



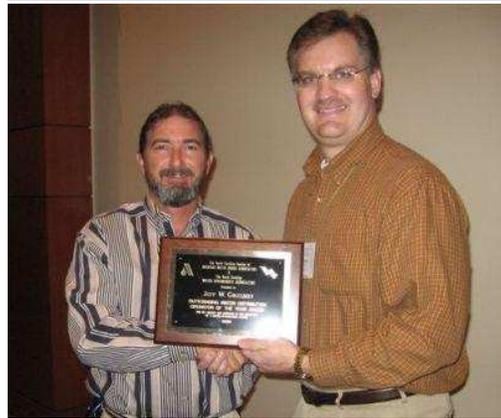
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**Special points of interest:**

- Dec 6 Christmas Parade
- Dec 15 Installation of new Town Council
- Dec 24-25 Town Hall closed for Christmas
- Jan 1 Town Hall closed for New Year's Day
- Loose Leaf Collection continues through Feb. 26

## ***Jeff Greeson Recognized***



Jeff Greeson and Chuck Smith

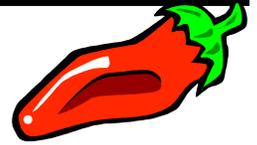
Jeff Greeson was awarded the American Water Works Association Distribution Operator of the Year Award for 2009 at the annual conference in Raleigh on November 16th. This award is given to full-time employees of superintendent grade or below who has exhibited outstanding knowledge and innovation in the continuing operation of a water distribution system.

Jeff serves as Public Services Operations Manager for the Town of Jamestown and has proven to be a huge asset to the Town for over 19 years. His immense knowledge of operations and history of the water system has proven to be beneficial to the town, as well as his fellow employees time and time again. He always brings a high level of dedication to his job and it shows in the work he does. He is well liked and respected in the community. He listens to concerns and demonstrates sound judgment while quickly resolving situations.

Jeff has been instrumental in developing strategies to improve all facets of the Town's water distribution system. His co-workers know a job is not completed until he is satisfied with the outcome. His leadership and work ethic impel the staff around him to give the extra effort needed to ensure jobs are completed with quality workmanship. He continuously demonstrates his ability to effectively supervise and to train staff while maintaining a good working relationship with them. He is honest and trustworthy, qualities that show through as he does not hesitate to "tell it like it is." I'm sure I speak for all town staff that we are proud of Jeff as recipient of the Operator of the Year Award. We are fortunate to have a co-worker with his integrity serving the Town of Jamestown.

Chuck Smith  
 Director of Public Services

## Employee Chili Cook-off



Jamestown employees had a chili cook-off as part of the November employee meeting. Nine cooks provided ten pots of chili. No two were alike, ranging from mild to spicy and vegetarian to beef and venison. The cooks wore white aprons which employees signed to vote for their favorites. Phil Mikles from Public Services won the cookoff with the most signatures. Cookie Billings presented Phil with a chili pepper necklace and a trophy for first place.

### Reminder:

**Leaf  
Collection  
Continues  
through  
Feb. 26**

**Watch the  
website for  
updates**

## HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



What a beautiful fall season we have enjoyed in Jamestown. The month of November brought us beautiful trees, sunshine and the Town of Jamestown municipal election. The Mayor, Keith Volz, ran unopposed. All incumbents ran for re-election with two opponents in the race. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 was Election Day which was a beautiful day to get out and vote. The citizens of Jamestown elected Keith Volz as their Mayor and Georgia Nixon-Roney, R. Brock Thomas, J. Frank Gray and Will G. Ragsdale as their new Town Council.

On Tuesday December 15, 2009 the newly elected Council will be sworn into office. The ceremony will be held at the December Council meeting at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

The Jamestown Rotary Club is sponsoring the Town of Jamestown Christmas Parade. This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year the Jamestown Rotary Club has sponsored this event. The Parade date is Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 3:00 pm. The Parade begins at the Town Hall, 301 E. Main Street and proceeds along

Main Street to Potter Drive. Main Street will be closed off at 2:45 pm until the parade has reached Potter Drive. This will be about 4:30 pm. The Parade is full of floats, marching bands, antique cars, CANDY and more. So, place this date on your holiday calendar and join us for this fun and festive event.



The festivities continue in Jamestown. This year immediately following the Christmas Parade, (approximately 4:30 pm) visit Santa for Kids & Klaus at the Jamestown Public Library. The library is located at 200 W. Main Street. There will be hot cider, cookies and crafts.

As night falls on Jamestown, (6:00pm) the Friends of the Jamestown Public Library, will light the luminaries on the Library grounds. This is a beautiful sight and a beautiful

time of reflection, as each luminary is donated in honor or memory of friends, family members and loved ones.

