

About Town

View the fireworks, hear the music

Naval Station Newport will present the "Salute to Summer," concert and fireworks extravaganza on Dewey Field, featuring the Navy Band Northeast and opening act Soul Power, beginning at 5 p.m., Friday, Aug. 31.

Soul Power will get the music started with their 11-piece band, featuring vocalist David Cherry, performing the hits of James Brown, Earth, Wind and Fire, and Sly and the Family Stone to name a few. At approximately 7:30 p.m., the Navy Band Northeast Concert Band will take the stage to perform patriotic marches, light concert pieces, as well as swing and classic rock and roll. The program will include a salute to veterans of all services.

The evening will culminate with a spectacular fireworks display beginning just after dark, at approximately 9:15 p.m.

The concert is free and the public is invited as guests of the commanding officer. Concert audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets.

Due to increased security measures, no coolers, backpacks, glass bottles, or pets will be allowed on the naval complex.

The general public should enter Naval Station Newport through Gate One, the main entrance near

the Officers' Club, beginning at 4 p.m.

Music, concession sales, and games for kids at Dewey Field will begin at 5 p.m. The Naval War College Museum will remain open with extended hours that evening in support of the event. The concert rain date is Saturday, Sept. 1. The concert and fireworks are sponsored by Newport Life Magazine, United Rentals, Dunkin Donuts, Budweiser, Home Depot, Phillips Foods and USAA.

Cruise to the vintage car show

Vintage car enthusiasts have something to look forward to this weekend. The annual Jamestown Seaside Family Cruise will be at Ft. Getty on Sunday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In recent years, some 200 classic cars have made the trip to Jamestown to park on the hill overlooking the bay. On beautiful, sunny days, the chrome just gleams at that location. According to organizer Art Washburn, of Art's Auto Body, the Jamestown show has become a favorite of car owners around the state because the location is so picturesque, the breeze feels great and the event is laid back.

Admission for spectators is free, and car owners will pay \$10 to enter the show. Trophies will

be given to "top picks," as chosen by the trophy sponsors, Washburn said.

This is the eighth year that Washburn, his wife Jan, and helpers from the auto body staff have organized the show, Washburn said.

The Portuguese American Citizens' Club will sell refreshments at their booth, and oldies DJ Bruce Palmer will be spinning tunes throughout the day.

All proceeds will be given to various charities, Washburn said.

For more information, call Art at 423-1897.

Chorus to perform Saturday night

The Men's Chorus of Jamestown will present its annual concert on Saturday, Sept. 1. The popular group, formerly known as the Jamestown All-Guy Choir, will present a fun evening of music and just a bit of silliness. The chorus is under the direction of founder B.J. Whitehouse, who is in his fifteenth season. Whitehouse will lead the chorus in a program of serious choral music and a generous smattering of not-so-serious music.

The public is invited to say good-bye to summer with some good old-fashioned fun in this family-oriented concert. And, of course, the audience will get a chance to join in during the sing-along portion of the program.

The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the community center, 41 Conanicus Ave. in Jamestown.

Tickets will be available at the door, or by calling 423-1574 for reservations. Ticket prices are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. Check the website at: www.jamestownri.com/ifdss/men for more information.

School starts next week on island

In Jamestown, classes for students in grades 1 to 8 will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 8:15 a.m. Students in kindergarten and pre-K will have an orientation on Sept. 5 and will begin classes the following day, Sept. 6.

All orientations will be on Sept. 5. Kindergarten students will meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Pre-K students who attend Tuesday and Thursday sessions will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. Pre-K students who attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday sessions will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and those who attend afternoon sessions will meet from noon to 1 p.m. All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The first day of school for students attending North Kingstown High School was yesterday, with the opening bell at 7:25 a.m.

Computer help offered

The Jamestown library offers a weekly program of computer assistance to members of the Jamestown community.

On Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Robert Edgar and Robert Umbenhauer, two retired information technology specialists, will be available at the library to provide help with questions regarding home computers. From basic information on getting started with a computer, signing up for an e-mail account to downloading software, these two volunteers can guide people through most problems. The service is on a first-come, first serve basis and is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 423-7280.

Around-the-Island race Sunday

The Conanicut Yacht Club will host their annual Around-the-Island Race on Sunday, Sept. 2, starting with the small boats at 9:55 a.m.

There will be an informal barbeque and awards ceremony following the race at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$17 at the door.

Registrations are required by 5 p.m., today, Thursday, Aug. 30.

For more information or race rules, visit the CYC Web site at www.conanicutyachtclub.com.

Visiting Nurses at the library

The Visiting Nurse Services of Newport and Bristol Counties hold free blood pressure clinics the first Thursday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Jamestown library, 26 North Main Rd., Jamestown.

The next clinic will be on Sept. 6 in the Sydney L. Wright Museum room.

These free clinics are provided by the Visiting Nurse Service as part of their effort to improve health outcomes in the community.

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