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Special points of interest:

- New rates effective Oct 1
- Oct 4 - 2nd Annual 5k Fun Run
- Fire Prevention Week Oct 5th-11th
- Oct 11-12 6th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament
- Oct 18 Community Health Fair—Town Hall
- Leaf collection will begin Oct 20
- Nov 12 Community Watch Meeting

JAMESTOWN GOING GREENER

All Town departments are seeking ways to promote a “green” environment for the Town of Jamestown. Whether we define “green” actions as providing additional walking paths and trails, which allow the public to leave the car at home, creating flextime schedules to reduce town vehicle traffic, or preserving trees and green spaces, the town staff is identifying and implementing ways to save energy and reduce pollution.

The Public Services Department this year has improved our central recycling drop-off site behind Town Hall. Requiring less sorting, many items can be co-mingled and the drop center now accepts cardboard and rigid plastic products, encouraging increased recycling and a reduction in our waste stream. To reduce air pollution and save energy this department adjusted utility employee work schedules and reduced drive time on all town vehicles. Seeking efficient methods to combine yard waste pick-ups, the Sanitation Department reduced collection to four days a week, again reducing pollution and saving fuel.

The Planning Department continues to effectively plan for our future walking and biking trails. The Planning Director obtained several

grants during the last year to assist with a Tree Preservation Ordinance, purchase land for a new Center City Park, and produce a Master Pedestrian Plan to determine where to place and how to fund future bike and walk paths through town. Seeking to promote green space, save trees, and make foot and bike transportation safer and easier, our Planner is a great role model for going green.

We are preparing additional grant requests to assist with connecting Jamestown sidewalks to nearby trails, parks, and schools. The town recently received confirmation from the North Carolina Department of Transportation that our requests for safe crosswalks at key intersections in town will be funded and the walks installed in the coming months. As we make progress on these plans, we will keep our residents informed. We know everyone can improve efforts to act green, and we encourage our citizens to help us imagine ways that the town can improve services as well as encourage our residents to share the responsibility to “act green.”

Kathryn “Cookie” Billings
 Town Manager

PUBLIC SERVICES NEWS



At the Public Services plant, two new shelters were installed

in late June to protect valuable equipment and vehicles.

Also, containment walls were constructed by town staff (shown painted white) around fuel and oil tanks. The tanks were then given a new coat of paint and bollard (painted yellow) were installed to protect the walls.



HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



Summer is fading and fall is just around the corner. Cooler weather will soon be here. No matter what the season may be, the Town of Jamestown is always in need of volunteers. Volunteerism is an important partner in local government. Volunteering of one's time and resources is essential to our community.

There are many opportunities for citizens of Jamestown to volunteer. The Town Council appoints citizens to serve on several committees such as:

- Planning & Zoning Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Guilford County Historic Preservation Commission

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Land Use Ordinance Committee

If you are interested in any of these committees, please click on the [citizen application form](#) and return to the Town Clerk at the Town of Jamestown, PO Box 848, Jamestown, NC 27282 or by fax 336-886-3504.

If you prefer to volunteer in a group, the Town has a Storm drain marker program. This involves using an adhesive to place a marker on the storm drains throughout the Town. Please contact Martha Wolfe, Town Clerk, for the forms and supplies needed for the project.

The Town sponsors a litter sweep program in the fall & spring. This has typically been a great event for our high school students. This year the fall date is Saturday September 27th, 2008 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Meet in the Food Lion parking lot at 118 W. Main St. Come dressed to get dirty.

Thank you to all the citizens of Jamestown that give of their time, talents, and energy. These volunteers help build a strong community.

Martha Stafford Wolfe, CMC
Town Clerk
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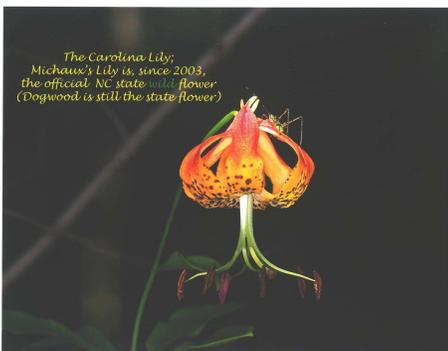


FANTASTIC NATURE SHOTS AT GIBSON PARK

Just off West Wendover is Gibson Park, a park of some 200 acres. The park has ball fields and playgrounds and walking trails.

