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*A report to the citizens of James City County*

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## For Your Information

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### Park projects taking shape

County voters in the bond referendum this past fall overwhelmingly approved \$15 million for park improvement projects and \$20 million to acquire land and voluntary land conservation agreements that will serve as green space and preserve agricultural, forestal or environmentally sensitive lands.

The following is an update about the park improvement projects and their progress. A future issue of "FYI" will update readers about efforts to preserve land and green space.

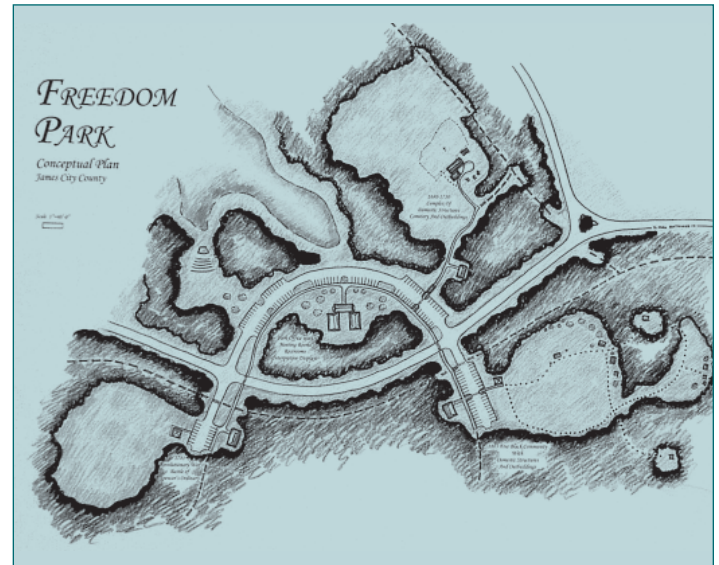
#### *Warhill Sports Complex*

\$8.7 million was approved for construction of six lighted multi-use fields, parking, playground, roadway, baseball field lighting and multi-use trail extension. The project will be advertised for bid later this spring with fields available for play before fall 2007.

#### *Freedom Park*

\$4.3 million was approved for the development of historical interpretive areas and an interpretive center with rest rooms, plus picnic shelters and parking.

These projects have been divided into three parts due to the diversity in scope of work between the historical structures and modern day facilities. Requests for proposals are slated to be released this spring with completion of a few historical interpretive areas by December 2006 and remaining projects by late 2007.



#### *Chickahominy Riverfront Park*

\$500,000 was approved for construction of a playground, picnic shelter and parking near the swimming pools. All projects are out to bid with completion of the parking, picnic shelter and playground by late summer.

#### *Greenways and Trails*

\$1.5 million was approved for the continued development of trails approved as a part of the Greenways Master Plan. Funds may be used for construction, grant opportunities and possible easement acquisition. Currently, several properties have been identified for possible easements and several trail projects are under way.

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Water regulations start May 1  
Public hearing set on water/sewer rates

Watch for JCC TV48's news program, "A Closer Look," for the latest details on these projects.

## Neighborhood News

Neighborhood Connections offers opportunities throughout the year to learn more about neighborhood and homeowner association issues. Call 259-4022 to register for these trainings:

### **James City County 101**

*April 28, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
JCC/W Community Center,  
5301 Longhill Road*

Participants will go on a bus tour to learn about the County and its role in America's 400th Anniversary Commemoration and more. Lunch is provided. Registration deadline: April 21.

### **Board of Directors and Property Managers**

*May 16, 7 to 9 p.m.*

*William E. Wood Real Estate Bldg.,  
5208 Monticello Avenue*

Participants will explore relationships between boards and property managers considering tasks that may be delegated, oversight of management, and areas that should be covered in the management agreement. Registration deadline is May 9.

### **Looking for tips on how to make your association meetings run smoother?**

Materials are available for review at the Neighborhood Connections office, 5340 Palmer Lane, Suite 1A, and for checkout at the James City County Library, 7770 Croaker Road. Topics covered include association management, financial management, communications, maintenance and contracted services.

To learn more about this and other Neighborhood Connections services, call 259-5422.

## *All aboard!*

*The 1900s Norge Train Depot relocates from Peach Street to the James City County Library where it will be renovated into community meeting space and museum.*



*The depot was placed on a large trailer to make the one mile trip as local residents, historians and County officials watched in awe after years of hard work to save the County's last remaining train station. For more details on the depot's historical importance, watch JCC TV48.*

## *America's Anniversary Garden*

America's Anniversary Garden was kicked off on a statewide basis in January at Jamestown Settlement by then Gov.-elect Tim Kaine. The program, supported by a grant from the Jamestown 2007 Foundation, will help individuals, communities and groups mark America's 400th Anniversary with a signature garden planting.

