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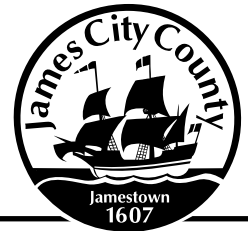
A report to the citizens of James City County

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## For Your Information

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### New property assessment notices on the way

FY2005 Notices of Assessment Changes will be mailed to County property owners in late August. Assessments are done annually, and are based on the current market value of the property as of July 1. The new values will be effective for this fiscal year, July 1 to June 30.

If you believe your property has not been equitably assessed with other comparable properties, call the Real Estate Assessment Office within 30 days of notice receipt at 253-6650 for a review of your assessment. Information regarding the assessment process is also available at [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com).

### Voter registration deadline

To vote in the November 2 General Election, you must be registered at the address where you live no later than October 4 at 5 p.m.

Electors for the United States President and Vice President and candidates for the 1st Congressional District are on the November ballot. Additional ballot items include a bond referendum for a new high school and constitutional amendments. Applications for voter registration and absentee voting are available at the Satellite Office in Toano, 3127 Forge Road, the Registrar's office at 101 Mounts Bay Road, and at [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com). For more information, call 253-6868.



**Preserving rural heritage** - *Roberts District Supervisor Bruce C. Goodson (left) welcomes visitors to the County. VACo President Wayne A. Acors (left to right), VML President Turner M. Spencer, Secretary of Commerce and Trade Michael J. Schewel and Virginia Department of Agriculture Commissioner J. Carlton Courter III also gave remarks at the news conference. See story on page 2.*

### Powhatan Creek Park and Blueway wins national award

Powhatan Creek Park and Blueway has received a National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials Award. The County's entry was selected from more than 70 applications submitted nationwide in its population category.

Powhatan Creek Park and Blueway allows visitors to paddle down the Powhatan Creek to Jamestown Island and experience what early Colonists experienced almost 400 years ago. Interpretive signs are being developed to help educate visitors about the historic and environmental significance of the creek. Volunteers donating many hours and citizen involvement played an integral part in developing the park, the first public water access site on the Powhatan Creek since the landing at Jamestown in 1607.

#### INSIDE *this* ISSUE

It's time to get ready for this year's hurricane season. Keep this handy guide in this issue for future reference.

# A model for others - Farm preservation tool unveiled here

Historic Mainland Farm recently provided the pastoral backdrop for the state's debut of a model farm preservation tool. The model that could be used as a guide for other local governments is partly based on the County's groundbreaking work to help preserve farmland, forest land and open space through the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program.

Roberts District Supervisor Bruce C. Goodson told news reporters, state officials and others gathered at the news conference that Mainland is likely the oldest continuously cultivated farm in British North America. He applauded the efforts to preserve this legacy before a formal land preservation program was even started here.

The County's award-winning program is an example of how citizens and local government can work together to protect and enhance life for current and future generations. For more information, contact PDR Administrator Ed Overton at 259-3161 or edwardo@james-city.va.us.

## Looking for a good book?

Tired of struggling with "bestsellers" that aren't the right book for you? The Williamsburg Regional Library now features its "Looking for a Good Book" service in which experienced librarians will create a customized list of reading suggestions.

The reader's advisory form is available online at [www.wrl.org](http://www.wrl.org) or at either Library location. For more details, contact the Adult Services Department at 259-4050 or 259-7720.



**Neighborhood of the Quarter**  
*Burnt Ordinary Neighborhood Association Vice President Joanne Christian is shown with her son, Brandon. Burnt Ordinary received the Neighborhood of the Quarter distinction for their*

*many neighborhood activities, including an annual Community Day, a monthly newsletter, a youth garden, and get-togethers for seniors and youth such as a Thanksgiving meal and holiday party. Find out how your neighborhood can participate, call Neighborhood Connections at 229-7630.*

## Volunteers needed

County citizens are needed to serve on various Boards & Commissions, with special emphasis on the Clean County and Historical commissions.

