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Summer Events return to Wrenn Miller Park

Summer is just around the corner and the Town's Park staff have a great lineup in store for everyone! This year, we will be featuring our summer concert series "Music in the Park" which will be on the first Friday of each month between April-October. Two dates are scheduled for dates that are not Fridays. Those are April 6 and August 6. The April 6 event is on a Saturday afternoon from 4-8pm to try to take advantage of some warmer afternoon temperatures. In addition, August 6 is a Tuesday evening event from 6-9pm which is our annual National Night Out event. The summer concert line up will feature the following bands:

- April 6 – Dante's Roadhouse – 4-8pm
- May 3 – The Finns – 6-10pm
- June 7 – JaxonJill – 6-10pm
- July 5 – Special Occasion Band – 6-10 pm
- August 6 – AM rOdeO (Jessica Mashburn & Evan Olsen) – 6-9pm
- September 6 - .U.B.U. Band – 6-10pm
- October 4 – The Plaids – 6-10pm



The events page on Facebook will highlight the food trucks, dessert offerings and beer vendors for each event.

Special points of interest:

- Apr 6 Music in the Park
- Apr 16 Town Council Meeting
- Apr 19 Town Hall closed
- Apr 27 Spring Littersweep
- May 3 Music in the Park
- May 21 Town Council Meeting
- May 27 Town Hall closed

The Jamestown Business Association is also planning a full slate of "Movies in the Park" events on the third Friday of each month (weather permitting) at Wrenn Miller Park. Stay tuned for more information, including a lineup of movies and events at the Town's Facebook page. A link to our events page is found below.

Ragsdale YMCA has also teamed up with the Town to provide FREE YOGA IN THE PARK on Wednesday evenings again this year beginning in April and continuing through August. Details are in process, but watch for event postings on Facebook and banners at the park announcing Free Yoga events.



Check our Facebook page at <https://tinyurl.com/y5tf8g62> to see all of the upcoming events!



RECYCLING
WILL BE
PICKED UP
EVERY
MONDAY
DURING
2019!

HELLO FROM THE CLERK’S CORNER

Hello Jamestown,

Spring is finally here! Everything is beautiful and blooming. It’s always easier to appreciate the outdoors after being cooped up inside all winter. It isn’t difficult to become too comfortable and to take the environment for granted.



One of the ways that the world recognizes the vast array of benefits that nature provides us is by celebrating Arbor Day. It’s a holiday that was first observed in Nebraska in 1872. Arbor Day celebrates the

role of trees in our life and it also promotes tree planting and care.



The Town of Jamestown planted four trees in honor of Arbor Day on March 29th. They were planted at the Town of Jamestown entrance sign on Yorkleigh Lane. Micah Marston, the Town Council High School Representative, helped organize volunteers to assist with Arbor Day. He reached out to the members of the Key Club at Ragsdale High School, and they were happy to help!

Arbor Day reminds us how valuable nature really is to our society. Trees clean our air, help reduce the effects of climate change, provide us with oxygen, clean our drinking water, and so much more. They also aren’t too bad to look at. Please try to take a moment to appreciate the world around you the next time you step outside!

Katie McBride, CMC
Town Clerk

JAMESTOWN PARK GOLF COURSE



Jamestown Park Golf Course is currently accepting new members into the Men’s and Ladies Golf Associations. Take advantage of special golf rates, tournament play, weekday groups and much more! USGA handicaps are included with memberships. Visit our NEW website at www.jamestownparkgolf.com

Looking for a location to host your next family gathering, birthday party, anniversary, or any special occasion? Our facility is the perfect place. Inquire about daytime or evening rentals under the “clubhouse” tab at www.jamestownparkgolf.com

Upcoming events:

- April 5 Mizuno Demo Day (3pm-7pm)
- April 13 JGA Masters pro am
- April 26 Private outing 9 am shot gun

- May 5 Covenant Church 2:30
- May 11 Guilford football 2:00 shotgun
- May 16 ZMI 2:00 shotgun
- May 17 Private outing 9:00am shotgun
- May 18 Jamestown Civitan am shotgun

PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD



The Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will begin their semi-annual fire hydrant testing on April 1st and will continue this operation throughout the month, finishing by April 30th. All hydrants in the Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will be tested to ensure that they are operating properly and are able to produce the required water pressure when needed. This testing also includes all hydrants in the Town of Jamestown.

