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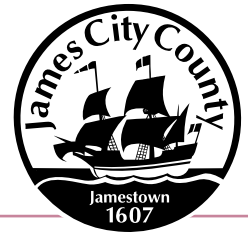
A report to the citizens of James City County

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For Your Information

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FY07-08 budget focuses on our growing community

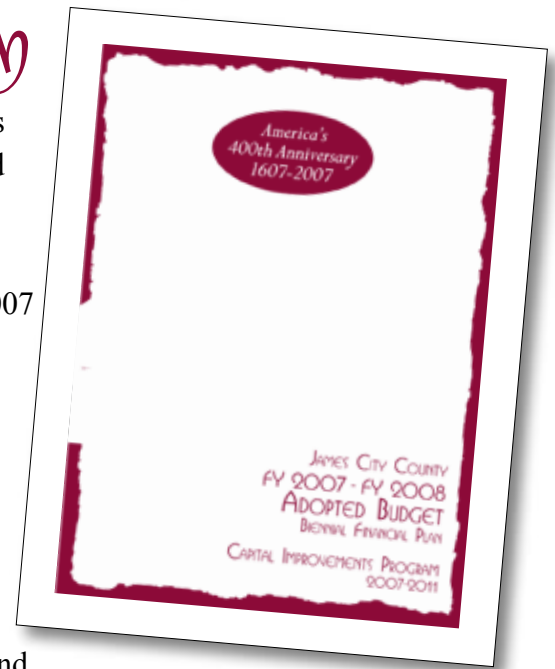
James City County's Board of Supervisors approved a \$154.9 million budget for fiscal year 2007 that reaffirms the County's commitment to providing quality education and meets the challenges of growth while keeping the real estate tax rate steady. FY07 runs from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

The County's FY07 contribution to Williamsburg-James City County Schools is \$79.8 million. Schools funding is nearly 52 percent of the General Fund budget and represents an increase of 10.2 percent over the current FY06 budget. FY08 planned funding of \$90.1 million represents a nearly 13 percent increase. In 2007, capital projects include an eighth elementary school; in 2008, a ninth elementary school and fourth middle school. The FY08 plan also includes operating funds to support the addition of nearly 100 positions to staff the third high school and eighth elementary school.

The County's proposed FY07 General Fund budget represents an 11.3 percent increase over the current year's budget. As the County strives to meet the growing demands for facilities, amenities and services, the biennial financial plan maintains the current real estate tax rate of 78.5 cents per \$100 assessed value.

Other highlights of the FY07 and FY08 budget plan include:

- Jamestown 2007 planning and tourism funding, including Anniversary weekend security, community events and promotions, and funding for the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and APVA Preservation Virginia.
 - Preservation of 198 acres at the Jamestown Campsites and Basin properties along the James River and Powhatan Creek.
 - Park improvements including multi-use fields, playgrounds, picnic shelters and trails. Green space and conservation easements will also be funded by bonds approved by County voters in the November 2005 referendum.
 - First-year funding of an investment in future water sources using the King William Reservoir in partnership with Newport News Waterworks.
 - Funding for the FY07 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and FY08 Comprehensive Plan updates.
 - Six new police officers and three new firefighters.
- For more information, see www.jccEgov.com



Democratic primary set

A Democratic primary is scheduled for June 13 for the office of United States Senate. Candidates include Harris N. Miller and James H. "Jim" Webb Jr. For more details, contact 253-6868 or vote@james-city.va.us.

Legislative update

Sign up for an update on legislative issues that affect property owners on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Ford's Colony Swim and Racquet Club, 165 St. Andrews Drive.

The Virginia Legislative Action Committee of Community Associations Institute will present a review of bills acted on by the 2006 General Assembly. The session will also look at legislative trends. The registration fee is \$15 for Community Association Institute members, \$20 for non-members.

Register by June 16 by calling Stacey Drayer, (804) 739-7655.

Water regulations

James City Service Authority (JCSA) customers are required to help the County manage water demand from May 1 to Sept. 30 each year.

Odd number houses may water Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and even numbers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Neighborhood common areas are considered odd addresses. There is no watering between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless with a container or with a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle that is attended at all times. Any other outdoor water uses, such as automatic irrigation systems, sprinklers or hoses without automatic shutoff nozzles, must follow the odd/even schedule.

For more information, call the Outdoor Water Info Line at 259-4152 for a recorded message, visit www.jccEgov.com or tune into JCC TV48.



