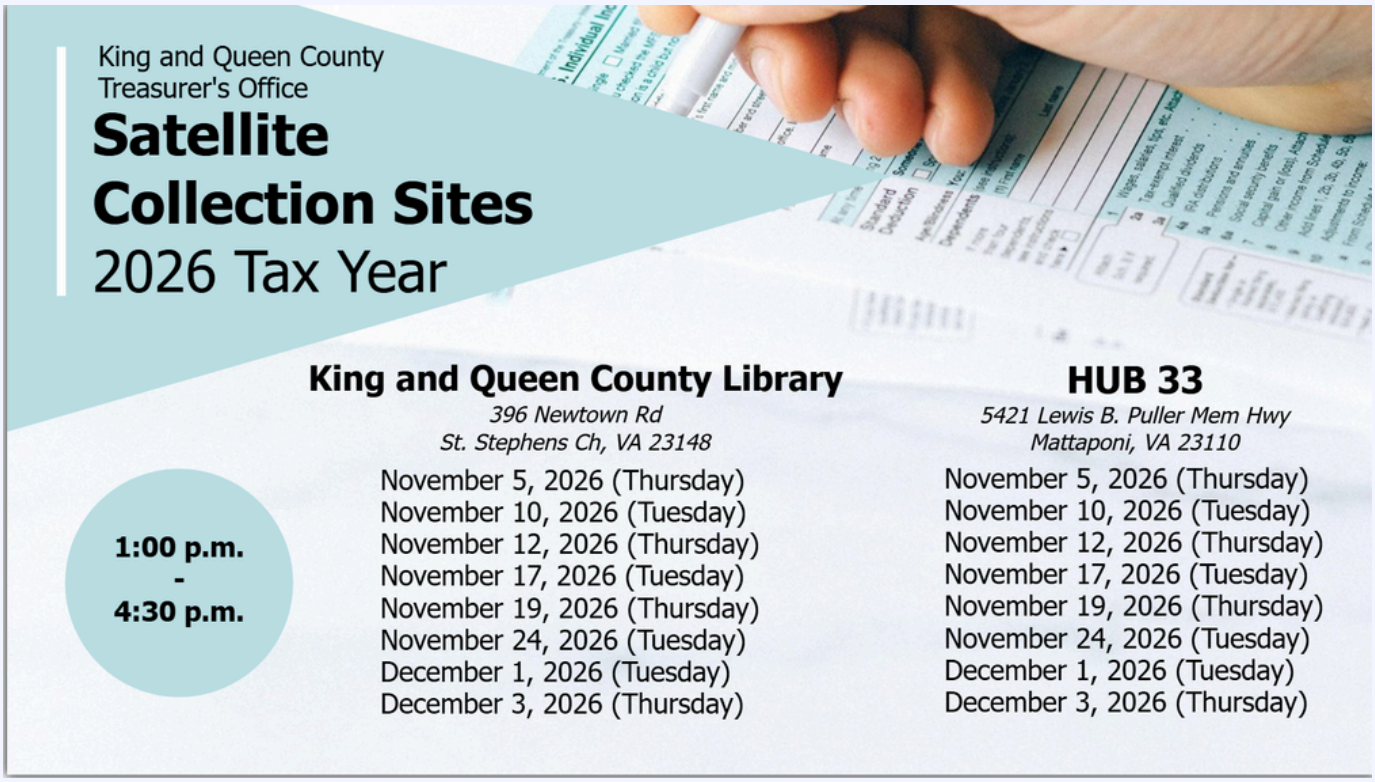
Information about all events:
https://bit.ly/4zow0lK

KING AND QUEEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY VOLUNTEER
READ • LEARN • CONNECT

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



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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DID YOU KNOW THE KING AND QUEEN TREASURER'S OFFICE OFFERS MONTHLY PAYMENT PLANS FOR BOTH REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES? CONTACT THE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION: 804-785-5978

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 hygience 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.

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

November Meeting Schedule

NOVEMBER MEETING DATES

November 2 — **6pm**

Planning Commission Meeting
242 Allens Circle King and Queen Court House
1st Floor Conference Room

November 10 — **12pm**

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

November 16 — **7pm**

Board Of Supervisors Monthly Meeting
242 Allens Circle General District Courtroom

November 23 — **6pm**

Board of Supervisors Work Session
242 Allens Circle Conference Room A

Election Day Tuesday, November 3rd



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2026 HOLIDAY CLOSURE SCHEDULE

November 3rd- Election Day: Open Regular Hours
November 11th- Veterans Day: Open Regular Hours
November 26th- Thanksgiving: All sites closed
December 24th- Christmas Eve: All sites close at 1pm
December 25th- Christmas Day: All sites closed
December 31st- New Years Eve: Open Regular Hours
January 1st- New Years Day: All sites closed

Community Needs Assessment Results



This comprehensive CNA Report highlighting existing community needs, strengths, and resources would not have been possible without the support and direct insights from the local residents and partners who are experts in their own lived experiences.

