

Free trees offered to Jamestown homeowners

Jamestown has a tree-planting program that provides homeowners with a tree planted in front of their house for free.

The town tree warden, David Nickerson, will work with the homeowner to select the best tree for the house and the street.

The town's Highway Department and the tree warden will plant the tree in either the spring or the fall planting program. Click on Jamestown Tree Selection at the Jamestown Tree Committee's Web site at www.jamestownri.net to choose a species or obtain a paper copy of the planting programs at the Town Clerk's Office.

Homeowners must accept responsibility for watering and caring for the tree. Those interested should call Nickerson at 783-3112 or e-mail him at nickersontree@earthlink.net.



Five-star postal employees include from left, Postmaster Charles Burns, T.J. Short, Charlie Sugalski, Mary Morrissey, Mary Beth O'Neil, Bob Horan, and, in front, Paul Brunelle. Not pictured are Pete Newbauer, Sue Wright, Debbie Keech, Peter Mullen, Scott Godfrey, Natalie Byrne, Mary L'Heureux, and Vanessa Dunlop.

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Post office receives top customer service ranking

The Jamestown post office recently earned a five-star rating as part of the U.S. Postal Service's new Five Star Customer Service Program.

Ratings are based on surveys sent to local customers by the Gallup polling organization. The local post office was rated on efficiency, accuracy of delivery, con-

sistency of delivery and waiting time in line.

Jamestown scored 11th out of 101 post offices in the southeast New England district for postal quarter one.

Postmaster Charles Burns said, "I am proud of the service that our employees provide to our customers, and this is a tremendous validation of their efforts."

He wanted to personally thank the customers who took part in the survey and to "encourage all of our customers to continue to give us feedback," Burns added.

On Friday, March 31, the Jamestown post office will hold a Customer Appreciation Day during which Burns and his staff will greet people, answer questions, and serve refreshments.

Online survey

The new Web site survey at www.jamestownpress.com asks the following question:

Should the Jamestown School Department send students in grades 7 and 8 off-island to be educated?

You may vote "Yes" or "No."

OUR TRIPARTITE GOVERNMENT

The legislature decides what the rules of our society shall be, within constitutional limits. The executive administers the society, in accordance with those rules. And the judiciary resolves individual disputes that arise under the rules. Determining whether the rules themselves, and the executive's enforcement thereof, are within the parameters of the constitution is another task of the judiciary, perhaps its most important function.



The obligation, and right, of the judiciary to determine whether the conduct of the legislature and the executive falls within constitutional limits was first recognized in Chief Justice John Marshall's famous ruling in the case of *Marbury vs. Madison*.



"Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are the dead."

-Aldous Huxley (courtesy of James Wermuth)



Nevertheless, in government, striving for consistency is important, so long as the starting point is righteous.

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