

## Neighborhood calendar

### February

- 3 New Citizen's Orientation, James City/Williamsburg Community Center (JCWCC), 5301 Longhill Road, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Free.
- 15 Community Associations Day Conference and Expo, Richmond Centre, 400 E. Marshall Street, Richmond, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Free. Participate in educational sessions on a variety of topics including preventive maintenance, communication technology, reserve funds, and lake management and stormwater detention facilities.
- 15 virginianeighbors.com Training, Williamsburg Area Association of Realtors Training Room, 5000 New Point Road, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Pre-registration required. Free.
- 24 Neighborhood Conference Focus Groups, JC/WCC, 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Free.

### March

- 10 ABC Training, Ford's Colony Swim and Tennis Club, 302 St. Andrews Drive, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Pre-registration required, \$35. Training provides information on the creation, legal foundation, organization, and financial structure of mandated homeowner associations.
- 12 Neighborhood Network Meeting, Jamestown High School, 3751 John Tyler Highway, 7 p.m.- 9 p.m. Free.

For more information on any listings, call Neighborhood Connections at 229-7630, or email [bwatson@james-city.va.us](mailto:bwatson@james-city.va.us)

## Block buddies graduate



2000 Block Buddies Graduates l-r: Walter Taylor, Dorothy Taylor, Windy McIlvain, Tina Carter, Ernestine Davenport, Shirley Hundley, and Flossie Banks.

Seven County citizens completed the 15-week Block Buddies Health Promotion Program in November, bringing the total number of Block Buddies graduates to 30 since the program's inception in 1998. The Program offers training in a host of topics including disease prevention,

immunizations, taking blood pressure readings, child development, CPR, and first aid. Graduates are asked to share their knowledge with neighbors, friends, and family members. For more information about the program, call Renee Dallman at 229-7630 or e-mail [reneed@james-city.va.us](mailto:reneed@james-city.va.us)

## Neighborhoods USA Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

The annual conference, set for May 23-26, is an opportunity to learn from neighborhood groups across the country. If enough citizens are interested in attending, the Neighborhood's Office may join other jurisdictions in chartering a bus to Pittsburgh. Neighborhood organizations that developed or implemented projects which improved their communities during the year 2000 are eligible to submit a nomination for the 2001 Neighborhood of the Year Award. For more information about the conference, call 229-7630 or visit the web site [www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/nusa](http://www.city.pittsburgh.pa.us/nusa)

## Award winning service



James City County Parks and Recreation has won four of the eight awards presented by the Virginia

Recreation and Parks Society. The awards were presented in December at the Society's Annual Conference in Hot Springs. The division competed with other jurisdictions with populations between 25,001 and 50,000.

## The Winners:

### Best New Program Award Learn To Swim

Developed through support of the County's Neighborhood Connections program, 160 residents representing 11 neighborhoods have graduated from the program since it began in 1999.



**Distinguished Volunteer Service Award - Dr. Robert Pinto** in recognition of his seven years of community involvement, personal commitment, and public service.

### Distinguished Private Sector Service Award - The Structures Group

Due to unprecedented growth of park and recreation facilities in the past six years, the Division has benefited greatly from the expertise, physical labor, and service provided by Mr. Matthews and his staff.

### Best Promotional Effort Award Little Creek Reservoir Circular

Noted as a successful and cost effective marketing piece alerting newcomers to nature sites at the park.

## Web site training

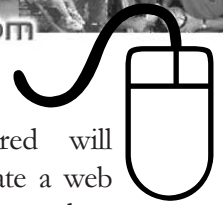
Learn how to connect with your neighbors - online!

Neighborhood Connections is offering training for representatives from connected neighborhoods who want to get the most out of the free neighborhood web pages--*VirginiaNeighbors.com*. The training is set for February 15, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Williamsburg Area Association of Realtors Training Room, 5000 New



Point Road.

Information covered will include how to create a web page with space for newsletters and meeting minutes. Pre-registration is required. Call or email Barbara Watson at 229-7630, [bwatson@james-city.va.us](mailto:bwatson@james-city.va.us) to register or receive more information.



## Conference planning begins

Are you interested in helping set the course for the next Neighborhood Conference? The Neighborhood

Conference Focus Group is meeting February 24, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the JCWCC. For more information, call or e-mail Barbara Watson 229-7630, [bwatson@james-city.va.us](mailto:bwatson@james-city.va.us)

## Neighborhood network meeting set for spring

Roads and transportation, schools and education, and drainage and stormwater management are some of the major issues for discussion at the next Neighborhood Network Meeting set for March 12, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Jamestown High School. The meeting is an opportunity for citizens to

network and explore common interest issues. Additional discussion topics will include greenspace and land preservation, erosion, and parks and recreation. Discussions will take place in five breakout sessions with County staff and public agency representatives serving as panelists. For details, call 229-7630.



## Newsletters available

Copies of the newsletter "*Our Common Grounds*" are now available. The newsletter was pro-

duced by Neighborhood Connections for anyone in mandatory homeowner's associations. They can be picked up at County government buildings or by calling 229-7630

## Water conservation

Forest Glen households may qualify to receive free indoor water conservation kits. The kits, which include one ultra low-flow toilet, a water-efficient showerhead, and two faucet aerators, are

available on a first come, first served basis to residents who have pre-registered to qualify. The program is a partnership between the James City Service Authority (JCSA) and the Forest Glen Neighborhood Association. Residents who receive a new toilet must return their old one for

recycling, and the Association earns money for every toilet returned.

The project, also supported by the Hampton Roads Water Efficiency Team (HRNET), is designed to help save water and money. Over the course of a year, customers will save between \$50 and \$75 on their water bills, and between 10,000 to 16,000 gallons of water. For more information, call the JCSA Water Conservation Coordinator at 253-6859.

