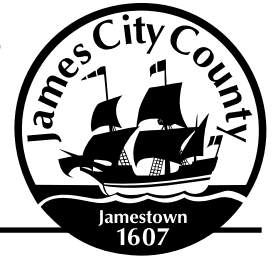


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Working In Partnership With All Citizens  
To Achieve A Quality Community



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### Revenue Maximization Partners Recognized



Representatives from Child Protective Services, STRIVE, Bacon Street, the Center for Educational Opportunity, Child Development Resources, Colonial Group Home Commission, the Colonial Services Board, Community Action Agency, and Court Appointed Special Advocates, accepted Certificates of Appreciation at the April luncheon.

The Revenue Maximization Program is a collaborative effort between the State Department of Social Services, JCC Social Services, and community agencies to identify and claim additional Federal reimbursement dollars for administrative services. The money is used to fund unmet human services needs in the community. The Program anticipates that \$600,000 will have been received during the first three years of the Program.

### New Development Fees

Beginning July 1, applications for rezonings, special use permits, and plan reviews will carry a higher price tag. The new fees reflect the increased costs and staff time involved with plan reviews. The fees provide additional resources for plan reviews and will bring the County more in line with comparable communities without raising taxes. The Board of Supervisors approved the new fees in April as part of the County's FY 2004 Budget.

Administrative Fees	Old Cost	New Cost
Rezonings	\$800 + \$40 per acre	\$1,200 + \$50 per acre
Applications for special use permits	\$600 + \$20 per acre	\$1,000 + \$30 per acre
Amendment to special use permit	\$200	\$400
Administrative Site Plan Review	\$300 + \$.024/ square foot or \$60/residential unit	\$600 + \$.024/ square foot or \$60/residential unit
Planning Commission Site Plan Review	\$900 + \$.024/ square foot or \$60/residential unit	\$1,800 + \$.024/ square foot or \$60/residential unit
Sign Permits	\$4 per square foot	\$5 per square foot
Subdivision Review (no public improvements required)	\$105 + \$60 per lot	\$200 + \$70 per lot
Subdivision Review (public improvements required)	\$135 + \$60 per lot	\$250 + \$70 per lot

# Welfare Fraud Prevention

Since August 2000, 15 people were charged with felonies, misdemeanors, or administrative findings for welfare fraud in James City County. Overpayments of Food Stamps, child care payments, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) totaled \$37,000. All 15 were disqualified for a period of time from receiving further benefits and restitution is being pursued. Since the Fraud Prevention Program began in 1996, a total of 34 instances of welfare fraud have been confirmed and more than 500 referrals have been investigated. To report suspected welfare fraud, call 259-3123 or the Fraud Hotline at 259-3244. All calls are confidential.

## Parks and Recreation Happenings

▼ Kids All-American Fishing Derby - This free event for all ages will be held June 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Little Creek Reservoir. Bring your bait and tackle and spend the day on the water.

▼ Summer Breeze Concert Series - Bring your family and a picnic dinner to Merchants Square and enjoy the concerts on Duke of Gloucester Street, Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. Scheduled performers:

July 10 - The Fat Ammons Band

July 17 - Ritmo Latino

July 24 - Cavalier Swing Band

July 31 - Parrot Head Band



## Short Takes

▼ Did you know that middle and high school students with school IDs can ride the Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) for free? For more information, call 259-4093 or log on to [www.williamsburgtransport.com](http://www.williamsburgtransport.com).

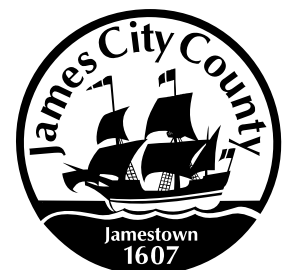
▼ The new water storage facility on Ironbound Road and Monticello Avenue is now in use. The facility increases the James City Service Authority's (JCSA's) storage capacity by one million gallons, allowing the JCSA to better meet customer demand during periods of high water use.

▼ The JCSA has broken ground on the Five Forks Groundwater Treatment Facility. The facility will withdraw water from the Middle and Lower Potomac Aquifers and will be operational by late 2004.

