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re-design the pump system.”

The letter went on to say that the DOT anticipated the project to go out for bid in September of 2008, but it did not indicate when the project would be completed. The director did, however, say that the maintenance division would continue to perform “routine repairs to the existing pump system to ensure that water levels remain low in an effort to prevent storm water from being discharged towards the public water

supply.”

In the wastewater treatment plant section of his report, Goslee indicated that the permitted flow for the monthly average at the treatment plant is 730,000 gallons per day and that presently the flow is averaging 300,000 gallons per day, indicating a dry period.

In other business, Goslee presented a revised drawing of the water treatment facility trails that proposed moving the parking lot to an area just north of its present location. The water treatment plant will be fenced in and locked for security reasons. The trail from the new parking area will go along

the north side of the enclosed water treatment plant, around the back and continue as it did before. The osprey observation platform can be located within easy access of the parking area.

The councilors agreed that the plan would work, and voted 3-0 for approval.

In a separate matter, the council postponed the discussion of the town owned wood pile pier at East Ferry until the April 28 meeting because Bill Munger, whose company leases the marina from the town was not available.



Changing of the guard

The Rocket 'Hogz accept the seed money for the Jamestown fireworks fund from the Rocket Dawgz.

Photo by Andrea vonHohenleiten



Spring cleaning

Members of Christine Bernardo's fifth grade class clean up the area around Lawn Avenue School in honor of earth day.

Photo by Andrea vonHohenleiten

Help available with prescription drug costs

This week, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance – a nationwide effort sponsored by America's pharmaceutical research companies – is celebrating its third anniversary of helping uninsured and financially-struggling Americans get access to the medicines they need for free or nearly free. Since its launch in April 2005, the PPA has helped nearly 5 million patients nationwide, including more than 15,000 people in Rhode Island. The PPA's sister program, Rx for Rhode Island, has helped more than 18,000 people. Also in that time, the PPA bus tour, the “Help is Here Express,” has visited all 50 states and more than 2,000 cities to educate people about patient assistance programs.

“For three years, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance has been a resounding success, and it continues to help thousands of patients every day,” said Billy Tauzin, President and CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA). “No one's helped by a medicine that sits

on the shelf and is out of reach financially. We're not going to stop after three years, and we will keep coming back to Rhode Island as long as there are people who need our help.”

Over 2,500 different brand name and generic prescription medicines are available through participating patient assistance programs. In addition, the PPA provides information on nearly 10,000 free health care clinics and has connected more than 135,000 patients with clinics and health care providers in their communities.

The “Help is Here Express” is staffed by trained specialists able to quickly help uninsured patients in need access information on more than 475 patient assistance programs, including nearly 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies. When the “Help is Here Express” moves on, patients can visit PPA's easy-to-use Web site (www.pparx.org) or call the toll-free phone number 1-888-477-2669 where trained operators field calls in 150 languages.



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