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Special points of interest:

- April 10 Town offices closed for Good Friday
- April 16 Community Input Meeting on trails and walkways
- May 2 Jamestown Day
- May 25 Town offices closed for Memorial Day

Jamestown is now a "Tree City USA"



TREE CITY USA

The Town of Jamestown has recently been recognized as a "Tree City USA". The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The program provides technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs throughout the United States. Currently, there are only 3,310 recognized Tree City USA municipalities.

Jamestown achieved this status by meeting several criteria. A Tree City must have instituted a Tree Preservation Ordinance, installed a Tree Board to oversee the ordinance, have a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and observe Arbor Day each year to qualify. The Town of Jamestown recently completed its Tree Preservation and Landscape Ordinance, which provides direction to developers and citizens for proper tree care.



Ragsdale HS HOPE Club displaying Tree City USA Flag

Being a Tree City USA sends a clear message that Jamestown is committed to preserving its natural resources, environment, and heritage – especially community forests and trees. This designation helps present the kind of image that most citizens want to have for the place they live or conduct business. Tree City USA communities also send the message to prospective businesses and residents that the quality of life may be better here.



Ragsdale HS Students planting trees – Arbor Day 2009

Earning such a designation may also bring further financial assistance to the Town of Jamestown, as preference is often given to Tree City USA communities over others where grant funding is available. In fact, the Town will be seeking a grant in the coming months to create a postcard to mail to every household in Jamestown that describes proper tree care and where to find assistance with questions about their trees!

Should anyone have questions regarding their trees or other community forestry issues, I urge you to contact me at 336-454-1138 or mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov.

Matthew Johnson
 Planning Director
 ISA Certified Arborist #MA-3153

HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



of James-
town booth which will have public educational information on stormwater, pollution prevention, recycling and disaster preparedness for families and businesses.

We look forward to seeing you at **Jamestown Day 2009.**



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Happy Spring to all our citizens. Jamestown is bustling with plenty of warm weather activities planned for the near future. Please mark your calendars for Saturday May 2, 2009. This is the **16th Annual Jamestown Day**, an event sponsored by the Jamestown Business Association. This family friendly event is held in front of the Jamestown Public Library and Jamestown Elementary School located in the 200 block of W. Main Street. The hours of the event are 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The day is filled with rides and games for the children. Plenty of cotton candy, funnel cakes, hot dogs, pizza and more.

Center stage is located on

the steps of the Jamestown Public Library with the opening ceremony at 9:15 am. Then several musical groups will entertain the public throughout the day. A variety of music is scheduled along with some good old fashion clogging. Please watch the *Jamestown News* for interviews with some of the featured entertainment. As well as, a map showing crafters location, food availability and an entertainment schedule.

Crafters, vendors and non-profit agencies will be placed on the grounds of the Library with plans to line vendor booths along Main Street up to the Food Lion Shopping Center. Please look for the **Town**

*Go to the Town website
www.jamestown-nc.gov
for the pedestrian survey.
Let your voice be heard!*



Jamestown Park Golf Course will host three golf tournaments in May. On May 1st the Jamestown Soccer Club will have their annual fund raising tournament. Proceeds go to the Jamestown Youth League. The same weekend on May 2nd the second annual Coach Ronnie Smith Scholarship Foundation Tournament will be held. This tournament supports a scholarship for a Ragsdale High School student athlete in memory of Ronnie Smith who coached at Ragsdale. The 40th annual Jamestown Civitan—D.H. Griffin Golf Classic will be May 16th and 17th. Information and entry forms for each of these tournaments are available on the Jamestown Park Golf course website (www.jamestownparkgolf.com) under the tournament section. If you have questions, please contact Michael Hutcheon or one of the other pros at the golf pro shop (454-4912).

PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TEST HYDRANTS

The Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department will begin their semi-annual fire hydrant testing on April 6th and will continue this operation throughout the month, finishing on May 11th. All hydrants in the Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will be tested to ensure that they are operating properly and able to produce the required water pressure when needed. This testing also includes all hydrants in the Town of Jamestown.



