

About Town

Buy luminaries to help Troop 1

Jamestown Troop 1 Boy Scouts are sponsoring Jamestown's third annual "Starry Night," to be held Dec. 1, the same night as the tree lighting.

At 4:30 p.m., participating Jamestown businesses and residences will light up their walkways, steps, entrances, etc. with rows of luminaries provided by Troop 1. The result is a magical winter scene for pedestrians and other passers-by. Businesses that help sponsor lighting in a public space will have their name included in a thank you letter in the Jamestown Press after the event.

The following areas are available as adopt-a-spots: The seawall along Conanicus Avenue (\$100), Shoreby Hill Green (\$100), the Jamestown Police Station (\$100), the Recreation Center (\$50), Veterans Memorial Square (\$100), the Post Office (\$50), the fire station (\$40), Jamestown Troop 1 choice (\$25).

All adopt-a-spot locations will be set up and collected at the end

of the evening by members of Troop 1. Individual luminary kits, which include the makings of 10 luminaries, are available for purchase for \$10, by calling Diane Archibald at 423-3094.

Kits must be ordered by Nov. 27 and all proceeds will benefit Troop 1.

Self defense for women offered

Sign up now for a self-defense class for women.

The Jamestown Police Department is offering a Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Class. This is a basic self-defense class for women of all ages. The four-day class will be held Dec. 2 to 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Jamestown Recreation Center, 41 Conanicus Ave. The class is being sponsored by the Jamestown Police Officers Benevolent Association. The class is offered free of charge. Anyone interested should call Officer Karen Catlow at the Jamestown Police Station. Space is limited.

Celebrate Dickinson's birthday

A celebration of Emily Dickinson's birthday will take place at Jamestown Philomenian library on Thursday, Dec. 6 and Friday, Dec. 7.

The poet was born Dec. 10, 1830 in Amherst, Massachusetts. She lived there her whole life and died there in 1886.

On Thursday evening at 7 p.m. there will be both an Emily Dickinson look-a-like contest and a screening of a film by Rhode Island filmmaker, Jim Wolpaw, "Loaded Gun: Life, and Death, and Dickinson." A review from PBS' Independent Lens: "Hundreds of scholars and biographers have tried to explain the life and



Emily Dickinson

work of Emily Dickinson, but the famously reclusive poet remains an enigma. In 'Loaded Gun' stumped filmmaker Wolpaw uses a decidedly unorthodox approach to create a documentary about the writer whose beautiful, haunting and cryptic poetry has never quite squared with her reputation as a sensitive spinster. Wolpaw's efforts to illuminate this ethereal subject - more than 150 years after

her death - yield some hilariously frustrating results." The film is for a teen and adult audience.

On Friday afternoon, beginning at 3 p.m. there will be celebration of Emily Dickinson for children. First there will be an opportunity for children to recite their favorite Emily Dickinson poem and to participate in an Emily Dickinson look-a-like contest.

At 3:30 pm there will be a gingerbread cookie decorating workshop for children ages 5 and up.

According to the Amherst Bulletin, "Emily Dickinson is famed for the gingerbread she would lower from her bedroom window down to the neighbor kids in a basket tied with twine. But few know that in 1856 the poet took Second Place in the Rye and Indian Bread Competition at the annual Cattle Show on the town common."

Visit or call the library at 423-7280 to register for the gingerbread cookie program, which is sponsored by the Friends of Jamestown Philomenian Library.

For the record

In last week's planning commission story, the Randall Gallery building was reported to be moved in a major land development on Narragansett Avenue. The gallery building will not be moved, but will be incorporated and attached with a new construction to the east. The mansard-roofed building to the east of the gallery will be moved back and facing Howland Avenue. The three buildings will be located on two parcels of land.

In the Nov. 8 edition of the Press, it was incorrectly stated that the Teen Center was funded by a \$5,000 per year grant. The grant, from the Rhode Island Foundation, was for \$50,000 per year for three years.



From our family to yours,



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jamestown fitness

In the spring of 2006, I joined Jamestown Fitness Center. Although an avid walker for most of my life, at the age of 65, I felt I needed to do more. After a year and a half at the fitness center, I wonder how much I have missed through the years by not doing this much earlier.

Today I no longer stiffen up after sitting for a period of time. I feel stronger and fitter, my posture is better, I am a happier person and life is brighter each day. Mostly I don't feel so vulnerable to growing older.



My blood pressure has dropped dramatically (including no longer taking medication) and my pulse rate is lower than it has been in years.

Thanks to Barbara Lundy for creating Jamestown Fitness - so very convenient for Jamestowners. Barbara maintains an excellent level of cleanliness and her equipment is always in good working order. She is helpful, encouraging, and always has a smile. Another bonus has been meeting friendly and committed people who regularly work out. Jamestown Fitness is definitely a great way to start my day.

Ginny Saunders — October 26, 2007

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