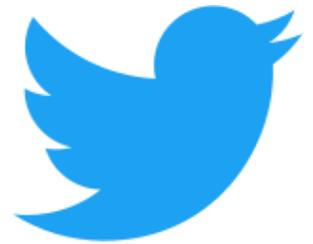


Because this testing must be done during normal operating hours, it will be impossible to know in advance just when or where the testing will take place in any specific area. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes.

This testing ensures the protection of citizens and is also an evaluation indicator used by the NC Response Rating System, which evaluates the fire district according to the protection they offer.

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Jamestown Website has a new Look www.jamestown-nc.gov



The Town’s website has a new look! The previous website was designed in 2006 and, other than content, had not been updated since then. The Town Council approved in the 2018-2019 budget the funds for a complete makeover by dbcNext, the company that also did the upgrade for the Jamestown Park Golf Course website. The new website, in addition to being visually appealing, is very streamlined. The calendar on the front page will keep citizens aware of upcoming events. The “I want to...” tab is a quick link to the most common items that people come to the website to see. We encourage you to check us out at www.jamestown-nc.gov.

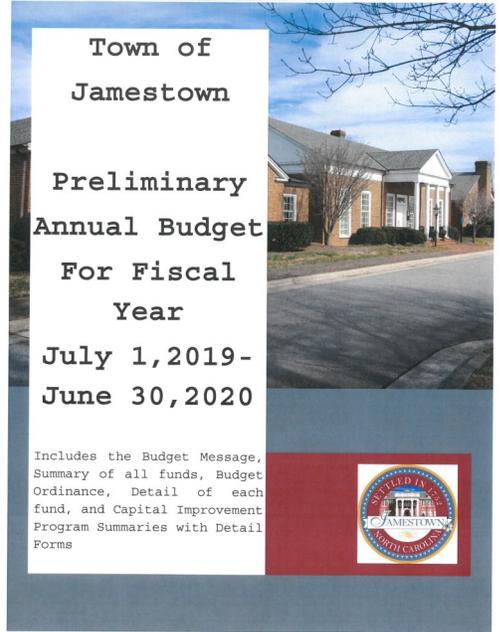
2019-2020 BUDGET CALENDAR

- Feb
Begin Process
- March 2
Budget Workshop
- April 16
Budget
Presentation
- May 21
Public Hearing
- June 18
Adoption of Budget

City and Town governments in the state of North Carolina must by law run a fiscal year from July 1 through June 30. Town staff begin the budget process for the next fiscal year in February. The Town Finance Director, Judy Gallman, begins by meeting with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and department heads to discuss preliminary budget items and the Capital Improvement Program. This part of the process gathers information to form a projected amount of money that will be needed to cover the expenditures for the coming year. The staff carefully considers how to spend tax dollars to provide services for Town residents.

On March 2, the Town Council met with the Town staff to review a rough draft of the Budget. The overall budget and proposed projects were discussed and staff was given direction to complete the preliminary budget.

At the Council Meeting on April 16, staff will present the preliminary budget and Capital Improvement Program to the Town Council. Next during the May 21 Town Council Meeting there will be a Public Hearing on the Budget. At this time, citizens can speak to the Town Council regarding the Budget. Finally, at the June 18 Town Council Meeting the Council will vote on the adoption of the Budget. The public is not only invited, but encouraged to attend each of these meetings.



Local Government Finance— The General Fund

This will be the first of several newsletter articles which will try to explain how local government finances work and are accounted for. The Town of Jamestown has begun its budget process for the upcoming fiscal year from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Hopefully, these articles will help you to understand how the budget and accounting systems for local governments work. Today I will explain fund accounting, which is the method that all cities, towns, and counties must use. Local governments are required by State Statutes to use this method. There are quite a few different kinds of funds that are used by local governments. A fund is a separate accounting entity that has assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures, and equity (the accumulation of revenues minus expenditures). The Town of Jamestown has the following fund types: General Fund (which every government will have), Capital Reserve Funds, Enterprise Funds, and Capital Project Funds. Each fund must have a balanced budget. Today, I will also talk about the General Fund, as this accounts for most general government revenues (such as Property Tax) and also the expenditures which go to pay for most of the services that the Town provides, such as police and fire protection, sanitation, etc.