The fire department will carry out the operation, which can take approximately one month to complete. Because this testing must be done during normal operating hours, it will be impossible to know in advance just when or where the testing will take place in any specific area. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes.

This kind of testing not only ensures the protection of citizens; it also is an evaluation indicator used by the Insurance Services Office, which rates the fire district according to the fire protection they offer.

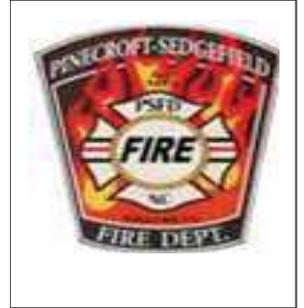
Firefighters Take To the Water

The new Randleman Lake is expected to open to the public for recreational use this year. The 3000 acre lake will be a future water source for the Piedmont Triad Region. The dam is located on the Deep River just east of Hwy 220 in Randolph County and the lake covers parts of Randolph and Guilford County.

In preparation for the lake opening, the Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department (PSFD) has purchased a 19' Carolina Skiff Boat for responses on the lake. The boat will be housed at a nearby fire station and respond with fire department personnel when there is an emergency on the lake in Guilford County and may be requested in Randolph if assistance is needed. While the part of the lake that is located in Guilford County will be off limits to power boats, this boat will be one of only a few that will be allowed to operate in that area.

In addition to getting the boat ready to go in service, personnel from PSFD have been training on basic and advanced boating techniques. These classes, which have been offered in the area, are specially designed for fire department and other emergency personnel. PSFD has attended these classes and trained with members of Ashe-Rand Rescue, Guil-Rand Fire Department and Guilford County's Water Rescue Dive Team (GASP).

For more information about the Randleman Lake you can visit the [Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority](http://www.ptrwa.org/index.htm) website (<http://www.ptrwa.org/index.htm>).



State law requires yard waste to be separated from trash and recycling.

How to Prepare for Yard Waste Collection

Now that spring is here, it is important to remember the proper way to prepare yard waste for collection.

The Public Services staff begins collection of yard waste on Wednesday and continues on Thursday as demand warrants. Thus, **all yard waste should be placed at the street no later than 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday**. Yard waste is described as vegetative matter resulting from normal landscaping maintenance performed by the homeowner only, including but not limited to leaves, twigs, grass, limbs, shrub clippings, hay/pine straw, pine cones, and small logs.

To ensure collection, yard waste must be placed in **clear plastic bags** and/or cardboard boxes and be free of trash.

Residents are encouraged to recycle their leaves by **composting** or shredding them and using them as fertilizer for lawns and gardens. You can also use leaves as mulch to protect plants and shrubs. For more information on mulching or composting leaves, call the Guilford County Cooperative Extension Service at 375-5876.

Limbs and brush larger than 1 inch in diameter but smaller than 6 inches in diameter must be cut in lengths less than 6 feet.

Tree trunks and limbs larger than 6 inches in diameter must not exceed 2 feet in length and not weigh more than 50 pounds. Generally, limbs and tree trunks larger than 10 inches in diameter are too heavy for collection.

When hiring **contractors** to perform any yard or construction work, they **are responsible for removing any waste or debris**. **Contractors** cutting and trimming trees and shrubs **are responsible** for removing all tree trunks, stumps and limbs. Be sure to have this debris removal included in the price quote for the job. The town has the right to refuse trash collection if the above is suspected and/or the waste is excessive. Please review the Town's guides and policies for more information.

Non-Collection Notice

In the event that Town Sanitation crews do not collect your trash or yard waste, a **non-collection notice** will be left explaining the problem. Please call Town Hall at 336-454-1138 with any questions regarding the non-collection notice. It is our desire to educate the public about household refuse and yard waste collection requirements. You can also view collection requirements on the Town website at www.Jamestown-nc.gov.

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GUILFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Spring has officially come to Jamestown and hopefully the warm weather will be here to stay before too long. Already the Guilford County Sheriff's Deputies who patrol Jamestown are noticing you and your neighbors mowing the lawn and working in the flower beds. One of the best things about the Jamestown area is the beauty of the neighborhoods, and it is always a pleasure to meet members of the community out in the sunshine, as we go about our duties.

