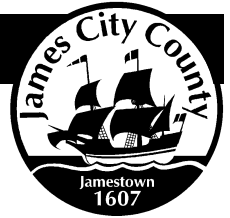


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A report to the citizens of James City County



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## New Board Chairman

Stonehouse Supervisor Jim Kennedy is the new Chairman of the James City County Board of



Supervisors. He was named during the Board's January 2 organizational meeting. As Chairman, Kennedy will preside over meetings and serve as the head of the County government for ceremonial functions.

Kennedy operates a small business in the County. He has been active in community organizations such as the Heritage Humane Society, Chickahominy Citizen Improvement Association, and is a co-founder of the Stonehouse Citizen Association. He was elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1999.

He and his wife, Carol, have been married for nine years and reside in Toano.

## It's Our Future...We're Calling on You!

### Results of the 2001 Citizen Survey

Nearly 80 percent of County residents believe that development in the County is occurring too quickly. Eighty-six percent of citizens rate bike and walking trails as an important use of County resources.

These statistics represent just a few of the many interesting and helpful findings of a recently completed citizen survey. In anticipation of updating the 1997 Comprehensive Plan, the Board of Supervisors

commissioned the Virginia Tech Center for Survey Research to poll County citizens on a variety of issues. During the telephone surveys, 1,204 randomly selected residents relayed their opinions on land development and growth, education, recreation, youth services, and communications.

The Center presented the results to the Board in January. Among the key findings:

- 80 percent feel there should be restrictions on the amount of land that can be sold for residential and commercial development.
- 74 percent agree that it is more important to preserve farmland in the County than it is to have more development.
- 78 percent say it is important to have public access to waterways.
- More than 90 percent say they feel safe or very safe in the County.
- 92 percent report that it is important for the County to create more vocational educational opportunities.

Additional findings are detailed in the full report which can be accessed through the County's Web site, [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) and at the Planning Division office, 101-E Mounts Bay Road. To those of you who answered the call, thank you. The results will be used throughout the year in the budget process, parks and recreation programming, and most directly, in the Comprehensive Plan review process. The results will help ensure that the Comprehensive Plan reflects the collective vision of County citizens through 2007 and beyond.



## Attention Homeowners Association Members

The "ABC's of Community Association Management" workshop will be held Saturday, March 9, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Ford's Colony Swim and Tennis Club, 302 St. Andrew's Drive. Taught by professionals from the Community Association Institute, the training provides information about the development and organization of homeowners associations with attention to legal and financial concerns. The cost is \$25 and includes training materials and lunch. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call Neighborhood Connections at 229-7630.

## Parks & Recreation Happenings

• County Parks and Recreation hosted the 47th Annual Virginia Recreation and Park Society Conference in December. Over 600 delegates from across the State attended. The County received two awards for localities with populations between 25,000 and 50,000:



**Distinguished Service Award** - John Carnifax, Superintendent of Parks

**Best Promotional Effort** - The FY 2000 Annual Report

- Parks and Recreation was recognized by the National Recreation and Parks Association as one of the top four recreation departments in the country. This is the division's third consecutive year as a National Gold Medal finalist.
- Work has started on the new District Park located at the intersection of Longhill and Centerville Roads. Initial projects include creating an entrance road, clearing open space, and developing parking areas.
- The County purchased a 140-acre parcel located on Route 5 with access to the Chickahominy River.
- In response to the County's newly adopted Strategic Plan for Youth, all youth 17 years and under can now use the James River Community Center (JRCC) free of charge. Staff will provide supervision for youth aged 8-11 on Saturdays from 1-5 p.m. At all other times, youth under the age of 12 must be supervised by a responsible person who is at least 16 years old. The Center is located at 8901 Pocahontas Trail.
- JRCC adult resident daily fees have been reduced to \$3 (\$5 for non-residents).

## Promoting the Character of the Community

The fourth segment in a continuing series on what is being done to preserve the land and character of James City County.



### • The Purchase of Development Rights Program

Are you interested in protecting the cultural and natural resources of your property? The Board of Supervisors has established the Purchase of Development Rights Program (PDR) that allows landowners to enter into agreements to sell the development potential of qualifying property to the County while the landowner continues to own and use their property. Applications will be accepted in the spring. For more information visit [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com), or contact Michael Drewry - PDR Administrator, 259-3161 or [michaeldr@james-city.va.us](mailto:michaeldr@james-city.va.us).

## Snow Removal - Who's Responsible?

The Virginia Department of Transportation is responsible for snow removal on County roadways. The State's priority is to clear interstates, primary roads, and major secondary roads first before doing subdivision streets. For more information on snow removal, call 253-5138.

## County Offices Move

Voter Registration, the Electoral Board, and the GIS/Mapping Department offices have moved to a trailer behind Building A in the Government Center at 101 Mounts Bay Road. The old building will be demolished to allow for construction of a new building. The phone numbers remain the same: Voter Registration, 253-6868 and GIS/Mapping Department, 253-6654 or 253-6887.

## Sign Up Now for the Citizens Police Academy

The Citizens Police Academy begins February 20. Classes will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for 12 weeks at the Law Enforcement Center, 5087 John Tyler Highway. Topics covered include: an overview of the philosophy of the Department, information on each division, DUI enforcement, handgun safety, community services, and the SWAT team. Class members can participate in the ride-along program while attending the Academy. This Program is offered free of charge. Call 253-1800 for an application.

