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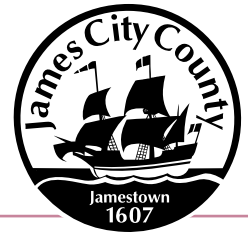
A report to the citizens of James City County

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For Your Information

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



Ellipse Garden is dedicated

The “Ellipse Garden” was recently dedicated at Freedom Park. The Williamsburg Botanical Garden’s Board of Directors, along with members of the Board of Supervisors, held a ribbon cutting ceremony. A brick patio dedicated in memory of the late Trist McConnell, founding chairman of the Williamsburg Botanical Garden, was accepted by Helen McConnell.

The County provided the two-acre site as a demonstration garden, which is planted and cared for by volunteers. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the beauty of the garden, sit on the bench or walk around to see 300 different plants which have been labeled in various areas of the garden. Freedom Park, located at 5535 Centerville Road, is open from 7 a.m. until dusk.

For more information on membership or making donations, go to www.williamsburgbotanicalgarden.org or call Terry Johnston at 220-0910.



Photo courtesy Donnie Goodrich

County Administrator Sandy Wanner (left to right); Stonehouse Supervisor Andy Bradshaw; David Jarman, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chair; Helen McConnell, wife of the late Trist McConnell; Paul Tubach, WBG Board Chairman; Jamestown Supervisor John McGlennon; and Board Chairman Bruce Goodson.

Easy-to-read signs



Have you noticed the new signs pointing the way to the area’s historic destinations and attractions? The new “wayfinding” signs welcome and guide visitors to major destinations in Williamsburg, James City County and York County. The signs, designed

to increase visitors’ sense of comfort and ease in navigating the region, also encourage visitor retention and return visits.

For more information, go to www.historictriangle.net.

Citizens invited to speak out on parks and recreation

Parks and Recreation is updating its Master Plan for developing programs, parks and facilities. The plan is formally revised every 15 years – and now’s the time for you to help determine the programs and services that will be important to you and your family over the next five years and beyond.

Citizen forums have been set up to hear from citizens. Make plans to attend one of these meetings:

- **Oct. 18, 7 p.m.**, James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road
- **Nov. 2, 7 p.m.**, Jamestown High School, 3751 John Tyler Highway
- **Nov. 16, 7 p.m.**, Stonehouse Elementary School, 3651 Rochambeau Drive
- **Nov. 18, 10 a.m.**, James River Community Center, 8901 Pocahontas Trail

For details, call 259-5415.

Web calendar features 400th events

Organizations and individuals now have a free, easy way to post information about their America's 400th Anniversary events. The new online calendar created by the Historic Triangle Jamestown 2007 Host Committee can be accessed at www.historictriangle.net. Any civic group, non-profit organization or recipient of a 2007 arts commission grant is eligible to post their commemoration-related event on the calendar.

For more information, contact gwalton@williamsburgva.gov or see www.historictriangle.net.

Hospitality training

Neighborhood Connections will provide citizens several opportunities during October to learn how to become ambassadors and make positive impressions about our community to our visitors.

The training will be held in conjunction with the Historic Triangle Jamestown 2007 Host Committee, Thomas Nelson Community College Workforce Development and the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance.

This hospitality training is aimed to ensure outstanding service to all who visit the area for America's 400th Anniversary. Training sessions will be held Oct. 4 and 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 14, 17 and 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at various County locations.

For registration information, contact Neighborhood Connections, 259-5422.

WaterSmart fall landscape series

Find out how the Community Conservation Partnership provides environmental services, education and outreach to improve, sustain and protect natural resources and low maintenance landscaping in these fall classes.

- **Community Conservation Partnership**

Oct. 7, 10 a.m. - Noon

*James City/Williamsburg Community Center, Room C
5301 Longhill Road*

- **Low Maintenance Landscaping**

Nov. 4, 10 a.m. - Noon

*Human Services Center, Water-wise Garden
5249 Olde Towne Road*

Workshops are FREE. No reservations needed. For more information, call 253-6859 or visit www.bewatersmart.org.



WaterSmart Landscape Makeover

Watch the James City Service Authority's "WaterSmart Landscape Makeover" to find out how to practice water conservation without sacrificing the appearance of your yard. Shows daily through November at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on JCC TV48 or look for the video at www.jccEgov.com.

