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How do you "Picture Jamestown?"

The Historic Jamestown Society (HJS) is looking to collect and assemble original and creative photographs that depict Jamestown through the Picture Jamestown Photo Contest.

"The mission of Historic Jamestown Society is to support 'research, education, promotion and preservation relating to places and buildings of historical, architectural and aesthetic interest in around the town of Jamestown,'" said Alan Teichman, one of the contest's coordinators. "In order to support our mission we thought a good project would be to encourage people to photographically record the Jamestown we see today.

"Within a few years, what we see today will be seen as the history of Jamestown."

Thanks to generous sponsors – Univar Corporation, the Ragsdale Family, Jamestown Business Association and Budget Printing – HJS is able to offer prizes to at least first, second and third place finishers.

Winning photos will be printed and displayed at locations around town.

"To our knowledge, the Picture Jamestown Photo Contest is the first of its kind in town," said Carol Brooks, one of the coordinators. "We hope the response will be so good that we can make this an annual contest.

The contest runs July 1 – August 21, 2012 but photos taken within the past five years are acceptable. The organizers will also welcome old snapshots of Jamestown they could scan for their archives. These will be returned to the owner.

Full contest information is available at www.mendenhallplantation.org.



Were it not for this photo, now recorded in the Library of Congress, many would not know that the first Coffin House once stood closer to West Main Street.

(photo courtesy Library of Congress)

Special points of interest:

- Aug 6 Parks & Recreation Meeting
- Aug 20 Solid Waste/ Recycling Surveys due back
- Aug 21 Town Council Meeting
- Sept 3 Town Hall Closed
- Sept 18 Town Council Meeting
- Sept 29 Jamestown Library BBQ

If you wish to subscribe email or to submit your community event to

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Copies available upon request at Town Hall

Monthly
Billing
Begins
October 1

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMS

The Town of Jamestown is proud to offer the citizens of Jamestown the ability to give a gift in honor or memory of someone special. Included in the price of select items will be a commemorative plaque as well as installation of the item by the Town of Jamestown staff. As Town funds are available for matching, the Town Council will accept all such gifts donated under this program and established donation policy. In the event that a donor wishes to assume all of the costs of an approved item, the Town will accept the full donation.

Jamestown Park has unique sponsorship opportunities available for signage on the golf course, along East Fork Rd., and on the golf carts! For more information, please contact Town Hall or the Golf Course staff at (336) 454-4912.



Items are available to be placed along Main St. in conjunction with the Streetscape Project, in Wrenn Miller Park, and Jamestown Park. If you are interested in sponsoring items from benches to trees, please contact Paul Blanchard or Matthew Johnson at (336) 454-1138 or view information on the Town's website at www.Jamestown-nc.gov.

Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department

Grilling Safety

Summertime is in full force and so is outdoor grilling. July is the peak month for grill fires. Did you know that more than half of home grill fires begin on either a patio or back deck? Below are some safety tips to ensure you are grilling safely.

- ⇒ Propane and Charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- ⇒ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ⇒ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- ⇒ Never leave your grill unattended.
- ⇒ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting.
- ⇒ When finished grilling, let coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

These are just a few grilling tips to safely get you started. We hope you have a great and safe summer.



BBQ Sale

It's that time of the year. With October quickly approaching the Pinecroft Sedgefield Firefighters Annual BBQ is right around the corner. This year's sale will be on Saturday, October 6th and will be pick-up only. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for a pound of BBQ and a pint of slaw. Stop by one of the stations for tickets. Last year we sold out, so get your tickets early. Thank you for your support!

Station Locations

- 301-B E Main St, Jamestown
- 5107 Mackay Rd, Jamestown
- 5342 Vickery Chapel Rd, Jamestown
- 2239 Bishop Rd, Greensboro (**BBQ Pick-up Location**)



HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



Summer is sizzling and fading fast.



August is upon us and kids will soon be going back to school. The first day for Guilford County Schools is August 27, 2012. Guilford Technical Community College (GTCC) fall classes will begin August 20, 2012. So be mindful of school buses and traffic especially in the areas of the schools located in and around the Town of Jamestown.

As fall approaches, it will soon be time for the fall 2012 Litter Sweep Event. Each year, the Governor of North Carolina proclaims a spring and a fall litter sweep statewide. On September 9, 1997, Mayor Thomas C. Ragsdale proclaimed the first official litter sweep in Jamestown. The Town has participated each year since. We have been fortunate to have some faithful volunteers to participate each year. The Ragsdale High School Key Club and employees of Martin Marietta Aggregates, Jamestown Quarry, continue to be great supporters of this event. The Town of Jamestown is so grateful for their service to our community.

A brief history lesson, in April of 1949 the Town Council voted unanimously to participate in "Clean-Up" Week. This first event was organized by the Jamestown Garden Club. The Town Council approved to furnish a truck for the pickup of trash within the Town limits.



