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Proposed Budget Reflects 9.15% Decrease

The proposed Jamestown Budget for 2009/2010, presented to the Town Council at the regular scheduled Council meeting on May 19, 2009, is **9.15% lower** than the current year budget. Staff members worked for months to identify methods to trim the current budget as well as the proposed budget. Town Administrators adjusted employee schedules, eliminated temporary employees, negotiated service contracts, and combined pick-up schedules to reduce expenditures this year. Park services also adjusted schedules, eliminated part time positions, adjusted operating hours, and postponed projects as possible to conserve resources. We continue to provide needed services to the community, but at a lower cost where possible.

The **proposed property tax rate remains at the current .37** on a \$100 valuation and is projected to generate \$1,439,000 revenue for the General Fund. Several funding sources for the General Fund are affected by the slow economy and the Town budget reflects lower estimates for these revenues, including the local option sales tax and Powell Bill funds. Although, town investments are secure and do not lose value, decreases in investment earnings reflect the current economic circumstances. **Proposed fees for various general and recreation user charges remain at the current year rates.**

The Water and Sewer rates will increase by a total of 15%, (water 5% and sewer 25%) to fund anticipated increases in charges for our purchase of water and sewer treatment fees. We must contract with Greensboro and High Point to purchase water and to treat sewer. When these communities must raise rates, we must increase our rates in order to meet these obligations. The deposit fee for new rental customers, (applied to the customer's final bill and the balance refunded) will increase to \$150. These are the only rate increases proposed in the new budget.

Special points of interest:

- June 1 Community Presentation on Proposed Golf Course Renovation
- June 15 Retail Retention Speaker at Civic Center
- July 4 Fourth of July Parade
- July 6 Town offices closed for Independence Day

The Town proposes no changes in services provided for our citizens and we have some exciting planning projects scheduled in the new budget year. The administration continues planning for the Deep River Paddle Trail, Master Pedestrian Plan, and begins the process of designing our new center City Park and creating a Downtown Master Plan. We will continue surveying our citizens and inviting residents to community meetings to request their input as we begin the planning process of designing improvements to our beautiful golf course as well as creating a new downtown park. These park and shopping amenities in our community add value to all surrounding properties and invite the larger community to enjoy Jamestown.

The proposed budget may be found online at www.jamestown-nc.gov or you may review a written copy at Town Hall. Our staff is available to respond to your questions and our Town Council has set a public hearing date for 7:00 pm on June 16, at the Town Council meeting.

Kathryn Billings
 Town Manager/Budget Officer

HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



The big slide



Magic Feet Cloggers

May 2nd 2009 was the 17th year of Jamestown Day sponsored by the Jamestown Business Association. The day was filled with face painting, clowns, rides and games for the children. Families enjoyed live music, crafters and food. Several non-profit groups were present to give the public information on a variety of topics.



Ze Clownettes



Total Silence

The Town of Jamestown hosted a public information booth which gave citizens information on stormwater pollution prevention, proper recycling and disaster preparedness for families and businesses.



Boy Scouts of America



Mandy Cheek as Patsy Cline



Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department

Please enjoy these pictures from Jamestown Day 2009. If you were there, thank you for coming, if you were not there, We Missed You!



Greyhound Friends of North Carolina

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Mayor's Task Force for Wyndham Celebration— Jamestown Swing!



Jamestown Mayor Keith Volz convened a citizen task group to discuss possible Wyndham tournament promotions for the golf course and our community. A number of promotion ideas have been discussed and several volunteers recruited to coordinate some of the proposed activities.

Will Ragsdale agreed to Chair the committee to evaluate the possibility of a "downtown" festival for a Saturday evening, August 15 in conjunction with the tournament. Will is recruiting committee members to assist him with the planning and seeking volunteers to help organize the proposed event. Some of our local Civic clubs will take charge of recruiting volunteers to staff a "Jamestown Hole" for the week of the tournament. Volunteers will agree to assist with crowd control on Hole #12 and enjoy the fun of the Wyndham Tournament! Former Jamestown Councilman Kerry Miller is assisting with this activity as well as volunteering on the downtown festival committee.

If you wish to volunteer to support any of these activities and committees, please contact Town Hall at 454-1138 or email parcs@jamestown-nc.gov to offer assistance and join the fun! More information will be available on the Town website www.jamestown-nc.gov.

