



## The Island Garden

By Roger Marshall

Last weekend, I was working in the cool greenhouse, where many green vegetables have been growing all winter long. Now that the weather is warming up, many of these vegetables are going to seed, and there is a healthy crop of chickweed — the result of a bad pile of compost that failed to heat up and kill the seeds of the weed.

It's not difficult to grow vegetables during the winter. All you need are the right vegetables and a greenhouse. Even in sub-freezing temperatures, I was able to harvest parsley, spinach, Chinese greens, white turnips, cabbage, daikon radishes, kale, and chard during the coldest months.

Of course, this winter was mild, but I am confident that even with a deep-freeze winter it will not be much more difficult to keep greens going. Anyway, enough of that. What needs to be done this week?

### Pruning

According to the weather forecast, the weekend should be quite warm, so if you haven't done it yet, you should prune your fruit trees and spray them with dormant oil as part of your integrated pest management program. Dormant oil smothers insects that live in the crevices of fruit trees. Follow that treatment by spraying the trees with a fungicide just before bud-break. You'll also need to spray with dormant oil right after blossom drop, but that's in a few weeks. If you grow raspberries, make sure the stalks from last year are pruned out and the plants are cut back to about 3 feet.

When pruning trees and shrubs, dip your pruner blades into a cup of water with 2 tablespoons of bleach in it to avoid transferring bacteria from one tree to another.

### Seed starting

If you missed last week's column, start your tomatoes, eggplants, and peppers now, and next week, start leeks, onions, and plants that take up to 100 days to grow to full size. If you don't have your seeds yet, Jamestown Hardware has a rack of them in the front of the store. Flower seeds can be started now, too.

### Lawns

At this time, most lawns are not even beginning to green up, so pick a dry day and rake over your lawn to remove the dead grass from last year. It's a chore, but raking off the dead grass allows you to find dead areas or areas where bugs have eaten the grass roots. Raking also makes it easier for the new grass to grow and gets rid of leaves and other debris that may blunt your mower blades.

If you find a patch of grass where the roots have been eaten away, you'll need to treat the ground and reseed. The best organic method of getting rid of bugs is to sprinkle Milky Spore over your lawn when the temperature has warmed up. Milky spore grubs infect lawn bugs and when the bugs die off the milky spore bugs spread. One dose will last for ten to fifteen years.

### Flower beds

Check where your daffodils have made large clumps and mark them with a stick. When the daffodils have died back, you will be able to find the clumps, dig them out, and replant bulbs to fill in bare spots. Some of my daffodils are 20 years old and still going strong. You might also want to mark the areas where there are no daffodils so that you have a place to put your extra bulbs.

Note: last week, this column said that May 1 was the time of the last frost. I find that May 15 is a better guide. Putting plants out early without protection could get them killed by a mid-May frost.

## Legal Notices

### JAMESTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

April 6, 2006

7:00 PM Business Meeting

Lawn Library

AGENDA

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order and Roll Call

III. Public Forum

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes: 3/16/06

B. Payment of Bills: 3/22/06

V. Old Business

A. Vote on Revised School Budget 2006-2007

B. Vote on Resolution to support Federal Legislation for Teacher Tax Deduction for classroom expenses

VI. New Business

A. Request to allocate reserved fund monies for middle school baseball field improvements

B. Vote on SORICO Legislation: Group Homes and Statewide Healthcare

VII. Information and Proposals

Discussion of Lawn School Survey

IX. Public Forum

X. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

April 27, 2006: Business Meeting @ 7PM in Lawn Library

May 4, 2006: Workshop Session @ 7PM in Lawn Library

May 18, 2006: Business Meeting @ 7PM in Lawn Library

Any agenda changes will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 423-7020 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date.

Katherine E. Sipala,  
Superintendent

### 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 APRIL 25, 2006, AT THE JAMESTOWN LIBRARY, 26 NORTH ROAD, JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND AT 7:00 P.M. UPON THE FOLLOWING:

Application of Vilma Maccarone, whose property is located at Helm & Stern Streets, and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 14, Lot 116 for a variance from Article 3, Section 302 (District Dimensional Regulations) to construct a 22' x 32' house with a front setback of 24' instead of the required 30' setback. Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 7,200 sq. ft.

