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County announces staff changes

County Administrator, Sandy Wanner, recently announced two key staff changes. Effective December 15, **Doug Powell** will be the Assistant County Administrator. Powell currently serves as the County's Community Services Manager. In his new position, he will oversee the Board of Supervisors meeting agendas, supervise the County's Satellite Services office and conduct special projects including the Homeless Task Force and the formation of Williamsburg Area Transport Authority.



*Doug Powell (above)
Steven Hicks (below)*

Since joining the County in 1995 as the Assistant Manager of Community Services, Powell has gained extensive experience working with citizens' needs in Social Services, public transit, housing, and Parks and Recreation.

Before coming to the County, Powell served as County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator for Nelson County. Prior to Nelson County, he was the Assistant to the County Administrator in Fluvanna County.



Barbara Watson, Assistant Community Services Manager, will fill Powell's vacant position as Acting Community Services Manager.

Steven Hicks became the Development Management Manager on November 1. In his new position, Hicks oversees the Code Compliance, Environmental, Planning and Zoning Divisions.

Hicks joined the County in 2004 as part of the County Administrator's executive team to establish a General Services Department. In that capacity, Hicks was responsible for establishing and overseeing Capital Improvements, Energy Management, Transportation projects, Facilities and Grounds, Fleet and Equipment, Recycling, Solid Waste, and the County's streetlight program. Hicks, most recently served as the Acting Assistant County Administrator and held positions as the Senior Assistant to the County Administrator and General Services Manager.

Prior to joining James City County, Hicks worked for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) from 1993-2004 and held a variety of roles until being promoted to the Williamsburg Resident Administrator. Prior to this position, Hicks was the Assistant Resident VDOT Engineer in Amelia, Fairfax, and Petersburg.

Historic Past



Sustainable Future

Comprehensive Plan update

At this stage in the update process, the Steering Committee's task is to blend citizen comments collected by the Community Participation Team with staff's research to develop policies and create the actual plan.

Follow along with the Steering Committee and staff on a new blog at jccplans.org/blogs. The blog doesn't replace the Committee's weekly meeting, rather it supports it by providing a place for members to post comments and questions to each other and to staff before the meeting.

Citizens can review the blog entries and materials and post comments on the online input form at jccplans.org. Citizens are also invited to attend the meetings and speak during public comment periods. The schedule is available on jccplans.org/steering or by calling 253-6685.

Meetings are televised live on JCC TV48 and rebroadcast Wednesdays on Community Channel 46 at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. or on-demand on jccEgov.com/jcctv48.

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to achieve a quality community

Are you ready for winter weather?



The Fire Department recommends that you:

- Clear a path of three feet around any space heaters.
- Use flashlights – not candles – if the power goes out.
- Stock non-perishable food and water for extended power outages. Don't forget your pets or your medications. If the pharmacy isn't open, will you have enough medication?
- Prevent falls by treating sidewalks and steps with salt, sand or kitty litter. Wear non-slip footwear.
- Test your smoke alarm and install fresh batteries. Even if your smoke alarm is hard wired to your household's electrical system, it probably has a battery backup for power outages.
- Use a carbon monoxide detector if you have a portable generator or any source of fuel (natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood stove) in your home. Remember – carbon monoxide is tasteless, odorless and colorless.

For more tips or to get a free smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector, call the fire education office at **253-0574** or visit jccEgov.com/firesafety.

Citizen Leadership Academy applications available

Do you want to gain networking skills and learn how to move from talk to action? Sign up today for the annual Citizens Leadership Academy.

This seven-week community leadership course teaches skills in

communication and citizen engagement and is free to residents of James City County.

When: March 9 through April 11, 2009

Where: William E. Wood Real Estate Building, 5208 Monticello Avenue

Register with Neighborhood Connections by calling **259-5422** no later than March 2.



Members of the 2008 Citizen Leadership Academy discuss community issues.

Parks and Rec Expo

Make plans to attend the James City County Parks and Recreation Expo on Saturday, February 21, James City/Williamsburg Community Center, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. This free event combines the summer camp, sports and inclusion expos into one great opportunity to learn about everything Parks and Recreation has to offer to citizens of all ages.

Informational booths, interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities and raffles are just a few great features of this community event.