Michael Hutcheon (Jamestown Golf Course) is planning an event at the Jamestown Golf Course and shares details of his tentative plans in another article in this Newsletter (page 4).



PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Camp Celebrate 2009

On June 5th, Camp Celebrate will begin its 28th year of providing a place for burn survivors to enjoy a safe and rehabilitating camping experience. The camp was established in 1982 to offer a fun weekend of camping for children who are 7-15 years old and have survived burn injuries. Most of the children have been treated at the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center in Chapel Hill. Camp Celebrate offers a camping experience that is intended to boost each camper's social, emotional, physical and cognitive development. North Carolina volunteers unite together with the Burn Center staff in order to make this a successful and inspirational event for each and every camper. There are many successful moments of Camp Celebrate that come from the support of individuals, businesses, and civic organizations.

Camp Celebrate is held on the grounds of Camp Kanata, a YMCA camp in Wake Forrest. Campers are transported from a pick-up location to the grounds via a massive fire truck parade. Thirty plus fire departments from across North Carolina participate in this kick off event for the camp. Firefighters transport the kids with red lights and sirens to the front entrance of the camp, and assist them with checking in.

The Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department supports Camp Celebrate by donating funds to help campers have the ultimate camping experience and with participation in the fire truck parade. While at camp the kids take part in "old-fashioned" camping activities that will provide opportunities to actively discuss and acquire skills for living with burn injuries and scars. Camp Celebrate definitely contributes positively to our community in a way that helps children gain self-confidence as individuals preparing to responsibly participate in society as young adults.

For more information or how you can help, please contact Anita Fields at the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at:
 Phone : 919-966-8539
 or
 Email: afields@med.unc.edu



Town Promotions

Video Promotion

Fox 8 produced two TV/website advertisements that will promote not only the golf course, but also the Jamestown businesses and residential community. A collaborative effort with the Jamestown Business Association, the commercials are complete and are scheduled to run on Fox 8 TV beginning May 21, 2009. If you go on the Town website , www.jamestown-nc.gov or the Park website www.jamestownparkgolf.com, you may preview the promotional advertisements. You may recognize some of the "actors" in our latest production!

Golf Card Promotion

Jamestown Golf Course is also participating in a Golf Card promotion with Fox 8 TV. You will see more television spots highlighting the Jamestown Golf Course and promoting the sale of golf gift cards.

**GOLF COURSE
RENOVATION
PLAN**

Please join the Town Council and the Parks and Recreation Committee for a Presentation of a Proposed Master Renovation for the Jamestown Golf Course.

June 1, 2009

6:00pm

301 E. Main St. Civic Center

Presentations by:

Richard Mandell
Pinehurst, NC

Beau Welling Design
Asheville, NC



More Park Events

Junior golf clinic dates and registration are now available. Dates for the summer series of junior golf clinics are Wednesdays beginning June 17th ending August 19th. Clinics will run each Wednesday with clinics for beginning golfers and kids aged 7-10 year old 9:30-10:30 am. Clinics for intermediate golfers and ages 11-16 from 11am - 12noon. Clinics are weather permitting. Cost is \$15 per clinic. Call 454-4912 for more information.

Additional happenings at the park.... tentatively scheduled for Tuesday August 18th- Wyndham/Jamestown Park Junior golf exhibition and Parent/Child golf tournament. Confirmation of event, times and cost will follow at a future date as details are confirmed.

Town to Host Speaker for Downtown

The Town of Jamestown, in conjunction with the Jamestown Business Association, is pleased to announce a free seminar to discuss ways to enhance and retain our downtown businesses. Bob Murphrey is the NC Small Town Main Street Coordinator for Eastern North Carolina and will be presenting the seminar on Monday, June 15, 2009, at 7pm in the Town of Jamestown Civic Center (located at Town Hall). Mr. Murphrey has many years of experience in retail – ranging from business owner to executive director of the Downtown Development organization for Wilmington, NC. Bob will cover topics related to how businesses and local municipalities can partner to enhance downtown retail shopping experiences, retain current businesses, and attract new businesses to the downtown area. We would love to have input from our citizens, local business owners, and others who are interested in seeing improvements to our downtown. Space is limited to the first 100, so please RSVP early! You can RSVP by calling Martha Wolfe, Town Clerk, at 336-454-1138 or emailing her at mwolfe@jamestown-nc.gov.

