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Winter Watch

If severe weather should cause delayed openings or force County offices to close, any changes in regular business hours will be posted on the County's Emergency Hotline Number at 875-2424, on County Government Channel JCC TV48, and on the County's web site at www.jccEgov.com. Closing information will also be provided to the following radio and television stations:



Radio Stations

- WNIS AM - 790
- WTAR AM - 850
- WROC FM - 93.7
- WXEZ FM - 94.1
- WPTE FM - 94.9
- WVKL FM - 95.7
- WGH FM - Eagle 97.3
- WNVZ FM - Z 104.5

Television Stations

- WTKR Channel 3
- WAVY Channel 10
- WVEC Channel 13

Holiday Closings

James City County Offices, the James City/Williamsburg (JCWCC) and James River Community Centers (JRCC), and Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) bus service will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Christmas - December 24 and December 25
- New Year's Day - January 1
- The County's Convenience Centers will be closed December 25 and January 1 (*see Attention Curbside Recyclers*).

• County offices will also be closed January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. WAT buses and the community centers will operate on normal hours.

• Reminder...the JCWCC Pool will be closed through January 3 for the installation of the new perimeter lighting system.

Snow Removal

If James City County should be impacted by heavy snowfall, the Virginia

Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for snow removal on public roadways in the County. The State's priority is to clear interstates, primary roads, and major secondary roads before clearing public subdivision streets.

For more information, call 253-5138.

Attention Curbside Recyclers

Jamestown District: Recyclables will not be collected Thursday, December 25 or January 1. Your recycling will be collected on Saturday, December 27 and January 3, 2004, respectively. Be sure to place your bin curbside by 7 a.m.

Christmas Tree Recycling

After the holidays, recycle your tree at one of the County's Convenience Centers-Jolly Pond Convenience Center, 1204 Jolly Pond Road; Tewning Road Center, 107 Tewning Road; or the Toano Center at 3127 Forge Road. Remember to remove the tree stand and decorations. The trees are ground into mulch which is available free of charge to County residents at the Jolly Pond Center. For more information, call 565-4000 or 565-0971.

In addition, you can also recycle:

- gift boxes made of paperboard supplied by department stores
 - cardboard tubes from rolls of gift wrap
- Gift wrap **IS NOT** recyclable in the County's system.

Holiday Cooks

The Meat and Poultry Hotline is a good resource for food safety information on meat, poultry, and egg products:

- 1-888- MPHHotline (1-888-674-6854) toll-free nationwide
- 1-800-256-7072 (TDD/TTY)
- E-mail: mph hotline.fsis@usda.gov
- Web Site: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>



Mark Your Calendar

The Board of Supervisors will conduct their annual Organizational Meeting on the first working day in January. For the specific date and time, check County Government Channel JCC TV48 and the County's web site at www.jccEgov.com. The meeting - an opportunity to welcome new members and decide officers and Boards & Commissions representatives - will be held at the County Government Complex, 101 Mounts Bay Road.

County departments are preparing to submit their two-year budgets for 2005 and 2006. Attend the pre-budget hearing held during the Board of Supervisors meeting and tell us what issues are important to you. The meeting will be held on January 13 in the County Government Complex Board Room at 7 pm, and will also be televised live on JCC TV48.

Dog Tags Due

County 2004 Dog Tags are due January 31. Send original valid rabies certificate(s) and \$4 for each dog. Certificate must not expire before June 30, 2004. Certificate(s) and tags will be returned by mail. Send check or money order payable to Ann Davis, Treasurer James City County P.O. Box 8701, Williamsburg, Virginia, 23187.



Women and Minority-Owned Business Conference



More than 100 entrepreneurs took part in the 2003 Women and Minority-Owned Business Procurement Conference held in October in James City County. Participants had the opportunity to hear presentations by procurement officers from local, State, and federal organizations in the Williamsburg Area. *Pictured above, JCC Industrial Development Authority Director Al Bush (second from left) served as conference chairman. Joining Bush, (L-R): Board of Supervisor members Bruce Goodson, Jim Kennedy, Jay Harrison, and Michael Brown.*

Rain Garden Demonstration

Protecting Resources in Delicate Environments - better known as PRIDE, the County's water quality education program, recently assisted one local church in improving the water quality in their parking lot. Volunteers from King of Glory Lutheran Church on Longhill Road, along with the County's Environmental staff, Harmony Design of Williamsburg, AES Consulting Engineers, and Henderson, Inc., constructed a 300-square foot rain garden in the church parking lot. During a rain, the soil bank in the parking lot would wash away, leaving behind mud and sediment. The rain garden - a bowl-shaped basin of stones, soil, and plants, collects rainwater and removes pollutants from the runoff.



Volunteers from King of Glory, the County, and three local businesses construct a rain garden to demonstrate water quality improvement practices. In addition, the garden will be used by County staff as an educational tool of the Powhatan Creek watershed-management plan.

Water Wise Garden

To educate the public on the impact their landscape has on the environment, a Water Wise Low Maintenance Garden was created at the County's Satellite office in Toano. Water-Wise landscaping uses ornamental plants and proper landscape practices to protect and conserve water resources.



Attending the garden dedication ceremony are (L-R): Master Gardener Margaret Mondul, garden designer Susan Voight, Virginia Cooperative Extension Program Associate Leanne DuBois, James City Service Authority Environmental Education Coordinator Beth Davis, and JCC/W Master Gardener Association President Barbara Schroeder.