

## LETTERS

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As for spending more hard earned money on redundant studies such as a proposed "electropollution" survey, I certainly don't want my portion of taxes used so flagrantly to pay another consultant, who's findings are already known.

**Varoujan Karent  
Jamestown**

### 'Yours Anne' was a dream realized

How do I begin to express my appreciation to all those who contributed to the fulfillment of a dream?

For years I have wanted to direct Yours Anne, but it never seemed exactly the right time to confront any audience with such a weighty, disturbingly factual, and potentially upsetting production. A drama concerning such a tragic reality might not be anticipated or attended by our usual Jamestown Community Theatre family audience. Nevertheless, with the encouragement and support from many people, we went ahead.

With devotion and outstanding talent from the cast, crew, and production staff, and with the emotional and positive response from audiences night after night, a dream was successfully realized.

Thank you all for making that dream come true.

**Mary S. Wright  
Artistic Director, Jamestown  
Community Theatre**

### Thanks to JTPPC for all their hard work

While packing files and making my final notes as outgoing vice chairman of the Jamestown Tree Preservation and Protection Committee (JTPPC), I thought about the loveliness of this island and the great presence of green. I also thought about the fine people in the community who have taken that extra step to procure and secure the health and beauty of our landscape.

Since its inception in 2002, the seven-member board of the JTPPC, charged by the Town Council, has been in the business of aiding the tree warden with the planting, nurturing, and maintenance of all trees on public roads in Jamestown. It has designed and developed a number of policies to preserve and protect those trees. It has secured and monitored procedures for planting and pruning, as well as tree removal to the benefit and safety of our residents.

Jamestown has received the designation as Tree City, USA, for a number of years. The title is not undemanding. Planting and watering, compilations of tree inventories, horticultural and arboricultural education, community beautification projects, notable tree routes, and the dedication of a committee of tree enthusiasts are all necessary requirements in receiving this honorable distinction. While I have always been humbled by the splendor of trees, I am truly proud to have had the opportunity to serve the community as a mem-

ber of this essential board.

Having had the pleasure of working with the devoted citizens of Jamestown, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all past board members whom I did not get to run with, but who laid the rich loam from which we grew. Emmet Turley, Matthew Largess, Barry Holland, Frank Andres, Michael White, Patrick Driscoll and, lest ye not forget, Robert Dolan. To the new and enthusiastic members, Walter Boll, Edwina Cloherty, and Jim Rugh. To the greatest tree stewards and community volunteers, Hazel Turley, Dave Volpe and his fantastic Boy Scouts, Julie Kalfelz and her super Girl Scouts, Melissa Minto with her awesome teens. To the Town Council for their support, and to Arlene Petit and Lisa Bryer for their guidance. To Bucky Brennan, Dave Dolce, the Lawn and Melrose schools staff and students, and Jim Kaczynski. To the always-dependable Department of Public Works (DPW). Thanks guys! And to our tree warden, arborist David Nickerson for his years of service as a paid professional, as well as for his volunteer efforts.

If you ever find yourself wondering what purpose the JTPPC serves, just look up and around — you will see the beauty of their work.

**Judith DiBello  
Past Vice Chair, JTPPC**

### Speeding traffic is the Clinton Ave. problem

I am writing in response to last week's letter titled "Leadership is disappointing."

To clarify some of the writer's points, there is no barrier limiting pedestrian traffic between Howland Avenue and Clinton Avenue. People are still free to walk from one road to the other. No fences or gates are keeping people from using "this once appreciated pedestrian path." When she refers to "large truck volumes through the Narragansett and Clinton Avenue intersection" as a safety issue, she is once again incorrect. The safety issue on lower Clinton Avenue is a speed limit issue. Cars continually approach the intersection at a high

rate of speed. Even people who live on the street drive too fast!

For her to assume that all Clinton Avenue residents are unhappy is incorrect. I feel it is time to speak up against the complainers and let them speak for themselves. I am extremely happy to have Jack Brittain as a neighbor.

**Eric J. Bush  
20A Clinton Avenue**

### Codrigton Cove ship building memories

Your article introducing Commander Bill Kelly was missing some information concerning his U.S. Coast Guard cutter. The Seneca was built right across Narragansett Bay, in Middletown, at the Robert E. Derektor Shipyard.

In the 1980s, Derektor's yard in Codrigton Cove was the scene of what can fairly be described as the last great shipbuilding effort in Rhode Island. Nine of these cutters were built. In its heyday the yard employed more than 800 individuals. A few of our neighbors were among that workforce.

