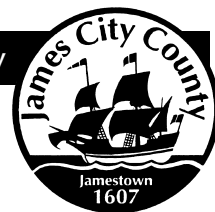


# fyi for your information

A report to the citizens of James City County



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## ▼ inside this issue...

*Welcome New Businesses.*

## ▼ cable upgrades

James City County's Government Channel is still on Channel 36 in most areas of the County. However, County cable subscribers with upgraded cable service can now find the Government Channel on County Channel 48.

## did you know...

...many County business transactions can be completed at the County's Satellite Services Office in Toano? Primary services include the payment or collection of: County vehicle decals, Personal Property/Real Estate Tax, Dog Tags, Convenience Center coupons, Building Permits, Park & Recreation registrations, JCSA/HRUBS water/sewer, Voter Registration, Before & After School registrations, Historical Commission book sales, After Hours Drop Box, and general County information. The office is located in Toano, at 3127 Forge Road, next to the James City Bruton Volunteer Fire Station. Visit the office Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 566.0363.

## wal-mart grand opening

The \$50 million Wal-Mart Import Distribution Center opened this fall in the Skiffe's Creek area of the County. Company employees, State



*At the November 17 Wal-Mart Grand Opening (left to right): Ron Nervitt, County Board of Supervisors Chair; Tony Kral, Wal-Mart Import Distribution Center; Mark Kilduff, Virginia Economic Development Partnership Executive Director; Gil Bartlett, Industrial Development Authority Chair; and Sandy Wanner, JCC Administrator.*

representatives, and local guests participated in the grand opening event in November, which included welcoming remarks, entertainment, and tours of the one-million square foot facility. Wal-Mart announced plans in April to hire up to 400 employees within a 30-month period. It presently employs 230 and has already prepared

the facility site to double the building size. Look for **Wal-Mart Opening** on the County's government channel in late December (see cable upgrades).

## winter weather watch

If severe weather should cause delayed openings or force County offices to close, any changes in regular business hours will be broadcast over the County's local government channel (see cable upgrades) and the following radio and television stations: WKOC - FM 93.7; WXEZ - FM 94; WGH - FM 97.3; WWDE - FM 101.3; WNVZ - FM 104; WTAR - AM 850; WTKR - Channel 3, CBS; WAVY - Channel 10, NBC; and WVEC - Channel 13, ABC.

## winter preparedness

Are you and your family prepared for the winter months ahead? Call the County's Emergency Hotline Number — 875.2424 — periodically for helpful tips on preparing for any storm. Be sure to call the Hotline during severe weather conditions for the latest information on County business operations.

## ▼ pre-budget public hearing

County departments and agencies are preparing to submit their budget for the next fiscal year - FY2002 (July 2001-June 2002.) Attend the Board of Supervisors regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 7 p.m and tell us what issues are important to you. The hearing will be held at the County Government Complex, 101 Mounts Bay Road, in the Building C boardroom. Board meetings are also televised live on the County's government channel (see cable upgrades).

## ▼ county closings

James City County Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

### **Christmas - December 25 and 26.**

*James County Transit services and both the James City/Williamsburg and the James River Community Centers will be closed.*

### **New Year's Day - January 1, 2001.**

*Transit services and both Community Centers are also closed.*

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Jan. 15.**

*Both Community Centers will be open.*

## ▼ county calendar

### december

- 4 \*JCC Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 253.6685.
- 19 \*JCC Board of Supervisors meeting, 7 p.m. 253.6609.

### happy new year! january 2001

- 8 \*JCC Planning Commission, 7 p.m. 253.6685.
- 15 **2001 Vehicle Decals available.** Personal Property taxes must be paid by December 29 to receive the free decal by mail. Must be displayed on vehicle by February 15, 2001. For decals or more information, call 253.6705.
- 31 **2001 Dog Tags deadline.** Must have an original valid rabies certificate for each dog. Certificate must not expire before June 30, 2001. For prices and more information, call 253.6705.

*\*Board of Supervisor and Planning Commission meetings are held at the County Office Complex, 101 Mounts Bay Road, in the Building C Board Room. Meetings are televised live on the County government channel (see cable upgrades).*

# bikeway & trail moves forward



James City County is on the fast track, having received priority emphasis from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) in the Capital-to-Capital Bikeway and Trail project. VDOT received grant funds to design a facility linking Virginia's colonial and modern capitals along the Route 5 Corridor. To begin the design process, VDOT hosted a meeting in October with community representatives and interested citizens. As a result of that meeting, VDOT is examining two alternatives—one along Greensprings Road and the other behind Jamestown High School—in terms of environmental, scenic, maintenance, and cost impact. VDOT is planning to meet with the community this winter to review the results of their analysis, and to reach consensus on the design. For more information, call VDOT at (804) 371.6749.

