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Special points of interest:

- New rates effective Oct 1
- Dec 7 - Annual Christmas Parade
- Town Council meeting time will be 6p.m. for December
- Garbage will not be collected on Dec 26
- Leaf collection will continue through March 13

STREETSCAPE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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 Public Services 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.

For more information please contact

Chuck Smith, Director of Public Services, at (336) 454-1138 or view information on the Town's website at www.Jamestown-nc.gov

Beginning Dec. 1 through the month of January, the Town office will have a bin in the lobby to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items. These will be donated to



Canned Goods Collection

Open Door Ministries

in High Point. During the holiday season, this will be an opportunity for the Jamestown community to help those less fortunate. The food will be delivered as often as the bin is filled.

HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



As the Holiday season is fast approaching, the Town is busy decorating for Christmas. Soon you will see the Christmas wreaths go up along Main Street. The Jamestown Rotary Club is working hard on the annual Christmas Parade which will be held on Sunday December 7th, 2008, at 3:00 pm. The Parade begins at the Town Hall, 301 E. Main Street and proceeds along Main Street winding down at Jamestown Elementary School. Please join us for this fun and festive event.

The Ragsdale YMCA is working on a project that will benefit both the YMCA and the Town of Jamestown. The project is to develop a map of the Town of Jamestown. The map will contain a Town of Jamestown

street map and on the reverse side a map of Guilford County.

Members of the Ragsdale YMCA Board of Managers are soliciting advertising which will pay for the printing of the maps. Also, a portion of the advertisement sold will go to the Ragsdale YMCA to help build funds for the "We Build People" campaign. This is a great project for all involved. If you would like more information on this Jamestown map project, please contact the Town Clerk, Martha Wolfe, 336-454-1138 or mwolfe@jamestown-nc.us.

On November 12th, 2008, the Town of Jamestown hosted a Community Watch Informational Meeting conducted by the Guilford County Sheriff's

Department. The meeting was well attended. If any neighborhood is interested in starting a Community Watch in their neighborhood, please contact Corporal Jeremy Fuller, Guilford County Sheriff's Department at 336-845-6691.

The Town of Jamestown wishes each citizen a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

Merry Christmas,

Martha Stafford Wolfe, CMC
Town Clerk
mwolfe@jamestown-nc.gov



The 2008 Fall Classic was with local resident, Harold Rush and his partner finishing as the runner-up to the winning team. Superintendent Jay Gardner and his staff had the golf course in immaculate condition and tournament participants enjoyed great food courtesy of Beyond the Box Grill.

once again a great success

Beginning January 1, 2009 we will begin reserving dates for upcoming golf events. Please contact Director of Golf-Michael Hutcheon at 454-4912 to secure your next golf outing.

Beyond the Box's opening month has been a great success with many satisfied golfers (and non-golfers) enjoying their great food offerings and hospitality. Come join us for lunch even if you are not playing a round of golf. Beyond the Box also provides catering opportunities for group and corpora

tations, contact Brown or Christi 882-3663 to your next ca-



function. Please contact Kristine White at reserved function.



PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Holiday Safety Tips

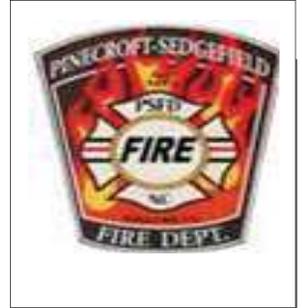
Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and have practiced your home escape plan with all the members of your family. If you need assistance with a smoke alarm or making a home escape plan, please contact us at 299-4421.

Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer. During the four-year period of 2003-2006, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 240 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. These fires caused an average of 16 deaths, 25 injuries, and \$13.1 million in direct property damage annually.

Safety tips for your Christmas decorations

- When decorating your tree, always use lights listed by a testing laboratory. Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Larger tree lights should also have some type of reflector rather than a bare bulb.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and extend their life.
- Never use lit candles to decorate a tree, and make sure any lit candles in the room are placed well away from tree branches.
- Try to keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles. Check for fresh, green needles. And place your tree in a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- Children are fascinated with Christmas trees. Keep a watchful eye on them when around the tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights. Store matches and lighters up high, out of reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet (one meter) away from any heat source, such as fireplaces and radiators. Try to position the tree near an outlet so that cords are not running long distances. Do not place the tree where it may block exits.
- Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against the house.

Kenneth Gray, Captain
Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department



JANET GILL DONATION

Janet Gill, a resident of Jamestown, has donated to the Town an original watercolor by the artist Maggie Fickett. The watercolor was commissioned by Mrs. Gill and her late husband and

has several famous Jamestown sites depicted.

Mayor Keith Volz, accepted the painting on behalf of the Town. The painting will be displayed in Town Hall outside the Council Chambers.



GREEN PLANNING— FOR JAMESTOWN’S FUTURE

The Town has been very fortunate to receive a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Division to help create a master pedestrian plan. This master pedestrian plan will help Town staff catalog the miles of pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, crosswalks, greenways, and trails), identify gaps in these facilities, and recommend potential ways to help fund initiatives to fill those gaps.

