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Budget news

Tuesday, May 13 the Board of Supervisors will adopt the proposed FY2009-10 budget. The meeting will be broadcast live at 7 p.m. on Cox Cable's JCC TV48 and streamed online at www.jccEgov.com/jcctv48. The budget is available for review at www.jccEgov.com/budget or by calling 253-6630.

Comprehensive Plan update

Historic Past, Sustainable Future

April's Community Conversations provided opportunities for citizens to give input on hot topics for the community. Community Participation Team members and staff are processing the comments to forward along to the Steering Committee – the group, appointed by the Planning Commission, will blend the comments with the staff's research, statistics and background reports to define policies, create the actual Plan text and set an action plan for implementation.

From April 1 - June 30, landowners have the opportunity to request changes in their Land Use designation or request their property be added to or removed from the Primary Service Area (PSA). Citizens will be able to review and comment on the proposed changes.

What is the difference between Land Use designation and zoning?
The Land Use designation, in conjunction with County development guidelines, details how you may be able to use your property in the future. Zoning, which follows the Land Use designation, determines actual uses, such as building and structure dimensions, design, placement, and use on the property.

Land Use designations and development standards are used when the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors consider certain development proposals, such as rezonings and special use permits. The Land Use map helps determine what kind of growth will occur in the County and where.

How can I find out about my current designation? Call 253-6685 or visit www.regis.state.va.us/jcc.

What should I do if I want to change my Land Use designation?
Applications are accepted from April 1 until June 30, 2008. They are available through the Planning Office at 101-A Mounts Bay Road, online at www.jccplans.org or by calling 253-6685. *continued on next page*



County employees Larry Foster and Karen Killian facilitate during the first Community Conversation on April 1.

How can I find out about proposed Land Use changes?

Beginning in late summer, you can attend the second round of Community Conversations or go online to www.jccplans.org to review the proposed changes and offer comments. The Steering Committee will review land use applications beginning this fall.

The Comprehensive Plan is the County's master plan for guiding future growth. Reviewed every 5 years, it is used to evaluate development proposals and guide the decisions of County departments. It covers all aspects of the community, including economic development, population growth, public facilities, parks and recreation, and transportation.

There are still opportunities to provide input. Go online to www.jccplans.org, visit a Listening Station, call the hotline 259-4990, or attend the next round of Community Conversations.

Get ready for hurricane season **June 1 - Nov. 30**

Make sure you prepare your home by maintaining a two-week supply of non-perishable food, water, medications and pet supplies. Also stock new batteries for your flashlights and portable radio.

Hurricanes can be emotionally stressful to everyone, especially children. Being calm and prepared during a hurricane will help reassure them. Involve children by giving them age-appropriate responsibilities such as making their own kit with favorite toys and their own flashlight. Acknowledge fears such as darkness and loud winds and reassure them that police and fire will work through the storm to help people.

If you have special physical or medical needs and need assistance to evacuate or to develop a hurricane plan, call Social Services at 259-3171. Discuss your needs with your doctor, social worker and family. Planning must be completed before the storm, if you wait until the storm threatens, it may be too late.

Be sure that your pets' shots are up-to-date; they have identification tags; and in case you are separated, are micro-chipped. Only service animals are allowed in regular public shelters.

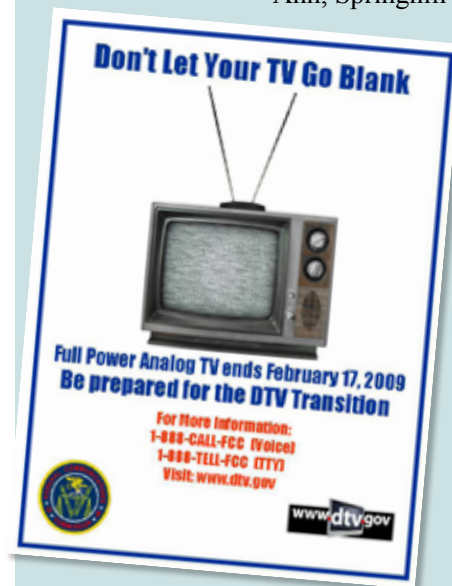
Most hurricane damage in the County has been caused by fallen trees. Check around your home for trees that may be hazards. You can reduce the danger by trimming branches and limbs now and by removing weak or ill trees that may not sustain strong winds.

