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Wrenn-Miller Park Update: Town Begins Work on Park—Phase 1A

As you may know, the Town of Jamestown is gearing up for the development of its newest park, the Wrenn-Miller Park. This new park will be located on approximately 1.5 acres in downtown Jamestown, near Town Hall at the corner of Perry Rd. and Guilford Rd.

In our last newsletter, we addressed some of the questions a few citizens have expressed concerning the "need" for the Wrenn-Miller Park. Town staff have been working to reduce overall costs to develop the park, given the state of our current economy.



The Planning Department, Parks and Recreation Division, and the Public Services Department staff are currently coordinating clean-up work on the site utilizing Town staff to reduce costs.

Staff has begun working to clear out debris, small trees, noxious weeds, and undergrowth

to help improve the appearance of the park. Additionally, we will be working to clear areas where proposed walkways will be installed, doing some minor grading, and otherwise preparing our site for a potential grant application to PARTF for additional funding to develop the park.

We understand that the construction of a new park space may seem untimely. However, we have been blessed with a PARTF grant to help purchase the properties, and with the support of many citizens and other friends of Jamestown who see the park as an amenity and are willing to help in creating a space for all to enjoy. We appreciate the support of these individuals as we work to bring a tranquil spot for Jamestown's citizens to relax and enjoy the outdoors.



The Town is still accepting donations of memorial bricks, benches, trees, and many other items. If you have questions or would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please feel free to contact Matthew Johnson at Town Hall at 336-454-1138 or by email at mjohnson@jamestown-nc.gov.

Special points of interest:

- Oct 1 Hydrant Testing
- Oct 10 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- Oct 11 Town Council Primary
- Oct 18 Meet your Council
- Oct 18 Town Council Meeting
- Oct 24 Loose Leaf Collection begins
- Nov 8 Town Council Elections
- Nov 15 Town Council Meeting
- Nov 24-25 Town Hall closed
- Dec 4 Christmas Parade

History of the Wrenn-Miller Park

HELLO FROM THE CLERK'S CORNER



There has been a lot of discussion lately about the proposed Wrenn-Miller Park. The Town has received input from citizens regarding amenities they would like to see incorporated into the Park Plan. There has also been quite a bit of discussion regarding funding for a park in these uncertain economic times.

I started thinking about the reasons to develop the Wrenn Miller Park. The most important one to me is to remember and honor the families who owned the property and supported the idea of a Community Park. If you think about it, what makes a Town are the people and the history. The families that lived in Jamestown in the early years still have an influence on the Town today. I feel we need to honor and remember our early Jamestonians.

Jack and Bertha Wrenn lived in the original Forestdale Subdivision. They lived on Forestdale Drive, but loved Jamestown so much that they purchased the land on Guilford Rd. across from the Town Hall to hopefully build a house someday. Bertha Wrenn was a piano teacher to many of the children in Jamestown. Some of her former piano students commented that she was a great teacher and so kind. One former student said Bertha Wrenn was also the Church Choir Director at Jamestown United Methodist Church. She played the organ while directing the Choir with her head, nodding to the Choir. It must have worked for they say the Choir always sounded beautiful.

Dot Miller and her family are well known throughout Jamestown. Whether you lived here or moved here recently if you look around you see remembrances of Dot Miller's love and work for Jamestown everywhere. The Jamestown Public Library's archive room has an exhibit about Dot Miller.

Dot was very interested in education. She graduated Valedictorian of her High School, attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill, SC and transferred to University of S.C where she received her Bachelor's degree graduating Magnum Cum Laude. Kenneth & Dot moved to Jamestown in 1944. Dot was a teacher at Jamestown School and Kenneth was a principal. Dot Miller's career spanned 41 years in education with most of that occurring in Jamestown and Guilford County.

Even in her retirement, she continued to serve Jamestown. She taught Sunday School at the Jamestown Methodist Church, was a founding member of the Historic Jamestown Society, and a charter member of the Jamestown Garden Club. She was also a successful fundraiser.

Mrs. Miller is most known for her perseverance and driving force in saving the old Jamestown School (now the Jamestown Public Library). In 1982 she was determined that she could not permit the Jamestown School to be demolished. She rallied a committee of alumni and friends of the old school to form a fundraising committee.



The two families that supported Jamestown and agreed to the conveyance of their property for the Community Park were the widow of Jack Wrenn and his heirs and the heirs of Dorothy "Dot" Miller. Since the Town purchased these lots through a PARTF grant, the process was long and often full of cumbersome and detailed paperwork.

However, both families supported the idea of a park to honor and remember their loved ones; namely Jack Wrenn and Dot Miller, so they patiently worked with the Town.