To our community partners who promoted our efforts or provided data, THANK YOU.
To our neighbors who completed our survey or participated in a community roundtable discussion, THANK YOU.

In addition to guiding our own work, we hope this report will be a useful resource to community members, organizations, and anyone else working to make a difference in Thrive's service area.

Please email info@thriveVA.org if you have questions about any of the findings in the CNA Report.

Christmas Wishes



Could you or someone you know benefit from some assistance with Christmas this year? King and Queen Department of Social Services has an annual Christmas Wishes program designed to assist families with providing Christmas gifts for their children. Applications are open and the closure date is fastly approching! ***Applications are open until November 13th.***

For more information, please contact King and Queen Department of Social Services at (804) 785-5977 OR come to the office to complete the form.

Community Events

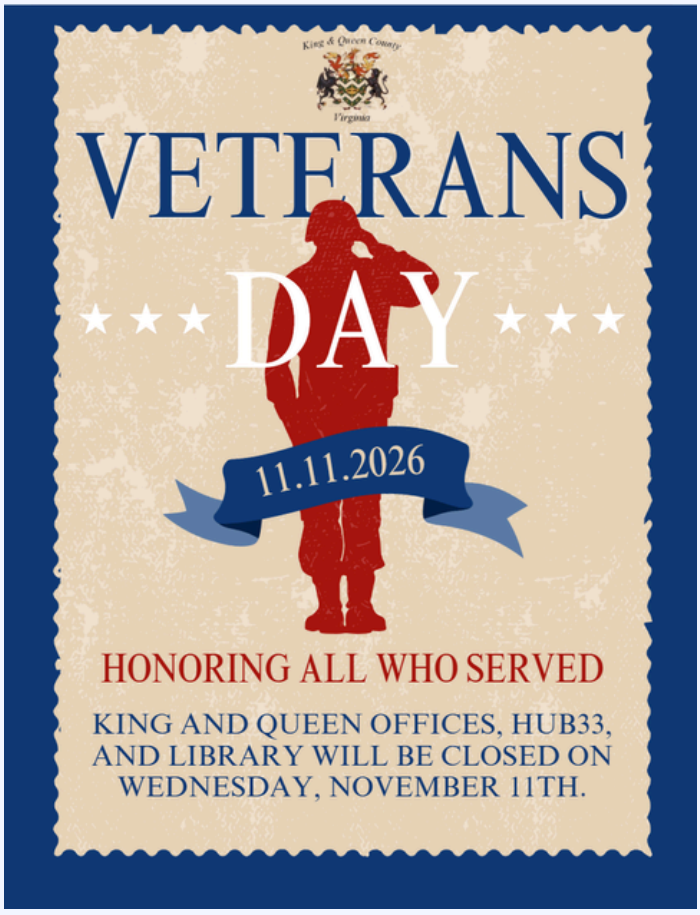


Interested in sharing your event with the King and Queen County community, email Erin Lazar at elazar@kingandqueenco.net

County Closures







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

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- elazar@kingandqueenco.net.

