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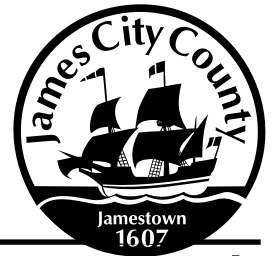
*A report to the citizens of James City County*

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## For Your Information

*Working In Partnership With All Citizens  
To Achieve A Quality Community*



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## County and VDOT Partnership Preserves Scenic Beauty

### Bond Refundings Saves \$1.4 Million

James City County has reissued its 1994 and 1995 General Obligation Bonds, resulting in savings of \$100,000 annually and \$1.4 million over the remaining life of the Bonds. The County was able to secure an interest rate of 2.71 percent. The debt had been financed at rates ranging from 5.19 percent to 5.44 percent.

The Bonds were initially sold to finance County projects that included the building and renovating of schools, libraries, and parks. In 1994, the projects were approved for financing by a voter referendum. After refunding, the Bonds now total \$27 million.

According to Standard and Poors (S&P), the County's current debt rating is AA, which classifies its Bonds as very high quality. The AA upgrade came in April of 2002 when S&P boosted the rating from A+ to AA skipping over a grade, which is regarded as highly unusual. Analysts stated that a strong tax base growth and conservative financial goals were among the many reasons for the change in rating.

To preserve open space and protect the scenic qualities of John Tyler Highway and Greensprings Road, the Board of Supervisors has partnered with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to place permanent conservation easements on an 8.067-acre parcel located at 3493 John Tyler Highway on the southeast corner of the John Tyler Highway/Greensprings Road intersection. The easements will preserve the land as natural open space and will permit VDOT to use a portion of the parcel as a pedestrian and bicycle trail. In



exchange for the easements, VDOT has agreed to reimburse the County 90 percent of the appraised value of the parcel, allowing the County to recoup most of its acquisition costs and make other green space purchases in the future. The appraised value of the parcel is \$645,500.

The County purchased the parcel in December 1999 for \$611,000 to preserve open space and protect the scenic qualities of John Tyler

Highway and Greensprings Road, both of which are Virginia Byways and Community Character Corridors. The acquisition also protected the Green Spring Colonial National Historical Site located directly across John Tyler Highway. At the time of purchase, the parcel was owned by the Exxon Corporation, was zoned Limited Business, and was being considered for commercial development.

# Checkpoint Strikeforce Is Here

In an effort to reduce drunk driving, County Police are participating in the "Checkpoint Strikeforce" campaign from now through the month of December. Various DUI (driving under the influence) checkpoints will be conducted at high-risk times throughout the County to remove drunk drivers from the roads. A partnership with the City of Williamsburg Police, New Kent County Sheriff's Office, and the State Police has been formed to help combat drunk driving by conducting "Border to Border" sobriety checkpoints.



## News for Neighborhoods

- Neighborhood Connections is partnering with Kaufman and Canoles to offer the 2003 Legal Aspects of Homeowners Association seminar series. The seminars will be held on Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at Lafayette High School, 4460 Longhill Road.

Topics include: Introduction to Legal Documents, Amendment of Documents, Architectural Guidelines and Rules/Regulations, and Meetings and Minutes.

James City County residents pay \$25 per session or \$75 for four sessions. Nonresidents pay \$35 per session or \$100 for four sessions. The fee covers light refreshments and resource materials. Preregistration and payment is required. For registration materials or more information, go to [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) or call Neighborhood Connections at 229-7630.



*Liz White, an attorney with Kaufman and Canoles, presents information at the 2002 Legal Aspects of Homeowners Association seminar.*

- Make plans to attend the Statewide Neighborhood Conference on Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27 at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Hampton. Join other neighborhood leaders from across the state and learn about what works in other communities.

The \$25 registration fee includes some meals, workshops, a reception, and neighborhood tours. More information is available at [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com), click on "Get Involved."

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# Comprehensive Plan News



▼ The Planning Commission passed the 2003 Comprehensive Plan at their July 14 meeting. The Plan now goes to the Board of Supervisors for final approval. The Board is scheduled to vote after a public hearing at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 12, 7 p.m., Building C Board Room at the County Complex, 101 Mounts Bay Road. The public is invited to attend. The meeting will air live on JCC TV48, the County government channel.

## Williamsburg Area Transport Receives Award

Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) is the recipient of the Virginia Transit Association's 2003 Innovative Program Award for Small Systems. The Awards Committee was impressed with WAT's efforts to increase customer service, visibility, and create a seamless, coordinated, regional transit system. Significant outcomes include:

- Passenger trips of 271,000 between July 2002 - March 2003 compared to 70,000 between July 2001 - March 2002.
- Expansion of service by 80 percent, additional service connecting Newport News and Hampton Roads Transit (HRT), and servicing the College of William and Mary.
- Acquiring a state-of-the-art handicapped accessible bus fleet.
- Inclusion of the renovated Williamsburg Transportation Center as new hub of service allowing connections to taxis, intercity buses, and Amtrak.
- Increased promotion with name and logo change and new web page:  
[www.williamsburgtransport.com](http://www.williamsburgtransport.com)



*Pictured left to right: Doug Powell, Assistant Community Services Manager, JCC; John J. McGlennon, Member of the JCC Board of Supervisors and Chair of the JCC Transit Company; Richard Drumwright, Director of WAT; Pauline Milligan, Grants/Marketing Administrator, WAT; Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator, JCC; Jodi Miller, Assistant City Manager, City of Williamsburg; and Mac McFarland, Lead Driver, WAT.*

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## Short Takes

▼ Haynes Furniture Company has purchased a 50-acre tract in the GreenMount Industrial Park for construction of a 300,000 square foot furniture warehouse and distribution center. The company will invest over \$15 million in the project and employ approximately 120 people.

▼ James City County needs Foster and Adoptive families to provide homes for children in our custody. Training opportunities are available for interested families. Please contact Evangelina Crump, 564-2373, [evangelinac@james-city.va.us](mailto:evangelinac@james-city.va.us) or Gwen Mason, 564-2376, [gwenm@james-city.va.us](mailto:gwenm@james-city.va.us).

▼ Hurricane season runs June through November. When a storm threatens the area, listen to 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.

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

Sponsored by: James City County Fair Committee  
James City Ruritan Club • James City County Office of VA Cooperative Extension

## Upper County Park

## Leisure Road, Toano

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8**  
**4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**AMUSEMENTS • FOOD**  
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