Beginning in 2004, the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant program was developed to encourage municipalities to begin long-range, comprehensive master plans focusing specifically on bicycle and pedestrian components. The grant received by the Town of Jamestown will cover 80% of the cost of the plan. Beginning in early December, a group of volunteers – citizens of Jamestown, members of both Greensboro and High Point’s Transportation Departments, health care workers, and a group of avid runners – will commence work on this master plan, guided by facilitators from the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments (PTCOG), who will act as the consultant on this project. Please stay tuned to the Town’s website and the Jamestown News as we will be asking for citizen input on this plan in the near future!



*Plans for the Town’s
greenways and
blueways*

Another upcoming long range planning initiative begun by the Town’s Planning Department is the Deep River Paddle & Greenway Trail.



Again, the planners at PTCOG will be assisting the Town’s staff in developing a master plan to establish a trail system along the Deep River. This trail system will include both the river itself (as a “blueway” trail) and a walking trail (a “greenway” trail) which follows the Deep River – beginning at City Lake Park and travelling down past the Oakdale Mill Dam – to the

headwaters of the new Randleman Lake. The “paddle” portion will eventually be a part of the State’s new Deep River State Trail, travelling through five counties, and beginning right here in Jamestown!

GREEN PLANNING CONTINUED

With the input of local property owners along the river, avid conservationists and others, we hope to highlight one of the greatest ecological assets of our community! Did you even know that there is a kayak builder who is already located in Jamestown? The first person to email me the name of that company at mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov will receive a nifty gift! I am looking forward to working with our citizens towards a bright future for Jamestown!

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!



Matthew Johnson
Planning Director

FINANCE NOTE \$

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending June 30, 2008 for the Town of Jamestown has been presented to the Town Council. Judy Gallman, the Town finance officer presented the report at the October meeting.

The report may be viewed on the Town's website under the Finance Department.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION



With Christmas on Thursday this year, Town Hall will be closed December 24 through 26. Being closed on Friday, the 26th, means there will be no garbage pickup that day. Regular pickup will resume on Tuesday, December 30 as well as Friday, January 2. Christmas trees may be left on the curb for pick up. Be sure all lights and decorations have been removed.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT- SAM WILSON

Sam Wilson has worked in the Public Works Department for nearly eleven years. Like all the Public Works employees, Sam does a wide variety of jobs for the Town, including working on water and sewer lines, reading meters, leaf collection, snow plow when necessary and occasionally helping with garbage collection. His most unusual experience while working with the Town happened



several years ago. He was

driving the backhoe and a limb broke the window.

Sam's hometown is Franklin, NC in Macon county. He is married with four children and five grandchildren. In his spare time, Sam operates a lawn care service. His hobbies include hunting and bike riding. Sam is also an active member of Destiny Christian Center where he sings in the choir.



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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

- December 7 3:00pm Annual Christmas Parade on Main St
- December 16 6:00pm Town Council Meeting
- December 24-26 Town Hall closed for Christmas (no garbage pickup)
- January 1 Town Hall closed for New Year's Day (regular garbage pickup)
- January 19 Town Hall closed for Martin Luther King Day
- January 20 7:00pm Town Council Meeting

JAMESTOWN ANTICIPATES BUDGET CHALLENGES

It would be an understatement to comment that we all have concerns about the local and world economic outlook at this time. The North Carolina State Treasurer's office began providing information months ago to keep local governments informed about the state's economic condition as well as to provide revenue projections for counties and municipalities. The Town also receives guidance and updates from the Institute of Government and the League of Municipalities. Locally, the managers of the Cities and the County meet to share information, cost cutting ideas and plans for the current year as well as the 2009/2010 budget year that we are already preparing. The Finance Officer and I constantly monitor revenue and expenditure projections.

We understand that revised revenue forecasts for Property and Sales Taxes will be available in January and we will continue to notify our citizens as we obtain information. These two sources of income are affected by changes in the economy and together they make up almost 45% of our General Fund budget. Historically, Jamestown's property tax collection rate exceeds 99% and we hope that it will continue to reflect this excellent collection rate. However, as all citizens review and revise his or her budget, the Town must do the same.

The Town administration makes adjustments and takes precautions to prepare for shortfalls in income as well as climbing prices in our current year budget. For example, Public Services staff members now work a four-day workweek limiting vehicle use to four days. The Sanitation trucks consolidate collections and reduce travel on Town streets to four days a week. Two capital projects budgeted for this year have been postponed and upon completion of a utility audit, we are implementing recommended changes to all Town energy and communication accounts. Department heads are aware of budget circumstances and work to reduce operating expenditures. Vacant positions are reviewed and hiring replacements delayed as possible.

As good stewards of Jamestown's resources, we strive to provide excellent services to all citizens and to do so as economically as possible. The staff is prepared for challenges and welcomes suggestions for how we may improve our service to the community.

Kathryn "Cookie" Billings
Town Manager