Organzation Information

Organization

Contact Person

Address

Email

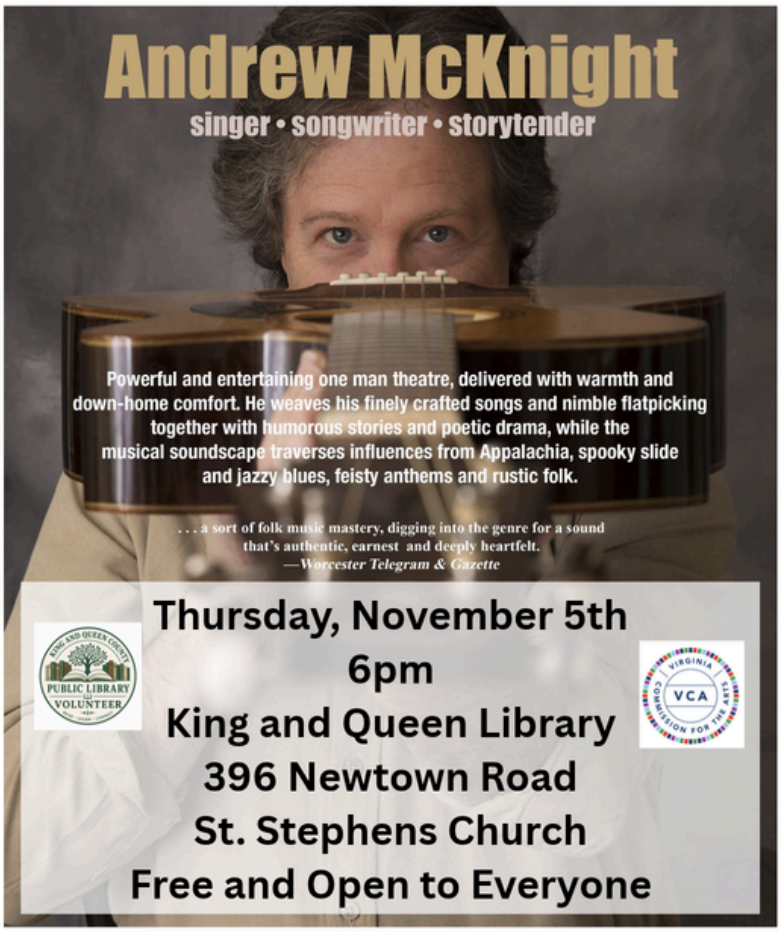
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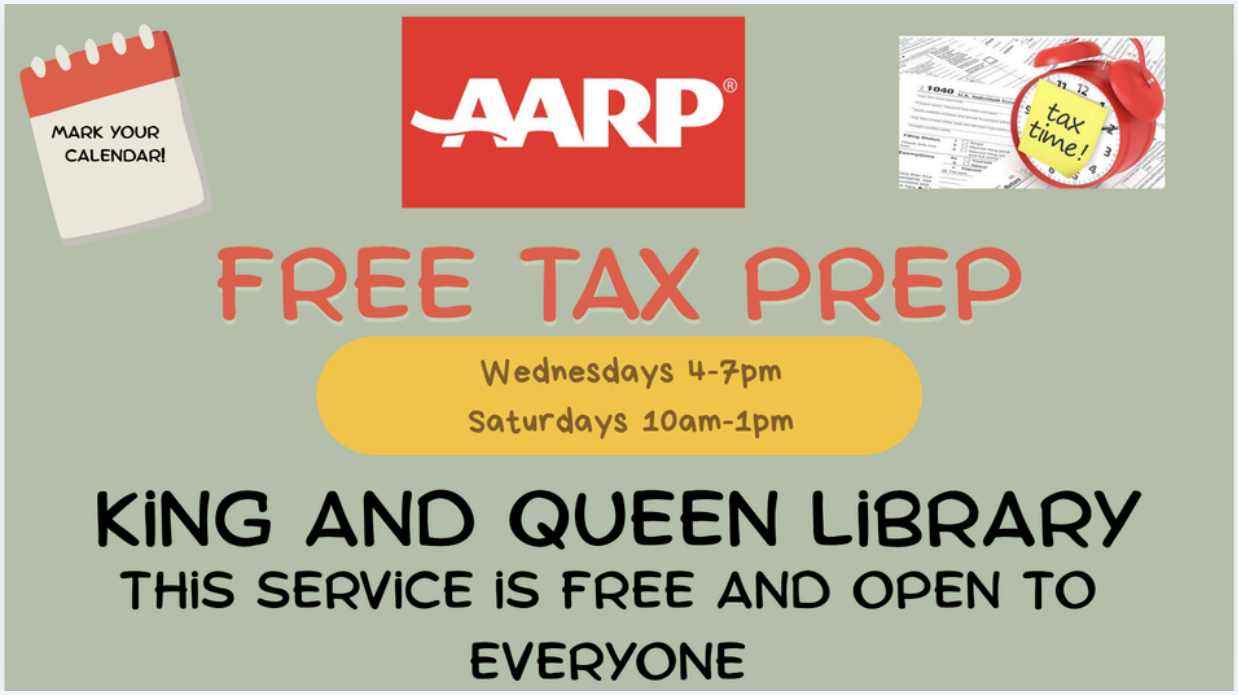
Date/Time/Location of Event

Description/Purpose of Event

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

Mark your Calendar





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