When the Town began the grant process, I located the families of the two lots across the street from the Town Hall. The former Town Manager, Cookie Billings, talked to Jack Wrenn over the telephone. He said he was interested in the idea and to call him back when we were ready to apply for the grant. Some few weeks later, Ms. Billings called for Jack and he had passed away unexpectedly. It was quite a shock to both of us.

Fortunately, Jack had talked to his wife, Bertha, and when I contacted her later she was very willing to work with the Town. It really meant more to her to be able to honor her husband who just recently passed away. She told me that Jack would like this.

The Guilford County School Board agreed to convey the school to the Town of Jamestown if funds could be raised by the Old Jamestown School Association for its restoration. With Dot Miller and Steve Chrifield as co-chairs they got it done.

Mrs. Miller cared about her students more than just in the classroom. She was a very persuasive person. A story in one of the newspaper clippings in the archive room at the Jamestown Public Library says on two occasions the Coach of Ragsdale High School football team invited Mrs. Miller to speak to the team before a game. She instilled in each player that although winning is important, as long as they perform their very best they will always win. It is said the team won both times she gave her pre-game speech.

I personally remember Mrs. Miller. She was a dear friend of my parents. While my Mom's memory is fading these days, I asked her what she remembered about Dot Miller.

She said Dot Miller was interested in everything about Jamestown. She knew how to make people smile and feel important. She was active in the church. She spent her life in the field of education. She was a Garden Club member. But then my Mom smiled and said; "Dot was vivacious". Many articles I read about her used that very same description. Vivacious, yes she was.

The Wrenn Miller Park is a tribute to these early citizens of Jamestown that helped formed the Town, the schools, the churches, the children and families of Jamestown. The Wrenn Miller Park will be more than a park; it will be a tribute to the Jamestown way of life.

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October 24 Loose Leaf Collection Begins

Rake leaves to the edge of your yard behind the curb.

Remove sticks, rocks, and other debris which can damage the Town's equipment. If staff encounters debris in the leaf pile, they will not continue collection at the property.

Do not park vehicles on, in front of, or near your leaves.

Coming Soon- Online Access!

The Town is in the process of completing a contract to begin offering online services for Utility Customers. Customers will be able to create a login and password to access billing history and current account balance. For a nominal fee, customers will be able to pay online with a credit card or checking account. The payment will be posted at Town Hall the following day.

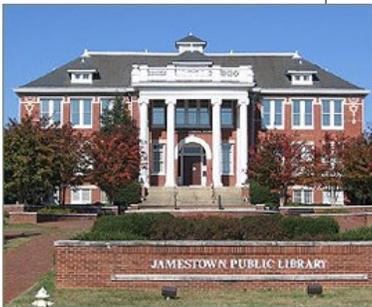


Coming soon on the Jamestown website will be the Mayor's Corner

Residents will be able to email (mayor@jamestown-nc.gov) or fax (336-886-3504) questions to Mayor Volz and the answers will be posted on the website.

**Friends of the Jamestown Public Library
Present
History of Jamestown Series**

All Talks Will Begin at 7pm In The Library Reading Room
Events Are Free And Open To The Public



Tuesday, October 4th
History of Guilford Tech
Presented by Lee Kinard

Monday, October 10th
The Long Rifles of Guilford County
Presented by C. Michael Briggs

Tuesday, October 18th
Memories of School Days
Panel Discussion Moderated by Linda Kenner

Tuesday, October 25th
Mendenhall and the Anti-Slavery Movement
Presented by Rebecca Lasley

For more information call the Jamestown Public Library at (336) 454-4815.

Cats & Dogs Find Homes Thanks to Jamestown!

A recent thread on the Town's Facebook site expressed some concern that we were becoming somewhat of a home for wayward dogs. While this humorous post was a somewhat "tongue-in-cheek" comment, it is true that we have been happy to help quite a few lost dogs and cats find their way home to their families. If you find have lost or found a pet (or any other item), the Town would be happy to help advertise your information to its Facebook followers and website users.

Please contact Sharen Apple at 336-454-1138 or sapple@jamestown-nc.gov with information regarding your lost and found items. Include photos if you can, a short description, and your contact information.

Thanks for helping our pets find their way back home to their families!



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT – SCOTT COAKLEY RECREATION SUPERVISOR



Scott Coakley's career in golf course maintenance started for want of a CD player. Scott was born in Roanoke, VA but his family moved to Pleasant Garden, NC when he was in the 6th grade. While in high school, his parents gave him a stereo system with a tape deck. This was just as CDs were taking over the music market and Scott wanted one. His parents said he would have to earn it. So Scott found a job working at Forest Oaks Country Club.