GENERAL FUND

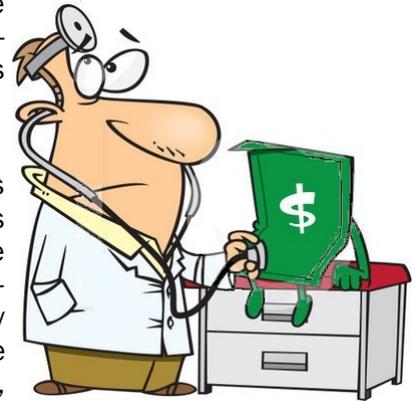
The Town of Jamestown has the following types of revenues which are found in the General Fund: property taxes (which includes tax on land and buildings, as well as vehicles and other personal property such as boats, trailers, etc.); distributions of state collected taxes, such as sales tax on purchases, sales tax on electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications; grants received from the federal or state governments; distributions from sales of alcohol beverages; fees from planning services, garbage collection and recycling; fees for recreation rentals or services; investment earnings; and other miscellaneous revenues. The Town of Jamestown also includes golf course fees (green fees, cart rentals, etc.) in its General Fund.

Expenditures are separated in the General Fund by department. The budget is adopted each year by department, and each department must stay within its budget – meaning that it can't spend more than is budgeted. There may be some amendments to the budget during the year, and they are approved by Town Council. The Town of Jamestown includes the following departments: Governing Body (Town Council), Administration, Planning, Building & Grounds, Public Safety – fire and police, Public Services – sanitation and streets maintenance, and Recreation, Golf Course maintenance and Golf Shop. The types of expenditures in each department include salaries and employee benefits, supplies, contractual services, capital outlay, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

As of June 30, 2018, the last fiscal year-end for the Town, in the General Fund there was approximately \$3,740,000 in cash and investments. A common misconception is that all the cash that the government holds can be spent. However, this is not true; the State body that oversees all the cities, towns, and counties in North Carolina (the Local Government Commission) requires each government to maintain a certain amount of reserves that cannot be spent on regular operations of the government. In the General Fund, the reserves are called Fund Balance. The Fund Balance is accumulated for cash-flow purposes, emergency funds, and saving for anticipated capital expenditures. Each local government calculates, at the end of each fiscal year, how much of its Fund Balance can be legally spent in the next fiscal year. As of June 30, 2018, this amount of General Fund Balance for Jamestown amounted to approximately \$3,000,000.

In future articles, I will address two other types of funds – the Capital Project Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund, and also explain how local governments plan and save for future capital expenditures by use of a Capital Improvement Program. I will explain what an enterprise fund is (such as the Town's water and sewer fund) and how it operates a little differently from the General Fund.

There is also a budget calendar presented in this newsletter. There will be presentations of preliminary and recommended budgets, as well as the Capital Improvement Program, over the next several months at the regular Town Council meetings. We hope to have a good turnout of Jamestown citizens at these meetings.



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Walking with History!

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Sheriff's Department (non-emergency)

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**Call 336.454.1138
for an appointment
with the Mayor**

Upcoming Events

Apr 6	4:00pm	Music in the Park
Apr 16	6:30pm	Town Council Meeting
Apr 19		Town Hall closed for Good Friday
Apr 27	9:00am	Spring Littersweep
May 3	6:00pm	Music in the Park
May 6	6:00pm	Parks & Recreation Committee
May 13	6:30pm	Planning Board
May 21	6:30pm	Town Council Meeting
May 27		Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day

Check the "[Calendar of Events](#)" section of the website for updates

Recycling Update



Now that we are using the recycling containers, please remember some of the recent changes. Only recyclable material should be placed in the container. **Please do not use plastic bags as the plastic bags contaminate the recycling stream.** North Davidson Garbage Service (NDGS) will not empty recycling containers that have plastic bags in them. We are also seeing some unacceptable materials in the recycling containers. No garbage or food waste should be placed in the recycling container – they will not empty that material either. We still have flyers regarding the recycling program at Town Hall and the same information is available on the Town's webpage.

As a reminder, large boxes or large pieces of cardboard that will not easily fit in the recycling container can be stacked and placed next to the container. Please only leave such large pieces out when rain is not threatening. NDGS may not be able to collect and recycle the cardboard if it gets wet.

As always, thank you for recycling, and feel free to contact us with any questions at 336.454.1138 or Paul Blanchard at pblanchard@jamestown-nc.gov.

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