Yard Waste Collection Resumes
Regular Standards on June 5

Relaxed rules from Ice Storm Debris collections Ends

The Public Services Department is concluding debris pickup from the March 6-7, 2014 Ice Storm. The storm qualified as a Federal Disaster by FEMA. We will stop debris pickup from the ice storm on Thursday, June 5, 2014. Thus, when we resume yard waste pickup on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, we will be enforcing our normal rules. We had to establish the end of the ice storm debris clean up - it is the deadline after which we will not receive any reimbursement from FEMA.

Shortly after the ice storm we relaxed our rules about yard waste pickup. This was done to speed up the recovery and provide the citizens with an easier method to dispose of the material. The Town used its heavy equipment, rental equipment, staff from all departments and positions, and a subcontractor to collect over 800 tons of debris from the event. We collect about 450 tons in a normal year. The downside of this work is we had to delay certain functions which we are now beginning to catch up on. This is why we need to return to our normal policies. Some of the key rules that need to be followed include:

- Material must be cut to 6 feet in length or less.
- Material should not weigh more than 50 pounds.
- We do not pick up yard waste that has been cut, mowed, or otherwise generated by the work of contractors. Contractors hired to cut trees and shrubs, trim trees and shrubs, mow yards, etc. are responsible for hauling off the material they generate. The Town will not pick up this material. We will inform the property owner/resident of the site when we become aware of this situation. If necessary, we will follow up with enforcement actions as allowed by Town policies.
- We do not pick up loose leaves EXCEPT during the loose leaf collection season. These dates are posted each year as we approach the season, but it is generally from the end of October through mid-February. Our loose leaf collection program is very easy to participate in - we collect loose leaves continuously during the three month plus season. We cannot extend the season as staff is committed to other duties after the season and our equipment is being serviced. Please bag any leaves you want picked up until loose leaf season begins.
- We have returned to the usual yard waste collection route. We are not able to make a complete cycle around Town each week due to the amount of debris being placed at the curb. We should soon be able to reach every neighborhood each week as the amount of storm debris at the curb decreases. We sincerely apologize that we cannot run the entire route each week.

We appreciate the work our citizens have performed in cutting, dragging, and stacking their material at the road. We also appreciate your patience as we have worked through this disaster. We look forward to several months of moderate weather for everyone to enjoy and every tree to recover.
2014/2015 Proposed Budget

Town Staff is pleased to present the Draft Budget for Fiscal Year 2014/15, beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 for your consideration. The Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the North Carolina Local Government Fiscal Control Act as required by NC General Statute Chapter 159-11. The budget document represents balanced revenues and expenditures. Achieving a balanced budget continues to remain a challenge as infrastructure needs increase and available sources of funding decrease or become scarce.

The Draft Budget:

- Includes a 1¢ tax increase
- Includes a 3% water and sewer rate fee increase
- Maintains current levels of service to the citizens
- Maintains current levels of benefits for employees
- Maintains current staffing levels for all departments
- Includes COLA and merit raise increases for employees
- Contains funding to purchase a new garbage truck via installment financing
- Contains funding for water & sewer extensions to Grandover Shopping Center area
- Contains funding and financing for a new Public Services Maintenance facility
- Contains funding and financing for renovation of the golf course clubhouse and a new community center
- The proposed FY 2014/15 total revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses of all funds represent a 5.90 % increase compared to the FY 2013/14 budget.

All revenues which comprise the General Fund have been forecasted in a conservative manner. Staff has reviewed the projections for state-collected revenues published every year by the North Carolina League of Municipalities, varied data collected by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, current economic trends for Central North Carolina, current nationwide economic trends and historical financial data from the Town.

Click here to view the complete detail of the proposed budget message.

Summary

The 2014/15 budget may be summarized as the year of vital improvements to aging facilities and an expansion of Jamestown utilities. Now through next budget year we can move forward with a growing momentum to construct new infrastructure to serve Jamestown citizens well into the latter part of this century.

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Chuck Smith, Town Manager
Sanitation work is one of the nasty jobs that has to be done. Yet Chris Pierce enjoys his work riding the back of the truck. Chris has been an official Town employee since January of 2013. For a while before coming on as a full time employee, Chris did the same job for the Town through a staffing agency.

Chris is from the area having graduated from Ledford High School. He has worked at Blackbusters and also as a photographer at Olan Mills.

Duties for sanitation workers are riding the garbage truck on Tuesdays and Fridays, picking up brush and yard waste on Wednesdays and Thursdays and helping with snow removal in the winter. The hot weather on the back of the truck is Chris’ least favorite part of the job. He doesn’t mind the cold in winter. Finding “cool stuff” while on the route is his favorite part of the job.

Jamestown is fortunate to have a really great sanitation crew. They are hard workers and friendly. Chris really enjoys his fellow sanitation workers, driver Sonny Sams and fellow laborer Chris Lineback. The public Service guys refer to them as the Chrises and he is “crispy”.

Chris and his wife have recently purchased a home in High Point. The house comes equipped with a swing, a slide and a dog house which thrills his little girl. In his spare time, Chris enjoys movies, video games, reading and the Green Bay Packers.
Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department wants you to be safe this summer. Watch the kids and NEVER swim alone.

**Circle of Drowning Prevention**
Layers of protection are essential to help prevent drowning. Plan ahead for aquatic activities:

- Always swim in a lifeguarded area.
- Provide close and constant attention to children you are supervising in or near water.
- Fence pools and spas with adequate barriers, including four-sided fencing.
- Children, inexperienced swimmers, and boaters should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets.
- Learn swimming and water-safety survival skills.