County Calendar

- December 2 School Board regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- December 3 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- December 5 Personal Property and Real Estate taxes due
- December 9 BOS regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- December 16 School Board work session, 7 p.m.
- December 24 **Christmas Eve** – County offices, community centers, libraries closed
- December 25 **Christmas Day** – County offices, community centers, libraries closed
- December 31 **New Year's Eve** – County offices open normal hours, community centers close 6 p.m., libraries close 5 p.m.
- January 1 **New Year's Day** – County offices, community centers, libraries closed
- January 6 BOS organizational meeting
- January 13 BOS regular meeting, 7 p.m.*
- January 19 **Martin Luther King Day** – County offices closed, community centers and libraries open normal hours.
- January 27 BOS work session, 4 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m.*
- January 31 Dog licenses due
- February 4 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.*
- February 10 BOS regular meeting, 7 p.m.*
- February 16 **Presidents' Day** – County offices closed, community centers and libraries open normal hours.
- February 24 BOS work session, 4 p.m., regular meeting 7 p.m.*

*Meeting dates and times are tentative pending organizational meetings.

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

Shaping Our Shores update

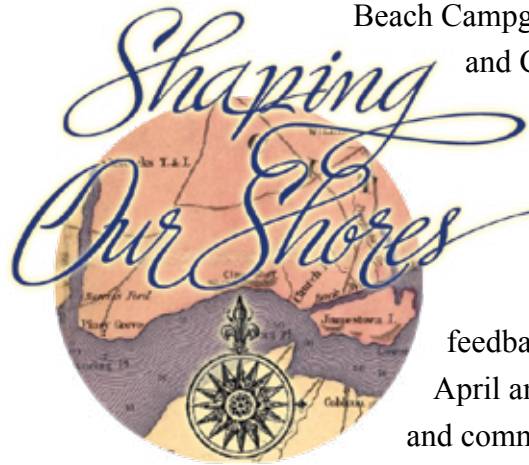
Work continues on the Master Plan for the proposed uses of three sites located along County waterways: the former Jamestown

Beach Campground; Jamestown Yacht Basin; and Chickahominy Riverfront Park. The Master Plan will address the long-range physical development, use and stewardship of these sites over the next 20 years.

The County solicited citizen feedback during input sessions held in April and May and through online surveys and comment cards. Using the comments received, the County and the consultant –

Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. – are putting the finishing touches on the complete Master Plan draft. The Plan will be available for public comment on jccEgov.com/sos in the second half of December.

For more information, call **253-6649** or e-mail shores@james-city.va.us.



Did you know?

- The County's 2008 Progress Report, "Beyond 2007: Preparing for the Future" is available online at jccEgov.com/progress.
- 2009 dog tags are due by January 31, 2009. They can be purchased at the Treasurer's Office or Satellite Services or online at <https://first.jccEgov.com/epayment>.
- On February 17, 2009, analog broadcasting will end for full-power TV stations. If you use a broadcast antenna and don't have a digital TV, you'll need a converter box. For more information, go to dtv.gov or call **1-888-CALL-FCC**.
- Visit jccEgov.com/subscribe to sign up for the electronic version of *FYI* and other listservs on recycling, environmental education, Parks and Recreation activities, emergency services, JCC TV48 and more.
- Organizers of this fall's 2008 Historic Triangle Neighborhoods Conference would like to thank the sponsors, volunteers and participants.



It's tax time

Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes are due December 5, 2008. Payments may be made at these convenient locations:

- James City County Treasurer's Office – 101 B Mounts Bay Road
- Satellite Services – 3127 Forge Road
- All Citizens and Farmers Bank branches located in the County and City of Williamsburg

Taxes can also be paid online at <https://first.jccEgov.com/epayment>.

With the County's Easy Pay program, your checking or savings account can be debited automatically for Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.

Call the Treasurer's office for more information, **253-6705**.



Prevent Backflow!

Do you know that if you have an irrigation system for your yard, it must also have an approved backflow assembly installed? All backflow assemblies (residential and commercial) must be inspected and tested annually by a Commonwealth of Virginia certified backflow tester. Inspection forms and a list of certified testers are available at jccEgov.com/jcsa or by calling **259-4138**.