A big festive finale will be the Christmas Tree Lighting. This holiday spirited event will take place at 6:30 pm on the Library grounds. The public is invited to come together to share hot chocolate and cookies around the Christmas tree. The Ragsdale High School Chorus will lead us in Christmas carols. This will surely get everyone in the holiday spirit as we join in song.

Please join us for an old fashion small town holiday event. Come spend the day in Jamestown on Sunday December 6, 2009.

For more information please call me at 336-454-1138 or [mwolfe@jamestown-nc.gov](mailto:mwolfe@jamestown-nc.gov).

Happy Holidays,  
Martha S. Wolfe, CMC  
Town Clerk



# Wrenn-Miller Park Plans

Our Town Council approved funds in this year’s budget to design our new “Wrenn-Miller” Park, located at the corner of Guilford Road and Perry Road. As we anticipate applying for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Grant to design and construct this park, it is imperative that we involve our residents in the planning process. Indeed, this is a valuable part of any new project. Our citizens provide the best ideas and insights for what our community needs and desires.

I conducted the first community meeting on November 2 to solicit public opinion concerning how the park will be used and what elements might be included in the park. Our staff sent personal invitations to surrounding property owners and advertised the meeting in the local paper as well as posting notices on our website and Newsletter. I anticipated a fun meeting that might generate some exciting possibilities for our new park.

Much to my surprise, a few residents quickly expressed their desire for us to leave the wooded land as it is. These property owners have apprehensions about noise and possible crime that a park might attract. Of course, any design will include barriers and screening, but I believe the concerned residents just needed to be reassured that these items are important considerations and will be included in the design process. We had a productive meeting with two of the worried citizens following the Community Meeting and confirmed our vigilance to listen and address their concerns.

Happily, we did have a number of residents who expressed positive opinions about the benefits of the new park. The discussion continued around the likelihood of increased property values, attractive landscaping, using the park for “passive” enjoyment, and having a setting for community events. After a draft design is developed, we will again work with our Recreation Committee and hold additional public meetings to get feedback on the plans. We anticipate applying for a PARTF grant to develop the park in January 2011. I encourage residents who have not attended a meeting, or had an opportunity to make suggestions, to provide our staff or elected officials with any concerns, wishes, or ideas that you might share about the development of this park. We want your assistance and appreciate your comments.

Cookie Billings  
Town Manager

# Tree Postcards

Recently, the Town of Jamestown was awarded a grant from the NC Division of Forest Resources to allow us to send out a postcard to every resident who has a water billing account. The purpose of this postcard was to help make citizens aware of proper tree pruning and installation practices. There is valuable information on the postcard regarding the hiring of Certified Arborists, which are individuals who are qualified to care for trees. Certified Arborists have been through rigorous testing and meet certain standards, including the requirement for continuing education, and are the most qualified individuals to discuss proper tree care with you. If you have questions about tree care and would like more information, please contact Matthew Johnson at 336-454-1138, or [mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov](mailto:mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov).



The Town will be collecting canned goods for Hand to Hand Community Food Pantry through the end of January. A collection bin will be in the lobby of Town Hall.

# Thanks! PINECROFT SEDFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Town would like to thank the Pinecroft Sedgfield Fire Department (PSFD) for the great job they do. We have had two house fires, a fire at Jamestown Presbyterian Church and an overturned chemical truck on I-85 recently. The excellent response time and professional manner of the department earn them kudos from the Town.

The Fire Department also held their Fill the Boot campaign for Muscular Dystrophy. They nearly tripled the amount collected in last year's collection. Way to go PSFD!

Captain Jeff Thomas who has served as the Fire Department liaison with the Town has been promoted to Deputy Chief. Congratulations to Jeff!

## Chief Petty Officer Horner Honored



Chief Petty Officer Todd Horner (second from left) was awarded the Munro Award, one of the Coast Guard's highest honors. Chief Horner is the son of Dave (inset) and Judy Horner of Gibson Park. This award is given for inspirational leadership. Chief Horner is with international training of the Coast Guard. He travels to different countries to train the local Navy and Coast Guard in port security and escort duty. He has been to Iraq, Africa, Russia and many other parts of the world. Horner's team is responsible for training 53 countries.



The award is named for Douglas Munro, the only Coast Guard member ever awarded the Medal of Honor. Munro was awarded the Medal posthumously for bravery in removing troops from Guadalcanal during World War II. Killed by hostile fire, his last words were "are they all off?"

## Peggy Corey Leaves Planning Board

Peggy Corey was recognized at the Town Council Meeting on Nov. 17, 2009 for her years of service on the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Keith Volz awarded Ms. Corey a plaque and a copy of the Oakdale Cottonmill DVD in appreciation for her work on the Board.



