

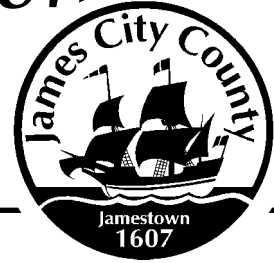
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A report to the citizens of James City County

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To Achieve A Quality Community



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Citizen Leadership Academy to Begin

Sign up for the Citizen Leadership Academy program sponsored by Neighborhood Connections and Community Services. The Academy runs January 13 - March 24, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Road. Most classes will be held on Monday evenings with special dates for the Neighborhoods Conference and a County tour. Topics covered include neighborhood and organizational planning, communicating with government and community officials, promoting neighborhood harmony, and understanding leadership. The Academy is free of charge and reservations are required. Call the Neighborhood Connections Office at 229-7630 or E-Mail neighbors@james-city.va.us for more information.

The Next Step in the Process of Updating the Comprehensive Plan: The Steering Committee



The Steering Committee (SC) - composed of four Planning Commission members, one Board of Supervisors member, and one Community Participation Team (CPT) member - began meeting on November 18. They will review technical reports and policy recommendations from

staff, as well as applications from landowners who wish to change the land use designation on their properties. The SC will recommend the new Comprehensive Plan to the Planning Commission in the spring of 2003.

The Committee will meet at 4 p.m. every Monday, excluding holidays, in the Building C Board Room at the County Complex, 101 Mounts Bay Road. Meetings are open to the public.

SC members include Planning Commission members George Billups; John Hagee; Joe McCleary; Peggy Wildman; Board of Supervisor member, Michael J. Brown; and, CPT member, Dr. Lisa Curry.

SC meetings are broadcast live on JCC TV48 at 4 p.m. and rebroadcast the following Friday and Sunday at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

You CAN Get There from Here

The Gray Route, operated by Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) serving James City County, the City of Williamsburg, and York County, has been extended to meet Route 16, operated by Hampton Roads (HRT), serving Newport News, Hampton, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Suffolk. Previously, a three-mile gap separated the two transit systems. The routes meet at Lee Hall in Newport News six times daily Monday through Saturday at 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 a.m. and 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. In addition to the base fare for each system, the cost to transfer from one bus to the other is an additional 50 cents.

JCC TV48 Programming Survey Results

Thanks to all of our James City County Government Channel 48 (JCC TV48) viewers who participated in the government television programming survey conducted in March.

796 participated in the survey, which was mailed out in their March and April Cox cable bills. Our average cable survey respondent was male (58 percent), aged 40 or older (89 percent), who watches County JCC TV48 at least once a month (57 percent). Viewers found the government channel by flipping through the channels (68 percent) or on the JCC TV48 Message Board (20 percent).

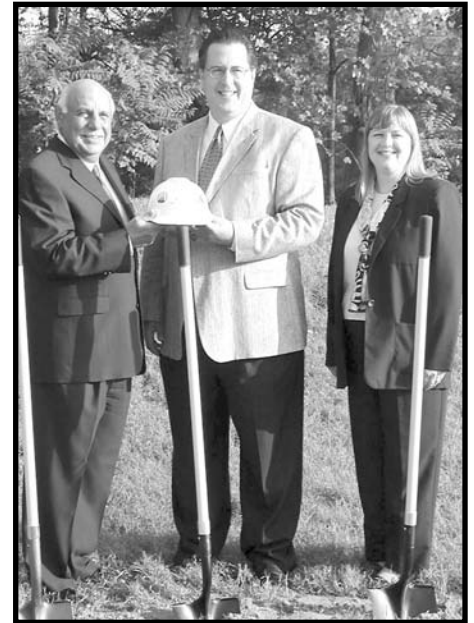
The four most watched programs as voted by all respondents-the live Board of Supervisors meetings, Planning Commission meetings, the JCC TV48 video message board, and the County's news show, James City County: A Closer Look. When asked if JCC TV48 had increased their awareness of community issues, 46 percent of participants responded either "extremely or somewhat helpful." Participants wanted to see more variety in programming on the channel - from more spotlights on development information, parks and recreation, crime updates, more timely news briefs, to more community events, debates, and discussions.

The survey results will be used by the County's Communication staff to better serve the needs of viewers. We continue to improve the quality of most popular shows, the live broadcast of County government meetings, with more on-screen messaging and overall technical upgrades. We hope to introduce more "citizen-on-the-street" programs to address the topics respondents requested. Look for weekly schedule of government programming on the JCC TV48 message board which scrolls between programs, or log onto www.jccEgov.com, Stay Informed, Cable Programming.

