



# Schedule of Events

## Saturday Aug. 11

Jamestown Historical Society Museum open and Land Agreement on display, JHS museum, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Windmill Open, Windmill Hill, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Night for the Light, Fox Hill Farm, 6 – 11 p.m., \$65

Town Hall, 1:15 p.m.  
 Parade, Narragansett Avenue, form at Lawn Avenue School, 12:15 p.m., Parade starts, 1 p.m.  
 Greg Abate Concert, East Ferry Square, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Bands at the Bunker Family Picnic, Ft. Wetherill, 2 – 7 p.m.  
 BankNewport Historic Sunset Cruise, East Ferry, 6 – 8 p.m., \$10

## Sunday Aug. 12

Windmill Open, Windmill Hill, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Jamestown Historical Society Museum open and Land Agreement on display, JHS museum, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Town Hall Dedication and Tree Planting,

## Monday Aug. 13

Windmill Open, Windmill Hill, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Jamestown Historical Society Museum open and Land Agreement on display, JHS museum, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Quononoquott Garden Club Tea and Delicacies, community center, 2 – 4 p.m., \$3.50

## Tuesday Aug. 14

Jamestown Historical Society Museum open and Land Agreement on display, JHS museum, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Windmill Open, Windmill Hill, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 Agricultural History of Jamestown Tour, Watson Farm, 4 p.m.  
 BankNewport Historic Sunset Cruise, East Ferry, 6 – 8 p.m., \$10

## Wednesday Aug. 15

Chalk around the Block, community center, Noon – 3 p.m., \$5  
 Quest and Questions History Hunt, register at community center, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., \$3.50  
 Jamestown Historical Society Museum open and Land Agreement on display, JHS museum, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 BankNewport Historic Sunset Cruise, East Ferry, 6 – 8 p.m., \$10  
 Teen Movie Night, community center, 6 – 9 p.m.

## Thursday Aug. 16

Historic Walking Tour of Narragansett, Jamestown Museum, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
 Quest and Questions History Hunt, register at community center, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., \$3.50  
 Jamestown Historical Society Museum open and Land Agreement on display, JHS museum, 1 – 4 p.m.  
 BankNewport Historic Sunset Cruise, East Ferry, 6 – 8 p.m., \$10  
 Jamestown Historical Society Annual Meeting and Presentation on Jamestown Bridge Demolition, 7:30 p.m.

# Celebration

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but he did say he was pleased with the number of people and organizations that have volunteered to take part.

Participants will gather in the Lawn Avenue School parking lot at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, and the parade will step off at 1 p.m. It will stop at the new town hall for the dedication ceremony and tree planting and then proceed down Narragansett Avenue to East Ferry.

Everyone will be invited back to view the interior of the town hall and have refreshments at the conclusion of the parade.

Town Council President David Long said the events surrounding the 350 week, and the town hall dedication in particular, strike a chord with him.

“This whole thing is remarkable and notable to me from the fact that I am a Jamestown and I have a share in the heritage of this island,” Long said. “It has always been a special place.”

Long said it will be a pleasure to be on the first council to hold a meeting in the new town hall. “The town hall is a nod to the heritage of the island, with the character of the past in the old building, and it captures the essence of the town in an important way,” he said.

Before cross-island highways and bridges dotted the landscape, visitors came to the island by boat and BankNewport will bring back those shoreline images of yesteryear with four, two-hour sunset cruises around Jamestown’s shoreline on Monday through Thursday evenings. Historical sites can be taken in while relaxing aboard boats that will depart from East Ferry at 6 p.m. each evening.

A good old family-style picnic, complete with a pie eating contest, sack races, face painting and music can be found on Aug. 13, from

2 to 7 p.m. at Fort Wetherill.

“The teens really wanted to make a contribution to the whole celebration, so we came up with the picnic idea,” Melissa Minto, teen coordinator, said. “They will be running the games and everyone can just come out and have a great time.”

There would not be an anniversary celebration if the settlers had not been interested in Conanicut Island from an agricultural standpoint, and Don Minto will be presenting an “Agricultural history of Jamestown” tour on Aug. 14 on Watson Farm at 4 p.m.

Don Minto is going to focus on the continuum of agriculture from pre-settlement to current efforts to preserve Jamestown’s remaining farmland.

History will come alive starting on Aug. 15 with the “Our History: Quest and Questions” island hunt. The search will take people to different historical sites around the island, where participants will look for answers to questions involving some well-known and some little-known island history facts.

“We really wanted to make it a fun learning experience that anyone can do,” Rosemary Enright, president of the Jamestown Historical Society, said. “It is something families can do together and people will be surprised about the things they didn’t know about right in their own backyard.”

Teens from the teen center did the investigative work, visiting sites and coming up with questions, and then they collaborated with the historical society to format them in a fun, fact-filled booklet.

“It is something everyone can do on their own time. They don’t have to do it all in one day and there will be prizes at the end,” Melissa Minto said.

Be sure to look in next week’s Press for information about the final four days of the 350th week.

## Sen. Reed secures \$170,000 to clean up the bay debris

In an effort to clean up Narragansett Bay and remove hazardous marine debris from the shoreline, U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) announced last week a \$170,000 federal grant for Rhode Island. This funding, which comes from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will be used to involve community members in hands-on marine debris removal efforts along the Rhode Island shoreline and educate the public on marine debris issues and prevention.

“I am pleased that Rhode Island and Clean the Bay will receive this federal funding. Marine debris is a major problem in Narragansett Bay. This type of pollution interferes with boating safety, harms coastal industries, kills marine mammals, and poses a threat to human health,” said Reed. “This grant will help our communities in the upper bay restore the watershed for the people, fish, and wildlife that depend on the ecosystem. Clean the Bay is building partnerships across the state and will use this federal investment to remove large debris from our waters and the shoreline.”

Clean The Bay is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the safety and attractiveness of Narragansett Bay and the Rhode Island shoreline. The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management estimates that there could be 530 tons of debris in the upper bay.

“Narragansett Bay is an estuary of national significance and provides vital habitat to fish and wildlife. It should not be the dumping ground for marine debris. I hope that the education and outreach provided by this grant will convince everyone to do their part to keep our bay clean and healthy,” said Reed.

## Two awarded Swinburne grants

Thirty Newport County women are continuing their educations this fall with scholarships totaling \$56,750 from the Miss Swinburne Fund at The Rhode Island Foundation.

The fund memorializes Elizabeth H. Swinburne, who established a school in her Newport home to educate young women in the science and skills of household arts. From Jamestown, Danielle Brown will study early childhood education at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. Erin Brown, who will also attend Cedarville University, will study nursing.

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