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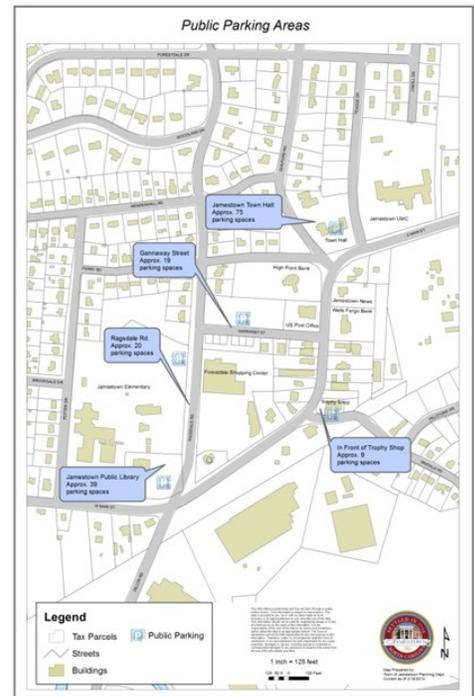
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## Where Can I Park? Public Parking in Jamestown

Recently, the Jamestown business district has been cast in a negative light due to the actions of a few property owners in and around the downtown area. Apparently, vehicles parked at the US Post Office were towed or charged for parking violations on that property. Just to be fair, the property is owned and operated by the United States Federal Government, not the Town of Jamestown, and the site is well marked with signs which state that parking violators will be subject to towing.

However, after several "towing" events, citizens, visitors, and business owners are looking to the Town for information on where it would be acceptable for patrons of local businesses to park without fear of towing or fines. In addition, the inquiry of, "Why doesn't the Town build a parking lot?", also rings out as a viable question. Hopefully we can answer some of these questions for you.

The fact is, the Town of Jamestown owns and maintains over 160 public parking spaces within a 5 minute walk of the center of the downtown district. These are provided without any charge, for anyone to use, at any time of the day or night. A map is available on our website at <http://www.jamestown-nc.gov/> under the "News and Notices" tab. Additional parking for visitors to local businesses can often be found "on-site" at the business location, or on shared lots of adjacent businesses. It is recommended that visitors check with local business owners regarding acceptable parking locations and that business owners communicate where appropriate parking areas are located with their patrons. Many local businesses have collaborated and offer shared parking without any fees in close vicinity to your destination.



**Special points of interest:**

- Apr 16 Town Council Meeting
- Apr 20 Biannual Littersweep
- May 21 Town Council Meeting
- May 27 Town Hall Closed

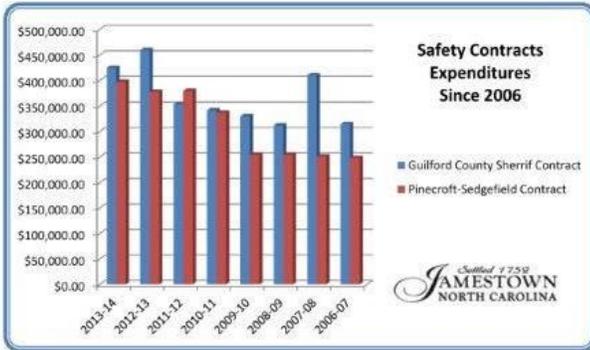
The question of, "Why doesn't the Town build a parking lot?", is often cited as a solution. However, there are few viable locations in the downtown area for such a parking lot. Those locations which are available would be a similar distance from businesses than the existing parking lot at Town Hall which receives little "after-hours" use, currently. Town staff felt it would be counterproductive to spend dollars on construction of a parking lot when current resources are underutilized. Currently, the Town does not own any land that would be easily used for parking, and the costs to purchase and build a parking lot are significant. For example, a 20-space parking lot could cost upwards of \$300,000 - \$500,000 to construct when land has to be purchased. The Town also lacks a revenue source, other than property tax, which could be utilized to fund such a project. This is one reason the Town investigated instituting a privilege license tax (aka "business license fees") for businesses. The additional revenue could have been used for addressing challenges that business owners face, similar to this one.

Town leaders are optimistic that businesses will continue to collaborate and share not only parking, but customers as well. Town Council members and business owners are meeting on Monday, March 18th to further discuss how we can move forward in a positive fashion. We have a budding downtown with a lot to offer and Town leaders are committed to continuing to work to balance the needs of all of our citizens.

Should you have specific questions about public parking or the map found on our website, please contact Town Hall at 336-454-1138.

## The upcoming budget...what should we expect?

Council and staff held a special meeting on March 21st with the main topic of discussion being the upcoming 2013-14 budget. One main discussion point was the increasing public safety budget since 2006 with no tax adjustment to compensate for the increasing expenditure. The town contracts with Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department and Guilford County Sheriff Department to provide 24 hour service to the citizens of Jamestown.



