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Town Hall moves to golf course

By Sam Bari

Town Hall employees will establish a temporary home at the Jamestown Golf Course while Pezzucco Construction of Providence, the company awarded the bid to build the new town hall, constructs the facility on Narragansett Avenue.

On Thursday and Friday, Sept. 14 and 15, and Monday, Sept. 18, Town Hall will be closed for the move. Personnel will pack furniture, supplies, and records on Thursday and Friday and vacate the old Town Hall building over the weekend. On Monday Sept. 18, they will set up shop at the former golf course clubhouse at 245 Conanicut Ave. The temporary Town Hall will reopen for

business on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

"Public Works Department personnel will help with the move, and we're looking into using Prison Enterprises for additional assistance," said Town Administrator Bruce Keiser. "Head librarian Judy Bell highly recommended the prison workers. She said they did an excellent job for the library. If they aren't available, we'll hire a moving company for the job," Keiser said.

"We will do everything we can to make a smooth transition to the temporary facility so that Town Hall business can be conducted as close to normal as possible starting on Tuesday Sept. 19. All we ask is for a little patience for the

first few days while everyone settles in," Keiser added.

The departments involved will include the town clerk's office, planning, the board of canvassers, probate court, building and zoning, and the tax assessor. Parking will be available in the lot at the front of the golf course clubhouse. Municipal employees will park across the street to allow more space for Town Hall and golf club visitors. Signage will be prominent and adequate to identify the location of the various departments and offices.

The new 12,000-square-foot town hall designed by architect

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Primary elections set for Sept. 12

By Donna K. Drago

Jamestown residents will go to the polls on Tuesday, Sept. 12, to vote in party primary elections for statewide offices.

Polling will take place from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. with District 1 voters going to the Community Center and Districts 2 and 3 using the Lawn Avenue School.

Anyone not familiar with their district can call the canvassing clerk at Town Hall.

On the ballot are candidates

running for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, general treasurer, and representatives to the state General Assembly.

On the Republican ballot, voters can choose between incumbent Lincoln D. Chafee or Cranston Mayor Stephen P. Laffey for U.S. Senate. Democrats running for the same seat include Sheldon Whitehouse,

Christopher F. Young and Carl L. Sheeler.

For U.S. Congressional District 1, Republicans can select Jonathan P. Scott or Edmund R. Leather. Incumbent Patrick J. Kennedy is running unopposed on his Democratic Party ballot.

Both gubernatorial candidates, Republican Donald L. Carcieri and Democrat Charles J. Fogarty, are running unopposed in their

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Town Council hears from Weaver's Cove LNG reps

By Donna K. Drago

The welcome mat was not put out for representatives of Weaver's Cove Energy, who came to Jamestown Aug. 30 to make a presentation to the Town Council.

About 80 people filled the library meeting room, including a bus-load of citizens from the Fall River area, carrying large signs and wearing bright orange T-shirts saying, "I am not an acceptable risk."

Town Council Vice-President Julio DiGiando ran the session in the absence of Council President David Long. Councilman Michael Schnack was also not at the meeting.

The hearing gave councilors a chance to ask questions of CEO Gordon Shearer of Weaver's Cove Energy, the company that wants to bring liquid natural gas, or LNG, to a spot on the Taunton River some 21 miles up Narragansett Bay.

Shearer gave the three councilors an overview of the proposed project, and then the councilors, as well as members of the audience, asked a number of

questions.

During the presentation, the Fall River group, headed up by Joe Carvalho, served as a Greek chorus, clicking their tongues, hissing, and openly questioning the truthfulness of Shearer's comments.

DiGiando had to remind the audience several times that they were all there to listen, not comment.

Shearer told the group that the reason they want to bring LNG to a port in New England is that most of New England's electricity is generated using natural gas. New Englanders are currently paying the highest prices in the United States for the gas they are using. Gas coming from the Gulf of Mexico is expensive to transport to New England, Shearer said.

He said that one of two things has to happen in the near future: "We have to use less gas, or we have to expand the supply by bringing in more LNG."

"Why Fall River?" Shearer asked and then answered himself.

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Dad goes back to school too

Dad Ben Cowan and his younger son Ben Cowan, walk Sam Cowan to school for his first day of first grade at Melrose Avenue School.

Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten



Doing it sideways

Rumors, owned by Tim Woodhouse of Hood Sails, took a dip in the bay during the annual Around the Island yacht race held Monday.

Photo by Don Miller