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Working in partnership with all citizens to achieve a quality community

Your future is focus of two surveys

What are your dreams, hopes and expectations for our community?

Your comments will directly affect County projects and goals for the next five to 10 years. It's all part of the County's update of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, and once again, we need your input!

This time, the County is doing two surveys. The first will be conducted by the International City Management Association (ICMA). This survey will poll about 1,200 residents to measure citizen satisfaction and will allow us to compare your level of satisfaction

with others who take the same ICMA survey in communities all across the United States. The short, multiple-choice, mail-in survey was recently mailed.

The Virginia Tech Center for Survey Research will conduct the second survey, which will randomly select and call residents throughout August. This survey is similar to the survey done in advance of the 2003 Comprehensive Plan update and will allow us to see how the attitudes of you, our citizens, have changed over the past five years.

So check your mailbox and answer your phone to be sure your input is included, but if you're not called, don't worry! There will be plenty of additional opportunities for your voice to be heard throughout the update process. Keep reading your FYI newsletter and checking www.jccEgov.com for regular updates.

If you have any questions about the surveys or the Comprehensive Plan update, please call Planning at 253-6685.

Watering reminder

The odd/even outdoor watering schedule continues through Sept. 30. There is no outdoor watering permitted on Mondays. For details, call 259-4152.



The County's 2007 Legacy Art Contest winners included (l-r) Amanda Keane with "An Open Doorway," Katherine Twiford with the "The Arrival" and Mary Catherine Duke with "An Indian Village." Parks and Recreation Director Ned Cheely (back, left) and County Administrator Sandy Wanner participated in the recognition ceremony held recently at 2007 Legacy Hall.

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JCC TV48 show captures oral history

The oral history video series “James City County: A New World” is airing on Cox Channel JCC TV48. The four-part series was produced as one of the County’s 2007 Legacy Projects.

Featured in the series are 11 local citizens who share their histories of our community through personal stories, memorable events and challenges and achievements in government and business. Each featured guest has a legacy of his or her own – valuable and lasting contributions that will continue to span generations.

Check www.jccEgov.com for show times and dates.



‘FYI’ news show airs daily

There’s no need to wait until the FYI newsletter arrives in your mailbox to find out what’s happening in the County. Cox subscribers can tune daily to JCC TV48 to watch the FYI news show.

The latest show takes us on a car trip with historian Martha McCartney as she visits historical sites featured in a new brochure. It also features interviews with Fire Chief Tal Luton who talks about assembling a disaster readiness kit and County Administrator Sandy Wanner, who discusses the new stadium at Warhill.



‘Super Turf’ Saturday returns

Learn how to get rid of pesky weeds, create an eco-friendly lawn, and control critters at “Super Turf” Saturday on Aug. 18. This event will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road. Attendees will participate in educational workshops led by experts in the field. A working lunch will be provided, and lawn care products and services will be exhibited.

The cost for this event is \$12. Price includes lunch and materials. Pre-register by Aug. 10, as space is limited.

For more information, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension at 564-2170 or visit www.jccwmg.org. Turf Love is funded through the James City County PRIDE program and is a Water Quality Enhancement Program.



Former Supervisor Jack Edwards tells interviewer M.K. Sizemore about serving on the Board of Supervisors.

SilverSneakers®

SilverSneakers®, a program to build muscular strength and range of movement, is held Mondays and Fridays at 12:15 p.m. at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center. It is the nation’s leading exercise regimen designed exclusively for older adults.

Members receive an annual access pass at no cost, which includes basic amenities and the signature SilverSneakers® class. Those who would like to take the class but are not eligible may purchase a wristband for access.

For more details, call 259-4176.

Riverbank Rhythms continues

Chickahominy Riverfront Park, 1350 John Tyler Highway, is the place to be for enjoying the beautiful sunset on the water and hearing great music. Mark your calendars:

■ **Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m.**

Runaway String Band

Bluegrass and swing

■ **Aug. 24, 6:30 p.m.**

The Delvers

Blues, country and acoustic rock

Celebrate cultures

Join us as we celebrate the diversity of our community! Celebration of Cultures, an award-winning, annual event, is sponsored by Parks and Recreation and All Together, Inc. It is designed to bring together and highlight the diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds in the Greater Williamsburg area. Cultural and ethnic vendors, exhibitors and performers are featured in this afternoon of family fun. The free celebration will be held Sept. 30, noon to 4 p.m. at Chickahominy Riverfront Park.

Calling for companions

Calling all retired teachers, special education aides, therapeutic recreation students, high school students and others interested in volunteering to assist people with disabilities. Parks and Recreation needs you to volunteer as companions to help those with disabilities to participate in recreation and leisure activities.

Attend an informational meeting to find out how to sign up and receive free orientation and training. The training will be held at the James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Stormwater fee begins

The County started a new fee on July 1 to enhance its stormwater management program to improve drainage and protect water quality and natural resources. Single-family detached residences will pay \$4.90 per month. The fee will be billed twice yearly on real estate taxes notices. Non-residential and multi-family fees are based on the amount of hard surface area on the property.

Stormwater that runs off roofs, driveways, sidewalks and parking lots collects pollutants that flows into rivers and creeks. If the drainage system is not working because of lack of proper design or maintenance, drainage problems, including flooding, may occur, affecting property and depositing additional pollutants into our waterways.

Stormwater management activities will include inspecting new drainage systems, constructing and maintaining public drainage systems and stormwater facilities and citizen education.

For more information, call Development Management at 253-6671.

Neighborhood conference

Hitch a ride to the 8th Annual Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference in Chesapeake, VA, Sept. 20-22.

This annual conference provides an opportunity for communities to come together and share their knowledge, experience and vision. Each year the conference is attended by a diverse group of grassroots neighborhood leaders and youth, non-profit and government staff and others working in the field of neighborhood development.

For more information, call 540-342-2763 or visit info@vsnconf.org. To arrange transportation, call Neighborhood Connections at 259-5422.

Ready for play!

The James City County Stadium is ready to accommodate varsity football, soccer and field hockey for three local high schools, championships, tournaments and a variety of community events in the 3,000-seat facility at the Warhill Sports Complex. The Sports Complex also features nine natural turf athletic fields and six synthetic turf multi-use fields. The synthetic turf fields are weather resistant and require less maintenance, which will increase play time and practice space for community sports programs. There are also three new outdoor basketball courts and a 3.5-mile ADA accessible multi-use trail.

For more information, call 259-5360.



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Come out to fight crime Aug. 7

It's only one night, but the power of neighbors joining together can help chase away crime. Designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, the 24th Annual National Night Out Against Crime can strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. It can also send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with traditional displays of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, neighborhoods can also 'celebrate' with block parties, cookouts, parades and visits from local police and fire departments.

If your neighborhood plans to participate, contact the Police Department at 253-2058, so that your neighborhood can be registered.

Red light runners beware

The Police Department will soon install photo-red systems to help make the roadways safer. The photo-red systems will allow constant monitoring of busy intersections, such as Route 199 and Longhill Road and Richmond Road and Croaker Road, where many serious traffic accidents have occurred.

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