A frequent visitor to the Park is John Curtis, a retired biology professor from UNCG.

John's hobby is nature photography. He wanders through Gibson Park and takes some amazing photographs of the insects and wildlife. Dave Horner, park supervisor, displays some of John's photos at the office building at the park.



The Carolina Lily; Michaux's Lily is, since 2003, the official NC state wild flower (Dogwood is still the state flower)



Great Egret

JAMESTOWN PARK

The 6th annual Jamestown Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be October 11-12. This is a two man, best ball, two day event. The cost is \$300 per team. Contact the Park (454-4912) to enter.

Beginning October 1, the Jamestown Park grill will be operated by Box Seats Sports Bar Inc. In addition to food and beverage services they will also offer catering for events held at the Jamestown shelters. For more information contact the Pro Shop (454-4912).

PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Equipment for Vehicle Accidents

Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department (which includes The Jamestown Fire Department) has some new equipment to help stabilize vehicles involved in wrecks, so that the occupants can be more safely removed. The system is called [Res-Q-Jacks](#) and is designed specifically for the emergency services. The system is kept on Rescue 24 which is housed at Station 24 on Bishop Road, but responds to accidents in the entire Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District.

The Res-Q-Jack system allows rescuers to quickly stabilize a vehicle that is rolled over or sitting on its side. The system can quickly be adapted to the situation and uses two to three jacks to stabilize the vehicle and can even be used to lift the vehicle to help facilitate the rescue. Once the vehicle is stabilized the rescuers can work on extricating the victims without having to worry about the vehicle shifting on them.



In the picture above, the jacks are used to stabilize a vehicle sitting on its side

This state of the art system cost \$8434 and half of this money was paid by the Firefighters Fund. The firefighters hold a BBQ and Raffle annually to raise the money in the Firefighter's Fund.

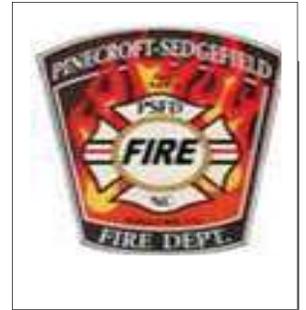
The other half was paid by the Pinecroft Sedgefield Ladies Auxiliary. They held a Pinto Bean Dinner to raise funds, which Wal-Mart then matched up to \$1000. The Ladies also received donations from the following local companies and individuals toward the purchase:

Deborah Bayse, Seasonal Comfort, Inc., Coen Equipment, Guy M. Turner, Inc., Matt Marshall & Company, Gate City Towing, Absolute Comfort, Apex Equipment, and Old South Concrete.



The Res-Q-Jack system was placed in service on July 10, 2008 and was used on its first call the very next day at this wreck on Guilford College Road (picture on the left).

The system has been used several times since on wrecks throughout the Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District.



GARBAGE AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES

As of September in order to be more fuel efficient, the Town has gone to a four day work week for the public services department. This has required a change in the yard waste collection schedule. On Wednesdays and Thursdays yard waste will be collected as needed. If there is sufficient waste, the brush, limbs and grass clippings in clear plastic bags will be collected. Garbage days will remain on Tuesdays and Fridays. Be sure to have your garbage on the curb side by 7:00am. A change in drivers or routes could vary the time your garbage is collected.

TOWN ADOPTS NEW SIGN ORDINANCE

In April, Town staff and citizen volunteers began the difficult task of updating the Town’s Development Ordinance. This project was a direct spinoff of recommendations made during the Comprehensive Planning process last year. At the request of our business community, Jamestown agreed to tackle the Sign Ordinance section first.