Hurricane readiness

Please don't forget your pets as another hurricane season approaches. Meteorologists are predicting another above-average hurricane season, with 17 named storms, nine hurricanes and five intense hurricanes. The probability for at least one major Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane landfall on the East Coast is 64 percent this hurricane season, which begins in June.

Most people are unaware that their pets are not allowed in shelters. Current vaccination records, food and any special medication should be part of your pet's disaster kit. For more details, see www.hsus.org.

Would you like to learn how to be better prepared for any disaster? The next training for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) starts June 6. For more information, call the CERT Coordinator's office at 253-0574 or go to www.jccEgov.com.

County Fair features new dates, site

June 23, 4-10 p.m.

June 24, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Chickahominy Riverfront Park
1350 John Tyler Highway
on-site parking - \$5 per car

Come to the 29th Annual County Fair and enjoy carnival rides, the petting zoo, and much more. On Friday, the band *All That* appears on stage from 5:30-9:30 p.m., and the evening will be capped off with fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

On Saturday, come see the tractor pull, antique cars, exhibits, vendors, and musical entertainment. There will also be a baking contest, with the winner advancing to state. Pony rides will also be available. There will also be a demo by members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). For more details, go to www.jccEgov.com.



CERT members Sheila and Bob Zornetzer pass out emergency preparedness information at last year's County Fair.



Citizens Academy graduates

The 2006 Citizens Leadership Academy helped participants learn how to

strengthen community relationships and work together as a team. For more information on the next academy training, call Neighborhood Connections, 259-5422.

Neighborhood Connections director named



Neighborhood Connections has a new director. Tressell Carter, who previously worked as Executive Director of the Days of Grace Senior Services, Inc. in Richmond and served as a grant writer for the Historic Triangle Substance Abuse Coalition, started in May. Carter succeeds Barbara Watson, who was named Community Services Assistant Manager.

The new director's experience includes fiscal management, community partnerships, training and development, staff and board development, strategic planning and communication and relationship management with diverse groups.

New registrar named



The County's Electoral Board has named Alan J. Cole the new General Registrar. He had served as an assistant registrar in Virginia Beach since 1999.

Cole was a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy from 1970-1990, and later operated his own computer consulting business in Hawaii. He succeeds Clara Christopher who retired after 18 years with the office.

During Christopher's tenure, the County grew from six to 14 polling places and the number of registered voters more than doubled to 41,000. The County has also advanced from lever voting machines to the recent addition of a touch screen to aid voters with vision impairments in each polling place.

Fishing derby

June 3, 8 a.m. to noon
Little Creek Reservoir
180 Lake View Drive

Bring your bait and tackle to the Kids All-American Fishing Derby. Register early or on site.

For more details, call 259-5353.

Bicycle tour set

July 8, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The 9th Annual Park to Park Bicycle Tour starts at Upper County Park and stops at Little Creek Park, Chickahominy Riverfront Park and Freedom Park. The three stops give bicyclists the option of riding 15, 25 or 52 miles. Cool off after your ride with a dip in the pool at Upper County Park.

The registration fee of \$10 at the park or \$7 pre-registration includes lunch, refreshments, pool fee, canoe rentals and maps. The tour is co-sponsored by James City County Parks and Recreation and Williamsburg Area Bicyclists.

For more information, call 259-4176.

Riverbank Rhythms

July 14, Aug. 25 and
Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Chickahominy Riverfront Park

What could you add to make a beautiful night, a campfire and great company even better? Riverbank Rhythms will feature free music concerts. Enjoy the beautiful sunset on the water at Chickahominy Riverfront Park and let the music carry you away.

For more details, call 259-5353.

A 2007 Community Information Fair was held recently for residents to learn more about commemoration events. Costumed characters from a children's musical tied to the Godspeed Sail entertained youngsters. For more information, see www.jamestown2007.org.



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County landscape planner Scott Whyte designed landscaping for several roadside projects that have been completed at Anderson's Corner, Jamestown Road and Route 199. The beautification efforts are part of the County's preparation for Jamestown 2007 commemoration events.



Web site to feature new look!

The County's Web site will soon feature a new look and enhanced features. Be sure to log on this summer at www.jccEgov.com.

Look for a new format based on citizen requests for more current news, current event calendars, better and more relevant search features, more history and more online services. In addition, there are easy to use menus, hot links for popular pages, a new and improved park finder, and many new photos and pages for visitors and residents alike.

If you would like to take a sneak peek, volunteer to test our site. During June, site testing will be held with select groups of citizens. For just 30 minutes of your time, you can help make your County Web site a better place to visit. For an appointment, call 253-6657.

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