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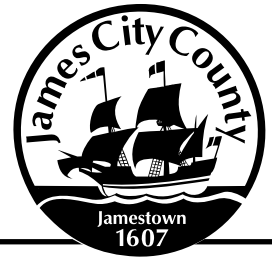
A report to the citizens of James City County

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For Your Information

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New Board Chairman Welcome Andy Bradshaw

Roberts District Supervisor Bruce Goodson is the new chairman of the James City County Board of Supervisors. He was named during the Board's January 5 organizational

meeting. Goodson, currently in the first year of his second term, was first elected to the Board in 2000. He served as the Board's vice chairman for three of the past four years.

Goodson is a long-time Rotarian and a member of the Williamsburg Rotary Club.

In 1994, he served as Vice



Chairman for the Governor's Commission on Welfare Reform. His civic activities have included four years of service with An Achievable Dream, past Chairman of the American Cancer Society Bay Ball, and past president of the Virginia Peninsula Rotary Club.

A peninsula native, Goodson has been a James City County resident for 20 years. He attended Walsingham Academy and went on to earn his B.A. from Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk. Goodson is President of Diamond/Goodson Equipment Corporation with locations in Norfolk and Richmond. He has three children - Elizabeth, a sophomore at the University of Richmond, and Clifford and Carrie who attend Williamsburg/James City County public schools.

In addition, Powhatan District Supervisor Michael J. Brown was named vice chair of the Board. Both the chair and vice chair positions are for one year.

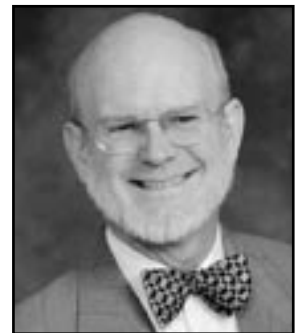
The supervisors also serve on various boards and commissions (see box, **Board Appointments/Reappointments**).

M. Anderson "Andy" Bradshaw began his new term as James City County's Stonehouse Supervisor on January 1. He had previously served as Stonehouse supervisor in 1998 and 1999.

Bradshaw is a native of James City County, educated in the Williamsburg/James City County public school system, and a 1969 graduate of James Blair High School. He earned his B.A. and B.S. degrees from Washington & Lee University in Lexington in 1973, and a Law Degree from the University of Virginia in 1976. He has been a private practice law attorney in Toano since 1978.

Bradshaw is also an elder and Sunday school teacher at Olive Branch Church. He serves on the Board of Directors for Child Development Resources, the Advisory Board for the Williamsburg Corps of the Salvation Army, and is a committee member of the Williamsburg Farmers Market.

He is married to Ann R. Bradshaw, a third grade teacher at Rawls Byrd Elementary School, and they have three daughters - Elizabeth, a student at Thomas Nelson Community College; Allison, a freshman at the College of William and Mary; and Helen, a sophomore at Lafayette High School.



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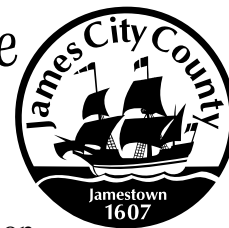
Citizens are also invited to serve on the County's various Boards and Commissions. Enclosed is a special supplement describing the many opportunities and an application to begin the process.

Board Appointments/ Reappointments

The Supervisors also serve on various other Boards and Commissions. The following appointments were made during the January 5 meeting:

- Agricultural and Forestal District Advisory Committee: Andy Bradshaw
- Community Action Agency Board of Directors: Michael J. Brown, Bruce C. Goodson, Jay T. Harrison, Bradshaw
- Community Services Coalition Board of Directors: Harrison
- Farmers Advisory Committee: Bradshaw
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Executive Committee: Goodson
- High Growth Coalition: John J. McGlennon (through June 30)
- Historical Commission: Bradshaw
- Industrial Development Authority Liaison: Brown
- Local Emergency Preparedness: Bradshaw
- Local Enterprise Zone Association (LEZA): Goodson
- Peninsula Alliance for Economic Development: Goodson
- Peninsula Chamber of Commerce: Goodson
- Peninsula Public Sports Facility Authority: Harrison (alternate)
- Regional Issues Committee: Harrison
- School Liaison Subcommittee: Harrison, Goodson
- Transportation Improvement District Commission: Harrison, Bradshaw, Brown, Goodson, McGlennon
- Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail Authority: McGlennon
- Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce: Brown
- Williamsburg Area Performing Arts Center: McGlennon
- Williamsburg Area Medical Assistance Corp.: Brown
- Williamsburg Land Conservancy: Harrison
- Workforce Investment: Harrison

County Offices On The Move



To consolidate services, reduce some operating cost, and to provide citizens and vendors with more convenient access, several County offices have moved within or back to the County's Government Complex on Mounts Bay Road. Tenants of the new building "F," located on the site of the old Registrar's Office, include:

- Human Resources/Employment (previously in Building A) and the Communications/Public Information Office (previously on Olde Towne Road). Note: Neighborhood Connections remains on Olde Towne Road. The telephone number for the Communications Office has changed to 253-6854; their new fax number is 253-6878. With the exception of Communications, all other Human Resource telephone numbers remain the same.
- Real Estate Assessments/GIS Mapping (previously in Building B). All phone numbers remain the same.
- Financial Management Services (previously in Building A) including the Purchasing Office (previously on Olde Towne Road). With the exception of Purchasing, all telephone numbers remain the same. You can now reach Purchasing at 253-6646; their new fax number is 253-6753.
- Information Resources Management (previously in Building B). All telephone numbers remain the same.
- The Board Room (previously in Building C). The Board Room houses the live broadcast facilities for Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings.