## Open Your Heart to a Foster Child

The Colonial Region Foster Care Program is looking for families who can provide a safe and stable home environment to abused and neglected children in James City County. Monetary stipends and medical insurance are provided. If interested, call Van Crump at 564-2373.

## Just Cap It!

Every year, wells in the County are abandoned when they are replaced or the home is connected to public water service. These wells pose a significant threat to our drinking water supply since they are a fast path to groundwater for pollutants like motor oil, paint, and lawn chemicals. Shallow dug wells pose a physical hazard to animals and people. Learn what you can do to properly abandon your old well through Cap It, the James City Service Authority's (JCSA) well abandonment program. With the assistance of DEQ/EPA Grant Funds, JCSA will cap a select number of qualifying wells free of charge. Interested? Call 259-4151 or check out [www.bewatersmart.org/capit](http://www.bewatersmart.org/capit).



## High Tech Company Chooses County

The Office of Economic Development recently assisted INCOGEN (The Institute for Computational Genomics, Inc.) in its decision to relocate from Clemson, SC, to James City County. The company, which focuses on computational solutions for researchers in genomics, is temporarily located in Busch Corporate Center but plans to occupy permanent space at the New Town site. The company will be involved in creating a bioinformatics program to be jointly developed by William and Mary and the Bioinformatics Institute at Virginia Tech. INCOGEN expects to create 20 new positions and will employ technology specialists such as software developers, database and system administrators, quality assurance managers, science researchers, and administration/management support staff.

## 2001 Citizen Leadership Academy



*Pictured left to right, front row- Anne Dufort, Meda Wilking, Patricia Byerly, Lakala Mason, Wilnette Moore, Rita Braxton, Dorothy Piper, and Sandra Jimmison. Back row - Murray Pearson, Edith Heard, Stan Gorrell, Shelia Jones, Sharon Scruggs, and Billy Scruggs. Not pictured are Kermith Bey and Clifton Guertin.*

Participants of the first Citizen Leadership Academy class were honored at a graduation ceremony in December. The group learned about leadership, neighborhood and organizational planning, and communicating with government and community officials. For more information about upcoming classes, contact the Neighborhood Connections Office at 229-7630.

## Free Tax Help Available

The Tax-Aide Program runs through April 15th. The program provides tax counseling and tax preparation free of charge for low- and middle-income taxpayers of all ages with special attention to those aged 59 and older. This year's emphasis is on electronic filing using computers provided by the IRS. E-filed refunds with direct deposit are generally received within two weeks of submission.

**Williamsburg Library** (515 Scotland Street)

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 4 - 8 p.m.

**James City County Library** (7770 Croaker Road)

Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Thursday, 4 - 8 p.m.

The Tax-Aide Program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring the following information with your:

- A copy of your 2000 tax return.
- All wage statements (W-2 and unemployment compensation forms).
- 1099s from annuities, banks, brokers, credit unions, pensions, savings and loans, and Social Security.
- Social Security cards (copies allowed) of all dependants.
- Support documentation for those who itemize (Schedule A).
- Caretaker SSN or EIN, name and address for those who claim credit for child and dependant care expenses.
- Check book for those wishing direct deposit of refund or payment of tax by electronic funds transfer.

## News from The Library

### Computers for the Visually Impaired Available

Thanks to a generous grant from the Williamsburg Lions Club, the library has added two computers designed for blind or visually impaired users. Software installed on these computers allows Internet and word processing files to be seen in large type and enables the computer to read files to the user. Materials can also be scanned into the computer to use the adaptive technology. Call the Reference Department for more information at 259-4050 or 259-7720.

### Gab Bags are Here!

The Gab Bag Program makes multiple copies of fiction titles available to area reading clubs and book groups. The bags hold between six and ten copies of a title and can be checked out to book group representatives for six weeks at a time. Up to three new fiction and nonfiction titles will be added every few months. Purchase of the original book sets was made possible through a grant from the Friends of the Library. Interested? Call 259-4050 or [asmith@mail.wrl.org](mailto:asmith@mail.wrl.org).



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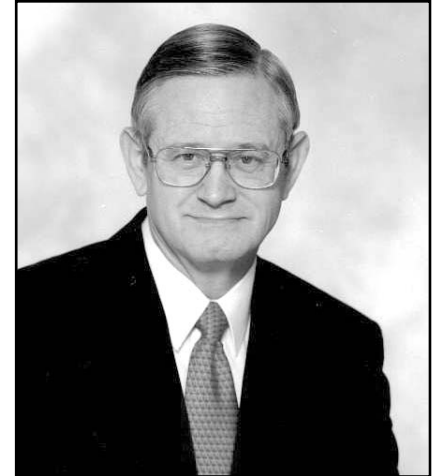
# Welcome Michael J. Brown,

## Board Member for the Powhatan District

A Texas native, Michael J. Brown graduated with a BS degree from the University of Texas. He retired from active duty in the US Army in 1992 after 26 years of service. The Army selected him to attend William and Mary where he earned an MBA. He is a three-time Bronze Start recipient.

Brown has worked in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program for nine years and is the Greater Williamsburg coordinator. He was a volunteer facilitator during the County's 1995 Comprehensive Plan review process. He received a James City County Award of Excellence for his work on the Allocation Review Committee of the County's Community Services Department. He served on the County's Parks and Recreation Commission from 1998 until his election to the Board of Supervisors.

Brown currently serves on the Colonial Area Republican Men's Association Board and is a James City County Republican Committee member. He lives in Windsor Forest with his wife, Mary Ann, and their dog, TJ. He has two married sons and four granddaughters and enjoys duplicate bridge, golf, and skiing.



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