The signature gardens feature red, white and blue colored annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. All across Virginia, city and county entrance corridors, public gardens, sidewalk containers, hanging baskets, residential lawns and other gardens and landscapes will display the colorful theme in 2006 and 2007.



For information on a proposed planting design, planting instructions and plant care for the signature garden, see [www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden](http://www.ext.vt.edu/americasgarden) or contact Leanne DuBois, Virginia Cooperative Extension, at 564-2170 or [ledubois@vt.edu](mailto:ledubois@vt.edu).

## *Brown recognized*

Former Supervisor Michael Brown was recently recognized for his service as a member of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission. Brown was presented a resolution of appreciation citing his "leadership through his successful efforts to enhance the role of James City County in addressing regional issues."

## Budget public hearing

A public hearing on next fiscal year's budget plan will be held at the April 25 Board of Supervisors meeting at 7 p.m. at the County Government Center, 101 Mounts Bay Road, Building F. Citizens are invited to make comments on the FY07 and FY08 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2008) budget plan, which will be presented at the meeting. The Board will hold work sessions on the budget proposal April 27, and May 1 and 3, with its adoption scheduled at the May 9 meeting.

The meetings will be broadcast live on County Government Channel JCC TV48. The rebroadcast schedule of the meetings is available at [www.jccEgov.com](http://www.jccEgov.com).

## Delinquent taxpayers may lose car tax relief

The Treasurer's office will soon bill delinquent taxpayers for 100 percent of their overdue car taxes plus penalties and interest for tax years 2001 to 2005. Delinquent taxpayers may owe up to an additional 70 percent in personal property taxes because the Commonwealth of Virginia will be eliminating reimbursements on overdue car taxes by Sept. 1.

For more details, call 253-6705.

## Business disaster seminar

*May 2, 9:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

*The Crowne Plaza Hotel on Rt. 60*

The Fire Department and Office of Economic Development along with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management are hosting a seminar titled "Prepare and Profit" for businesses to learn how to stay in business after the storm.

For more information and to register, call the Fire Education office at 253-0574. Registration is limited to 100. The \$25 registration fee includes a continental breakfast and buffet lunch.

## WAT director named



Williamsburg Area Transport (WAT) has a new Executive Director.

Mark Rickards, who previously worked for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT), was selected to lead the transportation system for James City County, the City of Williamsburg and the Bruton District of York County.

*Mark Rickards*

## Fire offices relocate

Fire Administration and Fire Marshals have moved to 300 McLaws Circle, Suite 201. For more information, call 220-0626.

## Family Fun Fest

Come and enjoy a fun-filled day on the water at Chickahominy Riverfront Park, 1350 John Tyler Highway, on May 13.

Participate in hands-on activities, rides, carnival games, wellness activities, live entertainment, and much more.

Purchase lunch from food vendors while you stroll through the Sentara Williamsburg Community Hospital Health Fair, learn about Fire Safety, or participate in the fun Touch-A-Truck. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Spring workshops

Ever wonder how to grow beautiful plants in your garden without straining your water bill? Learn how at JCSA's Let's Be Water Smart free clinics.

The County's Extension Office and the James City County/Williamsburg Master Gardeners will present these clinics:

### **Plant Selection & Design**

*April 22, 10 a.m.*

*Cooke's Gardens,  
1826 Jamestown Road*

### **Low Maintenance Landscaping**

*May 20, 10 a.m.*

*Human Services Building,  
5249 Olde Towne Road*

For more information, visit [www.bewatersmart.org/index.html](http://www.bewatersmart.org/index.html) or [www.jccwmg.org](http://www.jccwmg.org). Call 564-2170 to register.

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# Train the Trainers for 2007

County employees and staff members representing Busch Gardens Europe/Water Country USA, Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance, Thomas Nelson Community College, Great Wolf Lodge, APVA Preservation Virginia, Historic Triangle Jamestown 2007 Host Committee and LTH Management Hotels recently completed the Prepare-Care-Share Training program.

The training, developed by the 2007 Host Committee, helps raise awareness of those who work directly with the public about the impact they will have on the success of the 2007 commemoration. For more information, visit [www.historictriangle.net](http://www.historictriangle.net) or call 229-6511.



*County employees and others learn how to highlight sites and local activities and to help tourists navigate the area.*

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