▼ Mark your calendars for the County Fair! Friday, August 8, 4 – 10 p.m., and Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., at Upper County Park. Food, live entertainment, kids' amusements, local artisans, exhibits, hay rides, and Friday night fireworks! Park at Toano Middle School for \$2 and ride the shuttle bus. For information, call 564-2170.

▼ Hurricane season is from June through November. When a storm threatens our area, listen to your local radio or television stations for information. The County's Emergency Hotline Number, 875-2424, will provide the latest information on the storm's progress and County evacuation recommendations, shelter instructions, and preparedness actions.

▼ Social Services' Cooling Assistance program runs June 16 - August 15 or until funds are depleted. The program can assist qualified applicants with the purchase, installation, or repair of a fan or air conditioner, pay an electric utility security deposit, or pay an electric bill to operate the cooling equipment. To be eligible, a household must meet income guidelines and have at least one member who is aged 60 or older, or under the age of six, or who is permanently disabled. Payments will be made directly to the vendor providing the service. Need help? Call 259-3100.



# Comprehensive Plan News



County planner Karen Drake reviews a Comprehensive Plan map with citizens at a Community Conversation held in March.

▼ The Steering Committee has prepared their recommendation for the Comprehensive Plan and has forwarded it to the Planning Commission (PC) and the Board of Supervisors (BOS). The Comprehensive Plan will be discussed at the following meetings in the Building C Board Room at the County Complex:

**June 10, 4 p.m.**

PC/BOS Joint Work Session

**June 24, 4 p.m.**

PC/BOS Joint Work Session

**July 14, 7 p.m.** PC Meeting

**August 12, 7 p.m.** BOS Meeting

▼ The County's 2003 Comprehensive Plan citizen involvement component has received top honors from the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association. The Community Participation Team (CPT) and the Planning staff received the 2003 Public Awareness Award from the Association in April. The award recognizes the efforts undertaken to fully involve County citizens in the Comprehensive Plan update process. The County has received more than 3,000 comments and concerns regarding the future of the County since the process began last September. The CPT is chaired by Jeffrey Barra with members Dr. Lisa Curry, Clarence Curry, Mary Higgins, Bill Pompeii, William Miller, Ron Rosenberg, Denise Koch, W. Wilford Kale, Grant Olson, Donald C. Hunt, Hampton Jesse, A. Joe Poole, III, Mary Jones, and the team's first youth member, Bob Jacobsen.

*Citizens are encouraged to remain involved through the end of the process by attending or watching the meetings on JCC TV48. For more information, go to [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com).*

## Route 199 Improvements Begin

Construction began in April to widen Route 199 from two lanes to four lanes between Route 60 and Brookwood Drive. The project should be complete by November 2005 and will include the widening of the bridge over College Creek. For more information, go to [www.virginiadot.org](http://www.virginiadot.org) or call 253-4832.

## Calling All Poets!

The Library will host a monthly Poet's Forum for people who wish to read their own poems in a public setting. Those who wish to read poetry written by other authors that has touched their lives or who just want to listen are also invited. The Poet's Forum will meet the first Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the James City County Library, 7770 Croaker Road. For more information, call 259-4071 or E-Mail [pgolden@mail.wrl.org](mailto:pgolden@mail.wrl.org).

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# Water/Sewer Rate Changes

The James City Service Authority (JCSA) adopted new water rates that will be reflected on bills mailed on or after July 1. The new rates will help ease the burden on larger families that use more water for everyday use. Rate changes will also affect heavy residential water users.

The nonresidential flat water rate remains \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons used. The flat rate sewer fee for both residential and nonresidential customers will increase from \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons. The increase is necessary to provide for costly sewer system improvements throughout the JCSA service area.

JCSA Water Rates	Old cost per 1,000 gallons	New cost per 1,000 gallons	Based on quarterly usage of:	Change
<b>Block 1</b>	\$2.30	same	Less than 15,000 gallons	none
<b>Block 2</b>	\$2.60	same	15,000 to 30,000 gallons	Increase Block from 25,000 to 30,000 gallons
<b>Block 3</b>	\$6.00	\$7.45	30,000 gallons or more	\$1.45 increase per 1,000 gallons used

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