## timbering

Do you live in an area protected by County ordinances? Before timbering, property owners should be aware of County ordinances which are designed to preserve the appearance of the community. The ordinances regulate timbering and require that a tree buffer be preserved along certain public roads. For more information, call County Planning at 253.6685 or the Virginia Division of Forestry at 253.4695.

## holiday help

**Food Safety:** The County Extension Office reminds us to bake safe this holiday season. For questions on meat and poultry, call the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Food Safety and Inspection Service M-F, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; 1(800)535.4555.

**Recycling:** Recycle your Christmas tree by removing the ornaments and stand, and taking it to one of the County's Convenience Center where it will be turned into mulch. Mulch is free to County residents at the Jolly Pond Road Convenience Center. Metallic holiday wrapping paper, gift boxes, and wrapping tubes are also recyclable. Flatten, fold, and store with other recyclables. For more information, call 565.4000.

**Parks/Recreation:** *Winter Water Land - Toys For Tots!* December 16, 4 p.m.-6 p.m., James City/Williamsburg Community Center (JCWCC), 5301 Longhill Road. Bring a new or gently used present for admission and have your picture taken with Santa Lifeguard, enjoy the Snowflake Inner Tube races, the Snowman building contests and more. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. 259.4174.

*Holiday Break Program*, December 26 - December 29 for youth grades K-5. Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School. Field trips, New Year's Eve pizza party, crafts and games. Registration required. \$ Fee. 259.3223.

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# welcome new businesses

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(757) 253.6607

www.jccecondev.com

## ▼ water management training

The James City Service Authority (JCSA) is offering free training on a variety of water-saving techniques to owners and managers of local hotels, motels, apartment complexes, timeshares, and other multi-family facilities. The multi-family unit workshop will be held on January 22, and the Hotel/Motel on January 23, at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center. Participants can choose between the 9 a.m. to noon or the 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. session on each day. The program is also supported by the City of Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the Williamsburg Hotel & Motel Association. To register call 253.6859.

*Look for the next  
Welcome New Businesses  
supplement in the  
June 2001 issue of FYI!*

## ▼ free business guides

Are you considering starting your own venture? There's a free booklet available, "Starting A Business," compiled by County departments that customarily deal with various business matters. The booklet contains useful tips and answers to common business questions, as well as points of contact for more information. A sample business plan and a list of business resources at the local, regional, State and national level are also included. To get a copy, visit or call the Office of Economic Development, located at the County Complex, 101 Mounts Bay Road in Building C, 253.6607 or the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office, Building B, 253.6698. The booklet is also available at the libraries and online through the County's web site at [www.james-city.va.us](http://www.james-city.va.us), under Economic Development.

## new business arrivals

*James City welcomes the following new businesses to the County.* The businesses listed recently received their new business license and completed a survey card offered with the license.

- **Bobbie's Detail** ..... 565.6373  
1 Dena Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
Boat Cleaning and Detailing
- **Brown's Brick Masonry** ..... 565.0158  
5891 Centerville Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Masonry
- **Capital Resource Management, LLC** ..... 564.2275  
291 McLaws Circle, Suite 2, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185-5649  
Private Equity Investments
- **Carol Peake Interiors** ..... 258.3886  
294 Littleton Quarter, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Interior Design and Consulting
- **Chamberlain and Associates, LLC** ..... 258.1240  
264-D McLaws Circle, No. 128, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Internet Newsletter Publishing
- **Cindy's Classic Cuts** ..... 566.9756  
7864 Richmond Road, Toano, Virginia 23168  
Hair Salon
- **Cornelisse Vending** ..... 564.8608  
250 Nina Lane, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
Vending Snacks and Drinks
- **Computer Solutions of Williamsburg** ..... 876.2427  
4485 Village Park Drive West, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Computer Training, Repair, and Web Sites
- **ElderCare Resources** ..... 253.0188  
P.O. Box 2541, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187  
Care Management, Companionship, and Adult Care Homes
- **Emerald DJs** ..... 566-1035  
7308 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168  
Mobile Disc Jockey
- **Expressions By Suzanne** ..... 221.0413  
684 Fairfax Way, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Custom Invitations, Announcements, and Stationary
- **Fisher Fiberglass Repair and Detailing** ..... 564.6115  
3304 Chestnut Hill Court, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Fiberglass Repair, Gelcoat Damage, and Boat Detailing
- **Graphicz 4U** ..... 888.2680  
8999 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
History of First Names

