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All along, we have concerned ourselves with a site that would be unobtrusive. While we want the barn, it would be nice if we didn't have to see a barn. The Taylor Point location, at the top of the hill, tucked up against the bridge, will be as minimally visible as can be. Yes, you will see a roof as you approach from Newport, as you do today. You will not see the building from East Shore Road, the Sea View Drive neighborhood, the farms, or the cross-island highway. We do not want to put the barn in a highly visible place. While the lower Taylor Point site had this flaw, the upper area does not. The recommendations that emanated from the neighborhood committee regarding light pollution would continue to be incorporated into the design of the facility.

There has been a major controversy regarding environmental impact issues related to a highway barn. The council, through its consultant, GZA, as well as through the RIDEM, have listened to these concerns and modified highway barn plans where appropriate. Whether the environmental concerns that have been raised are real or not is in the eye of the beholder. Yet another advantage to upper Taylor Point is that there is no debate regarding environmental impact. The soils have been tested by both the town and the bridge authority, and nothing of consequence has been found. There are no environmental concerns related to Taylor Point. Probably the major flaw in the last Taylor Point proposal was the necessity of placing a barn next to a treatment tank, thus creating an environmental conflict. To try to resolve these conflicting issues forced the cost to an unac-

ceptable level.

In closing, it is important to note that we did not have the current Taylor Point option available to us when we previously voted. By acquiring the parcel from the RITBA, we have given ourselves an opportunity to resolve the question of where to site the barn. We now need you to express your opinion on August 28th so that we may finally move forward.

The author is the vice president of the Jamestown Town Council

• **LETTERS** •

Professionalism recognized

This letter was sent to Fire Chief James R. Bryer, Jr. and copied to the Jamestown Press.

Chief Bryer,

On July 3, 2007 this department received a call reporting a pier fire at the Mount Hope Marine Terminal in Portsmouth. The first arriving companies observed heavy fire on the pier that had extended to a crane on the dock and was threatening a 500-gallon tank of diesel fuel. The decision was made to call for mutual aid companies to respond to the scene immediately. Your department responded with a Marine Unit. Your Marine Unit was deployed and we were able to affect an attack on the fire from beneath the pier. While the loss was substantial, we were able to save nearly a million dollars worth of property due to the teamwork that was exhibited by all involved.

Once again the assistance and professionalism displayed by you and your firefighters proved invaluable, you are truly an asset to the Town of Jamestown and the fire service. I would like to thank you,

your department, your dispatchers, and the men who responded to the incident. Without all of your help I am sure this incident would have had a very different outcome. Thank you again and know we stand ready to assist your department in any way needed.

**Jeffrey P. Lynch
Chief, Portsmouth
Fire Department**

Parking spaces lost to EMTs

This letter was sent to the Town Council and copied to the Jamestown Press.

I was startled this week to find five of the ten public, long-term parking spaces east of the ambulance barn now reserved for EMS personnel only. Parking for more than two hours in the village is scarce to say the least. I do not understand the sudden need for more reserved space for the EMS.

I was a volunteer on the ambulance association for several years and cannot recall one instance where there was a parking problem for responders. All of the space directly west of the barn is reserved for responders, which can accommodate at least eight cars. One of the bays in the barn has also been closed, providing another space. In the event of a call requiring all three vehicles, there is extra space on the grassy area toward the rear.

Was this decision ever before the council or was it an arbitrary judgment made between the EMS and the police department?

**Bill Sprague
Reservoir Circle**

Thanks for all the good wishes

Recently I was very ill, which included surgery.

Now that I am on the mend, I would like to thank all the people who sent cards, cookies and prayers.

I owe my recovery to you all.
**Francis X. Zweir
Jamestown**

Write to us

LETTERS: Email your letters (700 words or less.) to news@jamestownpress.com. Please include your name, address, and a daytime telephone number for verification. Anonymous letters will not be considered.

Library memories sought

From 1898 to 1971 the Jamestown Philomenian Library occupied the building at 92 Narragansett Ave., now the Jamestown Museum. What was the library like in those days? What do people remember of their visits? The Jamestown Historical Society would like to know.

Send your library memories to the Jamestown Historical Society at P.O. Box 156, Jamestown, RI 02835; send an email to jhs@jamestownri.com; or record them in a notebook at the museum.

The building originally stood on Southwest Avenue and was a one-room schoolhouse for the primary grades. In 1898, when the Carr School was built where McQuade's Market is now, the town moved the building to the present site. The library, which had been incorporated in 1847, moved its books from private residences, where they had been accumulat-

ing, to their new public home. The back room was added in 1921 to expand the library.

The Jamestown Historical Society began using the building as a museum when the new library opened at 26 North Main Rd. in 1971. This spring the society renovated the interior of the building by repairing windows, installing insulation and environmental controls, painting walls and ceilings, and refinishing the floors. The renovation brought to light reminders of the building's earlier uses. Screw holes showing where school desks and chairs were bolted to the floor are clearly visible, and library shelves encircle the workroom.

This summer's exhibit documents the demolition of the Jamestown Bridge. The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays until Sept. 2.

For more information, contact Sue Maden at 423-2167.

State beaches free Sunday

Governor Donald L. Carcieri has announced that the annual Governor's Bay Day will be held Sunday, July 29. The day is marked by free entrance to all state beaches and parks and a variety of free music, games and activities.

The Governor has issued an Executive Order that waives entrance/parking fees at all state parks and beaches for Bay Day. Parking at state beaches will be free beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

This year's Bay Day events are scheduled for Colt State Park in Bristol, Goddard Memorial Park in Warwick, and Brenton Point Park in Newport. There are also events slated for Roger Wheeler, Scarborough, and Misquamicut State Beaches.

One of this year's new events is sand carving from "Sandtasia Sand Sculptures of the Ocean State." This company of professional sand sculptors will offer lessons and demonstrations of their art at nearby Roger Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other events at Roger Wheeler: Lite Rock 105 prize giveaway throughout the day.

11 a.m.: Registration for the Annual Sand Sculpture Contest at the Pavilion

12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Department

of Children, Youth, and Families' Foster Parent Program. Presents "Fishing for Families" with Biomes sea creature touch and feel tank

3 p.m. Governor awards prizes for annual Sand Sculpture Contest sponsored by Lite Rock 105.

3:30 p.m. Governor Carcieri will be reading *Bats at the Beach*, by local author Brian Lies

The Department of Health educates the public with its beach monitoring program.

12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Local artist Allison Newsome leads beachgoers of all ages in creating Governor's Bay Day Sand Sculpture Art that they can take home. Sponsored by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

12 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Serenades on the beach by Compass Rose Sea Chanty Singers, sponsored by the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts.

12 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Brian Lies, in his Batmobile, will direct various arts and crafts activities as part of his book, 'Bats at the Beach.'

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