

# Island Opinion

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### Order pictures from JamestownPress.com

This week we are launching a new feature on our Web site, [www.JamestownPress.com](http://www.JamestownPress.com). Called Photo Album, readers will be able to view and order prints of local photographs.

The Press usually only publishes a select few of the many pictures taken at island events. We often have requests from readers who would like to see the other pictures. The new Photo Album will allow readers to see many of the other great pictures taken by island photographers. Readers may also order prints of pictures they like. They can also have the picture put on a T-shirt or coffee mug.

To start, the Photo Album will feature pictures from the Jamestown Striper Club's fishing derby. We will also include some recent photographs from the Tall Ships and pictures from last year's demolition of the old Jamestown Bridge, such as the photograph above. Of course, the pictures will be in full color, not black and white as seen on this newspaper page.

The Jamestown Press Web site will this week also feature a short video of the Jamestown Historical Society fund-raiser this past weekend at Horsehead. Enjoy!

— Jeff McDonough

### Write to us

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### A big cheer for the North Road cows

Kudos to the newly arrived herd of cows along our North Road farms.

The Land Trust has evoked a compelling message heralding the urgency of preserving one of Jamestown's premier treasures, open space.

This truly is the issue that impacts the lives of everyone on the island, as well as generations to come. Those future generations - our children and grandchildren - need the island's collective support now, both in private donations and the passage of a bond referendum in September.

Let's give until the cows come home.

**David Long, Jamestown Council President**

### Derby plagued by parking tickets

This past Saturday my wife and I took our two

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grandchildren to the fishing derby at the North Reservoir sponsored by the Jamestown Striper Club. We had a great time watching our grandkids and other children learn the joys of fishing and the friendly competition for trophies and prizes, all provided by the club. The JSC also provided the bait, hotdogs and soft drinks free for all who attended. This event is a great example of the services provided to our community by organizations composed of volunteers who receive no compensation for their work, but provide it willingly with the intent of making Jamestown a great place to live. A quick check online indicates that there are 46 community organizations listed as serving Jamestown. How do we thank all of these groups and other volunteer organizations for making Jamestown the unique community that it is?

We thank them by supporting their efforts and promoting their causes. We thank them by approving their event licenses. We thank them by allowing some discretion as to the law; such as allowing parades by temporarily closing streets, or by allowing fireworks displays, or by allowing fishing in the North reservoir, one day per year for three hours.

Well, the manner in which we thanked our community volunteers used to be true; because on Saturday morning July 28, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Jamestown Police Department showed up and, in my opinion, began selectively tagging cars belonging to those attending the event. Four vehicles were tagged and mine was one of them. I parked my vehicle as far off the paved surface of the road as I could without having it

slide into the wet swale along the stone wall at the reservoir. Most of the vehicles present were parked in the same configuration as mine. Now some might say that Jamestown roadways have to be kept clear for the passage of emergency vehicles, but anyone who was at the event or traveled North Road between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday knows that the road was down to one lane for approx. 200-feet because of the parked cars and that there was ample room for emergency vehicles to get by. The police department certainly got their vehicle by. I observed an eighteen wheeler and other large delivery trucks go by with no problem, as well as a large tandem-wheeled truck towing a good-sized boat. There were also present and past town officials at this event and I'm sure that if there was an issue of road passage they

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The news of 10 and 15 years ago is from the Jamestown Press. The news of 100 years ago from the Newport Daily News came from the collection of the Newport Historical Society.

#### 100 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, July 31, 1907

The coal shears on Ferry wharf which were broken Monday have been repaired and the discharging of coal from barge Valentine commenced.

The band concert last evening on Shoreby Hill pier was brought to an abrupt close shortly before 9 o'clock by a heavy downpour of rain. There was a general stampede for shelter by both spectators and bandmen.

#### From the Newport Daily News, August 2, 1907

A special meeting of the fire department was held last evening at Station No. 1, to act on the matter of securing funds for a new building.

#### 75 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, August 3, 1932

(An outing was held at Potter's Cove, Tuesday afternoon, for the Fresh Air children.) The little folks had a grand time, playing games on the shore, and late in the afternoon enjoyed a frankfurter roast, with rolls and punch. Thursday, at 9 o'clock, all the children who have been spending the past two weeks here, will leave for Kingston, where they will take the train for their homes in New York.

Quite a swimming feat was accomplished by a number of Jamestown young people last Sunday, when they swam from the navy dock in Jamestown to the Training Station in Newport.

#### From the Newport Daily News, August 4, 1932

(At the monthly meeting of the Jamestown Board of



## This week in Island history

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Week of August 2

Trade) Mrs. W. W. Wotherspoon, as a committee from the Jamestown Garden Club, spoke of the unsightly bill boards on the island and asked the cooperation ... that no new bill boards be erected in Jamestown.

#### 50 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, August 1, 1957

The Army Engineers district office in Boston has granted permission to the Commerce Oil Refining Corp. to erect a berthing pier off Jamestown under conditions acceptable to the Navy.

Bruce Baudakian, Jamestown's fast-balling southpaw, avenged his recent 5-4, 12-inning defeat to USS Cascade by beating the Navy team, 7-1, last evening at Cardines Field.

#### 25 years ago

#### From the Newport Daily News, August 2, 1982

The fog Saturday lifted in time for the 6th annual Save the Bay Swim from Coaster's Harbor Island to Jamestown. ... There were no mishaps and the swimmers, rowers and spotters all came ashore at Potter's Cove where they were served steaming hot bowls of quahog chowder, compliments of Mr. Pipe's Restaurant on Eldred Avenue. A total of 300 bowls was ladled up to warm the swimmers. (The headline says 100 swimmers made the 6th annual crossing.)

#### From the Newport Daily News, August 3, 1982

Wheels, a parade of Jamestown vehicles from the 1880's to the 1950's, is the theme of this year's special exhibit at the Jamestown Historical Society Museum on Narragansett Avenue.

#### 15 years ago

#### From the Jamestown Press, July 30, 1992

The grandchildren and great grandchildren of publisher J. Bertram Lippincott (1857-1940) are donating the Reading Room of the new addition of the Jamestown Philomenian Library as a memorial to the prominent Jamestown summer resident.

Town Council members Monday unanimously endorsed a revised plan that proposes to build recreation fields on 8 acres of land at the intersection of Eldred Avenue and East Shore Road.

#### 10 years ago

#### From the Jamestown Press, July 31, 1997

Proposed plans to extend East Ferry's steel pier and make it accessible to ferryboats were defeated Monday night. After considerable discussion accompanied by applause and occasional jeers from an audience of about 135 residents, the Town Council voted 4-1 not to accept a \$840,000 federal transportation grant that could only be used to make the town-owned steel pier a docking place for privately-owned, 49-foot commuter ferryboats.

More islanders on the municipal water system are turning to wells for water in the wake of the town's recent water conservation restrictions.

Nearly 200 swimmers made the plunge last Saturday in this year's Jantzen's Save The Bay Swim.