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JCC TV48's "FYI" features new Surry bus route, recycling tips

James City County residents can stay tuned in to County events as well as gain helpful tips to improve their community by watching JCC TV48's news program, "FYI."

Williamsburg Area Transport's new bus route to Surry, recycling tips, and how to become a "grease buster" by learning to properly dispose of household fats, oil and grease are highlighted in the program.

Other features include taking a tour of the new Heritage Humane Society Shelter and soccer highlights from the County's youth league.

"FYI" airs daily at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Cox Channel 48 and can also be viewed online at www.jccEgov.com. The news show is based on the bimonthly "FYI" newsletter. Citizens may subscribe to this "FYI" newsletter by calling 259-4029 or signing up for an e-version by looking under "How do I?" at www.jccEgov.com.



Important reminders

Real estate and personal property taxes are due Dec. 5. In addition, 2008 dog tags are due by Jan. 31.

Tax payments may be made at these convenient locations: James City County Treasurer's Office, 101-B Mounts Bay Road; Satellite Services, 3127 Forge Road, in Toano; and all Citizens and Farmers Bank branches in the City of Williamsburg and James City County.

Dog tags may be purchased from the Treasurer's Office and Satellite Services. For more information, contact the Treasurer's Office, 253-6705 or Satellite Services, 564-2160.



James City County and Surry County officials kicked off the daily bus service. The new service will ease travel between the localities for commuting, shopping, medical needs and more.



Keith Taylor, Director of James City County's Office of Economic Development, recently received the Virginia Economic Developers Association's (VEDA) highest professional honor, the Cardinal Award. Shown here are Taylor (left), June Wilmot, VEDA Past President, and Martin Briley, Award Committee Chairman.

County officials to start new terms

James City County voters re-elected the following Constitutional officers: Richard Bradshaw, Commissioner of Revenue; M. Ann Davis, Treasurer; Robert J. Deeds, Sheriff; and Betsy Woolridge, Clerk of Circuit Court. Nate Green was elected Commonwealth's Attorney.

Mary Jones will represent the Berkeley District and Jim Kennedy, Stonehouse District, on the Board of Supervisors in 2008.

Roberts District Supervisor Bruce Goodson was re-elected.

December fun for the whole family

■ Family Fun Night – Dec. 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

James River Community Center, 8901 Pocahontas Trail

\$1/person; 12 and younger FREE

Bring a new toy for our Toy Box and get in free! Join us for holiday cheer – sharing and learning about the many world holidays through games and crafts. You and your family will enjoy themed games in the gym and more. Who knows...Santa just might drop by.

■ Santa Calling – Dec. 12, 5:30-8 p.m.

Santa Claus wants to talk to all children living in James City County and Williamsburg ages 7 years and younger. A “direct line” from the North Pole will be provided, so make sure Santa has your child's phone number by Dec. 7! Santa Calling forms will be distributed through the schools and will be available at JC/W and James River Community Centers.

■ Splash in Movie – Dec. 21, 8:30-10:30 p.m.

JC/W Community Center pool, 5301 Longhill Road

Bring the entire family to this ultimate movie experience! Single and double tubes provided. Door prizes awarded. Children who have not passed the swim proficiency test must be accompanied in the float by a parent at all times. Call 259-4185 for fee details and to register in advance.

■ Holiday Celebrations Around the World (ages 6-12)

Dec. 26-28, 1-4 p.m.

JC/W Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road

Each day we'll explore how holidays are celebrated in different cultures through stories, dance, music, art and cooking. Call 259-3200 for fee details and to register in advance.



Airport study under way

A citizens' committee is currently studying whether a community airport is needed in this area.

The study will look at airport requirements for the area over the next 20 years. It will examine several scenarios: acquisition of the current airport, use of other facilities by current airport users or building a new airport. The current owners of the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport are interested in retiring.

There will be several public workshops held during the yearlong study. For more information, see www.jccEgov.com.



Frances Hamilton speaks about the importance of Norge Train Depot at a groundbreaking ceremony held recently to kick off restoration work. The early 1900s depot was moved from its original location on Peach Street to Croaker Road.

Neighborhood Connections

Opportunities are offered year-round for residents who wish to learn more about the County and neighborhood and homeowners' association issues. For more information or to register, call 259-5422.

- **Citizens Leadership Academy**
Jan. 28 - March 17, Mondays,
6-9 p.m.
JC/W Community Center
5301 Longhill Road

A seven-week leadership course designed to connect citizens with leaders in the government and teach skills in leadership and civil engagement. See complete details in insert.

The following seminars are made possible in part by assistance from The Real Estate Board.

- **Basic Legal Aspects**
Jan. 26, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Jamestown High School
3751 John Tyler Highway
Neighborhood Connections and
LeClair Ryan, P.C.

This "nuts and bolts" seminar will introduce the basic legal aspects of homeowner and condominium members' associations.

- **Understanding Governing Documents**
Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m.
James City County Library
7770 Croaker Road
Neighborhood Connections and
Spirn, Tarley, Robinson &
Tarley, P.L.L.C.

Learn about how documents form the legal foundation for association operations and how they interrelate and influence association decision making.

Youth Sports Expo 2008

Jan. 26, 9 a.m. - noon

JC/W Community Center

This is a chance for parents and children to learn about youth sports opportunities in our area, including soccer, baseball, swimming and more.



Holiday closings

James City County offices will be closed in observance of Christmas, Dec. 24 and 25, and New Year's, Jan. 1. Other closings:

- **Community Centers:** Closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.
- **Convenience Centers:** Closed noon Dec. 24. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
- **Curbside recycling:** No collection Dec. 25. Make up collection day, Saturday, Dec. 22. No collection Jan. 1. Make up collection day, Saturday, Dec. 29.
- **Williamsburg Area Transport:** No service Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1.
- **Williamsburg Library and James City County Library:** Closed Dec. 23-25, Closed at 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Closed Jan. 1.

Winter safety reminders

The holidays are here! All the lights, decorations, friends, family and food. Firefighters are fun to be around but you would probably prefer to not have them visit you in a professional capacity.

Who doesn't love lights and decorations? Be sure you do not overload your electrical system; visit electrical-safety.org to learn more. Please unplug holiday decorations before going to bed and douse all candles when you leave the room.

Did you know the number of children injured or killed by home fires more than doubles in the winter? Have you practiced your home fire escape plan? A step by step plan is available at www.homesafetycouncil.org.

Unattended cooking is a leading cause of home fires. What's the best way to put out a grease fire on the stove? (Hint: Do not use a fire extinguisher!) Use a large cookie sheet or the lid to the pan; this is the best way to extinguish a grease fire on the stove. To learn more, visit www.homesafetycouncil.org.

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Affordable housing project

James City County Office of Housing and Community Development, Bay Aging and Peninsula Agency on Aging, Inc. recently held a groundbreaking for Parker View Senior Apartments, 100 Carriage Road.

The apartments, consisting of 67 rental units for lower-income senior citizens, will help address this long-recognized need in James City County. Each unit at Parker View must have an occupant who is 62 or older and meet income qualifications.

Applications to rent units in Parker View will be available this spring, with occupancy to begin in the fall. For more information or to place your name on the list to receive an application, contact Bay Aging at (804) 758-2386 or Parker View, c/o Bay Aging, P.O. Box 622, Urbanna, VA 23175.