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## 2017-2018 Budget Time

The Town Council will be voting at the June 20th meeting on the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. It is important for citizens to be involved in and aware of the budget process. The Town staff has worked hard to prepare the budget that will allow staff to provide the best services for our residents for the upcoming year.

Counties (and therefore the municipalities in those counties) must conduct reappraisals (revaluations) of real property at least every eight years. When a reappraisal occurs, the tax base for that county and its municipalities changes because real property values are put back to market value. When the tax base changes, that local government would experience a change in revenue if its tax rate were to remain unchanged for the new fiscal year. The revenue-neutral tax rate is intended to show the tax rate that would keep the local government's revenue neutral (keep it the same) given its new tax base. If the tax base increases due to the reappraisal, the revenue-neutral tax rate will be less than the current tax rate. Guilford County did a revaluation this year. Since Jamestown's overall tax base increased due to the revaluation, the revenue-neutral rate (\$.4334/\$100 value) is lower than the current tax rate (\$.455/\$100 value). To some degree, the revenue-neutral rate is based upon estimations of the tax base because appeals of assessments will not be resolved at the time the rate is published. Successful taxpayer appeals will lower the revaluation year tax base further.

We are proposing a tax rate of \$.468 per \$100 of valuation. This rate maintains the \$.455 from 2016-2017 and includes \$.013 increase for the Pineroft Sedgefield Fire District (PSFD) contract. This contract is calculated by multiplying the total Town property valuation times the PSFD tax rate. Thus it is essentially a pass-thru from citizens to the PSFD. If the tax rate is not raised, the Town will still be mandated by this contract to increase our payment to Pineroft Sedgefield by the \$.013. Pineroft proposes to add 12 firefighter positions with this increase. We are not proposing any increase in water or sewer rates for the 2017/18 budget; rates would remain the same as current rates. We have projected revenues on a very conservative basis. Fund balance is proposed to be used for some capital projects, but in so doing fund balance remains in compliance with the adopted fund balance policy. COLA and merit raises are included for employees. We do not anticipate any reductions in services. There are no new capital project ordinance funds being proposed; all proposed capital items are included in the regular annual budget.

**Special points of interest:**

- June 3 Craft & Yard Sale
- June 12 Planning Board Meeting
- June 20 Town Council Meeting
- July 4 Town Hall Closed
- July 10 Planning Board Meeting
- July 18 Town Council Meeting

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**JAMESTOWN CRAFT & YARD SALE**  
**JUNE 3, 2017**  
**7AM UNTIL 1PM**  
**WRENN MILLER PARK**

# HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



RECYCLING  
WILL BE  
PICKED UP  
EVERY  
MONDAY  
DURING 2017  
(EXCEPT  
DEC 25)!



Hello, Jamestown!

Some of you may have seen me in the newspaper or at some of the Town's meetings. My name is Katie McBride and I have been working for the Town since the end of February. I started as the Deputy Town Clerk and had the opportunity to train with a wonderful and very experienced Clerk, Martha Wolfe. I trained with Martha for two months and she did her best to teach me as much as possible in a small amount of time. She retired in late April and I have been serving as the Town Clerk ever since. I have really been enjoying my time in Jamestown. The Town Staff are great and all of the citizens have been very kind and welcoming towards me.

I attended Appalachian State University before receiving my job here in Jamestown. I arrived at App State in August 2010 after I graduated from South Caldwell High School in Granite Falls, North Carolina. I majored in Political Science with a concentration in American Politics and had minors in Psychology and Sociology. I received my undergraduate degree in May of 2014 and decided to take a brief hiatus from school. I worked in the human services field for a little while before deciding to go back to ASU to earn my Master of Public Administration degree. I graduated with my MPA last December. I had lived in Boone for six years and leaving was bittersweet for me, but I was ready for something new.



I applied to several jobs after I graduated, but I was most hopeful about Jamestown. I was extremely impressed with how beautiful the Town was after my first interview. I loved that the Town was small, but it still had so much character. I am blessed to have found such a great place to begin my career and am thankful to those that gave me the opportunity to work for this Town. I look forward to serving the citizens and the Town to the best of my ability.

