

Letters

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tance of volunteers to help plant the town forest/park between the two school buildings. This project is also partially funded through an ATB grant I wrote. This forest will be used as an outdoor educational classroom for the study of natural sciences. The forest is also to be used for passive recreational use. It is being planted with indigenous species with a Native American theme. Some 300 trees and shrubs are coming soon and need to be planted. They are small plants so the work will be easy, as they only require digging into the humus layer. What a great project to do with your son or daughter! Just think, you can plant a tree there today with your child, and return years later and sit under the shade of that tree with that grown-up child and grandchild.

There is great potential for this place. This is a park with an educational theme. I anticipate that the kids will do projects on environmental issues that relate to the island. Adult education could also happen here. The overpopulation of the deer is a huge problem on the island. Deer resistant ornamental plants could be planted along the borders to illustrate their characteristics. Information about each plant could be displayed beside it. Homeowners could review these plants to help them select a design for their yard.

I thank all who have participated in this project so far. The management team for this project consists of Judith DiBello, Matt Largess, Bucky Brennen, David Dolce, Jim Kaczynski, and myself.

More information is available on the Town Tree Preservation and Protection Committee's Web site.

If you would like to volunteer,

please contact Judith Di Bello at 423-1241 or e-mail hugger93@cox.net.

**David Nickerson,
town tree warden,
Jamestown**

Sharing the ride

My wife commutes 85 miles round trip daily to CVS headquarters in Woonsocket. I've searched since last July for a rides-share or carpool board for someone from the local area — Newport, Jamestown, Narragansett, North Kingstown — who also commutes to Woonsocket to share in the driving, to save gas, and help cut down on greenhouse gases.

There's no such internal ride-share board at CVS. CVS human resources cannot provide the names of other CVS employees who are Jamestown residents due to privacy concerns.

If anyone knows a CVS Woonsocket employee who is also a nearby resident (Jamestown is ideal), please feel free to give them my phone number, 560-0050, if they want to carpool with my wife. Her hours are generally 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., so she leaves at 8 a.m. most mornings.

I also want to add that it would be nice for our official town and/or community Web site to promote conservation by providing a carpool/rideshare listing, especially as we face \$3 plus-per-gallon gas prices again this summer. Thank you.

**Steve Mecca
5 Green Lane**

Snow plowing thanks

I would like to thank the Jamestown Highway Department for plowing the snow on my street following the most recent storm.

It was a job well done and I appreciate your efforts.

**John Durkin
75 Nautilus St.**

Hunting in Jamestown

Pursuant to William W. Smith III letter regarding hunting on the island and for the general edification of the islanders.

Any one who hunts in Rhode Island knows that high-powered rifles are not legal in the state because of the population density. Smooth-bore guns and bow hunting are the only methods available that I am aware of. From a trajectory standpoint, both methods have about the same range/effectiveness. I believe that deer hunting can only be done with bow on the island. Also I believe that a hunter cannot be within 600 feet of any occupied dwelling or road. Someone correct me if I am wrong.

So the idea of a bunch of crazies running around the island with high-powered rifles must be stopped. This form of hype fuels irrational thinking in an already confused public regarding their thoughts about hunting and hunters. Hunters are your friend.

**Chris deBethune, a former
Jamestown resident who now lives in
New Mexico**

Nantucket hunting

I have not been to Jamestown. However, I am willing to bet the terrain is much different than Nantucket.

I hunted during the February hunt that was held on Nantucket, and it was not the debacle it was reported to be. The island of Nantucket is very hard to hunt. The brush is nearly impenetrable by humans yet the deer

glide through it unchecked. It is the perfect habitat for deer. Mr. Smith III is using buzz words in his letter to the paper such as hunters "lurking." Hunters do not "lurk."

Pedophiles and criminals "lurk." "Violent culling," most deer are killed with one shot. Hunters do there best to minimize suffering. Most of us are animal lovers as well as hunters. We do not hunt because we hate animals. However, we are not disillusioned and led into humanizing animals. (For those who don't know Bambi was only a cartoon!)

"High powered rifles discharged across our island" — as far as I know, only shotguns and muzzleloaders are allowed for deer hunting in R.I. Given an unobstructed lane neither will go much more than a couple hundred yards. Mr. Smith states, "There is one thing which I do know for certain, however, given my study of biology and biological systems.

That is, no amount of culling of the deer population by hunting will ever sufficiently reduce the deer on our island to an acceptable size. The deer can reproduce faster than they can be culled." Deer breed once a year and usually with good health have twins. Some have one fawn and a very few three. So if you do the math for every doe removed there will be one to three less deer the next year. It will take several years for a noted difference in the population of the herd. I do not claim to be a biolo-

gist, but I spend as much time afield as one and I urge anyone to look up the facts for yourself.