**Chain of Drowning Survival**
A person who is drowning has the greatest chance of survival if these steps are followed:

- Recognize the signs of someone in trouble and shout for help.
- Rescue and remove the person from the water (without putting yourself in danger).
- Call emergency medical services (EMS).
- Begin rescue breathing and CPR.
- Use an AED if available and transfer care to advanced life support.

*American Red Cross*
A MILLION THANKS PROJECT

The Town of Jamestown recently wrapped up the Million Thanks Project. This project consisted of writing Thank You cards & letters to our military personnel. The final tally was 300 cards & letters. Thank you to those that took the time to write to our military troops. I am sure these cards & letters will bring a smile to the soldiers that receive them.

Thanks to all that participated,

Martha S. Wolfe, CMC
Town Clerk

TREE REPLACEMENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Do you want to help replace trees in Jamestown’s beautiful parks while honoring a loved one?

The ice storm of March 6th and 7th of this year was very damaging to trees at Jamestown and Wrenn Miller Parks. Town staff intends to replace trees removed in most areas of Wrenn Miller Park and in the Jamestown Park recreation and entrance areas.

What you can do...

By purchasing a commemorative tree you will help restore the natural beauty of our parks while honoring a loved one, family, civic club, or business. Town staff will work with you in selecting the tree replacement location at either park. The species of trees planted will be determined by planting location, tree species compatibility, and the Town’s master park plan. Commemorative plaques will be placed on or near the plantings to preserve plant health. Costs range from $200 to $300 each depending on species and include a plaque.

When will the tree replacement process begin?

Depending on the hardiness of the tree species, replacement may begin as early as August, however, most trees will be planted in September and October of this year.

Don’t wait, order now...

There are very desirable locations available in Wrenn Miller Park along the winding sidewalks and near the amphitheater and shelter. A few trees will be replaced along the trail at the Jamestown Park main entrance. These very visible locations will most likely be highly sought after, so contact Chuck Smith today to place your order for your commemorative tree.
Council Meeting Highlights

April 15, 2014
Regular Meeting Summary

1. Minutes from the March 18, 2014 Regular and Closed Session meeting approved.
2. Public Hearing resulted in Council approval of an amendment to the Ordinance Prohibiting Concealed Weapons on Municipal Properties – Click here for amended Ordinance
3. Public Hearing resulted in Council approval of an amendment to the Ordinance Related to the Collection of Solid Wastes – Click here for amended Ordinance
4. The Council received a state of the housing market annual report from the High Point Realtors Association.
5. The Council approved the Uniform Parks Rules & Regulation for the Wrenn Miller Park and the Jamestown Park – Click here for approved Parks Rules & Regulations
6. A Public Hearing was set for May 20, 2014 to consider renaming a section of Ragsdale Road to Dillon Road.
7. A Public Hearing was set for May 20, 2014 to consider a rezoning request from Industrial to Commercial/Main Street Transitional for the property located at 207 Oakdale Road.
8. Council approved a Resolution of Designation of Applicant’s Agent Authorized to apply for FEMA Assistance – Click here for Resolution
9. The Mayor presented a Proclamation designating National Public Works Week to Paul Blanchard, Public Services Director – Click here for Proclamation
10. The Mayor presented a Proclamation designating Municipal Clerks Week to Martha Wolfe, Town Clerk – Click here for Proclamation
11. Council approved a budget amendment.
13. Council held a closed session per G. S. 143-318.11 (a)

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April 22, 2014
Special Budget Workshop Meeting Summary

The Council held a workshop to discuss the Town of Jamestown preliminary budget for fiscal year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. The workshop was held at the Clubhouse located at Jamestown Park & Golf Course. This meeting was a workshop only therefore, no action was taken.

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May 20, 2014
Regular Meeting Summary

1. Minutes from April 15, 2014 regular and closed session and April 22, 2014 special budget workshop meetings approved.
2. Public Hearing resulted in approval of a rezoning request from Industrial to Commercial/Main Street Transitional the property located at 207 Oakdale Road.
3. Public Hearing resulted in approval of a Resolution Renaming a Section of Dil-
This year's Jamestown Park Junior Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, July 7th. Entry forms will be available shortly. In addition to the Junior Tournament, Jamestown Park will once again offer our Junior summer program with unlimited play (space available as well as some restricted times) and range balls available to Juniors from June 1 to August 31. The cost of the summer Junior plan is $175.

The 7th Annual Ronnie Smith Foundation golf tournament is scheduled for June 7th with registration available through the Foundation website.

Also upcoming:

Jamestown Park Blue Bird Open 2 Man event June 14th
Men's JGA Club Championship June 21st and 22nd

Michael Hutcheon
Upcoming Events

- **June 2** 6:30pm Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
- **June 9** 6:30pm Planning Board Meeting
- **June 17** 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- **July 4** Town Hall closed for Independence Day
- **July 15** 6:30pm Town Council Meeting

Check the “Calendar of Events” section of the website for updates.

First Memorial Day Parade

DON’T FORGET—The ASK THE MAYOR column. If you have a question for the Mayor Keith Volz, you may call at (336) 454-1138, fax it in at (336) 886-3504 or email the Mayor directly at kvolz@jamestown-nc.gov.

Also, Mayor Volz is in the office at Town Hall on the Monday prior to the Town Council Meeting each month from 3pm-5pm. No appointment is necessary.