Katie McBride  
Town Clerk

## Summer Reading Program Coming Soon!

Ages: Prek- 5th Grade

Begins: June 22 with  
Magic & Puppetry of Mark Daniel  
"Book Lovers Built Here"

Time: 10:00am  
When: Every Thursday

Reading logs available for  
PreK-Middle school for prizes!



JAMESTOWN  
Public Library



## What is Stormwater and How Do We Manage It?

With all of our recent rains, we have been keenly aware of stormwater in our community. Stormwater runoff is water from precipitation (rain, snow, etc.) that “runs off” across the land instead of seeping into the ground. This runoff does not enter the sewer system, but rather it is directed into the nearest stream, creek, river, or lake. The runoff is usually not treated to remove pollutants before it reaches these water bodies and it can carry pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers, oils, pet waste, sediment, grass clippings and leaves into areas we use for drinking water. Pollutants in the water are costly to clean up and can impact wildlife habitats as well as contaminate drinking water supplies.



The federal Clean Water Act requires large and medium sized towns across the United States to take steps to reduce stormwater runoff. The law requires Town staff to conduct outreach and education, provide opportunities for residents to be involved in reducing stormwater runoff, detect illicit discharges, control construction site runoff, control post-construction runoff, and perform municipal housekeeping (taking steps to prevent runoff from city buildings) activities. The law does not provide the Town any funding for these activities, which is why many municipalities have instituted stormwater fees which appear on their utility bills. Currently, the Town does not charge fees for stormwater management. However, stormwater utility fees could help the Town address stormwater infrastructure maintenance issues in the future.

In the meantime, you can help reduce stormwater runoff and pollution by instituting the following practices:

- 1) Maintain your vehicles. Leaking fluids can easily wash into streams and lakes following a rain storm.
- 2) Wash your vehicles on the grass to prevent soaps from entering storm drains near the curb.
- 3) Do not over fertilize or overuse pesticides on your lawn.
- 4) Mulch leaves and grass clippings or place them in bags. Avoid blowing leaves or clippings into storm drains and avoid placing them along the curb where they can enter storm drains. Clogged storm drains can also lead to flooding.
- 5) Turn gutter downspouts towards grassed or natural areas and away from hard surfaces to help slow down the amount of rain water running off of your property.
- 6) Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in the garbage.

### Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership



For additional information, please visit the Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership at <http://www.piedmontwaterquality.org/>. There you can find additional information on how to prevent stormwater runoff, view videos, and even find great activities for kids with “Lenny the Lifeguard”. Lenny is the official mascot of the Piedmont Triad Water Quality Partnership and he even visits Jamestown during community events! For questions, please call Town Hall at 336-454-1138.

## PARK PARTNERS

Call Kenny Cole at 336-454-1138 or visit Jamestown’s website at [www.Jamestown-nc.gov](http://www.Jamestown-nc.gov) for more information on how to become a Park Partner.



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## Have an old mattress you want to dispose of?

At this point over 15 to 20 million mattresses are disposed of annually and far too many of them end up in landfills or even just on sidewalks since not all have enough knowledge and understanding on what to do with an old mattress. Tuck Sleep will repurpose old mattresses. Contact Tuck Sleep at <https://www.tuck.com/mattress-disposal/> to have old mattresses picked up and recycled.





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**Walking with History!**

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Water and Sewer Emergency

(336) 454-1218

Jamestown Park

(336) 454-4912

Fire Department

(336) 454-3473

Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) (336)641-6691

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

Upcoming Events

- June 3 7:00am Craft & Yard Sale at Wrenn Miller Park
- June 12 6:30pm Planning Board Meeting
- June 20 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- July 4 Town Hall Closed for Independence Day
- July 10 6:30pm Planning Board Meeting
- July 18 6:30pm Town Council Meeting

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

**Welcome to our new Town Manager Kenny Cole!**

**Kenny started work on May 24th. He is in the office Monday through Friday 8:30—5:00. Stop by and introduce yourself!**



**JAMESTOWN PARK GOLF**

Summer is beginning and there is no better way to enjoy it than a round of golf. You can call the Pro Shop at 336.454.4912 or book a tee time online at <http://www.jamestownparkgolf.com/>. Look for a new and updated website soon as well.



If you wish to subscribe or to submit your community event email  
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