Application of Conanicut Yacht Club, whose property is located at 40 Bayview Dr., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 267 for a variance from Article 3, Section 82-302 (Side yard requirements) to allow the construction of an addition to an existing building, which will be 5' from the northerly property line instead of the required 20'. Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 37,070+ sq. ft.

Application of Patrick Kilroy, whose property is located on Conanicus Ave., and further identified as Tax Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 352 for a variance from Article 82, Section 302 to build a single family residence and provide a front yard set back of 9' (30' required) and a rear yard set back of 9' from the coastal feature (30' required). Said property is located in a R40 zone and contains 6,370 sq. ft.

BY ORDER OF THE

ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW  
THOMAS GINNERTY, CHAIRMAN

Fred Brown, Zoning Officer

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(3/30, 4/6, 4/13)



By Barbara Szeptowski

## Make your dog #1

Can't you hear it? "I'm going to be number one." "No, I am." "No, I am." In a state where our residents are fixated with low license plate numbers, how can we not expect the same behavior from our dogs? Well, we have it, Jamestown dog license No. 1! It can be your dog's new, prestigious "in" to the world of high-end parties and doggie playdates.

Thanks to some wonderful town employees: Steve Goslee, our public works director, whose dog has held the number one license for many years; Bruce Keiser, our new town administrator, who said yes to our crazy request and probably wondered why he left South Kingstown; Tina Collins, the town's finance director, who gives us the biggest smile when we ask our crazy questions, but who quickly checked to make sure we could offer the license; and Kim Turcone, our deputy town clerk, who laughed when we begged her not to issue the license until we could pull off this heist.

Want it? Whose dog wouldn't? We can't offer the license for sale, however. We do have a beautiful, Egyptian-style bronze dog holding a plate which just happens to hold dog license No. 1 with a lovely collar. During April, we will display this distinctive dog treasure in various locations throughout town. With it will be a bid sheet where you can place your name and the tax deductible donation for the animal shelter.

The license will be granted for one year and includes a spot in the

Memorial Day Parade, and other important "doggie photo ops." Who knows, it might lead to your dog on the cover of "Town and Doggie Country," or at least the Jamestown Press.

### Shelter news

After weeks of promises, the roof will finally be going on. Last weekend, a very serious young man walked into Paws & Claws and offered his services to finish the one task that is holding up the rest of the building. Thanks to Jamestown Matt Verrier and his company, the roof and skylights should be completed next weekend.

We also want to give a big hug and thank-you to Kelly Rafferty, a veterinarian technician at the Jamestown Animal Hospital. Last Saturday, she introduced us to Reynolds Builders of Newport, who install cellulose and polyurethane foam insulation. Geoff Reynolds is Kelley's boyfriend and the nicest guy you could meet. He offered to insulate the shelter once the plumbing and wiring are completed. Thank you to both.

We are in the final planning stages of the shelter construction. There are still a few big needs on our wish list. They include Home Depot Gift Certificates for lumber and odds and ends of construction materials, two large double-hung thermopane windows for the east side of the building, a thermopane picture window for the front of building, and a second thermopane double-hung window also for the front of the building.

Thank-you to all who have contributed to date.

### Animal legislation

Over the last few years there have been numerous cases of animal cruelty in Rhode Island. In all but one or two cases, the people were given nothing more than a slap on the wrist. Last Thursday, a hearing was held before the Statehouse Judiciary Committee to allow the presentation of Rep. Trillo's House Bill No. 7527. "This Act would increase the fine for cruelty to animals to \$10,000 and make the section apply to all persons age 14 and over." Although the testimony was compelling, we never know if a bill will move out of committee. Contact the following members of this committee if you agree with this bill: Chairman Donald J. Lally Jr., Vice Chairman Fausto C. Anguilla, and Vice Chairperson Timothy A. Williamson.

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