

Upcoming

Buy your summer beach stickers now

Resident beach stickers will be on sale beginning today, May 10 at the recreation center, 41 Conanicus Ave. on weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The stickers will be sold at Fort Getty beginning May 17, from Mondays to Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of each sticker, which provides seasonal parking at both Mackerel Cove Beach and Ft. Getty Park, is \$15. Beach stickers cannot be purchased at the town hall.

To purchase a sticker, one must be a resident of Jamestown or have a lease of 30 days or more. The lease agreement must be presented when obtaining a sticker. A separate car registration must be presented for each sticker purchased. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Beach stickers will be sold at the beach when it opens on June 16. For questions or more information, call Cyndee at 423-7211.

Pet U. class at Potter League

The Potter League for Animals is holding a Potter Pet University class on Thursday, May 17, at Middletown Baptist Church, 1818 West Main Rd. in Middletown. The presentation will include an exclusive viewing of the award winning documentary "Prison Pups" by Alice D. Bouvrie. Peter Manning will discuss N.E.A.D.'s unique program featuring prisoner inmates who are training service dogs to help disabled veterans returning from Iraq.

Classes are offered the third Thursday of each month, are free of charge and begin at 6:30 p.m. at the church. For more information on this class or to pre-register, call the Potter League at 846-8276.

Wickford gallery to hold photo show

The Wickford Art Association will hold their Annual Open Juried Photography Show from May 18 to June 7. The opening reception will be held on Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The gallery is wheelchair accessible and hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday noon to 3 p.m.

Blood drive May 20

The island's veterans groups will sponsor a blood drive on Sunday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Holy Ghost Hall.

The Arnold Zwierv Post 22 of the American Legion and Memorial Post 9447 of the VFW will host the event in the Portuguese American Citizens' Club. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be in good health.

For more information, call the Rhode Island Blood Center at 800-283-8385.

Handbell ringers at library

The Friends of the Jamestown Library are proud to present "Shoreline Ringers" on Sunday, May 20, at 3 p.m. in the library meeting hall.

Shoreline Ringers, Inc. is a community handbell choir, formed as a Connecticut non-profit corporation in September 2006. Their goals are to support the continued development of the art of handbell ringing and promote the ringing of handbells as a legitimate musical art form while educating audiences and increasing their knowledge and appreciation of handbell music through our concert performances. The ringers, some of whom direct other handbell choirs, have a variety of ringing experience, and have come together to learn a more advanced repertoire.

They highlight a variety of techniques and rhythms in their ringing and promise fun for all. The group strives to educate audiences in the beauty of handbells as they perform a wide variety of challenging music. The choir rings five octaves of Malmark handbells and five octaves of Malmark hand chimes.

URI offers summer garden classes

Amateur gardeners interested in learning more about their hobby are invited to participate in the third Summer Gardening School sponsored by the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension.

This informal series of nine bi-weekly sessions, including tours of the URI Botanical Garden, will be held on Tuesday evenings from June 5 to Aug. 21. All sessions will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In addition to deckscaping and composting, participants may attend sessions covering tree planting techniques, healthy vegetable gardening, gardening with wildlife, roses for the 21st century, shade garden design, sustainable trees and shrubs, and managing lawns traditionally and organically.

The sessions will be taught by URI master gardeners, Cooperative Extension staff and other experts. Most sessions will be held in the URI Botanical Gardens, located at 3 East Alumni Avenue, on the Kingston Campus. The fee is \$15 for each session. No university academic credits are earned through this series.

For more information or to register for these events, call the Cooperative Extension Education Hotline at 800-448-1011. To download a registration form, visit www.urimga.org and click on the summer gardening school link.

Sign kids up for summer fun at Fort Getty playground

The Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department has begun registrations for its Summer Playground Program at Ft. Getty this summer.

The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon, with the option of staying until 3 or 4 p.m. The program is scheduled to run from Monday, June 25 to Friday, August, 17.

The cost of the half day option is \$40 per week, the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. option will be \$90 per week and the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. option will be \$110 per week. For people registering for more than four weeks before May 30, a reduced price will be given.

Each week will feature a theme such as arts and crafts, sports, the environment, and animals. The week's projects and activities will be centered around the theme. Some of the weekly field trips that

have been planned include Yawgoo Valley water slides, IMAX Theatre, and the Roger Williams Park Zoo.

Forms are available at the community center, and will be distributed at the schools. Forms can also be downloaded at www.jamestownri.net/rec/rec.html. For more information, call 423-7211.

Blood pressure checks at library.

The Visiting Nurse Services will hold free blood pressure clinics the first Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Jamestown library.

The first clinic will be on Thursday, June 5, at 1 p.m. in the Museum room.

For more information, call 423-7280.

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