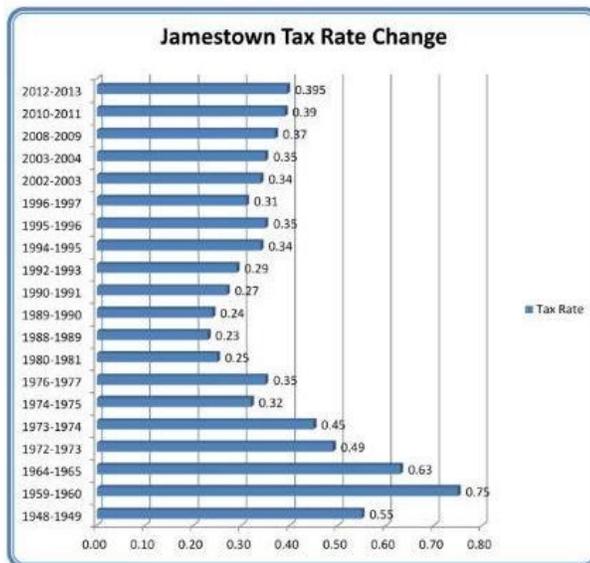
Since 2006 and projecting into the 2013-14 budget year, the town budget has and will absorb more than a combined \$259,000 in public safety contract increases with no planned increase in revenue to offset the expense. Based on one cent yielding just over \$36,000 on the current tax rate, the town budget has and is proposing to absorb over seven cents of public safety increases over the last seven year span. Two years ago the local fire district tax rate increased which were paid for by cuts in the town's operational budget. We will yet again see an increase in the fire district tax which will translate to additional budget cuts if additional revenue is not sought.

Anyone reviewing their personnel budgets faces the same uncertainty your local town budget is experiencing. Commodities costs are increasing, fuel prices are unstable, and utility companies are proposing substantial rate increases. Staff must continue to purchase seed and fertilizer for use on baseball and soccer fields for the hundreds of kids utilizing the athletic complex, the sanitation department must fuel the garbage trucks four times each week for collection of residents waste, and we all enjoy the lamp posts that light our way along town roadways and sidewalks.

The current budget saw drastic changes to streamline operations and stave off some of the budget increases. In fact, the overall 2012-13 budget is just over 11% lower than the 2011-12 budget. The General Fund budget decreased by just over 5% and the Water Sewer budget decreased just over 11%. While budget cuts seem to be the answer, it is not sustainable. When budgets are decreased, needed repairs are not performed and are delayed, unfunded capital projects continue to slide out another year, and few improvements are made.

As I explained to Council during budget discussions last year, expecting budget cuts year after year is neither practical nor sustainable. Two fulltime positions were eliminated in this budget year. Though this does streamline operations, it also translates to fewer staff to serve the public, repair facilities, and conduct needed operations to maintain town-owned assets. Fewer staff may equate to hiring more contractors to perform repairs - typically a more expensive venture.

So we are at the point where staff is buying less pens and paper to remain within budget. What now? Now that the Town's contract with Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department will increase, do we continue to cut town services and operations each time an expense increases? There is not much meat left on the bone to cut.



Jamestown's governing board has made adjustments in the tax rate over the years to fund needed services and infrastructure improvements. The latest tax increase, a half cent increase, was to simply remain revenue-neutral after property revaluation. The previous 2 cent increase was implemented for improvements at Jamestown Park.

Based on the current tax rate of \$0.395 on a \$100 valuation, a home valued at \$100,000 will have an annual property tax bill of \$395.00. As detailed above, a tax rate of \$0.420 will yield an annual property tax bill of \$420.00 and a tax rate of \$0.450 will yield an annual property tax bill of \$450.00. Jamestown has an estimated median house or condominium value of \$237,848 in 2009. By comparison, an increase to a \$0.420 cent tax rate will mean an owner of a \$237,848 valued property will pay \$59.46 more in Jamestown property taxes. Likewise, this same property owner will pay an additional \$130.82 in Jamestown property taxes if the tax rate were \$0.450.

# HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



Hello from the Clerk's Corner and Happy Spring. Jamestown has survived another winter and soon flowers will be blooming and the birds singing. This is the perfect time of the year to spruce up our town. The North Carolina Department of Transportation Office of Beautification has declared April 13th – 27th, 2013 as the time for North Carolina Spring Litter Sweep. Visit [www.ncdot.gov/~littersweep](http://www.ncdot.gov/~littersweep) to learn more about activities on the state level.



On the local level, here in Jamestown, we are celebrating Litter Sweep on Saturday April 20th, 2013 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. The Ragsdale High School Key Club will once again help the Town of Jamestown pick up trash and litter throughout the Town. We are so appreciative of the students spending their Saturday morning to help make our town a little brighter. The Key Club continues to be a long time participant in the Jamestown Litter Sweep Program.



The Town is also fortunate to have a group of Employees from Martin Marietta Jamestown Quarry take part in Litter Sweep. These employees have volunteered for several years. It is great to get such community support from a local business.

The date for the High Point Spring Furniture Market is April 20th – 25th, 2013. So, this Spring Litter Sweep is a great time to make our little town shine and show off our best side to folks visiting during the market. Please remember not to throw your trash outside. We have such a lovely town and need your help to keep it clean.

A reminder to our citizens, the town began curbside recycling on March 4th, 2013. Place your recyclables in clear plastic bags and place at your curb on Mondays by 7:00 am. Visit the town website at [www.jamestown-nc.gov](http://www.jamestown-nc.gov) for more information on curbside recycling.

A few helpful hints on those special items for disposal:

- I. Old appliances, electronics and TV's may be taken to White Goods Collection Facility at 2138 Bishop Rd., Greensboro, NC. 336-294-9431 This is a free service.
- II. The Town of Jamestown can pick up old appliances; however there is a fee for this service.
- III. Guilford County residents may take paint, oil, electronics, batteries, fluorescent bulbs to Ecoflo, Inc. located at 2750 Patterson Ave., Greensboro, NC. Call 336-855-7925. This is a free service.
- IV. Scrap tires may be taken to the White Goods Collection Facility at 2138 Bishop Rd. Greensboro, NC. A Guilford County resident is allowed to dispose of up to 5 passenger vehicle tires at no charge. (Fee due after that)

Let's all get our spring cleaning started on April 20, 2013, 9:00 am – 11:00 am. If you would like to join us for the Spring Litter Sweep, meet in the Food Lion Parking Lot on W. Main Street in Jamestown. Please contact me if you have any questions. Once again, Happy Spring!

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## Loose Leaf Collection to End February 22

The Town of Jamestown's annual Leaf Collection Program ended on February 22nd, 2013. We would like to thank the residents of Jamestown, as the program ran smoothly this year. We were able to complete the route 14 times. Until Fall, please bag your yard waste in clear bags and put the bags on the curb on Wednesday mornings.

Matthew Johnson, Town Planner, was the member profile in the Local Government Credit Union March newsletter. You can read the article [here](#).

## PARK PARTNERS

Call Chuck Smith at 336-454-1138 or visit Jamestown's website at [www.Jamestown-nc.gov](http://www.Jamestown-nc.gov) for more information on how to become a Park Partner.



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## New Face at Town Hall—Elizabeth Greeson



We have another new face at Town Hall. Shea Sims who had taken the position of Utility Billing Coordinator has moved out of town. Replacing Shea is Elizabeth Greeson.

Elizabeth started working at a pediatrician's office when she was 16. After that she went to work for Hickory Printing. For the past 6 years, she has worked in the Guilford County Commissioners office in Greensboro. Her first day with the Town was March 25th.

Elizabeth grew up in Jamestown and graduated from Ragsdale High School. She lives off

Dillon Road with her husband, Russell, and her two sons, Scott and Daniel. She is very active at Oakdale Methodist Church and helps coordinate youth activities for the smaller district churches. Her other "hobby" is taking younger son, Daniel, around to bluegrass competitions.

She is enjoying seeing familiar faces and catching up with folks, so come by and welcome Elizabeth to Town Hall.

## Curbside Recycling Began March 4

The Town of Jamestown will began Curbside Recycling on March 4, 2013. The recycling center located behind Town Hall closed on March 4, 2013. The improvement to curbside recycling collection will allow residents to place recyclables in **clear bags** at the curb weekly. Recycling is picked up on Mondays, so bags should be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays. Businesses on Main Street should have recyclables to the curb by 9:00 a.m.



The materials that can be recycled include all of the materials currently acceptable at the recycling center in addition to several other materials.

The acceptable materials include:

- Plastics numbered 1 through 7
- Oil bottles (empty and dry)
- Steel cans and their lids
- Dry newspapers and inserts
- Plastic flower pots (clean)
- Soft drink/water bottles/milk jugs/butter tubs
- Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and aluminum pie tins
- Buckets, milk crates
- Brown Paper bags
- Glass Containers
- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Plastic furniture
- Junk Mail
- Glass Jars
- Telephone books
- Wine/Beer bottles
- Plastic trays

All of the above materials should be clean, empty, and dry and placed in clear garbage bags. It is also best if the items are left open and separated. When items that are not recyclable are left at the curb, the workers will leave all or part of the bag at the curb. That material will be picked up on the next garbage collection day. Town staff will try to communicate why bags are left by the recycler, as we will experience a learning curve when the program begins. We anticipate that most material will be left because it is not recyclable or contaminated with food, dirt or oil.

