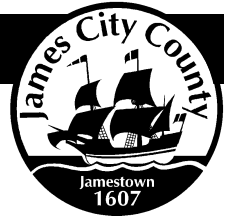


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Did You Know?

- Thinking about getting a swimming pool or spa tub? Remember, a building permit and inspection are required by the Uniform Statewide Building Code. Swimming pools and spa tubs cannot be used legally until the required permits and inspections have been approved. Questions? Call Code Compliance at 253-6626.
- The Virginia Cooperative Extension Office has great programs and reading materials available on topics such as home improvement, parenting, budgeting, and home safety for the elderly. To learn more, call 566-1367.
- They're coming! Mosquito Control reminds you to inspect around the home and empty any containers that hold water. Reducing potential mosquito breeding grounds can ensure a pleasant and enjoyable spring and summer. For more information, call 259-4116.

Promoting the Character of the Community

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

Chickahominy Riverfront Park

Last December, the County purchased 140 acres of waterfront property located on the Chickahominy River near Route 5. A Master Plan will be created over the next year to guide the development of the Park. Citizen input, recreational needs assessment information, and development



standards for water-based parks will be critical elements in defining the future of the park. Parks and Recreation will operate the existing amenities including a boat ramp, fishing pier, campsites, driving range, and an outdoor pool. User fees will be required for most services. Call 253-5020 for more information.

Park Fees

	Resident	Non-Resident
Boat Launch	\$4.00	\$5.00
Boat & Motor per day	\$30.00	\$40.00
Pier Fishing	Free	Free
Daily Pool Pass		
Children under 5	Free	Free
Adult	\$2.50	\$3.50
Youth & Senior	\$2.00	\$3.00

Annual Pool Passes are also available.

Become a Hero

If you have ever considered a career in the emergency services field as a firefighter, medic, or E-911 dispatcher, you are invited to attend an informational meeting on May 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Training Center, located in Building 29 at Eastern State Hospital. You will have an opportunity to meet others just like you who have made that decision. Applications will be accepted for upcoming positions. For more information or directions to the Training Center, call 253-6680.



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What's Online?

- More than 1,400 citizens have signed up to receive County news and updates through E-mail. "FYI," Business News, Parks and Recreation information, Board of Supervisors' meeting reminders, Emergency Notifications and Updates, and News for Neighborhoods are all available. Subscribers can sign up for one or all of the updates for free. To sign up for your E-mail updates, go to www.jccEgov.com.

- The Williamsburg Regional Library system offers *The Local Organizations Database* through the online catalog. The site provides information on local social, support, and recreational groups in the area. Click on "Local Organizations" at www.wrl.org/catalog.html or visit the Library to see a printed copy.

- Stay informed of Library events with "WRL-info," a free weekly E-mail newsletter. Find out about story-times and crafts for kids, plays, concerts, computer classes, and new services the Library offers. Sign up at www.wrl.org/programs/WRLinfo_list.html or E-mail jpayne@mail.wrl.org.

Free Wetland Workshop

Join County staff and volunteers at a RestoreCorps workshop May 11, 10 a.m - 3 p.m., James City County Williamsburg Community Center (JCWCC), 5301 Longhill Road. Topics covered include: identifying wetlands in need, developing a restoration plan, selecting appropriate plants, and planning your own restoration event. In the afternoon, help plant 2,000 wetland plants at the stormwater facility behind the JCWCC. Call 253-6859 to register.

2002 Neighborhoods Conference

The 2002 Neighborhoods Conference was a great success! More than 550 people took part in the day-long event which featured over 50 workshops, displays, and a neighborhood recognition ceremony.