CERT - Volunteers Needed

Remember Hurricane Isabel? County fire, police, and other official responders were overwhelmed. Their efforts were heroic, yet response was often delayed due to the sheer need in our community.

In response, to the continuing possibility of full range natural, technological, and terrorist induced disasters, the County is establishing a Citizen Corps to govern several community homeland security voluntary programs.

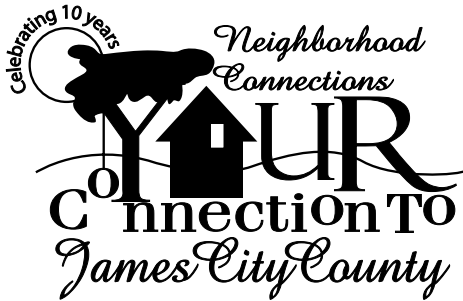
One of these programs is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) - a training program designed to provide citizens with the abilities and skills to assist the County and each other with recovery efforts following an emergency.

CERT training classes are being scheduled for March 2004 and beyond. Training topics will include Emergency Preparedness, Search and Rescue (SAR), Fire Safety, Medical Operations, Terrorism, Disaster Simulations, and proper Fire Extinguisher use. For the complete list of offerings, dates, and times, watch JCC TV48 or call Emergency Management at 566-4315.



Neighborhood News

The County's Neighborhood Connections Office is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2004. A few of the special anniversary events include:



- "Neighborhood of the Quarter" award to be presented at the March 23 Board of Supervisors meeting, 7 p.m. at the County Government Complex, Building F Board Room.

- An Open House on Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. to noon at the Neighborhood Connections

Office, 5248 Olde Towne Road, Suite 11. Recipients of the 2004 Neighborhood Matching Grants will also be announced.

- Best of Citizen Leadership Academy, a tour of the County. Saturday, February 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., the County Library, 7770 Croaker Road. Tour the County on a Williamsburg Area Transport bus. Lunch provided. A reception follows. Only 40 seats available! Preregistration required.

- ABC's: A Basic Course for Association Leaders, Saturday, March 20, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Ford's Colony Swim and Tennis Club, 302 St. Andrews Drive. The program is designed for new homeowners association board and committee members. A returning feature this year is a working lunch for questions and answers with legal counsel specializing in homeowners associations. Registration required.

For a comprehensive list of anniversary events and activities, visit their web site at http://www.james-city.va.us/resources/humanreso/neighborhoods/NeighborCon_monthlymail.html, then click on "calendar" or call 229-7630.

Challenging Two-Year Budget

As County staff plan for the two-year fiscal year budget cycles (FY2005 and FY2006), two basic themes are emerging - mandated increases in spending and local property taxes.

The primary focus of current financial planning efforts is the State budget. Mandated increases in spending for programs like the State retirement system may not be offset by increases in State funding, particularly for K-12 education. How much additional State funding will be available depends on how the General Assembly reacts to the Governor's tax proposals, and that won't be known until late spring.

Secondly, guidance from the Board of Supervisors calls for a reduction in the real property tax rate for each of the next two years. Even with the rate reductions, local revenue will continue to grow, but at a more modest level than in past years. A public hearing on the budget is planned for April 27. The Board is expected to formally adopt both a budget for FY2005 and a fiscal plan for FY2006 in May.

Burning Issues

Between February 15 and April 30 each year, open burning in the County is permitted between 4 p.m. and midnight only. "Open Burning" is defined as any burning where products are emitted directly into the air without passing through an enclosed chamber such as a stack or chimney.

Open burning of yard waste is only permitted in A-1, General Agriculture zoned properties provided the burning does not occur within a platted subdivision consisting of five or more lots of which at least three lots have occupied dwellings. Open burning of yard waste is not permitted in manufactured home parks.

Any open burning must be attended at all times and the fire must be extinguished before leaving. For more information, call County Fire Marshal at 220-0626.

Preliminary Budget Calendar

Tuesday, April 27 - Regular Board of Supervisors (BOS) Meeting. Public Hearing on Budget. Presentation of Proposed Budget to Board with recommendations.

- Thursday, April 29 - BOS Budget Work Session
- Monday, May 3 - BOS Budget Work Session
- Wednesday, May 5 - BOS Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, May 11 - Regular BOS Meeting. Adoption of Budget.

Look for a special "FYI" Budget supplement due out April 26. The publication will detail the County's proposed budget for Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006. The annual fiscal year spans July 1 to June 30.

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Flood Help

Is your home, business, or undeveloped property in a flood hazard area? The County's Engineer's Office can tell if your present or future property is located in a flood area. Check out the facts on flood insurance and flood protection at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The following information is available for review in the reference section:

- Flood Insurance Rate Maps for James City County
- Flood Insurance Study For James City County
- Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures
- The Choice is Yours...Flood Insurance
- Elevated Residential Structures
- Coastal Construction Manual
- Flood Emergency and Residential Repair Handbook
- Answers To Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program
- Design Guidelines for Flood Damage Reduction
- Design Manual for Retrofitting Flood Prone Residential Structures
- Floodproofing Nonresidential Structures

Citizens can request information on the names of contractors, site visits, and the review of retrofitting plans. To qualify for flood relief or Federal loans, flood insurance is required for existing or proposed buildings in flood hazard areas. For more information, call the County Engineer at 253-6671.

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