## POSTING PUBLIC INFORMATION

Losing a pet can be a traumatic experience and the Town certainly understands the need to advertise for lost pets. However, there are appropriate ways to do such advertising and we would like to suggest alternatives to posting signs on light poles, street signs, and trees. The Town maintains a very up-to-date website ([www.jamestown-nc.gov](http://www.jamestown-nc.gov)) and we would be happy to post lost pet information there. Also, the Town's "Facebook" site is a great way for us to get lost pet or other public information out to the public. It is updated quite often and is a great source for finding out "what's going on" in Town. Finally, citizens are welcome to post lost pet or public information flyers inside Town Hall, which receives a lot of traffic from locals who are conducting Town business.



Posting signs in inappropriate places leaves them vulnerable to removal. The Town takes great pride in being able to offer citizens an attractive community and the posting of materials on street signs, light poles, and trees can create a cluttered appearance and is a violation of our Ordinances. We encourage citizens who have public information announcements to contact Town Hall for additional information.

Should you have specific questions regarding the posting of lost pet or other public information, I would encourage you to contact Matthew Johnson or Sharen Apple at 336-454-1138. You may also email Matthew Johnson, Planning Director ([mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov](mailto:mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov)) or Sharen Apple ([sapple@jamestown-nc.gov](mailto:sapple@jamestown-nc.gov)) with such information.

**Guilford County will host an Open House on Dec 14 from 6-7:30 to discuss the county's parks and open spaces. Citizen input will help plan for the future. See the Town website for more information.**

## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT— JOEL STILES ASSISTANT GOLF PRO

If you play golf at Jamestown Park Golf Course, chances are you have met Joel Stiles. Joel joined the Town staff in September of 2007 as an assistant golf pro.

Joel grew up in Cherryville, NC in the western part of the state. He moved to Winston Salem in 1988.

Prior to coming to the Town, Joel worked at the Dunes Golf Club in Myrtle Beach, Forsyth Country Club and the Meadowlands golf Course. At Forsyth, he worked in food services and at Meadow-



lands he was manager.

It is difficult for Joel to decide on one thing as his favorite part of his job. He is a very affable guy and really enjoys the friend-

ships he has developed with the customers at the Park. His least favorite part of the job is putting the golf carts away in the rain.

Working with people gives Joel lots of funny stories. One day a lady came in and asked Joel to take her teenage daughter out to drive a golf cart. She felt her daughter needed some driving practice. Joel said after riding with the girl, she definitely needed more practice!

Joel and his wife live in Winston Salem with their five year old son.



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Sharen Apple, Editor



**Walking with History!**

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

Gibson Park  
(336) 454-0259

Upcoming Events

- Dec 6 3:00pm Christmas Parade  
4:30pm Visit with Santa  
6:00pm Luminaries at the Library  
6:30pm Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec 14 6:00-7:30pm Guilford County Parks & Recreation Open House in Civic Center
- Dec 15 6:00pm Town Council Meeting—Installation of New Council
- Dec 24-25 Town Offices closed for Christmas
- Jan 1 Town Offices closed for New Year's Day
- Jan 18 Town Offices closed for Martin Luther King Day
- Jan 19 7:00pm Town Council Meeting

**LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION**  
**October 26 through February 26**



*The Public Services Department began the annual leaf pick-ups throughout Jamestown on October 26. The leaf collection route begins in the Forestdale neighborhood, covers sixteen Jamestown neighborhoods and starts over again in Forestdale. (View the [Leaf Route Order](#) and [Collection Details](#) on the website.) The crew has made six complete rounds to date and will continue to collect leaves until February 26, 2010. The crew's collection rate may slow depending on weather and the rate at which citizens place their leaves at the curb. As the leaves fall faster and the piles get larger, the crew's speed will slow. Obviously, neighborhoods with mature trees produce a tremendous volume of leaves.*

*The leaf truck operators will collect leaves on each street once per route. Thus, if you see the leaf truck drive by your house and not stop to vacuum leaves, the driver is most likely traveling back to the point where he last collected. The truck can hold approximately five tons of leaves. Once the truck is full, the driver must travel to a dump site to unload the leaves.*

*We are not able to determine how many loads we can collect in one day due to the uncertainties mentioned above. Travel time must be allowed for the driver to dump collected leaves and drive back to his last location. The driver and crew may collect one truck load after traveling just one street or the truck may collect leaves on several streets before needing to empty the truck.*

*Public Services staff is proud to provide four months of loose leaf collection to the Jamestown citizens. We feel our loose leaf collection program is far superior to surrounding cities and communities. Last year we calculated our crews collected 528 tons of leaves!*