Springtime gardening is clearly a passion for many of your neighbors, and maybe it is for you too. Unfortunately, this is also the season when criminals begin to look for an easy way to steal lawn equipment that has been left unattended. For all of those who will be out and about caring for your lawn and garden, here are a few helpful tips to deter crime in our neighborhoods:

- Never leave lawn care equipment, especially lawn mowers, weed eaters, hedge trimmers or leaf blowers, out in your yard unattended. Remember, thieves can disappear with your equipment in the time it takes you to run inside and grab a glass of water.

- Keep garage doors closed and keep lawn care items secured in a locked building. Thieves can easily steal equipment from an open garage even if you are at home at the time. Remember, many thieves are only looking to steal things that they can grab easily.

- Write down the make, model and serial number, along with a description, of all your lawn care equipment. Having this information makes it much more likely that the Sheriff's Office can locate a stolen item, return it to you, and arrest the thief.

- Call 911 immediately if you meet someone trying to sell used lawn equipment in a parking lot, door to door, or any other unusual spot. Thieves will use this trick to sell off stolen property.

- Watch out for your neighbors and call 911 whenever you see suspicious persons, vehicles or activity. Be on the look out for people walking or driving around neighborhoods who may be looking for unattended lawn equipment. It is impossible to tell how much crime has been prevented by the simple act of neighbors looking out for one another.

These simple precautions can make Jamestown less attractive to criminals while all of you are creating your beautiful gardens and lawns. Please mention these tips to your neighbors as well, believe me, they will thank you. As always, the Guilford County Sheriff's Office continues to work with community and neighborhood groups to raise awareness and improve the security of Jamestown. If you have a meeting or group where you would like for a Deputy to come speak, please contact Lieutenant Piner at (336) 845-6691. He will be happy to arrange for a Deputy to speak to your group.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT- JASON LAMBERT

Jason Lambert's official title is Turf Equipment Mechanic for Jamestown Park Golf Course. That really long job title means Jason keeps all the equipment used to maintain the golf course running. He works on engines in tractors, mowers, aerators, etc. and sharpens blades on mowers. If it's mechanical, Jason works on it. During the golf season, Jason stays very busy with the equipment. In the winter, he will also help with some of the other course maintenance, such as mowing or aerating.



Before coming to work at the Town in January of 2005, Jason

had worked at several other golf courses including Twin Oaks and Forest Oaks. Jason also does brick work and has repaired the brick steps at Town of Hall. His two favorite things about his job are working outdoors and being employed!

Jason's hobbies include spending time with his daughter and bass fishing. He has attended the Bass Masters Tournament several times.



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Walking with History!

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Jamestown Park
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Fire Department
(336) 454-3473

Sheriff's Department (non-emergency) (336)845-6691

Gibson Park
(336) 454-0259

Upcoming Events

- April 2 4:00pm Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee
- April 10 Good Friday— Town Offices closed, no garbage pickup
- April 16 6:00pm Master Pedestrian Plan Community Input Meeting
- April 21 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- May 2 Jamestown Day sponsored by Jamestown Business Association
Litter Sweep—Ragsdale Key Club
- May 19 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- May 25 Memorial Day—Town Offices closed

GFOA—FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE

For the second consecutive year, the certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to Town of Jamestown by the Government Finance Officers of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the 2007-2008 audit. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

Judy Gallman, Finance Officer

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

ROTARY "SHADOWS DAY"

Jamestown Town Manager, Cookie Billings, a member of the Greensboro Airport Rotary Club participated in a recent "Shadows Day" planned by the Greensboro Rotary Clubs of District 7690. She hosted students: Catharine and Rachel of Northwest High School, and Tim from Western Guilford High School. The students shadowed the Town Manager for the day and stopped by the Fire Station for a tour with Fire Captain Jeff Thomas. Nine High Schools in the Greensboro area selected students for this opportunity to shadow Rotarians from eight different Rotary Clubs.

