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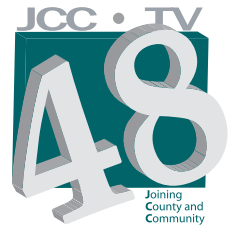
### Your vote counts

The Nov. 8 General Election includes races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. In local elections, voters will be asked to decide two local bond referenda and voters in the Jamestown and Powhatan Districts will also elect their representatives on the Board of Supervisors and School Board. For more information on voting, call 253-6868 and see the supplement in this issue.



### JCC TV48 survey results

Thanks to all of our County Government Channel 48 (JCC TV48) viewers who participated in the government television programming survey conducted this past spring. Our average cable survey respondent was 40 or older (94%) and watches JCC TV48 at least once a month (56%) between 5 and 11 p.m. (53%). Most viewers found the government channel by flipping through the channels (68%), the JCC TV48 Message Board (17%) or on the County's Web site (3%).



The most watched programs were the live broadcast of Board of Supervisors meetings, followed by JCC TV48's text message board, Community Services' monthly news magazine "Community Central," Planning Commission meetings and the County's news show, "James City County: A Closer Look."

When asked whether JCC TV48 had increased their awareness of community issues, 67% of the participants responded between "extremely to somewhat helpful." Participants wanted to see more local coverage of government and community events.

A total of 812 County residents participated in the survey, which was distributed in their May and June Cox cable bills.

The Communications Office's 2002 survey showed citizens wanted higher quality live meeting coverage. The new, state-of-the-art broadcast facility in Building F at the County Complex off Mounts Bay Road opened in December 2003 to provide local cable viewers better coverage of Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings through technical upgrades and live, on-screen messaging.

The latest survey results also will be used to improve programming. If you'd like to receive the JCC TV48 weekly program schedule by e-mail, visit [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) and look for the JCC TV48 logo. For information on WJCC Schools and School Board meetings, watch Educational Channel 47.



Photo courtesy Michaele L. White

Gov. Mark R. Warner (fourth from left) and other officials visited Mainland Farm to break ground for the Virginia Capital Trail, a 54-mile recreational path that will connect Richmond to James City County and Williamsburg. Board of Supervisors Chairman Michael Brown is shown third from right.

### Welcome new businesses

See [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) for a list of new businesses that have recently received their new business license in the County.

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## Welcome, Chiefs!

Two longtime employees have been promoted to the County's top public safety positions.

Fire Chief Tal Luton is the department's first chief to rise from the ranks of firefighter. He was promoted from Deputy Fire Chief in August. Chief Luton has held increasingly responsible positions since starting with the department in 1980 as a firefighter at the Grove Station.

Police Chief Emmett Harmon was hired as the department's first police officer in 1979. He started with the department after working briefly for the City of Newport News and the City of Suffolk, where he started his career as a police officer at age 19. Harmon subsequently rose through the ranks, becoming Deputy Chief last year. He was promoted to the top job in September.



Tal Luton



Emmett Harmon

## Leadership training

Neighborhood Connections is looking for potential neighborhood leaders to attend the Citizen Leadership Academy. Classes meet two hours once a week for nine weeks beginning in January.

Topics include strengthening relationships, how to work together as a team, networking and how to put ideas into action. Academy training is open to all County residents; there is no fee. Call 259-5422 for an application.

## Neighbors 'in the know'

Neighborhood Connections offers opportunities throughout the year to learn more about neighborhood and homeowners' association issues and to talk to people from other neighborhoods. Upcoming trainings include:

### How to have a Successful Meeting

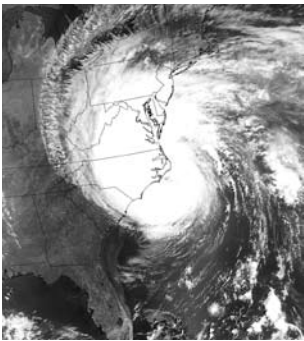
Oct. 20, 7 to 9 p.m.,  
Neighborhood Connections, 5340  
Palmer Lane, Suite 1A. Learn basic  
tips that can ensure neighborhood  
meetings are well attended and  
productive. Call 259-5422 to register.  
Deadline: Oct. 13.

### Understanding Governing Documents

Nov. 10, 7 to 9 p.m. Call for  
location. Learn more about how  
the documents that form the legal  
foundation for association operations  
– declaration, bylaws, articles of  
incorporation, resolutions, rules  
and regulations – interrelate and  
influence association decision  
making. Call 259-5422 to register.  
Deadline: Nov. 4.

