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Loose Leaf Pickup Ends February 23

During the fall and winter seasons, the Town of Jamestown's Public Services staff offer loose leaf pickup from the curb without the need for bagging.



Fun Facts:

- We have completed over **17 complete rounds** of loose leaf pickup since we began the season on Oct. 24th.
- Each round takes approximately **3-4 weeks** to complete, based on the volume of leaves at the curb.
- We have picked up approximately **450 tons** of leaves to date.
- Our leaves are **recycled**. We deliver the leaves to an agricultural property which turns them into compost for agricultural applications.
- Removing leaves helps to **prevent leaves from blocking storm drains** and prevents decaying leaves from entering lakes and streams.

It is important to remember that for our machinery to pick up your loose leaves that you do the following:

- Keep leaves free of sticks and twigs which can damage our equipment.
- Do not block piles of leaves with cars or place them piles in difficult to reach areas.
- Do not place garbage bags or other debris on top of leaf piles.

The loose leaf pickup program ends on February 23, 2018. However, to be sure that our crews will have time to pick up your leaves, please have them to the curb **no later than February 9, 2018**. After February 23rd, leaves must be bagged in clear bags for our sanitation crews to pick up during their normal yard waste pickup days.

Should you have further questions, please call Town Hall at 336-454-1138 or refer to our website at: <http://jamestown-nc.us/downloads/public%20services/Leaf%20Schedule%202017-18.pdf>.

Special points of interest:

- Feb 5 Parks & Recreation
- Feb 20 Town Council Meeting
- Loose Leaf Collection Ends
- Mar 20 Town Council Meeting
- Mar 30 Town Hall Closed

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RECYCLING WILL BE PICKED UP EVERY MONDAY DURING 2018!

PARK PARTNERS

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HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER

Hello Jamestown,

For this month's article, I wanted to take an opportunity to thank those that serve on our Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees. The Planning Board and Parks & Rec Committee Members are volunteers that dedicate their time and energy in order to serve the Town of Jamestown. They all spend a lot of time listening to the concerns of their fellow citizens and gathering information about issues from staff. The Members strive to make the best decisions they can for the Town and their community.

The Town of Jamestown could not operate without volunteers. It is vital that we have citizen engagement in order to do our jobs as Town staff. We are very fortunate to have people that are passionate about their Town serving on our Committees.

We are also always accepting applications from anyone that lives in Town that wants to serve! We encourage everyone that would like to get involved to apply. It's a great opportunity to make a difference in your community. The applications for the Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees can be found on our website.



We are currently seeking to fill two vacancies on the Committees. We're looking for a Planning Board Alternate and an ETJ Planning Board Alternate. The Planning Board Alternate would be asked to fill in for a full-time Planning Board Member if they could not attend a meeting. They are able to vote on any decision the Planning Board faces while filling in during a Member's absence. Planning Board Alternates are required to live within the corporate limits of Jamestown.

The ETJ Planning Board Alternate is similar. They would be required to vote on decisions during meetings in which a full-time ETJ Member cannot attend. ETJ refers to the Town's "extraterritorial planning jurisdiction." ETJ Members do not live within the corporate limits of the Town, and vote on issues that are relevant to the ETJ.

The Planning Board meetings take place on the second Monday of every month that they have business to discuss. They are held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall at 6:30 pm. Please fill out an application online or come by Town Hall if you're interested! You could be just as excited about Town Hall meetings as Chris Traeger from Parks & Rec!

-Katie McBride
Town Clerk

Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department

Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District Inc. is proud to announce new Insurance Protection Class ratings.

North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal officials conduct routine inspections of all chartered fire districts, rural and municipal, in the state with populations less than 100,000. The ratings use a number system, one (1) through ten (10) with one(1) being the absolute best. We are currently a class 5 in the Pinecroft Sedgefield district and a class 4 in the Jamestown district.

This past September Pinecroft Sedgefield and Jamestown districts were inspected. The inspections evaluate many different components like available water supply, fire department equipment and testing, radio communications capabilities, departmental training, travel distances, staffing, and mutual aid from other agencies. Pinecroft Sedgefield is proud to announce that we have improved both of our district ratings. Effective in May of 2018 we will hold the ratings of class 3 in the Pinecroft Sedgefield district and a class 2 in the Jamestown district. These accomplishments put us among the top 20 fire departments in the state. Many years of preparation went into this and we appreciate the efforts and many hours of work of our staff and the town's staff to make this accomplishment possible.

