



A report to the citizens of James City County



for your information

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fire station dedicated

James City County's newest fire station was officially dedicated on May 22. Located at 3201 Monticello Avenue, station 5 is staffed around the clock by a 3 to 4 person crew, is equipped with a pumper fire truck and at least one Advanced Life Support qualified Emergency Medical Technician. This gives the station the status of being an Advanced Life Support Engine Company that responds to all Fire and Emergency Medical Service calls in its response district.



Sandy Wanner, John McGlennon, and Richard Miller

Areas served by Station 5 include Greensprings, First Colony, Governor's Land, Patriots Colony, Drummonds Field, Fernbrook, Fieldcrest, Powhatan Secondary, and the southern area of Ford's Colony. The addition of this fire station will reduce the response time for Fire and EMS units in this portion of the County.

The station has state of the art communications capabilities along with 100% emergency power back up and represents a one million dollar investment in the public safety of the community.

revenue maximization

A new program--Revenue Maximization--will soon be providing additional funding for human service needs in James City County. The program tracks expenditures of State and local tax dollars and claims Federal reimbursement through the State Department of Social Services. Annual reimbursements are expected to exceed \$100,000. The reimbursements must be used within the community for unmet human service needs. This program allows Social Services to provide additional services without additional tax dollars. The program can be expanded through collaborative partnership with other service providers. For more information, call 259-3162.

relax and ride rolls

James City County Transit's Visitors Shuttle, "Relax and Ride" began its 5th season Memorial Day weekend. The Shuttle runs seven days a week, picking up passengers every half hour between 9am - 10pm. An all day pass costs \$2.00. Persons aged 60 or over or who are disabled with a Medicare card are charged half fare or \$1.00 for an all day pass. Middle and high school students with a student I.D. from W/JCC Schools, or York County Schools ride free. There are thirty-one stops along the route which includes the Williamsburg Pottery, Prime Outlets, Merchant Square, the Transportation Center, Water Country USA, and Busch Gardens. You don't have to be a "visitor" to ride the shuttle, so hop aboard! The Shuttle runs through September 3. For more information, call the 24 hour information line at 259-4111.

from our readers

Beginning with this issue of FYI, we'll regularly feature questions received from our readers on County government issues plus provide answers from the appropriate County staff members. If you have a question for us, call Renee Dallman, 229-7630 or reneed@james-city.va.us

Q. I try to watch the live broadcast of Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings on the government channel. However, sometimes I do miss a meeting. Can the meetings be reshown on Channel 48 more often? It's important that citizens stay informed by watching all the debates, discussions and presentations made during our government meetings. - *Robert McNeil*

A. In response to your and several requests from our viewers, the rebroadcast schedule for the playback of televised County meetings has been expanded. The new schedule increases the playback of Board meetings from two playbacks to four, and Planning Commission meetings from one playback to three. Below is the revised schedule which took effect in May.

- *Veda McMullen, County Government Television Coordinator*

• new televised meetings rebroadcast schedule:

Board of Supervisors meetings are broadcast Live on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, and are reshown the next day at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. plus the following Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

Board Work Sessions are broadcast Live on the 4th Wednesday, and are reshown the next day at 8 a.m.

Planning Commission Meetings are broadcast Live on the 1st Monday, and are reshown the next day at 8 a.m. plus the following Friday at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

john deere receives captain john smith award

The eighth annual Celebration of Business was held May 18 at Jamestown Island. Representatives from the County's largest businesses attended the event hosted by the County Board of Supervisors, the Industrial Development Authority, and the County Office of Economic Development. John Deere, located in the Stonehouse Commerce Park, was honored with the 2001 Captain John Smith award which recognizes a significant new business initiative that benefits the community by adding to the tax base, creating improved employment opportunities, diversifying the local economy, or improving the quality of life for local citizens.



John McGlennon and Marty Schramm

matthews honored by parks and recreation



Michael Matthews was recently honored by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission for his outstanding commitment to the James City County Parks and Recreation Division. Matthews was appointed to the Advisory Commission by the Board of Supervisors in November 1992. He served as Advisory Commission Chairman from December 1997 to March 2001. During his tenure, Matthews volunteered countless hours providing leadership and improving park and recreation programs and facilities.

greenway master plan in progress

The County's Parks and Recreation and Planning staff are collaborating to develop the Greenway Master Plan to help protect critical open spaces and link historic, cultural, natural, scenic and recreational sites. Greenways are defined as linear open spaces designated for conservation, recreation, and/or alternative transportation use. This plan responds to citizen concerns reflected in the 1997 James City County Comprehensive Plan about the loss of green space and community aesthetics. Citizens are encouraged to become involved by calling Paul Tubach at 259-3209 or email ptubach2@james-city.va.us

june primary

June 12 Democratic Primary for Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.
Polls open, 6 am – 7 pm.