Neighborhoods of the Year

Accepting the awards for the neighborhoods (pictured L to R):

Berkeley's Green

Beautification
Ray Jabr, Chris Schreiner, and Paul McGlee



Grove Recreation and Civic Association

Beautification
Roslind Dodd and Bernice Dorman



St. George's Hundred

Neighborhoodliness
Brent Norton, Jr. and Donna Dittman Hale



Chickahominy Community Improvement Organization

Multi-Neighborhood Partnerships
Mike Asip, Linda Wallace, Audrey Jones, and April Wallace



Ford's Colony

Community Spirit
Jack Jones, Dick Houston, Van Vander Veer, Fran Dunteary, Art Fort, and Steve Hein



Good Neighbor Award

Ronnie Nowak was recognized for her many years of service improving the quality of life in County neighborhoods.



Parks & Recreation Events

For additional information on these events call 259-3200.

The Summer Parks and Recreation Brochure will be available April 17. Look for copies in The Virginia Gazette, County government buildings, and online at www.jccEgov.com.

Earth Day Fair & Kite Extravaganza - Free

April 20, 12 p.m. - 4 pm, York River State Park. Environmental displays, activities, contests, and give-aways for all ages! Bring your own kite, make a new one, or just come to watch the professionals fly kites of all shapes and sizes. Ride the free shuttle from James City County Library.

Family Fun Fest - Free

May 18 (rain or shine), 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mid County Park, Ironbound Road. Includes the Williamsburg Community Hospital Health Fair, Play Days in the Park, and the 2nd Annual Touch a Truck. Fire trucks, health screenings, arts and crafts, games, music, and concessions for all ages. Park at Target and ride the free shuttle.

May is Bike Month

Activities are organized by JCC Parks and Recreation, the Historic Triangle Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the Williamsburg Area Bicyclists. For more information, call 229-0096 or 229-4046. All events listed are free and open to everyone. Helmets are required.

• Pedal the Parkway

May 4. A once-a-year opportunity to pedal the Colonial Parkway from Williamsburg to Jamestown without having to worry about traffic. This event is expected to draw over 1,500 riders. There will be a rest stop and bike mechanics available. Families with young children or riders wishing to avoid hills should plan on starting from Jamestown. The event will be held rain or shine.

• Family Bike Day

May 11. Registration - 9 a.m. Ride leaves - 10 a.m. Join other families of all cycling ability levels. Starts at the Little Creek Reservoir Recreation Area on Lakeview Drive off Forge Road. Bike a 10-mile loop on scenic country roads accompanied by ride leaders. Free pizza and soft drinks beginning at 11:30 a.m.

• Evening Casual Rides


Held on Mondays and Wednesdays in May beginning at 6 p.m. Rides start at various locations in the County.

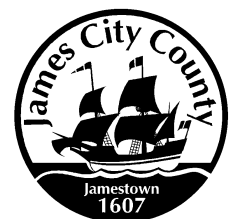


Greenway Master Plan Update

The Parks and Recreation and Planning Divisions thank the members of the Greenway Steering Committee for their participation in the development of the Greenway Master Plan draft. Members include: Ron Boyd, Camilla Buchanan, Loretta Garrett, Mary Higgins, Michael Kirby, Jim Tucker, Peggy Wildman, and Bill Williams. The Plan will go to a public hearing at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on April 17. The Planning Commission will review the Plan on May 6 and the Board of Supervisors will consider it for action on May 28. The draft is available online at www.jccEgov.com. For more information, contact Paul Tubach, 259-3241.

Get Your Legal Questions Ready For Law Day

The Williamsburg Bar Association will hold a live call-in show May 1, 7 p.m.  on County Government Channel 48 (JCC TV48.) The show provides an opportunity for viewers to call in their legal questions to a bank of local attorneys for free advice. Watch JCC TV48 for more information.



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(Pictured L to R) *Ronald H. Rosenberg, Loretta B. Garrett, Thomas F. Belden, David B. Powell Jr., and L. Bruce Abbott.*

The purpose of the Committee is to promote the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program, review the ranking of property applications, and to annually review and make recommendations on the effectiveness of the Program. Property applications will be accepted through May. For more information, contact Michael Drewry - PDR Administrator, 259-3161 or michaeldr@james-city.va.us.

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