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

The Jamestown parks and recreation staff has been pretty busy this winter despite the cold weather. We have had to cover our greens 3 separate times this winter for 27 days so far and it doesn't look like February will cut us any breaks. Normally, we cover our golf course greens when the night time temperatures dip below 25 degrees and the high for the day does not exceed 39 degrees for several days at a time. Our putting greens are an ultradwarf Bermuda grass that are typically shallow rooted, and the covers provide some insulation that will help them retain ground heat and moisture, and one of the biggest threats that this type of grass can suffer is winterkill or winter desiccation. This damage is possible when we have extreme cold and dry periods along with high winds that we have seen this past December and the beginning of January. There are different practices and tools that we use to help minimize the possible damage that can occur during the winter. Covers are one of the tools, along with wetting agents or surfactants that we spray on our greens to help our greens retain moisture. We will also periodically water our greens, and then monitor the moisture with a tool that measures the water volume content (VWC), and we want our VWC to be around the mid to low 20 percent mark. It is also important to feed the turf with a fertilizer that is high in potassium (K) during this time period. The potassium will help the plant regulate use of water and help store carbohydrates needed to endure stress from adverse conditions. Potassium will also help the plant break out of dormancy sooner and promote root growth and formations. A plant can use up a lot of energy and carbohydrates to green up during this transition, so that is why we must constantly replenish its food reserves. We also monitor soil temps in which we use meat thermometers and stick them in our greens under the covers to see how much warmer the soil is covered as compared to the outside temperatures. The lowest reading we had was 25 degrees and the air temps that day were in the single digits.



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The Jamestown parks and recreation staff has also had to remove some trees that caused shade issues on our greens and other areas during the late fall and winter. We are trying to provide more sunlight to areas of turf that has notoriously been troubled with algae and damage due to long periods of time in the shade. Algae has been one of the problems with our greens which can cause anaero-

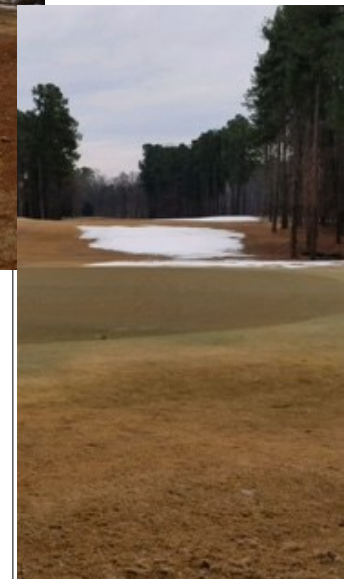


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bic conditions in our soil that will cause a thinning in turf density and vigor. This will eventually result in a poor quality stand of turf and sometimes death if nothing is done to help the current conditions. Unfortunately, this has been the coldest winter in 20+ years and we are concerned that we might see some damage in our fairways and rough like we did back in 2015.

On a lighter note, for homeowners with cool season and warm season lawns, look to put out your pre-emergent in late February or early March to protect your lawns from pesky summer weeds. Spring is just around the corner and we here at Jamestown Parks and Recreation cannot wait!!! Hopefully, Punxsutawney Phil will have some good news and we can get out and enjoy some nice weather sooner rather than later!!!

John Crowe
Park Superintendent



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for an appointment
with the Mayor**

Upcoming Events

- Feb 5 6:00pm Parks and Recreation Committee
- Feb 20 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- Feb 23 Loose Leaf Collection Ends (see front page)
- Mar 20 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- Mar 30 Town Hall Closed for Good Friday

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

Recycling Contract Update



The Town will be renegotiating or re-bidding its recycling collection program in the upcoming months. This has been discussed at the last two Town Council meetings. Our current recycling contract with North Davidson Garbage Services (NDGS) ends on February 28, 2018. The Town and NDGS have agreed to extend the current contract in the interim. Town Council has requested Town Manager, Kenny Cole, to look into options for our recycling program.

The reason NDGS wishes to cease collection under the current contract is the problems plastic bags cause to their recycling equipment and the man-hours required for maintenance. NDGS is compensated for collecting the recycling, which in turn becomes their property once it is in their truck. NDGS spends a significant amount of time sorting the material, and this is where the bags become tangled in their conveyor system. Thus, this increases their maintenance efforts and costs. Ultimately, NDGS takes the sorted material and markets it to be recycled. The recycling market is very competitive, and many of the "recyclable" materials have little to no market value. Those materials take up considerable space, and it takes time while they are being marketed.

The underlying issue is not recycling collection, the issue is we need a vendor that will process the material with the additional bags from our system. It is not as simple as taking the material to another municipality or private material recycling facility. When the current contract was bid, only NDGS submitted a bid to pick up our recycling in bags.

In conclusion, we are looking into our recycling options, and the Town Manager will present findings to the Town Council in the near future. North Davidson Garbage Services has done a great job providing recycling services the past 5 years, so we expect a high level of service with the recycling program going forward.