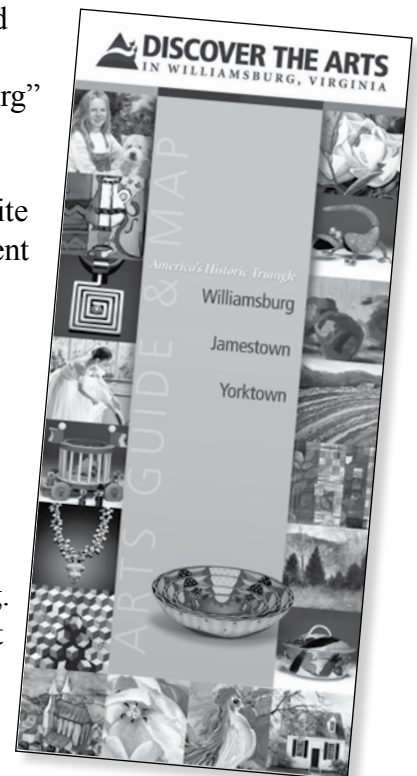
Discover art in your backyard

A new map is available to help citizens and visitors experience and enjoy visual arts in the region. "Discover the Arts in Williamsburg" is available for citizens at the Williamsburg Regional Library, James City/Williamsburg and James River Community Centers, Satellite Services in Toano and the County Government Complex off Mounts Bay Road.

The regional arts map is the result of work by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, the City of Williamsburg, James City County, York County and the visual arts community.

This project has been designed to complement the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration efforts and highlights the art of glassblowing. Glassblowing was the colonists' first attempt at manufacturing in America.

An online version of the map will soon be available at www.williamsburgareaarts.com.



Be a 'greasebuster'

Large amounts of fats, oils and grease from cooking may block sanitary sewer lines if they enter into the wastewater system.

Help us to serve you better by never pouring fats, oils and grease down sink drains or into toilets.

Follow these easy steps for proper disposal:

1. Pour cooled oils and grease into an old glass jar or can and dispose of it in the trash or take it to the fats, oils and grease recycling container at the Jolly Pond Convenience Center, 1204 Jolly Pond Road, 565-4000.
2. Remove excess grease left on cookware with a paper towel and dispose of it in the trash and scrape excess food scraps left on cookware into the trash.
3. Tell your family and friends about protecting their home and preserving the environment through proper disposal of fats, oils and grease.

For more information, e-mail the James City Service Authority at greasebusters@james-city.va.us or call 253-6859.



Voting machine accessibility

County voters with disabilities now have touchscreen voting available at every polling location. State-of-the-art features make voting easier by providing large touch areas and a removable tablet. The system includes headphones to deliver an audio ballot for people who have vision limitations, with voter response provided through the use of a touch-tone-phone style keypad.

Demonstrations for clubs, organizations and other large groups are available by appointment. Individuals who provide notice also may try out the new unit at the Voter Registrar's Office, 101-B Mounts Bay Road, during normal office hours. For more information, contact Alan J. "AJ" Cole, Voter Registrar, 253-6868 or hearing impaired, dial 711.

Voting information

County voters will be voting on Nov. 7 for a U.S. Senator, for a member of the House of Representatives District 1, and on three proposed constitutional amendments dealing with marriage, limitations on the powers of the General Assembly and exempt property.

A pamphlet with the entire question, an explanation of the current law and the proposed amendment, and the full text of the amendment is available from the James City County Voter Registrar's Office upon request. The information is also available at the State Board of Elections Web site at www.sbe.virginia.gov.

The deadline to register to vote or make name/address changes is Oct. 10. The deadline to submit an application to vote absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 31, to vote absentee ballot in-person, Nov. 4, and to return mailed absentee ballot, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Alan J. "AJ" Cole, Voter Registrar, 253-6868 or hearing impaired, dial 711.

Inclusion Expo

Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road

Come learn about Parks and Recreation's award-winning program to include participants with special needs in programs and activities. Meet the coordinator, instructors and aides and see the great variety of accommodations offered for your family member or friend. Activities include information booths, interactive demos and hands-on children's games and raffles.

For more information, call 259-5354.

JCC TV48 programs available on demand

The County's government cable channel, JCC TV48, is now offering live streaming and rebroadcasts of County meetings and other shows at www.jccEgov.com.

Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meetings, along with regular show favorites such as "Community Central," are just a click away for computer users with Internet access. Citizens also can watch videos with important emergency preparedness information, including preparing for the possibility of hurricanes.

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Photo courtesy VDOT

State and local officials helped dedicate the Alma C. White Memorial Bridge on Little Creek Dam Road. The community activist, who died 14 years ago, was a founding member of the Chickahominy Community Improvement Organization and an active leader in many other community organizations.

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