Polling places are the same as for the November 2000 Presidential Election.

For more information, contact the Registrar's Office, 253-6868.

Did YOU know?

street signs

For information on traffic related signs, call the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) at 253-4832; Watch for Children signs, call the County Development Management Office at 253-6670; Advertisement type signs, call the County Zoning Office at 253-6622.

For problems regarding damaged or missing VDOT approved, standard metal street signs, call the County Environmental Division at 253-6670. If the street has not been accepted by VDOT, call your developer. For problems regarding the wooden type signs, contact your developer or your Homeowner's Association.

streetlights

To request a streetlight, call the Environmental Division at 253-6670. For repair or replacement of lights, call Virginia Dominion Power at 1-888-667-3000.



neighborhood news

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new voter registration cards are coming!

Due to the recent redistricting, all James City County registered voters will receive a new voter card in August. Information on the cards will include: the local election district, polling place, and the Congressional, Senatorial and House Districts. Since many residents will be in a new district, it is very important to check your card to determine your polling place. If you have questions or do not receive a card, call 253-6868.

mark your calendar

James City County Fair

- **Friday, August 10, 4 – 10 pm**
 - **Saturday, August 11, 10 am – 5 pm**
- The Fair is an all volunteer effort for and by the citizens of James City and Williamsburg. To volunteer, call 566-1367.*

• **August 25, Neighborhood Emergency Planning Workshop.** *Learn how to plan and help your neighborhood sustain itself for 72 hours or more should a disaster strike our area. Time and location to be announced.*

thumbs up Neighborhood College Graduation

Neighborhood College Graduates l-r, first row: David Coffield (The Vineyards), Gwen Miller (Burnt Ordinary), Carol Ward (The Pointe at Jamestown), Rosalie Frey (Fieldcrest), Anthony D'



Alessandro (Mill Creek Landing), William Daigneault (Fernbrook), Ann Ianni (Brookside Haven), Sylvia Pressey (Ironbound Square). Second row- Shirley Hundley (Mooretown Road), JoAnn Christian (Burnt Ordinary), Nancy Swenson (Windy Hill), John McFee (Foxfield), Charles Frey (Fieldcrest), Robert McNeil (Heron Run), William Jones (Ironbound Square), Maren Rosendahl (The Pointe at Jamestown), and Stephen Deer (Jamestown 1607). Not pictured Carol Scott (Foxfield) and Kevin O'Connell (Fernbrook).

Nineteen citizens representing 14 James City County neighborhoods were honored at the Neighborhood College Graduation in April. Neighborhood College provides citizens with the opportunity to develop skills needed to actively participate in a neighborhood or homeowners association. To date, 58 citizens have completed the program.

The next training session is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2001. For more information, call Neighborhood Connections, 229-7630.

Outstanding Volunteers Help Neighborhoods

At their May meeting, The Board of Supervisors recognized Taylor Horne, a senior at Lafayette High School, and Drew Mulhare, Vice President of Operations for Realtec, for their service to neighborhoods. Taylor has worked at the Burton Woods Resource Center since 1998 assisting youth and adults in developing computer and Internet skills. Since 1997 Drew has partnered with Neighborhood Connections on numerous workshops and Homeowners Association forums including the annual ABC's of Homeowners Associations training. He was instrumental in the successful grant proposal that has provided a lending library of publications on Homeowners Associations.



*Top: Taylor Horne and Burton Woods Residents
Right: Drew Mulhare and Jay Harrison*



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The Windy Hill Neighborhood Association and the James City County Fire Department hosted Fire Safety Day. Residents participated in fire prevention education, games, Ident-A-Child, food, and health screenings. *Pictured left, Nancy Swinson, President of the Windy Hill Tenant Association and a Windy Hill Youth.*

May 19 was a busy day for two County neighborhoods. The Forest Glen Centerville Neighborhood Association celebrated their Annual Moody Park Day. The event included speakers, praise dancers, a musician, food and fun. *(Pictured below, left: Participants enjoying the Moody Park Day program)*

neighborhood events

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