

Teen opportunity night planned for Wednesday

The Jamestown Teen Center invites all local teens to attend its "Café Night" on Wednesday, March 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. Students can enjoy live music by James Grande and plenty of free food while they hang out with friends and browse displays of upcoming projects, programs, and activities.

All teens are encouraged to come with friends to check out many great opportunities. The event is open to the public, and there is no admission fee.

The Teen Center is located at 6 West St., inside the Conanicut Grange and Senior Center. For more information or to display youth activities brochures, contact Melissa Minto at 741-0562 or email jamestownteens@yahoo.com.



Rollerskating night for teens; adult help is needed

The Jamestown Teen Center is planning a trip to Ocean Skates in Narragansett for a night of rollerskating on Friday, March 24, from 6 to 10 p.m.

All local teens are invited to sign up now to reserve a space. Bus transportation will be provided for the first 40 students on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the trip is \$5, and teens may either bring their own skates or rent them for an additional \$2.

A signed permission slip, available at the library, Community Center, and Baker's Pharmacy, will reserve the bus space. Students can also register with Melissa Minto at the Teen Center, open Wednesdays and Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m., or at "Café Night" on March 22.

Adult chaperones are still needed to make this trip possible. Call Melissa for more information at 741-0562 or e-mail jamestownteens@yahoo.com.

'Fancy cancels' from Jamestown

The Jamestown Historical Society was recently given two locally mailed envelopes with "fancy cancels."

A fancy cancel is a local post office custom artwork to cancel or deface the stamp to indicate that it has been used.

One envelope has a Jamestown postmark with a two-cent stamp with a fancy cancel of a geometric design. It is addressed to Mrs. H. A. Clarke, 106 Montague St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Printed in the lower left-hand corner is "Cottage Windswepe," Conanicut, R.I.

On the back are two postmarks: "Brooklyn, N.Y. on June 3, '90" (1890) and the other cannot be read. The second envelope is addressed to Mrs. H. Audley Clarke, Jamestown, R.I. with a one-cent stamp and a fancy cancel of a circle and blank hole. The postmark is "Jamestown, RI Sept 3, 1898." The back of the envelope is plain.

When postage stamps were introduced in the U.S. in 1847, postmasters were required to deface the stamps to prevent reuse and it was left up to them to decide how to do this. Clerks would often use whatever was at hand, including cork bottle stoppers dipped in ink. These



One of the fancy cancels given to the historical society.

worked well but would blot out the entire stamp, making it difficult to check the denomination. Clerks then began to carve a groove across the middle of the cork to make two semicircles. This carving process sparked the creativity of clerks across the country, and soon thousands of designs appeared.

The era of fancy cancels ended in the 1890s, when the U.S. Postal Service issued regulations to standardize cancellation marks. Fancy cancels have been studied and categorized by specialists. Many types are common and command a small

premium while others are rare.

The Jamestown Historical Society is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to preserving and encouraging interest in Jamestown's past.

The society is currently working to make available through its Web site its collection of old photographs, documents, and objects. Anyone wishing to learn how to catalog or become involved in the society's many projects and programs is encouraged to contact the Jamestown Historical Society, P.O. Box 156, Jamestown, RI 02835.

Legal Notices

TOWN OF JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JAMESTOWN ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28, 2006, AT THE JAMESTOWN LIBRARY, 26 NORTH ROAD, JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND AT 7:00 P.M. UPON THE FOLLOWING:

Application of Lino Corredora, (Beatrice C. Burns, owner) whose property is located between Hull and Stern Streets, and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 14, Lot 80 for a special use permit as required by Jamestown Ordinance 82-314C.2. (High ground water table and impervious overlay district) to allow the installation of a new individual sewage disposal system (ISDS) in order to construct a single-family house on the site as approved under development plan review by the Jamestown Planning Commission. The details of the proposed ISDS installation and this application are on file in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Jamestown Zoning Board of Review. This property is located in the R40 zone and contains 14,400 sq. ft.

Application of Ruth D. McIntyre/J. Patrick McIntyre, whose property is located at 51 Bryer Ave., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 219 for a variance from Article 7, Section 705 (Alteration of a Nonconforming Structure) to renovate & expand an existing garage located approximately 9' from the front lot line, instead of 30', and 10' from the

side lot line instead of 20'. Said property is located in a R20 zone and contains 23,573 sq. ft.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW
THOMAS GINNERTY, CHAIRMAN
Fred Brown, Zoning Officer

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-800-745-5555 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting. (3/2, 3/9, 3/16)

Zarlengo named to national AARP board

Phil Zarlengo of Jamestown was named a member of the Board of Directors for the American Association of Retired Persons, at the board's recent meeting in Washington, D.C.

Zarlengo formerly served as Brown University's executive director of the Northeast and the Islands Regional Education Research Laboratory — one of the university's largest projects for improving education. In addition to his role as state president, Zarlengo's volunteer work with AARP includes serving on the Rhode Island General Assembly Legislative Committee on

Predatory Lending. He also serves as a consultant on school evaluation.



Phil Zarlengo

Through a joint AARP sponsorship of its annual "Boomer" Conference designed to prepare individuals in their 50s for later life and retirement, Zarlengo has helped to build a relationship with Brown University School of Medicine.

The process used to select AARP board members is extensive and very selective. Over the past year, more than 800 applicants were screened. Zarlengo will be installed at the association's upcoming National Leadership Forum and serve a six-year term.

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