This September, Scott was promoted to Recreation Supervisor. He now oversees the field maintenance and rentals for the baseball and soccer. Having the wide open spaces for his office and the variety are Scott's favorite things about his job.

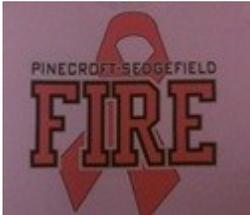
From there Scott went to work at Grandover Golf Course. After several years, he felt the need for a change. At the time, he didn't even know Jamestown Park existed. He was living in Greensboro in the Guilford College area and when he realized how close Jamestown Park would be, he applied for a job. Scott was first hired as part time in November of 2000. When Darrell Hampton retired, Scott became full time and helped with the irrigation system.

Being somewhat of a jokester, Scott was going to play a trick on fellow employee, Dave Ingram. Scott's plan was to pretend he was about to "accidentally" drive a golf cart into a chicken coop. The trick backfired when the golf cart slipped and Scott really did run into the coop!

Scott & his wife live in McLeansville with their daughters, ages 5 and 7. They are very active in their church in the AWANA and Upwards Basketball programs. No surprise, Scott is on the building and grounds committee at church as well.

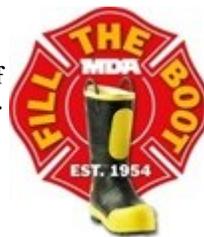
Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department

Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire Department goes Pink! In support of Breast Cancer Awareness month, the men and women of the department will be wearing PINK shirts again this year, for the entire month of October.



October is also Fire Prevention Month and we will be out in the area schools teaching the kids about fire and life safety.

On October 22nd the firefighters will be at the intersection of Main and Oakdale in Jamestown, from 9-5 conducting their annual Fill the Boot Campaign for MDA. Please drive by and help us help others!



FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TEST HYDRANTS

The Pinecroft-Sedgefield Fire Department will begin their semi-annual fire hydrant testing on October 1st and will continue this operation throughout the month, finishing by October 31st. All hydrants in the Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will be tested to ensure that they are operating properly and are able to produce the required water pressure when needed. This testing also includes all hydrants in the Town of Jamestown.

Because this testing must be done during normal operating hours, it will be impossible to know in advance just when or where the testing will take place in any specific area. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes .

This testing ensures the protection of citizens and is also an evaluation indicator used by the NC Response Rating System, which evaluates the fire district according to the protection they offer.

Fall Soccer at Gibson Park



JAMESTOWN PARK GOLF COURSE



As we push forward into our budget year we have many good things upcoming at Jamestown Park. The calendar is extremely busy in September and October featuring outings with:

- Jamestown Golf Association Men's Club Championship
- JP Looney's
- Jerry McEntire ALS Fundraiser
- 100 Women In White Fundraiser
- The Stratford - Fundraiser for the Baptist Children's Home
- NC Association of CPA's
- Cheena Wright Breast Cancer Survivor Foundation with GSO Chamber of Commerce
- Triad Women's Public Golf Association
- Pennybyrn Resident Care Fund Fundraiser
- Emily's Plea - Crash Prevention Network Fundraiser
- Children of Vietnam Fundraiser
- Highland Containers
- Jamestown Park Fall Classic
- Hosting fundraising efforts for Patriot's Golf Day- Folds of Honor Foundation

Throughout the month of July and August we hosted;

- Numerous Junior Golf Clinics
- Jamestown Park Junior Golf Championship
- RF Micro Golf League
- VF Corp Golf League
- Ragsdale High School Ladies Golf Team- practice and matches
- High Point University Ladies Golf Team
- Triad Singles Golf Association
- Jamestown Golf Association vs Pine Knolls Golf Association Inter Club Match
- International Dye Cutters Association of America
- Sons of Legion Post 87
- Yadkin Seniors Golf Association

In studying how Jamestown Park compares to like facilities in the region, we have compiled some interesting statistics that give credence to the fact that we are, and remain, a very competitive facility with regard to revenues generated.

For the months of July and August revenues recorded versus other area municipal facilities;

Revenues do not include merchandise sales (approx rounded to \$)-quoted from fellow golf professionals.

	<u>Jamestown Park</u>	<u>Lexington Municipal</u>	<u>Winding Creek</u>	<u>Oak Hollow</u>
July	\$83,500	\$76,000	\$72,000	\$80,000
Aug	\$83,600	\$74,800	\$59,000	\$92,000

Year end reporting gathered from the above facilities;

08/09	\$820,000	\$680,000	\$ -	\$752,000
09/10	\$776,000	\$760,000	\$ -	\$760,000
10/11	\$650,000	\$604,000	\$605,000	\$738,000

*10/11 Jamestown Park had less than 18 holes operational on a daily basis for 7 months of the budget year due to lost greens in the fall and irrigation installation in the spring.

