



A report to the citizens of James City County



for your information

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What's new on the web?

Get your FYI by email

Fill in our easy to use subscriber form on the County web site (www.james-city.va.us) to receive "FYI," Business News, Emergency Weather Notifications, and Parks and Recreation Updates.

County web calendar keeps you informed

Our new internet calendar has the latest events, meetings, and activities with links to additional information. Just click on "Stay Informed" to find dates, times, and places. You may not need us 24/7, but we're here anyway! www.james-city.va.us

Community Center closed for maintenance

August 27 - September 2 - James City/Williamsburg Community Center will be closed for annual maintenance. The Customer Service Desk will be open for business Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. All passes will be honored at James River Community Center during this week.

County closings

September 3, Labor Day - County offices, Community Centers, and Transit will be closed. The Relax and Ride Visitors Shuttle will run.

Promoting the character of the community

Did you know that one cent of the real estate tax goes towards the County's Greenspace fund? This fund supports the goals set in the 1997 Comprehensive Plan:

- Enhance and preserve farm and forestal lands throughout the rural areas;
- Enhance and preserve the predominantly rural, wooded, and natural character;
- Enhance and preserve the integrity of the historic and unique areas, and;
- Improve the overall appearance of urban and rural environments.

What is the County doing to achieve these goals? In upcoming issues of "FYI," we'll explore what's being done to preserve the character of the County with particular attention to Purchase of Development Rights (PDRs) and our partnerships with local land conservancies. This series is being kicked off by a supplement in this issue detailing the progress for the County's Greenway Master Plan.

Be Water Smart

Attend free workshops and discover what it takes to become Water Smart! Learn from landscaping and building professionals Water Smart techniques for landscaping and irrigation. For more information, go to www.bewatersmart.org, or check out the Water Smart ads appearing in our local newspapers. To register, call 253-6859.



Date	Time	Place	Topic
Saturday, 8/25	9-11 a.m.	The Greener Side, 539 Second Street	Drip Irrigation for Turf
Saturday, 9/22	10-11 a.m.	Jack Massie Contractor, Inc., 3900 Cokes Lane, Toano	Landscaping with Stone

Visit James City County's first BayScape

Do you want a beautiful landscape that doesn't require a lot of watering? Check out the BayScape in front of the James City Service Authority (JCSA) 101-E Mounts Bay Road. This residential style landscape features 15 hardy, drought tolerant plants that thrive in our area.

Educational material on BayScaping is available in the JCSA lobby. The BayScape will be included in a feature with other demonstration BayScapes on the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's website at www.acb-online.org.



Upcoming Parks and Recreation events

• Teen Time (Grades 6-12)

Hang out with your friends for an evening of fun and activities. The facility will be open to teens only. Parent-signed registration form required for swimming.

8:30-11:30 p.m. \$1 per night.

James River Community Center

August 10 and 31

James City/Williamsburg Community Center

August 17 and 24

• Historic Triangle Senior Games

Wednesday, September 5, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Upper County Park, 180 Leisure Road, Toano. Awards - Food - Fun - Prizes! Live DJ, healthy barbecue, friendly competitions in swimming, basketball, badminton, croquet, and more!

• Haunted Forest

Saturday, October 27, 6-10 p.m., Upper County Park.

Are you prepared?

Hurricane season runs June through November. The County offers several sources of information to help you weather the storm:

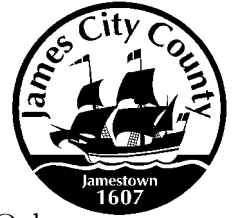
- Attend the Community Emergency Planning Fair on Saturday, August 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Toano Middle School.
- Call the County's emergency hot-line number, 875-2424.
- Log on to the County web site, www.james-city.va.us.

Transit tickets

Books of County Transit tickets can now be purchased at the Satellite Services Office, located in the EOC Building, 3127 Forge Road, Toano. A book of 10 is \$10 and a book of 25 is \$25. There is a 50 percent discount to senior citizens over 60 years of age. Proof of age is required.

An award winning County

The National Association of Counties has awarded James City County eight Achievement Awards. Two of the programs, Block Buddies: A Neighborhood Health Promoter Program and The Family Mediation Program, were designated "Best of Category." Only 15 programs nationally were designated "Best of Category." Other County initiatives receiving Achievement Awards include Women of the Future, the County Cable Information Message Board, the Campaign Learn to Swim, the Teen Tournament Program, the Park-to-Park bicycle tour, and the Electronic Form Filler. For more information about these programs, check out the County web site at www.james-city.va.us.



News from Economic Development...

Hallmark Enterprises, a regional wholesale auto parts distributor, announced it will build a 50,000-square foot facility on 12.6 acres in the James River Commerce Center. The company plans to invest \$2.8 million in its new facility. The Commerce Center, which is jointly owned by a subsidiary of Colonial Williamsburg and the County's Industrial Development Authority, is located in the Skiffe's Creek area and is in the James River Enterprise Zone.