For more information on what you can do to be prepared, visit www.ready.virginia.gov or www.jccEgov.com.

In the news

"I keep hearing about the transition to digital television in February 2009. What does this mean to me?"

— Ann, Springhill



On February 17, 2009, analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. If you watch free over-the-air TV with a broadcast antenna and don't have a digital TV, you'll have to get a digital-to-analog converter box for your analog TV.

For more information on the digital television transition, including information on a government coupon program for converter boxes, go to dtv.gov, or call 1-888-CALL-FCC.

Water restrictions begin May 1

Visit www.jccEgov.com/jcsa for the latest information or call 259-4152.

FYI on TV

Beginning this month, watch for a new FYI television show on JCC TV48 twice a month. There is a lot going on in your County. Be sure to tune in!



James City County Fair

June 19-21

Chickahominy Riverfront Park,
1350 John Tyler Highway

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Thursday, June 19, 4-10 p.m.

Dancin' on the Midway

Friday, June 20, 4-10 p.m.

Carnival Night

Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. -
10 p.m.

Family Fun Day and Fireworks

Come join us for three days of fun and excitement at the 31st Annual James City County Fair! Go to www.jccEgov.com or call 564-2170 for a detailed schedule of events.



How does your garden grow?
Enter your produce in this year's James City County Fair and find out how your hard work stacks up to the local competition.

Become part of Shaping Our Shores

Shaping Our Shores is a master planning project for three sites located along James City County waterways: the former Jamestown Beach Campground (JBC), Jamestown Yacht Basin (JYB) and Chickahominy Riverfront Park (CRP). JBC and JYB are on Jamestown Road and CRP is on Route 5. The Shaping Our Shores Master Plan will address the physical development, use and stewardship of these sites over the next 20 years. Results of this planning process will be used in the County's Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Program.

We want your feedback. Plan to attend a meeting on the design alternatives May 28, 6:15-9 p.m., Building F Board Room, Government Complex, Mounts Bay Road. Beginning in late May, you can view design alternatives at the County Government Complex, 101-F Mounts Bay Road and the James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 5301 Longhill Road. Submit your comments to the project website: www.jccEgov.com/sos, by e-mail to shores@james-city.va.us, or by phone to 253-6649.

New JCC TV48 schedule

JCC TV48, the County's government access channel on Cox Cable has changed the way programs are scheduled. Interested in cooking or gardening? Tune in between 2 and 4 p.m. How about health and fitness? You can find programs on exercise or parks and recreation from 7-11 a.m.



JCC TV48 has unique programming that you can't find on other channels, including 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. time blocks where viewers can watch programs about James City County that are produced right here in the County.

Rounding out the new schedule are local history shows between 4 and 7 p.m. and consumer news programming, 10 p.m. - midnight. Detailed program schedules can be found at www.jccEgov.com/jcctv48 and on the JCC TV48 bulletin board.

In addition, all Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission meeting rebroadcasts are now on Public Access Channel 46 on Thursdays and Fridays respectively.

If not a Cox Cable customer, JCC TV48 is available live on the web at www.jccEgov.com/JCCTV48 twenty-four hours a day. Most programs are also available online On DEMAND so viewers can tune in when it is convenient for them.

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County Calendar

May 1, 6BOS Budget Work Sessions, 7 p.m.
May 6School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
May 7Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
May 13BOS Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
May 20School Board Work Session, 7 p.m.
May 25Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) Closed
May 26Memorial Day Holiday (County Offices, WRL and
Community Centers Closed)
May 27BOS Work Session, 4 p.m., Regular Meeting 7 p.m.
June 3School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 4Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
June 10BOS Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 17School Board Work Session, 7 p.m.
June 19-21James City County Fair at Chickahominy Riverfront Park
June 24BOS Work Session, 4 p.m., Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
July 2Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
July 4Independence Day Holiday (County Offices, WRL and
Community Centers Closed)
July 8School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
July 8BOS Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
July 22BOS Work Session, 4 p.m., Regular Meeting 7 p.m.
August 6Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
August 12BOS Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
August 19School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

For more information on meeting locations, visit www.jccEgov.com.