The Land Use Ordinance Committee has been busy reviewing the most recent updates to our Ordinances and, along with comments from the staff, we will present our final comments to our consultants for incorporation into the new document. The Town Council has sent a public hearing for the June 16, 2009, Council meeting (Town Hall Council Chambers – 7 pm) for the purpose of adoption of the new ordinance. A working draft is available at Town Hall in the Planning Department. Once final comments have been submitted to the consultants, we will be posting a final draft on our website for citizens to download. Until that time, should anyone have questions regarding the updates, I urge you to contact me at 336-454-1138 or mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov.



Matthew Johnson
Planning Director

ENERGY TIP

As part of your spring cleaning routine, make sure your refrigerator's coils are cleaned so air can circulate freely. When dust and pet hair build up on the coils the motor works harder and uses more electricity.

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT – JEFF GREESON

For over 20 years, Jeff Greeson has worked in the Public Works Department at Town Hall. During that time, he has seen two Town managers, four mayors and three Public Works Directors serve the Town. Over the years, Jeff has risen to the position of Public Services Operations Manager. He oversees a crew of five full time employees and three temps.

Jeff is a very friendly sort, known to many of our residents on a first name basis. Like all Town employees, Jeff handles many responsibilities. Just a few of

these are setting new meters, overseeing the reading of meters for billing, and putting up banners on Main Street. This winter Jeff drove one of the snowplows during the March snowstorm.

One of his funniest experiences happened one day when he took his truck to Dillon's for maintenance. He stopped the truck, put on the brake and got out. He was walking towards the shop when Bruce Dillon called out, "You're truck's rolling!" Jeff quickly ran after the truck, jumped in while it was moving and stopped the truck before it



rolled in a ditch. Jeff added brake repair to the list before he left.

Jeff's hobbies include playing golf and working around the house. He and his wife and three children live in Guilford County.



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

Gibson Park
(336) 454-0259

Upcoming Events

- June 1 6:00pm Parks and Recreation Committee—Presentation of Proposed Golf Course Renovation Plan
- June 8 6:30pm Planning and Zoning Committee
- June 15 7:00pm Retail Retention Speaker—Bob Murphrey
- June 16 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- July 4 10:00am Fourth of July Parade sponsored by Jamestown Lions' Club
- July 6 Town Offices closed for Independence Day
- July 21 7:00pm Town Council Meeting

Streetscape Dedication

On May 11, the first streetscape sponsored bench of Jamestown was dedicated in honor of two long standing citizens of Jamestown, Bow and Sarah Stafford by their children Ed, Martha, and Sam. The bench is located at the entrance park near the welcome sign at the intersection of Guilford College Rd. and Guilford Rd, a fitting tribute to a family that has welcomed many to this town. This commemorative bench will long serve to remind us of Bow and Sarah's dedication to Jamestown and their children's dedication to their parents.



A second and third bench will soon find their place along Main St. The second will be in honor of Neece N. Osborn, longest serving postmaster in Jamestown from 1953 to 1977. Lucile Osborn and Julia Osborn King, wife and daughter of Neece, have decided the bench will be located just west of the East Main St. and Gannaway St. intersection, near the Southern Roots restaurant. Mr. Osborn served a portion of his postmaster tenure in the Post Office of what is now the old Subway building.

The third bench will be dedicated in loving memory of Susan Blake Dewar. Susan's parents, sister, and children have selected the area in front of High Point Bank to place a bench as this location is at the heart of Jamestown. Donald Blake, Susan's father, stated in a message to me that Susan immediately felt drawn to Jamestown and fully intended to make this her permanent home. She felt so strongly about this Town she decided to run for Mayor in 2006. She fully planned to get involved to an even greater degree after she retired. Unfortunately, she could not win her battle with breast cancer.

If you wish to dedicate a bench, planter, or receptacle in memory or honor of someone special, please contact Chuck Smith, Public Services director, at 336-454-1138. You may read about the program on the Town's website (www.Jamestown-nc.gov) with information in the bottom left corner of the front page. Streetscape pamphlets are also at Town Hall.

Thank You!

A special 'thank you' to the Jamestown Lions Club for making Memorial Day and Independence Day filled with waving US flags along Main St. Their patriotic effort painted all of downtown red, white, and blue!