Enjoy some old-fashioned family fun!

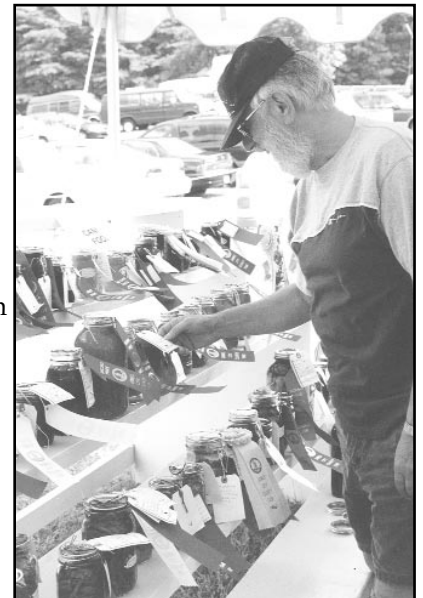
24th Annual James City County Fair

Friday, August 10, 4-10 p.m. and Saturday, August 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Upper County Park, Toano (off Hwy. 60W near I-64 Exit 227)

Food, live entertainment, amusement rides, local artisans and crafters, farm and home exhibits, raffles, educational and commercial exhibits, youth games and contests, and much more. Don't miss the fireworks on Friday night at 9:30!

For a free ride to the fairgrounds, hop aboard a JCC Transit bus in the Toano Middle School parking lot, 7817 Richmond Road. Parking at either location is \$1.00. For information, call 566-1367.



Election redistricting

For up-to-date information about the recent changes in redistricting and polling places, check out the County's web site www.james-city.va.us or call the Voter Registrar's office at 253-6870.



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The Mews featured on the web

The Mews is the featured neighborhood on www.VirginiaNeighbors.com, a web site created especially for neighborhoods, homeowner associations, and realtors. The Mews, one of 48 local neighborhoods on the site, uses their free web pages to display neighborhood amenities and post newsletters and announcements. If your neighborhood wants to be listed, visit www.VirginiaNeighbors.com and follow the directions to post information. Your neighborhood might be the next one featured! Need more information? Call Neighborhood Connections at 229-7630.

Upcoming conferences

State Neighborhoods Conference: Neighborhoods for the 21st Century-September 21-22, Holiday Inn Tanglewood, Roanoke. For more information, call Vicki Sprigg 259-3122.

Bringing the Community

Together: Knowledge, Relationships, and Leadership for the 21st Century Conference-Saturday, September 29, 8 am-3 p.m., James Blair Middle School. Free. For registration information, call 229-7630.

Do you have any plans for the fall?

Get into the back-to-school spirit and sign up for one (or all!) of the following citizen training opportunities. They are open to all James City County residents and are offered free of charge.

Citizens' Fire Academy

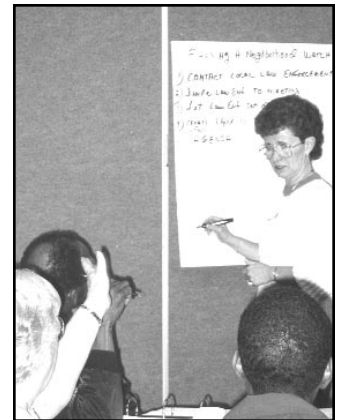
When: Mondays with exception of the first class, September 5 - November 5, 7 p.m.

Where: Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the Fire Training Center.

Topics: Participants will learn about the Department's mission, how the "jaws of life" work, how to fight a fire, CPR, and more.

Application or RSVP required?: Yes. Class size limited to 15 participants.

For more information: Call Greg Johnson at 565-2678.



Citizens' Police Academy

When: Wednesdays, September 19 - December 5, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Law Enforcement Center.

Topics: Learn about the department structure, how it functions, different aspects of law enforcement, firearm safety, and have the opportunity to "ride along" with a police officer.

Application or RSVP required?: Yes.

For more information: Call the Police Department at 253-1800.

Citizen Leadership Academy

When: Tuesdays, September 4 - December 4, 6:30-9 p.m.

Where: Human Services Center.

Topics: The Citizen Leadership Academy is a blending of two programs previously offered: Neighborhood College and the Leadership Development Program. Participants will learn about leadership, neighborhood and organizational planning, communicating with government and community officials, the legal side of homeowner associations, and more. Graduates of Neighborhood College and the Leadership Development Program are encouraged to attend.

Application or RSVP required?: Yes.

For more information: Call the Neighborhood Connections Office at 229-7630.

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National Night Out

Mark your calendars. National Night Out 2001 is August 7. Join neighborhoods across the nation in celebrating this crime prevention event by hosting activities in your neighborhood such as a block party, a parade, a flashlight walk, a cookout, or a visit by County police officers. For more information, call Lt. Cheryl Hinderer at 253-1800.

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