



Students in grades 7 and 8 recently demonstrated their robotics projects in Stephanie Pamula's class. From left are Hannah Cordes, Ashlin Gillis, Hannah Farrelly, Katie Bednarczyk, Caia Diepenbrock, Lili Flour, Clay McKenna, and Chris Crawford. Photo by Andrea vonHohenleiten

The robots are ready for competition

It is a "race to the finish" for the students from the Lawn Avenue School as final preparations are underway for Robotics Park scheduled for this Saturday, April 1.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students in Stephanie Pamula's Technology Education classes, and the multi-grade after-school Robotics Club members co-ordinated by Jack Hubbard, Joe Logan and Laura Dussault, will travel to CCRI in Warwick to represent Jamestown.

The 14th annual Robotics Park boasts the largest kindergarten through grade 12 robotics event in the nation. The conference will engage more than 1,000 Rhode Island youngsters in exhibiting

the fruits of their labor. Touring the park is open to the public and free of charge.

Robotic Park is the culminating event for over fifty Rhode Island classrooms that are engaged in robotics design activities using robotics-based educational technologies originally developed at MIT.

This event, the largest student event of the year, is held in April and gives students a wonderful opportunity to present what they have created and what they have learned to a real audience outside the school.

What is the Rhode Island School of the Future? RISF is a RI non-profit organization dedicated to increasing and improving tech-

nological fluency in schools. The RISF is an all-volunteer organization comprised of educators and business people.

More details about the Robotics Park event can be found at the RISF Web site <http://risf.net/RoboPark.htm>.

Rabies shots available for island dogs, cats at clinic this Saturday

There will be a rabies vaccination clinic this Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to noon at the fire station.

Vaccinations will be given to dogs, cats, and ferrets, six months of age or older, which must be leashed or in carriers. The fee is \$10 per animal and payable in cash only. Checks will not be accepted.

Vaccinations given to dogs that day will be valid for two years, but only if proof of prior vaccination is supplied, otherwise the inoculations will only be valid for one year. Proof is a signed rabies certificate showing the date of vaccination and the expiration date. Tags will not suffice as proof.

Ferrets are inoculated every year and the Rhode Island Veterinary Medical Association recommends that cats also be vaccinated yearly.

Dog licenses will also be sold at the clinic for a fee of \$5 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$15 for those that are not spayed or neutered. Checks will be accepted for licenses.

Licenses must be purchased by April 30 to avoid a \$25 late fee, and can also be bought at Town Hall.

The clinic is sponsored by the town of Jamestown, with volunteers from the state veterinary association, the Jamestown Animal Clinic, and the Humane Society of Jamestown.



Spring ahead with time change

Daylight Savings Time officially begins this Sunday, April 2. Before you go to bed Saturday night, set all your clocks ahead one hour to coincide with the semi-annual time shift.

Melrose students hold food drive

Melrose Avenue School students will participate in Hunger Awareness Week by undertaking a school-wide service learning project to collect food for the needy. The project will run from April 3 to 11 during which students will hold a food drive. Those who wish to make donations should bring non-perishable items to the Melrose school. Everything will go to the Jamestown Food Pantry.

Hunger Awareness Week donations will be matched by the Feinstein Center, which will give \$1 per item donated, the sum of which will also go to the food pantry. The matching funds will be used for vouchers to purchase perishables such as fresh meat, vegetables, and dairy products.

Each grade has a particular shopping list to fill. Kindergarten students should bring in paper goods. Those in grade 1 can donate peanut butter, jelly, coffee, and tea. Grade 2 students are asked to bring in soups, cereals, tuna, and canned meats. In grade 3, donations should be vegetables, fruits, condiments, and salad dressings. Grade 4 students should bring in pastas, sauces, canned ravioli or boxed macaroni and cheese.

For additional information, call Nora Santamour at 423-3822.



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 the affordable housing plan and notwithstanding the timetables set forth elsewhere 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.

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