

Town Hall

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The West Street pre-entry way features a patio with outdoor seating.

Using the Narragansett approach, town customers will come immediately to the area for the town clerk, where incumbent Arlene Pettit will oversee the handling of all land, vital statistic and municipal action records. Approaching from West Street, visitors will cross the corridor past rest rooms, another town office suite, the maintenance stall, a staff room and a section for land record users before reaching the central town clerk's area.

In the corridor across from the town clerk's area is the elevator to the second floor where the town administrator has an executive suite in the front of the building, and several municipal officials, as well as public works with its water and sewer department responsibilities, are located in the rear of the second level.

New furniture for the offices was being delivered there this week.

As of Monday's preview, provisions for historic memorabilia display and for rotating exhibits of local art, were still to be completed. No plans were being made to show

off the accommodations of the full basement for record and historic item vaults and general storage.

In preparation for occupation of the new town hall, the temporary town hall, located the past year at the municipal golf course building, will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, as workers move their papers and themselves into the new Town Hall complex. Town offices at Southwest Avenue will be open three days next week for limited business, and then close forever after Thursday.

William Burgin, a Jamestown resident, is the Newport-based, award-winning architect who designed the town hall complex. Town Administrator Bruce Keiser reported that the town and contractor kept costs within the voter approved \$3 million budget.

Early municipal centers were called town houses and rotated among private offices, homes, and school rooms. Town Houses, as official meeting halls, were first mentioned on North (North Main) Road in 1845. When the second North Road house was destroyed by fire, the town took its offices to a building at Camp Meade, established on the island in 1863. That structure also burned down, and the town moved into "a precut

building" with assembly and library rooms, at Four Corners. The immediate past, and apparently first official Town Hall, was built in 1883.

Offices to operate out of the new town hall are: Town Clerk, Probate, Canvassers, Planning, Tax Assessor, Building and Zoning, Harbor, Finance, Tax Collector, Water and Sewer, Public Works, Town Engineer and Town Administration.

After the relocation, all departments can be reached by calling 423-7200.

Autumn faire for kids at museum

The Autumn Faire at the South County Museum is set for this Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Among the offerings for children is a chance to help pirates hunt for treasure, meet the village smithy, and a chance to try their hand as a printer's devil.

The museum's farm animals, including Rhody, one of the Rhode Island Red roosters, will make appearances throughout the day.

The Penny Candy Store will be open for business. Kids will learn how to make homemade ice cream, and try their hand at cranking the old-fashioned ice cream maker. The Atwater-Donnelly Duo will offer music and games for children of all ages.

Admission and parking are free, but donations will be appreciated.

For more information, check the museum's website at www.southcountymuseum.org.



If only she would kiss me

This amorous frog sat by the mermaid sculpture at Chris and Candy Powell's fish pond for two days, looking adoringly at her.

Photo by Chris Powell

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