My memories of the "WMEC," aka medium endurance class cutter construction, include watching the rather novel method of transferring the partially completed hulls from the construction shed onto the dry dock for launching. The ship was on blocks. A series of metal tracks were laid under and in front of the hull. Metal wheels were placed on the tracks. The boat was then slowly winched onto the dry dock. Imagine the dock ship we see now in the bay doing a ship-to-shore transfer of two of the 270-foot cutters simultaneously and you will have the basic idea.

Derektor also built ferries for the City of New York, tugboats for the Army Corps of Engineers, racing yachts, and did commercial repair work. During the Coast Guard contract they trained hundreds of men and women in the trades, including welding, ship fitting, and carpentry. After 20 years it's a good feeling to know that the Seneca is still on missions.

As those who did work there can attest, there are many more stories from the 10 or so years that Bob Derektor operated the Codrigton Cove shipyard. Let me take this opportunity to exploit the power of the press to encourage anyone who might be interested in sharing those stories by attending a shipyard "reunion" to contact me at 423-9160.

**Karen Augeri Benson  
Jamestown**

### Coyote menace a growing problem

Over the past few years the island's pets have been held hostage by coyotes in Jamestown. I recall a number of years ago the divisiveness on this island when the leash law was passed. Now our dogs can rarely go out in their own backyards without being on a leash or having their owner right next to them because of this unwelcome predator.

Cats also have to be secured at home. No more days for them enjoying an afternoon in the garden!

Every May 1, I think of our beloved 11-year-old pug, Mary, who was killed two years ago by a coyote on a beautiful, sunny afternoon. (Her completely mangled, invisible fence collar was returned to us by a hunter many months later.) In addition, two times within the past eight months, I've witnessed a coyote skulk out of the brush to attack another of our dogs (she's larger than a woodchuck I might add). It was my screams and her fight that scared it off, but our pet was left with multiple neck punctures.

Unfortunately, there are too many Jamestowners who have similar stories.

Is this town going to wait until a coyote attacks a young child who may be having their snack or lunch outdoors? It seems that the inevitable will happen someday. If this animal is getting so comfortable on our island that we have to be concerned that one might be staring at us or following us, I suggest considering something "more proactive." If we can catch coyotes in order to put a monitoring device on them, how about taking these same animals for a nice long drive over a couple of bridges to the deep woods somewhere (far away from those who want to have their children and pets safely enjoy the outdoors)?

I can only speak for myself, but I wouldn't miss those late night, blood-curdling howls emanating from our backyards as they make a kill.

**Joan Goldstein  
340 Beavertail Rd.**

### Club members take blue ribbons

Quononoquott Garden Club members took several blue ribbons at the Federation of Garden Club's "Art in the Garden" in the Rhode Island Spring Garden and Flower Show at the Providence Convention Center, February 22 through February 24.

Jillian Barber, won a blue ribbon in the "Jewelry Design" class, and a blue ribbon for overall best in the "Applied Arts" Division for her creation of a chameleon-like necklace. The plant material she used for this piece of jewelry included dried peas for the eyes, red onion skins for the scales, and arborvitae for the toes.

Jillian Meyer, club vice president, took a blue ribbon in the "Fashion Design" class.

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## Town of Jamestown Dog License & Leash Law Ordinance

**BEGINNING APRIL 2nd**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 13 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island 1956, and as amended, notice is hereby given to the people of Jamestown that every owner and/or keeper of any dog over the age of six (6) months living within the town limits shall be licensed by the Town Clerk during the month of April. A fee of six dollars (\$6.00) shall be paid for all **neutered and spayed dogs** and a sum of sixteen dollars (\$16.00) shall be paid for dogs that are **not neutered or spayed**. A late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged for any licensing after **April 30th**. (R.I. General Law 4-13-4). All dogs must be inoculated against rabies for the period during which said license will be valid (May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008). **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will any dog be licensed unless and until a current, valid and signed rabies vaccination certificate of inoculation has been issued by a licensed Veterinarian. Receipts and rabies tags are insufficient; the certificate must indicate expiration of current vaccination.

#### Jamestown Code of Ordinance: Sec. 10-70. Dogs at large

No person being the owner or keeper of a dog, or having the charge or custody of a dog, shall allow such dog to run at large off its owner's or keeper's property within the town unless such dog is properly leashed or under the direct command and control of its owner or keeper between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Licenses will be on sale **beginning April 2nd**, at the Town Clerk's Office, 245 Conanicus Avenue (golf course building) - Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**A rabies clinic will be held at the Jamestown Fire Station, 50 Narragansett Avenue, from 11:00 am to Noon on Saturday, April 7th. Dog licenses will be sold at this event.**

Arlene D. Petit  
Town Clerk

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