The goal of taking on such a contentious issue ‘right out of the gate’ was to create a little more flexibility for our business and civic organizations while preserving or enhancing the community’s historic spirit. Town staff and administration realize the value of our local businesses and seek to find an appropriate balance between advertisement and community character. The Town of Jamestown has hosted a number of community meetings where the staff, Ordinance Advisory Committee, and Planning Board members have asked for citizen contributions concerning the proposed changes. The most recent of these meetings occurred on September 5th, where the Town’s newest sign ordinance was presented to citizens for comment. At that meeting, the Town listened to helpful suggestions from local merchants on suggested changes to the new Sign Ordinance. Town staff and the consultants hired to help with this project worked diligently over the weekend to incorporate many of the suggestions into a document which should meet the initial goals of allowing businesses flexibility, while preserving community aesthetics.

On Tuesday, September 16th, our Town Council heard from citizens and staff members regarding the proposed Sign Ordinance. After careful consideration on the part of the Town Council, the new Sign Ordinance was adopted and is now in effect. So, “How does this affect me?” you ask? Well, for the most part, citizens should continue to enjoy the beauty of Jamestown and realize that we have something special in our community that folks from other localities envy. However, if you will be posting a sign in the near future (yard sale, real estate, or other event) it might be a good idea to review the Ordinance. Should citizens have questions, we encourage you to contact the Town’s Planning Department at 336-454-1138.

Copy of the new Sign Ordinance is available on the Town web site



Scenes from “other” parts of High Point Road



Additionally, the Town has kicked-off an effort to replace sign posts throughout the Town, with changes beginning along Main Street first. The Town will be replacing sign posts, consolidating current signage, and installing new banners. This is an effort on the part of the Town of Jamestown to enhance our streets and encourage citizens to be proud of their community. These changes will be coming over the next few months, but examples are already appearing on Main Street between the Library and Town Hall.

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SIGN ORDINANCE CONTINUED

So, while there will be some new 'rules' to consider when posting signs around Jamestown, Town staff is always available to assist if you have questions. Copies of the new Ordinance are available on our website at www.jamestown-nc.gov or at Town Hall. Should you have questions or comments, we would welcome them! Please feel free to email Matthew Johnson, Planner, at mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov or call 336-454-1138. We hope that you will assist us in keeping Jamestown a beautiful and charming town!

NEW SIGN POSTS



<--Before



After-->

FINANCE NOTE\$

The Town of Jamestown has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Judy Gallman, the



Judy Gallman receives award from Jeff McCauley.

Town finance officer was presented this award by Jeff McCauley of the City of Raleigh and the GFOA representative at the September 16, 2008 Town Council meeting.

Judy was primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

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

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

The Town held its first annual Employee Appreciation Day on September 25, 2008. Employees were recognized for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service. Mayor Keith Volz was on hand to present certificates and awards to employees with milestone years of service. Five year employees were Scott Coakley, Ed Gur-

ley, Phil Mikles, Gary Morrison, Connie Queen and Sonny Sams. Ten years were Sam Wilson and Martha Wolfe. Those with fifteen years were Jay Gardner, Dave Ingram, Dave Horner, Michael Hutcherson, Dan Jackson and Kenn McLeoud, Twenty year awards went to Cookie Billings, Jeff Greeson and Glenn Money.



Mayor Keith Volz presents service certificate to Sonny Sams.



Town staff will erect banner posts along Main Street from Guilford Road to Potter Drive as weather permits over the next few months.

Upcoming Events



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Walking with History!

TOWN DIRECTORY

Town Hall (Utility billing, Planning, Finance)
(336) 454-1138

Jamestown Park
(336) 454-4912

Fire Department
(336) 454-3473

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

Gibson Park
(336) 454-0259

- September 27 9:00am Fall Litter Sweep—meet at Food Lion 118 W Main St
- October 1 New Rates effective
- October 4 8:00am 2nd Annual 5k Fun Run at Jamestown Park
- 9:00am 46th Annual Horse Show at Piedmont Saddle Club
- October 11-12 5th Annual Jamestown Fall Classic Golf Tournament
- October 18 8:00am Community Health Fair—Town Hall
- 9:00am Fire Department Fill the Boot Campaign for MDA
- October 20 Loose Leaf Collection Begins
- October 21 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- November 4 ELECTION DAY!
- November 12 7:00pm Community Watch meeting hosted by Guilford County Sheriff Dept at Town Hall
- November 18 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- November 27-28 Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving

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. 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 from the curb 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.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Chuck Smith
Director of Public Services