Later in May of 1956, the Forestdale Garden Club and the

Jamestown Garden Club worked together on "Clean Up Week". The Town once again furnished a truck for pickup and the official minutes report that 11 loads of trash were removed from the Town. The following year, October 1957, the Town cooperated with the North Carolina "Clean-Up" Week by cleaning out the ditches of all main roads within the Town limits. The "Clean-Up" Week continued through 1974.

It is great to know that our Town officials and citizens have always been conscientious of the Town's appearance. If you are interested you can purchase a "No Litter" License plate from the DMV or your local license plate office.



If you or your business or organizations are interested in volunteering for the Town of Jamestown's fall litter sweep, please contact me. The entire community can affect positive change with any volunteer action, no matter how big or small.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you in September.

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NOW
available!
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our
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Curb Appeal

As a resident or business owner I am sure that you are aware of the need for an aesthetically pleasing town that attracts visitors. With the **Fall Furniture Market** just around the corner in October, we want our town to look its best. Town staff makes every effort to maintain the beauty afforded us by our history, architecture and landscaping. With that understanding, I am requesting you to help us maintain an attractive town by trimming grass along sidewalks and curbs in front of your home or business.

This may seem like such a small consideration, but we've learned that it is the little things that make a big difference.





Jamestown Park Sponsors



JAMESTOWN PARK GOLF COURSE



PLAYer

Maximum class size: 20 participants per day/per location

This is the introductory level to The First Tee Program. The PLAYer level helps establish the foundation for young people to become life-long PLAYers of the game. As soon as participants enter The First Tee, they are exposed to how golf is played; have more fun learning the skills of the game; are provided with opportunities for appreciating the game; and as a result, develop and play their game.

- ◆ **Play** : PLAYers experience and gain an understanding of the importance of play in skill acquisition, as well as how using "Sports of All Sorts" and purposeful play can help generate and maintain an interest in golf.
- ◆ **Learn**: PLAYers are introduced to the game of golf through a series of games to enhance the acquisition of golf and life skills through The First Tee Code of Conduct and 9 Core Values.
- ◆ **Appreciate**: PLAYers are exposed to the game of golf, including areas of the course and terms/vocabulary, as well as the etiquette and rules of the game.
- ◆ **Your Game**: PLAYers are afforded the opportunity to develop and play their game through various developmentally- appropriate games/activities.

Players must be between the ages of 7 and 18. This is where all new students begin, regardless of age, maturity or golf skill level. Participants may only sign up for 1 day of class per week. All classes being at 4:30pm and end at 6:00pm.

We will begin programming Tuesday August 28. The programming is an 8 week session consisting of availability for class attendance on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. Cost of enrollment to First Tee is \$80 for the fall session at Jamestown Park Golf Course. Interested parents or juniors should go to [The First Tee of the Triad site for registration.](#)

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT – TREY MITCHELL GOLF MAINTENANCE



The employee highlight this month is a familiar face to folks in Jamestown, a hometown boy whose parents live in Forestdale East. Trey Mitchell is one of the newest Town employees having started in April of last year part time. He began full time in March of this year in maintenance at the golf course.

Trey graduated from Ragsdale High School and attended Catawba College. During high school and college, Trey worked at the course part time under Joe Norris. One winter when he was 17 years old, Trey and some of the workers were clearing some trees damaged during a storm. Someone needed to climb up into a tree and being young and agile, Trey was vol-

unteered. He fell out of the tree and broke his hip. The other guys razzed him terribly about being clumsy!

For thirteen years, he ran his own landscaping business. Spruce Builders bought the business from him.

In early 2009, Trey had to have both kidneys removed due to a hereditary disease. He began taking dialysis treatments. He was very fortunate to have a kidney transplant in December of 2009.

In April of this year, Trey got married. He and his wife reside in Forestdale.

Public Services Projects

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Public Services has completed several major projects.

Resurfacing

The Town receives Powell Bill funding from the state annually which is used to fund our street repair projects. The following streets have been patched or resurfaced with this year's Powell Bill funding: Creekside Drive, Edwards Lane, Hamlin Court, Jackson Street, Newberry Street, O'Neill Drive, Oak Village Drive, Ragsdale Road, Robbins Avenue, Somerset Drive, Woodbine Drive, Woodfern Drive, and Yorkleigh Lane.

Water Meter Replacement and Upgrade to Remote Read System

The Town has upgraded water meters throughout the Town with Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) equipment. The AMR technology allows for quicker, safer, and more frequent meter reading from a service truck driving in the vicinity of the meters. Some of the benefits of this project include: leak detection feature; backflow detection; high water usage detection; reduction in monthly labor hours to read meters; and monthly billing can be performed.

Robbins Water Main Construction

The existing water line in Robbins Road has been replaced this year. The Project upgraded the water line size to allow for the installation of a fire hydrant.

Chloramines Conversion

The Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA) converted our water disinfectant from free chlorine to chloramines. Town staff spent a significant amount of time flushing hydrants to speed the transition process.