Some items are **not** recyclable, such as:

- Aerosol cans with an orange warning label
- Vases, bowls, Pyrex dishes
- Plastic shipping wrap
- Paint
- Food
- Large toys
- Mirrors, window glass
- Light bulbs
- Styrofoam and shipping "peanuts"
- Wrapping paper, tissue paper
- Dirt
- Electronics, appliances

For more information contact Paul Blanchard, Public Services Director (336) 454-1138

## Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department

Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will be hosting several Saturday Hot Dog Fundraisers this year. The first two will be on April 13<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> at the station in Jamestown. Sale hours will be from 11:00 – 2:00. You can pull in the back driveway to place your order, and drive through the station to pick up it up or if you have time and would like to visit with us and let your kids see the fire trucks, we will have a walk-up order table and seating for your family.



Spring is always a good time to clean up from the winter, make repairs around your home, and enjoy the outdoors. The Firefighters would like to remind everyone of a few seasonal fire safety tips:

1. Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. We hope you have already changed your batteries!
2. Check your fire extinguishers and practice your home escape drills with your family.
3. Prepare for those spring and summer storms. Make sure your flashlights and radios have fresh batteries and other supplies like bottled water and non-perishable foods stocked and available.
4. Have your grill cleaned and serviced. Check your tank and lines for any leaks.
5. Clean up yard debris from the winter and make sure your address numbers are visible from the street.

If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to give us a call.




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## Adams Farm Outfall - Sanitary Sewer Re-lining Update

The existing sewer lines behind Jamestown Oaks and Bull Run subdivisions are being lined with cured in place pipe to repair damaged pipe. The lining contractor, Layne Inliner, LLC, began construction in February and is progressing from Oakdale Road toward Bull Run Subdivision. Layne Inliner has had to adjust their schedule due to difficulties with access shortly after each rainfall. When working, Layne has bypass pumping in place to direct sewer flows around the work area. Layne also has a refrigerated truck onsite with the construction materials. The contractor has set up the lining equipment at several key locations to install the liner, and subsequently moved to a different location. This will continue until the work is completed. Shortly thereafter, the disturbed areas will be reseeded.



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

Gibson Park  
(336) 454-0259

Mayor's Office  
Hours  
3rd Monday  
3-5pm

Upcoming Events

Apr 6	8:00am	Guilford County Spring Cleanup Day
Apr 13	11:00am	Pincroft Sedgefield Hot Dog Sale
Apr 16	6:30pm	Town Council Meeting
Apr 20	9:00am	Bi-annual Litter Sweep
May 21	6:30pm	Town Council Meeting
May 27		Town Hall Closed for Memorial Day

Check the "[Calendar of Events](#)" section of the website for updates

**JAMESTOWN PARK GOLF COURSE**



As we move into the spring golf season we hopefully leave behind all our bad weather and look forward to warm sunny days. The spring golf calendar at Jamestown Park is extremely busy with High School Golf Matches, First Tee Junior Golf programming and multiple golf leagues being hosted on multiple nights this spring. RF Micro Devices, VF Corporation, Honda Aircraft, Liberty Hounds Golf League and finally Fortune Personnel Consulting Group all will be hosting leagues at Jamestown this spring. This makes for a very busy season.

Additional Tournaments and Dates

- April 20th - Dylan and Zach Smith Scholarship Foundation Tournament
- April 21st - Jamestown Men's Golf Association.
- April 28th - Temple Emanuel Golf Outing
- May 2nd - Piedmont Triad Transportation Association Tournament
- May 3rd - RF Micro Golf Outing
- May 5th - High Point Pony League Fundraiser
- May 13th - UNCG Jack Cooke Golf Classic
- May 16th - High Point Builders Association Outing
- May 18th - Jamestown Civitans Marylene Griffin Memorial Event
- May 23rd - Jamestown Golf Association Outing
- May 31st - Jamestown Soccer Club Fundraiser Outing
- June 1st - Ronnie Smith Scholarship Foundation Tournament

In addition to the busy tournament schedule we are working in conjunction with some other area golf courses to try to develop a Junior Golf League. The League would potentially consist of teams of junior golfers playing matches with other host facilities in much the same manner as Little League baseball teams or Soccer or Lacrosse teams. The "team" concept would be a new wrinkle for golf as it is generally an individual sport. We will dispense more details as they become available..

Michael Hutcheon