## Be prepared for emergencies

It's never too early to prepare for a storm that may leave your home without power for days.



### Before the storm:

- Watch JCC TV48 for information.
  - Visit [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) to sign up for emergency information updates.
  - Call the County's Emergency Hotline for recorded information, 875-2424.
  - Pick up a refrigerator magnet with local emergency phone numbers by calling the Office of Emergency Management, 566-4315.
- Prepare to "shelter in place" with food, water, medication and other supplies to live without power for a week.
  - During extended power outages, tune to radio station WMBG AM 740 for local emergency updates.

## Water use regulations end Sept. 30

As of Oct. 1, James City Service Authority (JCSA) regulations for outdoor water use will end for this year. Outdoor water use regulations will go back into effect May 1 through Sept. 30, 2006. For more information, log on to [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com) or call the Outdoor Water Info Line at 259-4152, the JCSA Environmental Education Coordinator at 253-6859 or JCSA Customer Service at 253-6800.



## Rain sensor rebate

The James City Service Authority (JCSA) is offering a rebate on rain sensors purchased for irrigation systems installed before March 8.

JCSA customers are eligible to receive up to a \$50 rebate towards the purchase of a rain sensor, which must be set to 1/4 inch. Rain sensors prevent irrigation systems from turning on during and after a rainstorm, limiting wasteful water use. Rebate forms are available at [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com); JCSA offices, 101-E Mounts Bay Road; or the County's Satellite Office, 3127 Forge Road. Forms, along with a receipt, must be mailed to: Beth Davis, JCSA Environmental Education Coordinator, P.O. Box 8784, Williamsburg, VA 23187 or faxed to (757) 253-6850. For more information, visit [www.bewatersmart.org](http://www.bewatersmart.org) or call 253-6859.

## Free smoke alarms

The Fire Department has free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms available for County residents. Keep your family safe from fire: check your smoke alarms, have and practice a home fire drill, and make sure you have house numbers that are reflective and large enough to be seen easily at night. Call the public fire education office at 253-0574.

## Carbon monoxide silent killer

If you have fossil fuel in your home, have an attached garage or use a generator in a power outage, you could be at risk. Carbon monoxide interferes with the blood's ability to get oxygen to the brain. This can be fatal. To learn more about carbon monoxide, please call the public fire education office at 253-0574 or visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).



Board Chairman Michael Brown (fourth from left) joined York Chairman James S. Burgett (third from left) in cutting the ribbon for the localities' joint project to upgrade radio communications. Also shown are County Administrator Sandy Wanner (second from left) and Stonehouse Supervisor Andy Bradshaw (to right of Brown). The 800 MHz radio system was put to the test this summer when lightning temporarily disabled the County's 911 system and calls were smoothly handled at York County's 911 Center.

## Fire Prevention Week

Fire safety is all year long, but we try to especially focus your attention during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15. Be on the lookout for special activities in the schools and other places by staying tuned to cable Channel JCC TV48 and [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com).

The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) would like for everyone to realize the dangers of candles. Beautiful, scented, they create ambience and lift our mood...but they can be deadly if not used carefully. There has been a rise nationally in the number of deaths caused by fires started by candles. Sadly, young children and the elderly are most likely to be victims of fire.

If you have any questions about fire safety, please call the public fire education office at 253-0574 and log on to [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ♦ OCTOBER 9-15 2005

Use Candles  
with Care



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Web Site: [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com)

## Landscape programs

The Water Smart Landscape Series continues with the following programs. Both will be held at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road.

### Turf Alternatives – Groundcovers, Mulch, & More

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Oct. 15 • 10 a.m. - noon

### Landscape Renovation

Harmony Design

Nov. 5 • 10 a.m. - noon

The series is free; no reservations needed. For more information, log on to [www.bewatersmart.org](http://www.bewatersmart.org) or contact Beth Davis at 253-6859.

## Watershed mini-grants

Watershed protection mini-grants are available through the County's Protecting Resources in Delicate Environments (PRIDE) Program. Neighborhoods, stormwater facility (BMP) owners and community groups can qualify for up to \$500.

Projects emphasizing water quality improvement through watershed restoration/protection include tree planting, wetland planting, BMP restoration and stream bank stabilization. For more information, log on to [www.protectedwithpride.org](http://www.protectedwithpride.org) or contact Beth Davis at 253-6859.

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