

Chamber of Commerce elects new officers

The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce elected officers for 2006-2007 at its recent board meeting.

Charlie Petit of Petit Marketing will serve as president. Jane Lee of Jane Lee Designs is first vice president. Peter Brockmann of Brockmann & Associates, Ltd. will serve as second vice president. Eric Eunis of Rabeca L. Eunis, CPA, is the treasurer, and Donna Olney Kohler of East Bay Bed & Breakfast is the secretary.

Those serving on the board of directors for the next three years include Tim Baker of Baker's Pharmacy, Mary Brittain from View This, Vicki deAngeli of Island Realty, and Jane Lee of Jane Lee Designs.

Other members of the board include Courtney Feeny-Hunter of People's Credit Union, Michael Jacquard from the Bay Voyage Inn, John McCauley of McCauley & Associates, Christine Tanner of RE/MAX Bayview, and Bob Umbenhauer from East Ferry Deli.

The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce is a membership-based organization whose mission is to preserve and improve the quality of life in Jamestown and create an atmosphere of goodwill between the business community and residents of Jamestown.

For more information about the chamber of commerce visit www.JamestownRiChamber.com.

Farm Kids program starts in May

It will soon be Farm Kids time at Watson Farm.

This six-week outdoor after-school program starts Friday, May 5. It offers children in the fifth and sixth grades the opportunity to explore and experience the various habitats that make up the 265-acre Watson Farm. Woodlands, wetlands, shoreline, farm-

lands, and barnyard are all parts of this working farm. Farm Kids will get a chance to see life on the farm through the change of seasons. Now is an exciting time on the farm with baby lambs and calves being born, Sheep Shearing Day, gardens being planted, and the beginning of haying season. Participants will learn

to develop skills in observing nature. Most important, however, the children will become a part of the farm community while learning about the history and future of agriculture on Conanicut Island.

The Watson Farm is a working farm owned by Historic New England, a museum of cultural history. Historic New England interprets and collects buildings, landscapes, and objects reflecting New England life from the 17th century to the present for all to enjoy.

The Farm Kids program will be held on Fridays after school from 3 to 5:30 p.m. starting May 5 and running May 12, 19, 26 and June 2, and 9. The registration fee is \$40 for members of Historic New England and \$60 for non-members.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Contact Heather Minto at 423-0005.

DEM okay with sole-source aquifer request

By Dotti Farrington

The state Department of Environmental Management "is supportive of the idea (of designation of Jamestown as a sole-source aquifer) and would be happy to work with the town on the petition," according to a DEM spokesman.

The North End Concerned Citizens filed the petition several weeks ago with the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Douglas Heath, based in Boston, is processing the petition. He is the co-ordinator in the New England EPA Region, that includes Rhode Island, for source water assessment programs. He was incorrectly identified in the

April 6 Jamestown Press also as the regional co-ordinator for well-head protection.

The report also said Heath was advised that DEM Director Michael Sullivan had promised NECC that he would write a letter about the island's water situation. Heath said he had not received such notice from the NECC or the DEM. A spokesman for Sullivan said the DEM supports the sole source concept and sees the benefits to be "federal environmental review of any projects involving federal funding, and educational benefits via increased awareness of the importance of the resource."

Local officials said they did not anticipate direct involvement because no federal funds are pending for any current town projects.



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One policy that might make sense in environmental terms for communities such as Jamestown: limit the size of new single family residences, and of additions to existing homes. If you want a big house, you would have to buy one that already exists.

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A size limitation could be coupled with regulations that encourage the historically correct rehabilitation of older housing stock. Allowance of "in-law" apartments may appropriately fit into this approach.

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Together, these policies could help preserve the physical beauty and architectural heritage of our town.

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The early settlers of this island knew better than to build houses perched on the coastline.

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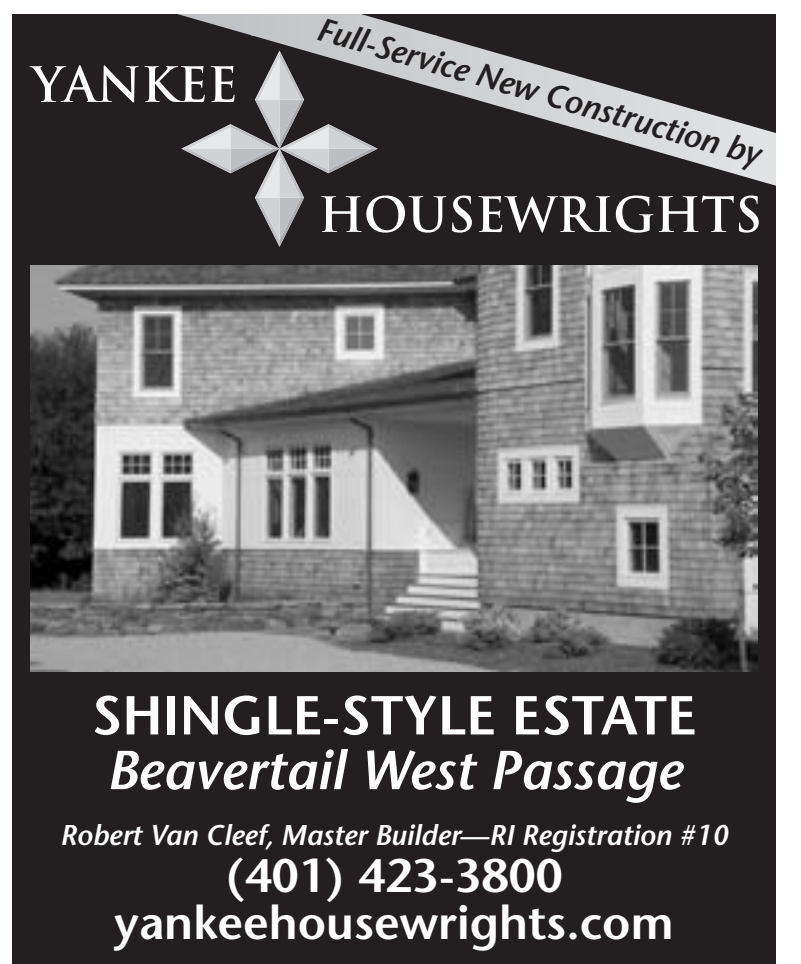
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