## ▼ free business counseling

Two excellent sources of business counseling are available to citizens: The Senior Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). SCORE can be accessed through the Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce by calling 229.6511. Its primary members are those who have retired from management and professional careers and now volunteer one-on-one to help residents with business questions and issues. The SBDC has a local office, located with the Thomas Nelson Community College Historic Triangle administration office at Busch Corporate Center, which you can reach by calling 253.4322. They provide free counseling on many topics, including business planning, marketing finance, technology transfer, and exporting. The Center also sponsors a "lunch and learn" series of speakers in cooperation with the Chamber. The Center is part of a State-wide system funded by the Federal Small Business Administration, the Virginia Department of Business Assistance, and local jurisdictions.

## ▼ need more help?

The Williamsburg/James City County Regional Library System offers hundreds of business books; dozens of business videotapes, audiotapes, and magazines; and a variety of online business databases. Reference librarians can research and answer inquiries, teach patrons how to use business reference materials, and get specialized materials from other libraries and agencies.

### Library Reference Services Internet

[www.wrl.org](http://www.wrl.org)

#### Williamsburg Regional Library

515 Scotland Street

Phone: 229. 7645

#### James City County Regional Library

7770 Croaker Road

Phone: 259.7720

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- **Hamer Trading, Inc.** ..... 565.4800  
1309 Jamestown Road, Suite 204, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Commodities Trading Advisor
- **Harrington House of Williamsburg** ..... 565.2939  
3309 Isle of Wight Court, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Hand-Dipped Chocolates and Other Confections
- **H20 to Go** ..... 566.1883  
Toano Business Center, 8105 Richmond Road, No. 205, Williamsburg, Virginia 23168  
Pure Water and Accessories
- **Images In Art, LLC** ..... not listed  
3121 N. Riverside Drive, Lanexa, Virginia 23089  
Signs, Murals, Graphics
- **I. P. O.** ..... 229.6312  
264-D McLaws Circle, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Interior Painting Contractor
- **infralogix** ..... 229.2965  
4925 Centerville Road, Suite A, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
Engineering Services
- **Impression Obsession, Inc.** ..... 259.0905  
108 Ingram Road, Unit 11, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188  
Rubber Stamp Manufacturing
- **Julia's Cleaning Service** ..... (804) 829.5582  
16101 Tomahund Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Janitorial/Maid Service
- **Lenny's Powerwashing and Sealing** ..... 566.1231  
126 Racefield Drive, Toano, Virginia 23168  
Home and Deck Cleaning Service
- **McKibben Marketing Company** ..... 869.5601  
2119 Lake Powell Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Marketing Consultants and Web Design
- **Moorefield Landscaping** ..... 566.0046  
8860 Hicks Island Road, Lanexa, Virginia 23089  
Landscaping, Construction Cleanup
- **NAMCO of Virginia** ..... 887.8600  
8961 Pocahontas Trail/Building 237, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Carpet Cleaning Service and Sales
- **Protection By Design, Inc.** ..... 258.1285  
309-F McLaws Circle, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23185  
Security/Home Theatre/Sound Systems
- **S. A. Seaman Concrete Construction, Inc.** ..... 887.3800  
1584 Manufacture Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Concrete Construction
- **Scientific Consulting** ..... 221.2552  
4951 Burnley Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Concrete Construction
- **Sign-A-Rama** ..... 258.2688  
5251-60 John Tyler Highway, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Sign Design and Manufacturing
- **Sparkling Clean** ..... 887.2858  
1682 Skiffe's Boulevard, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Exterior Home Cleaning Service
- **T and M Photography** ..... 564.4556  
1786 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Photography, Custom Framing and Matting, Photo Restorations
- **W. M. Heckstall, Inc.** ..... (252) 338.6414  
P.O. Box 64, Elizabeth City, NC 27909  
Concrete Contractor
- **Usborne Books** ..... 565.5970  
23 Bromley Drive, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
Independent Book Consultant for Youth 4 Months to 18 Years

## ▼ neighborhoods update: celebrating 100!

The Office of Neighborhood Connections and Drummond's Field celebrated a milestone in September, as that community became the County's 100th "Connected Neighborhood." The Neighborhood Connections program began in August 1994 and continues as a County sponsored partnership with citizens to facilitate neighborhood-based activities.

