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## Want Input on future projects in Jamestown?

Plan to attend the Capital Improvement Program meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chambers at Town Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Town Council Meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

With the plans, desires and dreams that we all have for our community, it is especially important to prioritize our capital projects as we are going to have stiff competition for the future allocation of limited public resources. Without this critical financial planning document, attempting to satisfy needs identified through the development of various Town plans and programs is likely to overwhelm the Town and its capabilities. In addition, without the development of proper planning tools that recognize and prioritize public needs/desires, the Town stands to thwart the energy and enthusiasm of the public. If that enthusiasm is thwarted, we shall lose our most valuable asset in the accomplishment of our goals – public support and involvement.

The Capital Improvement Program is a tool that allows us to assess needs, together with resources, and to make more systematic decisions regarding the emphasis that the community will place on particular goals and objectives. The program is not a be all and end all of community planning, but it certainly is a key element in providing community focus and direction.

Town Hall is located at 301 East Main Street

Council Chambers entrance is located on the western side of Town Hall (Guilford Road Side)

## **Special points of interest:**

- Feb 18 CIP Citizen Input Meeting
- Feb 18 Town Council Meeting
- Mar 8 Rabies Clinic
- Mar 9 Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar 18 Town Council Meeting

#### **COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

December 17, 2013
Regular Meeting Summary

- 1. Minutes from the November 19, 2013 meeting approved
- 2. Resolution Honoring the Retirement of Paul E. Craft Click here for Resolution
- 3. Continuance of Public Hearing to consider a Master Signage Plan for the Forestdale Shopping Center
- 4. Discussion of Utility Right-a-Way Maintenance Ordinance
- 5. January 18, 2014 Public Hearing date approved to consider amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance
- 6. Considered and approved Budget Amendment
- 7. Received Analysis of Financial Position of the Town of Jamestown
- 8. Resolution Honoring Council Member William T. Walls Click here for Resolution
- 9. Mayor and Council take Oath of Office
- 10. Council Member Brock Thomas appointed Mayor Pro Temp

The Town Council regularly meets the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 301 East Main Street – unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at 6:30 pm. There is a meeting scheduled for 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm for citizens to speak to the Town Council regarding projects they would like to see included in the Town of Jamestown Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Please join us in the Council Chambers for this important meeting. View Minutes of Past Meeting Here

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## Curbside Recycling Program Update

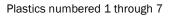
We are approaching the one year anniversary of the Curbside Recycling Program. The program has been running smoothly for the most part. During the first couple of months we had some missed streets, some non-recyclable materials placed at the curb, and some confusion about what day recycling picks up. We feel that these issues are behind us now, but two other issues are worth mentioning. The program picks up on every Monday except: if Christmas Eve or Day fall on a Monday or due to inclement weather affecting worker safety. We will inform everyone when one of those events occurs. In either situation, recycling should be picked up the next day. Thus, around all other holiday events, recycling will be picked up on Mondays.

We have seen some trends regarding recycling. The town places about 4.5 tons of recyclable material at the street each week. We have seen a reduction of waste of about 6 tons per month. I would like to report the amount of increased recycling material produced in Jamestown, but our recycling center was used by residents and non-residents. Thus, one could only speculate how much material came from residents in the old program. And one final trend, we see less material on weeks with a holiday, and more material on the week following a holiday.

Aerosol cans (empty)

Soft drink/water bottles/milk jugs/butter tubs

The materials that can be recycled include:



Oil bottles (empty and dry)

Buckets, milk crates Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and aluminum pie tins

Steel cans and their lids
Glass lars

Wine/Beer Bottles

**Glass Containers** 

Dry newspapers and inserts

Brown paper bags Telephone books
Plastic furniture Plastic trays

Plastic flower pots (clean)

All of the above materials should be clean, empty, and dry and placed in clear garbage bags. When items that are not recyclable are left at the curb, the workers will leave all or part of the bag at the curb. That material will be picked up on the next garbage collection day. Town staff will try to communicate why bags are left by the recycler.