Sign Post Replacement Project

The Town replaced sign posts along main corridors this year. Signs were replaced along Guilford Road, East Fork Road, and Oakdale Road. Entrance signs into Town were replaced on East Fork Road, West Main Street, Oakdale Road, Penny Road, and Scientific Street.

Gannaway Street Striping

The Town installed parallel parking striping on Gannaway Street in an effort to better serve the area. There are not enough available parking spaces to meet the parking demand. The Town will be continuing the striping on Ragsdale Road this year.

Utility Mapping Improvements

The Town has been required by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources to improve the mapping resources. In order to accomplish this a large format printer/copier was purchased so staff can preserve these documents depicting: subdivisions; roadway plans; water and sewer lines; development and construction plans; etc. The Town had two summer interns to organize the files into a database and integrate the mapping with other data. We would like to thank Melissa Hoose and Nick Harrell for their efforts in this mapping project.

Skid Steer

The Town purchased a skid steer this year. The skid steer has already proved to be valuable in loading construction materials, clearing trees and debris, loading trucks, and street sweeping.

Wrenn-Miller Park

Town staff has cleared a significant amount of trees and debris from the Wrenn-Miller Park site. The park is a work in progress. The Town has received funding from the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund this July. The Public Services staff intends to continue to work on the site this fall. Residents can contact the Planning Department to support the park by sponsoring pavers, picnic tables, benches, etc. (See page 2 article.)

Sewer Pipe Cleaning & Inspection

The Town is required to clean and/or inspect at least 10% of its sewer lines annually. Staff accomplishes this goal by using cameras in smaller sewer lines in neighborhoods; hiring a licensed root control contractor to clean lines in areas with larger trees; and hiring a contractor specializing in videotaping larger sewer lines that the Town's equipment is incapable of performing. The data collected is used to develop sewer repair and replacement plans. The sewer cleaning project is being implemented in a manner where the contractor will cycle through Town over a period of years to maintain a root-free system.

**August 1
utility bills
for solid
waste users
have a
survey on
solid waste
and
recycling.
Be sure and
return your
survey by
August 20**



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(336) 454-1218

Jamestown Park
(336) 454-4912

Fire Department
(336) 454-3473

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

Gibson Park
(336) 454-0259

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

Upcoming Events

Aug 6	6:30pm	Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Aug 20		Solid Waste/Recycling Surveys due back to Town Hall
Aug 21		Deadline for the "Picture Jamestown" contest
Aug 21	6:00pm	Town Council Meeting
Sept 3		Town Hall Closed for Labor Day
Sept 18	6:00pm	Town Council Meeting
Sept 29	5:00pm	Jamestown Public Library BBQ

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

FY 2011-2012 PLANNING DEPARTMENT WRAP-UP

The past year has been quite busy and the Planning Department has been working to keep Jamestown safe and beautiful! The Planning Department is responsible for investigating zoning violations (such as tall grass and other similar nuisances); preparing rezoning cases; issuing building, sign, fence, and home occupation permits; updating digital maps; updating ordinances and laws; and seeking grant funding to help offset the cost of certain amenities to taxpayers, among a host of other tasks. This past year, there were several notable issues before the Planning Department. Among them were several rezoning cases, a grant request to the State for Wrenn-Miller Park, and the condemnation of a single-family residence which burned in 2009.

After much discussion among Council members and the Town Attorney, it was decided that the Town should move forward with the condemnation of the property at 103 Pearce Drive. The condemnation hearing was held in June and the Planning Director ruled that, given the safety issues involved with a burned structure, the best remedy was removal of the structure. The Planning Department is currently reviewing bids and qualifications from contractors for the removal of the structure. The work should be completed on, or shortly after, September 19, 2012.

Some discussions were held at various Planning Board and Town Council meetings regarding two rezoning cases, one of which involved "Internet Sweepstakes" businesses. The Town Council discussed the possibilities of a "Privilege License" (a.k.a. "Business License") and has directed the Planning Director to present his findings at the August Council meeting. Privilege License revenues could potentially fund improvements in business districts and provide grant opportunities to Jamestown businesses.

The Town of Jamestown was fortunate to receive a Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant award in the amount of \$132,688 to match the Town's funding for the completion of Wrenn-Miller Park. The Town is also pleased to announce their partnership with the Jamestown Veterans Group, which is planning a Veteran's Memorial in the park. For sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact Matthew Johnson, Planning Director, at 336-454-1138 or mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov.

Additionally, the Planning Department has been working closely with the Public Services Department and the Town Manager to secure funding for sidewalk construction through NCDOT. The Town Council has directed the Town Manager to complete the contracts which would allow the Town to install some sidewalk along East Main Street and a small portion of Oakdale Road, which were some of the highest priority areas in our 2010 Master Pedestrian Plan. It is our hope that such funding will continue to be available for future extensions of sidewalk.

The Planning Department is committed to keeping Jamestown a safe and beautiful community! Should you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact Matthew Johnson, Planning Director, at 336-454-1138 or mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov.