

LETTERS

Continued from page 6

because of the opposition of wealthy neighbors. To this I say hogwash. The last five councils have studied this problem to death and have spent a lot of taxpayer money trying to find a site that will placate the North End Concerned Citizens. They have been unable to find any site that will accommodate the highway department's operation as well as Lot 47 will. And, they have found that a highway barn can be built and operated on Lot 47 without endangering the groundwater.

In all this time the council has not found the will to build the barn on Lot 47. We should not give up before we even try. We owe it to our highway department and ourselves to build the barn where it will be the most functional and least expensive. That's at Lot 47. It can be done. We just have to do it.

Step one is to vote against the Taylor Point barn on Aug. 28. Step two will be to vote for the Lot 47 barn on Nov. 6. Let's do it.

Dennis Webster
Mt. Hope Avenue

Chief Sachem and the 350th

I would guess that many people believe the 350th Celebration marks the anniversary year of the

purchase of Jamestown by colonists from the local Indian leader, Conanicus. This is not accurate. Conanicus died years before 1657, and the name "Jamestown," (in Rhode Island) did NOT exist until 1678, when it was incorporated.

We will be celebrating next week the 350th anniversary of the purchase of Quononaquutt Island, by Benedict Arnold, William Codrington, and others, from the Chief Sachem and Commander of the Indians of Narragansett, Cashanaquont. The purchase price? "One hundred pounds Sterling and several gifts of value beforehand received." April 17, 1657.

The Land Agreement, the contract among the 100 colonists on how they would divide up the island, was also written in 1657, but ratified the following year.

Source of information: RI State Archives (Transcribed copy of recorded deed of sale) and Jamestown Town Hall (Land Evidence, Book 1, page 11).

Nancy Logan
Jamestown

Causing our own air quality issues

As we swelter through yet another week of steamy tropical air here in Jamestown, the reality of our situation bores in like a tick bite. The degree-day data—a yardstick of year-to-year temperature averages—reveals yet another "above

average" temperature profile.

Last January, we had daffodils blooming, and orange hazy sunsets. Temperatures at that point were breaking all records. The polar ice cap—that great battery of cold that has moderated our climate for millennia has vanished by 40 percent since 1960. It's expected to disappear completely in the next few decades.

Our climate is changing fast—much faster than anyone predicted. So far, other than hotter summers and warm wet winters, Jamestown has been relatively unscathed. I fear that the good luck streak can't last.

Every day, by way of our current lifestyles, we pump hundreds of tons of greenhouse gasses into the air that we breathe. During these times of stagnant air, the limitations of our atmosphere are apparent.

There have been an increasing number of "Ozone Alert" days in Rhode Island these are times when our own effluent lingers to poison us instead of blowing away to poison others downwind. Air is a fluid. Air pollution is like floating sewage that we draw into our bodies by breathing. During July and August, we are in a river of airborne sewage that is dumped in by electric utilities and millions of gas guzzling automobiles 24 hours downwind of us in Virginia and the Carolinas. This is why the haze comes in off the ocean, our rain is more acid than orange juice, and boats left at moorings for a few weeks get covered in black. It's why asthma is such a problem for today's children.

Thirteen miles north of Jamestown lies the largest source of air pollution in the northeast. The coal-fired power plant at Brayton Point in Somerset, Mass. is equivalent to a half million automobiles running 24/7 year round. During times of still air in summer, the effects are palpable—the smog stagnates making breathing difficult.

This together with all of the gigantic SUVs racing around the island is why we have the eighth worst air quality in the country—right here in Jamestown. One American SUV or full sized pickup pollutes at five to ten times the rate of a smaller car.

Drivers: If you care about yourself or your children, you know what to do. Sell the SUV. Electricity users: You can pay a little bit extra each month for clean power; read about it on your electric bill.

Does a Katrina have to destroy Jamestown in order to get our attention? The writing is on the wall—it is up to us to be responsible for ourselves. To learn more go to: Airmow.gov, Cleartheair.org, Clf.org or Ripower.org.

Will Tuthill
Jamestown

Striper club extends thanks

On behalf of the Jamestown Striper Club, I wish to thank all the kids, parents and grandparents who made the annual Kids Fishing Derby memorable.

Special thanks to Art's Auto Body, who provided the trophies and has done so for many years, and to Quaker Lane Bait and Tackle for supplying the bait.

With the many club members manning the weigh-in station and the food tent, we all had a great day and continue to appreciate our fine community.

Bill Levin
President, Jamestown Striper Club

Basketball camp a huge success

The recent Jamestown Recreation Department youth summer basketball camp was a huge success and I would like to take a few minutes to thank those who helped. First of all, thanks to the participants. Some 34 strong showed up on day one and endured the fast pace of basketball drills, sprints, foot-fire drills and more. Their desire to work hard and improve their basketball skills was impressive. Thanks also to our camp coaches; Christian Tiexiera, Kyra Reppe, Ashley Smith, Brian Rubino, Tom Stacom, Michael McDermott and Steve Santos. This group of coaches worked extremely hard to ensure the camp participants completed each skill station. We were fortunate to have Coach Eric Bush as our camp leader. Coach Bush conveyed his basketball knowledge and fundamentals to the camp participants and the camp was a success largely because of his hard work, organizational skills and enthusiasm for teaching our youth. Thanks again to all the coaches and I look forward to this popular camp next year. If any parents would like to forward suggestions, please feel free to call me at the recreation center at 423-7260 or email wpiva@jamestownri.net.

William J. Piva Jr
Interim Director
Jamestown Parks and Recreation

Thanks for help with library sale

Another fabulous book sale at the Jamestown library! In addition to generating funds for the library "extras," the book sale helps our community to make room for even more books to fill their shelves. Like the Academy Awards, first we'd like to thank Dee Hellewell and Diana Luth who slave away all year long organizing the thousands of books, videos, audios and

a few DVD's generously donated by all of you. Special thanks to McQuade's Market for their donation of plastic grocery bags.

Thanks to Sue Fay, Bob Horan and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church who provide the extra tables and to Sue Fay for her truck and Chris, Michael and Diane Wright who helped move the tables and set them up. Five hardy Boy Scouts, Zach and Brian Volpe, James Perry, Eric Archibald and Alexander Karentz hauled the books from the basement, along with Joe Mendelsohn and Oliver Allaux.

Set-up, organizing, cashier duty, and clean-up was generously donated by the following people: Anna Templeton-Cottill, Isabel Coyle, Ginny Saunders, Susan Lutes, Ann Zartler, Sara Bobola, Marcie Lindsay, Dee Hellewell, Ann Marie Deffley, Diana Luth, Jane Bentley, Deb Foppert, Jackie Woodside, Sue Fay, Bev Rudman, Alma and Eva Davenport, Trish Van Cleef, Judy Smith, Julia Montminy, Eleanor Hanson, Ashley Britton, Leslie Handy, Jodi Woodside, Rosemary Woodside, Ann Livingston, Paula Florentino, Laura Clark, Audrey and Kevin Flanagan, Susan Aresti and Jace Scalora. At the end of the sale, when we were up against a deadline to clean out the meeting hall, staff member Deborah Homer and volunteers Joe Mendelsohn, Sue Fay, Eleanor Hanson, Bev Rudman and Jace Scalora were lifesavers.

Forgive me if I have left anyone out. Because we are so fortunate to have so many volunteers, it is sometimes difficult to keep track of all of them and their contributions.

We hope everyone who came to the sale found something of value.

Judy Bell
Director, Jamestown Philomenian Library

Art exhibit helpers praised

The CIAA's annual art exhibit may be the most important event we hold each year. Each member artist is invited to have their best work hung in the community center for everyone to enjoy.

This opportunity simply wouldn't happen without many helping hands. The most generous hands belong to Tania Biddle who, along with Barbara Hutchison, organized and managed a wonderful show. Priscilla Foley also worked every day. Thank you to the volunteers who helped in so many ways to get the show ready: Gail Bolger, Prim Bullock, Katy Grimes, Martha Milot, Carol Gates, Lois Shapleigh, Sylvia Quinn, Karen Imbriale, Josy Wright, Wendy Crooks, Don Gillis, Kevin Somerville, Jeremy Swain, Hal Krider,

See "Letters" on page 10

What a client recently said about our design services:

"...gave us usable, creative options for the room..."

Call today so that you can say the same.

taste

renovation planning
interior design
decoration

34 Narragansett Avenue
tastedesigninc.com
423.3639

True Value
Help is Just Around The Corner.

SUPER HARDWARE STORE

- Paint & Supplies
- Cabot Stains
- Electrical
- Plumbing & Heating
- Glass & Screen Repair
- Lumber

Hours:
M-F 7am - 6pm
Sat 7am - 5pm
Sun 9am - 3pm

1 STOP BUILDING SUPPLY CENTER

847-8460
236 Connell Highway, Newport

Quality & Friendly service
is our speciality

Newport's Favorite Harbor Cruises



MADELEINE
847-0298

See more of Newport and Narragansett Bay with Classic Cruises of Newport. Sail aboard the classic 72 ft. schooner MADELEINE or cruise the Bay aboard our high-speed Prohibition era Motor Yacht RUMRUNNER II. Both tours depart daily from Bannister's Wharf in the heart of Newport's historic waterfront. Come yachting with us on Narragansett Bay.

- Cruise ARABELLA, New England's only sailing cruise yacht with 5 night cruises to Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and the Islands. Also available for corporate and private charters.

www.cruisewport.com
WINTERS IN THE CARIBBEAN,
SPRING & SUMMER IN THE CHESAPEAKE.



RUMRUNNER II
847-0299



ARABELLA
849-3033

\$3 Off With this Coupon

Mooring service / installations Dock design / construction

Boat storage / services / Dockage
Retail dock hardware and mooring tackle.

Rhode Island Mooring Services, Inc.

Annual Service & Inspections to Moorings - New Installations
Compliance with "Mooring Location Verification"
for Jamestown 2007 Inspections

Call for Quotes & Rates
Phone: 423-1676 Fax: 295-4718
Email: rims@rimoorings.com

Established 1985