Average Rounds played - all reporting facilities North Carolina

Year	2011		2010		2009		2008	
	All Courses	Jamestown						
Mo								
Jan	591	552	596	758	727	882	1079	1178
Feb	1294	1463	637	541	1100	1389	1267	1470
Mar	1802	1655	1766	2297	1680	1724	1859	2444
Apr	2500	2345	2608	3537	2491	3184	2421	3052
May	2782	3153	2653	3824	2628	3973	2942	4414
Jun	2804	3140	2629	3420	2566	3413	2688	4172
Jul	2833	3011	2850	3632	2892	4294	2954	4198
Aug		3142	2572	3158	2631	3466	2617	3961
Sep			2180	2399	2281	2886	2129	2876
Oct			2466	2810	2225	2817	2206	2847
Nov			1538	1970	1435	1794	1363	1713
Dec			404	417	584	536	1101	1161
Total	14606	18461	22899	28763	23240	30358	24626	33486

Interested in receiving collected leaves?

Contact Town Hall for consideration at 454-1138

You must:

- ◇ have a clear dump site for the leaves
- ◇ have clear access and egress for the leaf truck
- ◇ be able to receive 25 cubic yards (approximately 3 to 4 tons) of wet or dry leaves
- ◇ understand the leaf loads may have contaminants
- ◇ accept the loads at no charge

As reported in PGA Performance Trak in association with National Golf Course Owners Associ-

**Weather affected days have heavily impacted '09/'10/'11
Irrigation installation and temporary greens have affected 2011 Rounds**

To further our point and show additional comparison, click [here](#) to view a comparative look at like facilities to Jamestown Park in the North Carolina region. The numbers provided are from our National PGA Performance Trak and show dollars per round of golf generated for Jamestown Park and like facilities for previous 3 years.

The numbers above are reflective of dollars generated per round of golf per player. In summary Jamestown Park is playing more rounds of golf and is generating more dollars per round spent per patron than like facilities in North Carolina.

Beyond revenues, comparing operational overviews of facilities and attempting to draw a comparison between facilities is challenging given the differing facility types and employment practices. In speaking with fellow golf professionals, the ability to draw direct comparisons from a budgetary perspective is for all intensive purposes, impossible.

It is evident from the above comparisons that Jamestown Park has been successful in generating revenues over and above competitors and like facilities not withstanding the recent down turn in the economy and the golf industry overall.

There is no doubt the golf industry has faced its share of recent challenges. Much the same as the overall economy, the golf industry has experienced a prolonged down turn. If history does indeed repeat itself, the economy will recover, and we will once again move toward an upward trend and positive growth.

The Town of Jamestown will need to be proactive in managing the asset we have in Jamestown Park in order to remain competitive in the Triad area golf.

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Walking with History!

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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

Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 9:00am 50th Annual Jamestown Horseshow
- Oct 2 3:00pm Bicentennial Celebration at Richard Mendenhall House
- Oct 3 6:30pm Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
- Oct 8-9 Jamestown Fall Classic at Jamestown Park Golf Course
- Oct 10 6:30pm Planning and Zoning Board Meeting
- Oct 11 6:30am Primary Election
- Oct 15 3:00pm Jamestown Swing—Street Festival
- Oct 18 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- Oct 21 7:00pm JBA Haunted Halloween at Jamestown Public Library
- Oct 22 9:00am Fall Semi-annual Litter Sweep
- Oct 31 Happy Halloween!
- Nov 8 6:30am General Election
- Nov 15 7:00pm Town Council Meeting
- Nov 24-25 Town Hall closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 4 3:00pm Christmas Parade

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

New Sign Posts

Town staff has recently completed installing the sign posts purchased in the last fiscal year. The Town is in the process of installing the fluted posts along major roadways throughout Town, based on the allocated funding each year. The recent installation included: completing the updated sign posts along Guilford Road and East Main Street; completing East Fork Road; and began installation at the railroad tracks on Oakdale Road.

Next year's sign project will include replacing Town of Jamestown entrance signs on Penny Road, East Fork Road, Oakdale Rd., West Main St. and Dillon Road. The project will also replace additional sign posts along Oakdale Road that have not been upgraded to date. Additionally, new signs installed by NCDOT on roadways previously upgraded to the fluted posts will also be replaced. Town staff will install these signs after delivery.