For a complete list of opportunities, please visit [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) and look under "Participate" or contact Jennifer Barker at 253-6609 or [jbarker@james-city.va.us](mailto:jbarker@james-city.va.us) for a listing and an application.

## Debris removal assistance

County citizens who meet income eligibility limits may apply for assistance to help remove debris left by Hurricane Isabel. Assistance includes the removal of fallen trees.

Applications may be picked up at Social Services, located in the Human Services Center, 5249 Olde Towne Road. For more information, contact Social Services at 259-3100.

## Parks and Recreation named 2004 Gold Medal Finalist

James City County's Division of Parks and Recreation has been recognized as a finalist in the 2004 National Gold Medal Awards program. These awards are presented annually by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Award presentations will take place at the NRPA Congress for Recreation and Parks in Reno, NV, October 12-16.

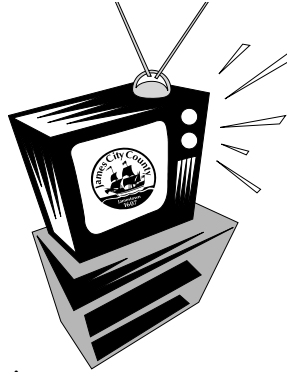


*Roberts District Supervisor Bruce Goodson thanks the business partners who participated in the landscape makeover challenge.*

## Tune into JCC TV48 for smart landscape tips

Learn how to create a beautiful landscape by watching the television program "Water Smart Landscape Challenge."

The program, produced by the James City Service Authority (JCSA), will air on JCC TV48 August 5-10 and September 2-7. Check the TV48 message board, which scrolls between programming, for specific broadcast times during those weeks. Contact the JCSA Environmental Education Coordinator, 253-6859.



## Water regulations still in effect

Until September 30, James City Service Authority (JCSA) customers are under outdoor water use regulations to help the County manage water demand during the hot summer months.

JCSA customers may use water outdoors for any purpose, at any time, on any day, as long as it is with a container or with a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle that must be attended at all times.

Any other method of outdoor water use, such as automatic irrigation systems and sprinklers, must follow a watering schedule based on your street address. For more information, visit [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com), call the Outdoor Water Info Line at 259-4152, or contact the JCSA Environmental Education Coordinator at 253-6859 or JCSA Customer Service at 253-6800.

## Youth, land preservation programs honored

James City County has been awarded two 2004 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards recognize the Beyond the Bell program to help at-risk youth improve academically and the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Program for landowners interested in preserving the natural character of their property.

The PDR Program was established to protect open space, community character, farmland, forest land, and natural resources. It allows landowners to sell the development potential of qualifying property to the County while maintaining the right to continue to own and use the land. The land is protected in perpetuity through a conservation easement deeded to the County.

Beyond the Bell is an after-school program for middle school students offered by Parks and Recreation with funding from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. The program strives to lower risk factors while increasing protective factors through recreational activities, tutorial programs, community service, and educational sessions.

## 2004 Water Smart Landscape Series

You, too, can be a Water Smart gardener. Let our experts show you how during the free 2004 Water Smart



Landscape Series to be held at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road. No reservations needed. For more information, visit [www.bewatersmart.org](http://www.bewatersmart.org) or contact Beth Davis, JCSA Environmental Education Coordinator, at 253-6859. Here's the schedule:

**Fall Turf Management**  
Saturday, September 11  
10 a.m. – noon

**Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels**  
Saturday, October 9  
10 a.m. – noon

**Designing with Nature – A New Aesthetic**  
Saturday, November 13  
10 a.m. – noon

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# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual James City County Fair

Sponsored by: James City County Fair Committee  
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## Upper County Park Leisure Road, Toano

(Rte. 60 near Stuckey's & McDonald's • I-64 Exit 227)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**  
**4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

AMUSEMENTS • FOOD  
BINGO • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
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Parking is \$5 on Friday, \$2 on Saturday  
per car. For more info, call  
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