Junk Mail

Some items are not recyclable, such as:

Aerosol cans with an orange warning label

Mirrors, window glass

Vases, bowls, Pyrex dishes

Light bulbs

Plastic shipping wrap

Styrofoam and shipping "peanuts"

Pain

Wrapping paper, tissue paper

Food

Dirt

Large toys

Electronics, appliances

We appreciate our residents participating in the recycling program and making it a success. We challenge our residents to see if we can recycle more, which will increase our average tonnage picked up each week AND it should reduce our waste tonnage. We pay a flat fee for recycling, so this would not cost more. We pay for garbage disposal by the ton, so a reduction in tonnage yields a reduction in cost. Thank you for your participation!



RECYCLING
WILL BE
PICKED UP
EVERY
MONDAY
DURING 2014!

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## JAMESTOWN PARK GOLF COURSE

Spring Session of First Tee classes start at Jamestown Monday March 24. Player Jamestown Monday March 24. Player Jamestown Monday March 26 pm and Birdie level classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning March 26th also at 4:30 – 6 pm.



First Tee spring session will run for 8 weeks and end May 12 and 14th respectively. Please visit First Tee of the Triad for more details. Jamestown Park and The First Tee of the Triad as always welcome volunteer coaches!

Jamestown Park is open for booking outings and shelters for the new year. The golf outing calendar is filling up quickly with many returning events already booked for the New Year. The annual Marylene Griffin Memorial- Jamestown Civitans event is once again scheduled for May 17,2014. Please contact the golf shop at 336-454-4912 if you would like to inquire about shelter rentals or booking a golf outing.

Michael Hutcheon





Triad >

tournaments at

Jamestown Park

454-4912

## FINANCE NEWS - UTILITY BILLS

If you have had trouble receiving your Utility Bill in the mail or you travel frequently for business or pleasure, you may be interested in e-bill. This service is free, but you must request it online. Click <a href="here">here</a> for complete instructions on signing up for e-bill.

The Town also offers many options for payment of Utility Bills. Bills can be paid online or via phone (1-855-768-4818) with no additional charge by debit card, Visa or Mastercard. Bank draft is also free and assures there will never be a late fee added. You may also pay through your personal online banking. Please be aware that some banks still mail paper checks so allow at least 5 business days to be sure we receive it on time. The old fashioned ways still work as well. Payments may be mailed, put through the drop slot or you may come in to our office. Cash and checks are free but there is a 3% fee to pay by debit or credit in the office. We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express in the office.

# Employee Highlight—Drew Thomas Assistant Park Superintendent

Jamestown Park maintenance has been operating short-handed since July of last year. In January a new Assistant Park Superintendent was hired and he came all the way from Onarga, Illinois by way of South Carolina to join our staff! Drew Thomas began working at a golf course while he was in high school and felt like he could make a career out of it. He graduated from Iroquois West High School and Southern Illinois University with a degree in Plant and Soil Science.

After graduating, Drew moved to South Carolina for his first job at Hilton Head. There he met his wife to be while she was in school in Savannah. She's a North Carolina girl and since the birth of their son,

they wanted to move close to her parents in Sophia.

Drew met John Crowe, Parks Superintendent through the pro at Holly Ridge Golf Course. When the Town began taking applications for the assistant

position, Drew applied. He began on January 6th. He really enjoys the camaraderie of the guys in the maintenance department. The way they take pride in their jobs has impressed him.

Drew's hobbies are duck hunting and fishing and playing with his two month old son.



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## **Planning for Capital Improvements for 2014-2016**

In June 2010, the Town of Jamestown completed its first Comprehensive Pedestrian Transportation Plan. The plan was the result of a grant obtained by Planning Department staff and it identified several projects which the Town should consider in order to help improve pedestrian transportation options. These included sidewalks, greenway trails, and street crossing improvements. The staff immediately began using this plan to seek additional grant funding to implement the suggested improvements. Over the past 4 years, citizens have seen many improvements to our pedestrian systems.



In late 2010 and early 2011, stamped and painted crosswalks were installed along with signalized pedestrian crosswalk heads to help improve visibility and safety. A majority of this work was completed using NCDOT funding sources.