## ▼ community partnership meeting

James River Elementary School and Neighborhood Connections hosted a Grove School/Community Partnership meeting, held at the school in September. In addition to area residents and children, various agencies also attended. Following an opening presentation, participants broke into small groups to discuss three questions affecting the children—what is working well at James River, what needs to be improved, and how can the Grove community provide more support. As a result of the meeting, a steering committee has been formed to review the results of the group discussions, and to establish small task teams to begin work on the issues raised.

## ▼ state neighborhood conference

More than 200 citizens from across Virginia attended the Neighborhoods Conference in Richmond in October. The conference was sponsored by James City County and the cities of Richmond, Roanoke, Hampton and Norfolk. Conference highlights included a youth track and workshops on leadership, codes enforcement, environmental and highway projects, and police/community law enforcement. County citizens and staff led presentations on our local Block Buddies and Time Dollar programs. Look for details of next year's conference in spring 2001.

## neighborhood network meeting

Forty-seven citizens representing 24 neighborhoods attended this year's Neighborhood Network Meeting, held in October at Lafayette High School. The meeting — hosted by James City County's Office of Neighborhood Connections — provided citizens an opportunity to network and explore common interest issues. Five breakout sessions allowed participants to discuss in depth homeowner associations, roads and transportation, public safety, erosion, stormwater management, and water. County staff, representatives from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (VDOT), and other experts served as panelists to answer citizen questions. In addition, participants suggested improvements that could help resolve the issues. All comments have been forwarded to the appropriate staff members for review. The next meeting is set for March 12, 2001. For details, call Neighborhoods at 229.7630.



*Standing, Community Outreach Coordinator Renee Dallman facilitates the meeting while VDOT Resident Engineer Jim Brewer answers citizen questions.*

## burnt ordinary children's day

The Burnt Ordinary Neighborhood Association (BONA) recently organized, with residents attending a five-week Leadership class and electing new officers. The new officers organized a Children's Day in October to celebrate and dedicate new playground equipment. Seventy-five people enjoyed food, games, speakers, health screenings, McGruff, the Bookmobile and the JCC Fire Department equipment demonstrations.



*Children from the Burnt Ordinary community cut the ribbon to mark the dedication of their new playground equipment.*

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Communications and Neighborhood Connections  
5248 Olde Towne Road, Suite 11  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23188-1923

## ▼ fyi distribution

Copies of *FYI* are available at all government buildings, the Williamsburg Regional Library, or by mail. To get on the mailing list, call Communications and Neighborhood Connections at 229.7630.

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## ▼virginianeighbors.com

A new neighborhood resource is on the web, it's VirginiaNeighbors.com. The web site is a new source of information for area Realtors, neighborhoods, and homeowner associations. Local communities can develop their own web pages for posting neighborhood newsletters, announcements and meeting notices. Each neighborhood is responsible for updating their pages. In turn, the County uses the site to enhance communication efforts by providing government information about special events and links to services that affect local neighborhoods. The new site is supported by Neighborhood Connections, Berkeley Realty Property Management, Inc., and the Williamsburg Regional Library. If your neighborhood would like to participate, call Neighborhoods at 229.7630; email [bwatson@james-city.va.us](mailto:bwatson@james-city.va.us); or visit [VirginiaNeighbors.com](http://VirginiaNeighbors.com).

## James City County

### General Information:

(757) 253.6600

### Emergency Hotline Number:

(757) 875.2424

### Web Site:

[www.james-city.va.us](http://www.james-city.va.us)

## neighborhood college

Sign up for Neighborhood College—ten free training sessions that offer citizens a chance to meet their neighbors and learn the tools and skills needed to actively participate in their homeowner or neighborhood associations. Classes meet on Mondays, January through April, at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhoods Office. The first class is set for January 22, Neighborhood Connections Office (5248 Olde Towne Road, Suite 11), 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Class topics include Meeting Leadership and Roles, Group Decision-Making, Building Relationships with neighbors, Neighborhood Publicity (newsletters, flyers, signs, directories), Communication with local government and community agencies, and Organizing Neighborhood Events. For information, call Neighborhoods at 229.7630.

## burton woods harvest fest

The Burton Woods community recently celebrated their 3rd Annual Harvest Fest at Charlie's Garden.

*Pictured (left to right):  
James City County 4-H  
Extension Agent, Ellen  
Powell; Master Gardener  
Lois Polifka; and  
neighborhood resident  
Monica Streat, silver  
dollar winner for faithful  
service to the garden.*