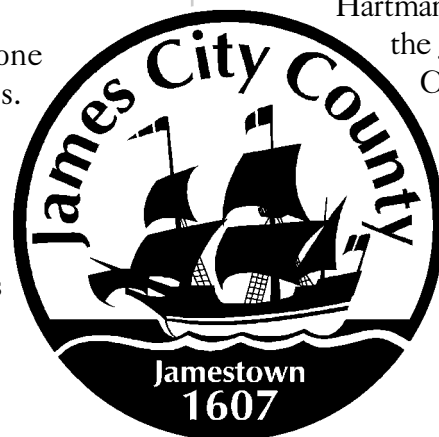
County Adopts Guest Register Ordinance

Effective December 1, places of lodging are now required to keep a guest register. Lodgings include, but are not limited to, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, condos, hotels/motels/inns, and time-shares. The guest register must be kept for at least one year and is open to inspection by law enforcement officials. Every person renting or occupying a room must provide a name, home address, and vehicle description and license plate information. Refusal to provide or providing false information is a Class 1 misdemeanor. For more information, contact Deputy County Attorney Leo Rogers at lprogers@james-city.va.us or Police Lieutenant D. Linhart at dlinhart@james-city.va.us.

AVID Medical Expands



AVID Medical, located in the Stonehouse District, recently broke ground on a 45,000-square foot, \$3.5 million expansion of its present facility. The expansion is expected to be complete by late spring, and will double the company's plant and increase its work force from 150 to 300 over the next three years. AVID packages disposable items into customized, procedure-ready kits used by hospitals, surgery centers, and clinics. Pictured from left to right: Michael Sahady, Chairman/CEO of AVID Medical, Inc.; Jim Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; and Virginia Hartmann, member of the James City County Industrial Development Authority.



Curbside Recycling Holiday Collection Schedule

Holiday - No curbside collection

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28 * →

Christmas, Wednesday, December 25 ** →

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1 * →

Make-Up Collection Day (place bins curbside by 7 a.m.)

Saturday, November 30 *

Saturday, December 28 **

Saturday, January 4 **

* Residents of Jamestown District please note

** Residents of Berkeley District please note

Remember to Recycle During the Holiday Season

- Take your Christmas tree to a County Convenience Center where it can be ground into mulch. Remember to remove the tree stand and all decorations. Convenience Centers are located on Tewing Road, Jolly Pond Road, and Forge Road. Centers will be open through the holidays except for December 25 and January 1. The mulch is available free to residents at the Jolly Pond Road Convenience Center. Call 565-4000 for hours.
- Recycle gift boxes made of paperboard supplied by department stores.
- Recycle cardboard tubes from rolls of gift-wrap.
- Do not recycle gift-wrap.

Questions? Call the Recycling Office, 565-4000 or visit www.jccEgov.com.



County Calendar

- **December 2** - Planning Commission (PC) Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **December 2** - Leaf Collection - second cycle begins.
- **December 4** - Parks and Recreation Citizen's Open Forum to discuss the District Park Master Plan, 7 - 9 p.m., James River Community Center.
- **December 5** - The County's Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes are due. Payments may be made at two locations: Treasurer's Office, 101 B Mounts Bay Road or at the Satellite Services, 3127 Forge Road (EOC Building). All personal property taxes must be paid before a 2003 James City County decal can be issued.
- **December 10** - Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **December 18** - Parks and Recreation Citizen's Open Forum to discuss the District Park Master Plan, 7 - 9 p.m., Toano Middle School.
- **December 24/25** - Christmas Eve/Day, all County offices, Community Centers, and WAT closed.
- **January 1, 2003** - New Year's Day, all County offices, Community Centers, and WAT closed.
- **January 2** - BOS Organizational Meeting, 4 p.m. 2003 BOS Meeting dates will be set.
- **January 6** - PC Meeting, 7 p.m.
- **January 6, 2003** - Leaf Collection - third (and final) cycle begins.
- **January 31, 2003** - Dog Tags are due. Send the original valid rabies certificate(s) and \$4 (check or money order) for each dog to Ann Davis, Treasurer, James City County P.O. Box 8701 Williamsburg, VA 23187. The certificate must be valid through July 1. Certificate(s) and tags will be returned by mail.

All PC and BOS meetings are held at the County Office Complex in the Building C Board Room. Meetings are shown live on local government channel JCC TV48.

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Apply for a Grant

Neighborhood Connections is pleased to announce the opening of the 2003 Neighborhood Matching Grant (NIMG) application process. The NIMG program enhances the sense of community through the involvement of the neighborhood in the development and accomplishment of a neighborhood project. The County will award matching grants up to \$500 to a neighborhood/homeowner association. The funds can be matched with volunteer hours, in-kind donations of supplies, or money.

There are several changes to the 2003 NIMG application process. All applications for 2003 will be due January 31. A panel of past recipients and staff will determine the winners and the amount funded. A Grant Application workshop will be held January 7 at 7 p.m. at Neighborhood Connections for interested neighborhoods. The Grants will be awarded at the Neighborhoods Conference, Saturday, March 1. Applications are available from the Neighborhood Connections Office located at 5248 Olde Towne Road, Suite 11. Call the Neighborhood Connections Office at 229-7630 or E-Mail neighbors@james-city.va.us for more information.

Copies of "FYI" are available at all government buildings, the Williamsburg Regional Library, or by mail. To get on the mailing list, call Communications and Neighborhood Connections at 229-7630 or log on to www.jccEgov.com.

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