I do applaud Mr. Smith for allowing hunting on his private property. One of the biggest obstacles for keeping the deer herd in check is the increase of posted land, especially on islands where the size of the herd has an impact on human health, herd health, and the health of the habitat.

To be more effective, the added dates should be during the rut in November when deer are not exactly thinking with their heads.

**Troy Kelley
Cape Cod, Mass.**

Art museum goes 'disco' for annual ball

"ArtStudio 54" is the theme for this year's Artists' Ball at the Newport Art Museum, to be held on Saturday, April 1, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in Griswold House, 76 Bellevue Avenue in Newport.

Guests are invited to come in costume as a celebrity look-alike, a '70s movie star, TV personality, musician, in disco-era garb.

Tickets cost \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call Megan Burns at the museum, 848-8200, ext. 115.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The following is intended to amend Article 17 of Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinance in the Town of Jamestown. A public hearing to solicit public input is scheduled on Monday, April 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the large conference room of the Jamestown Philomenian Library, 26 North Road.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 17 OF CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN

THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS

SECTION 1. Sec. 82-1700 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Jamestown, entitled, "Authority to grant a comprehensive permit" is hereby repealed and replaced as follows.

Sec. 82-1700 "Comprehensive permit for low and moderate income housing"

All applications for comprehensive permits to build low and moderate income housing shall be reviewed in accordance with the applicable provisions of Title 45, Chapter 53 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act. The Planning Commission shall have the authority to issue a comprehensive permit for a low and moderate income housing project pursuant to the applicable provisions of Title 45, Chapter 53 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended.

SECTION 2. Sec. 82-1701 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Jamestown, entitled, "Definitions" is hereby repealed and replaced as follows.

Sec. 82-1701 "Application fees"

The application fee for a comprehensive permit application shall be equal to the fee for the most analogous fee required in the Subdivision Regulations of the of the Town of Jamestown as determined by the Director of Planning and Development.

SECTION 3. Sec. 82-1702 of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Jamestown, entitled, "Eligible entities and projects" is hereby repealed and replaced as follows.

Sec. 82-1702 Limitation on applications"

Pursuant to G.L. / 45-53-4 (4) (xii) as the Town of Jamestown has an approved affordable housing plan and at such time as the Town is meeting housing needs as that term is defined in the /44-53-3(10) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the annual number of dwelling units in comprehensive permit applications from for-profit developers may be limited to an aggregate of one percent (1%) of the total number of year-round housing units in the town, as recognized in this section, the Planning Commission shall have the authority to consider comprehensive permit applications from for-profit developers, which are made pursuant to this paragraph, sequentially in the order in which they are submitted.

SECTION 4. Sec. 82-1703, Sec. 82-1704 and Sec. 82-1705 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Copies of the proposed amendment are available for review at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue during normal business hours. The proposed Ordinance amendment may be altered or amended prior to the close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.

This meeting location is accessible to the physically challenged. Hearing or speech impaired individuals requiring the services of an interpreter should call 1-401-423-7200 or 423-7230 not less than 3 business days prior to the meeting.

By order of the Jamestown Town Council

Arlene D. Petit
Town Clerk



TOWN OF JAMESTOWN Dog Licenses & Leash Law Ordinance

BEGINNING APRIL 1st

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 13 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, notice is hereby given to the people of Jamestown that every owner and/or keeper of any dog over the age of six (6) months living within the town limits shall be licensed by the Town Clerk during the month of April. A fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be paid for all **neutered and spayed dogs** and a sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid for dogs that are **not neutered or spayed**. A late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged for any licensing after **April 30th**. (R.I. General Law 4-13-4). All dogs must be inoculated against rabies for the period during which said license will be valid (May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007). **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will any dog be licensed unless and until a current, valid and signed Rabies Vaccination Certificate of inoculation has been issued by a licensed Veterinarian. Receipts and rabies tags are insufficient; the certificate must indicate expiration of current vaccination.

Jamestown Code of Ordinance: Sec. 10-70. Dogs at large

No person being the owner or keeper of a dog, or having the charge or custody of a dog, shall allow such dog to run at large off its owner's or keeper's property within the town unless such dog is properly leashed or under the direct command and control of its owner or keeper between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Any such dog found not properly leashed or under the control of its owner or keeper and off its owner's or keeper's property running loose shall be impounded by the animal control officer, and such dog shall be held at the animal shelter (pound) until such owner or keeper is located. The owner or keeper of such dog shall be issued a citation by the animal control officer, or police officer, for allowing such dog to run loose.

Licenses will be on sale **beginning April 1st**, at the Fire Station - then, Monday through Friday at the Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue. License numbers are issued on a first come first serve basis and will not be held for any period of time.

A rabies clinic will be held at the Jamestown Fire Station, 50 Narragansett Avenue, from 11:00 am to Noon on Saturday, April 1st. Dog licenses will be sold at this event **no sooner than April 1st**.

Arlene D. Petit
Town Clerk