In 2013, Town staff were successful in again obtaining funding from NCDOT to complete sections of new sidewalk. A concrete sidewalk was installed behind the entrance sign on Vickrey Chapel Rd. which connected existing sidewalk at the Ragsdale



Yorkleigh Lane. This is the first phase in a larger section of a sidewalk/greenway trail system which will connect with existing sidewalk near the Jamestown United Methodist Church, completing the connection between RHS and downtown. This trail will be known as the "Lydia Trail", as it will cross under the railroad at the old underpass, historically known as the home to the ghost of "Lydia", a local legend.



Additionally, a section of new brick paver sidewalk was installed near Perky's Bistro and Rob's Barber Shop. These sections act as a first phase for sidewalk which will eventually stretch down Oakdale Rd. to the Jamestown Oaks subdivision. The brick paver sidewalk transitions over to concrete near Bruce Dillon's Auto Shop and plans are currently in progress to continue the concrete sidewalk down Oakdale Rd. if funding becomes available in the future.

As a result of the 2010 Comprehensive Pedestrian Transportation Plan, Planning staff approached NCDOT requesting major funding for the completion of the "Lydia Trail", as well as a connection between existing sidewalk along East Fork Rd. and the Bicentennial Greenway. This section will require the installation of a



pedestrian bridge over City Lake near the existing roadway bridge. Town staff realized that it would be cost-prohibitive for the Town to singularly bear the burdens of constructing such improvements and requested assistance from the NCDOT.

The Town has received word that it is eligible for approximately \$1,870,000 to complete these two projects. Planning has already begun to ensure that we will be able to complete these projects given the budget available. As with any grant project, there is considerable amounts of paperwork, planning, engineering, and other considerations that must be addressed before construction begins. However, it is the

hope of staff that these improvements will be completed by 2016.

We often hear that plans created in previous years only "gather dust on our shelves". However, it is evident that all of the Town's staff have been busy seeking alternative funding sources which will make the planned improvements a reality at minimal cost to citizens. It is our hope that these improvements will be an asset to our community and improve the safety of our pedestrians.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Matthew Johnson at Town Hall at 336-454-1138 or by email at mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov.



## Please remember to be safe when heating your home during



There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

#### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Weep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- ))) Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- 3)3 Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- ))) Test smoke alarms monthly.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.

#### FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December**, **January**, and **February**.

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Fire Department (336) 454-3473

Sheriff's Department (nonemergency) (336)845-6691

> Mayor's Office Hours Monday prior to Council Meeting 3-5pm

## **Upcoming Events**

Feb 18 5:30pm CIP Citizen Input Meeting

Feb 18 6:30pm Town Council Meeting

Mar 8 9:00am Rabies Clinic at Town Hall

Mar 9 2:00am Daylight Savings Begins!

Mar 18 6:30pm Town Council Meeting

Check the "Calendar of Events" section of the website for updates

## HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER

## **Rabies Clinic**



Please join us at the Town Hall on Saturday March 8th, 2014 from 9:00 am till noon. Guilford County Animal Control will be conducting a Rabies Clinic. The cost is only \$5.00. The Town hosted our first Rabies Clinic last year in partnership with the Girl Scout Troop 40333 Pet Fair. The public participation was so great that the Town decided to host the clinic again this year. This is a great opportunity to have your pet vaccinated. The Town Hall is conveniently located at 301 E. Main Street with easy access. Please mark your calendar to attend this Rabies Clinic to ensure your pet is properly vaccinated.



A side note regarding pets; the Town of Jamestown received a Community Conservation Assistance Grant from the Guilford Soil & Water Conservation

District. This grant was used to purchase a Pet Waste Receptacle for Jamestown Park. The Pet Waste Station is identical to the one located at Wrenn Miller Park. If you and your pet are at Jamestown Park – check it out.



Arbor Day 2013

Please also mark your calendar for this year's Arbor Day Celebration. The date is March 21, 2014. The Ragsdale High School H.O.P.E. Club will once again join us. The location of the tree planting and event has yet to be determined, so watch the Town website for details coming soon.

I hope all our citizens and pets are keeping warm and safe. Let's keep thinking thoughts of sunshine and spring.

If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact me.

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336.454.1138 or after hours at 336.454.1218
We're here to help and may save you a plumbing bill!