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## ABOUT TOWN

### Sheep shearing is a sure sign of spring

Celebrate Spring at Watson Farm's annual Sheep Shearing Day to be held this Saturday, May 10, from noon to 4 p.m.

Located in Jamestown, Historic New England invites the public to this special pre-season Open Farm Day at Watson Farm. It is a great opportunity to watch sheep being shorn, meet the baby lambs and see baby chicks. New this year is the "Watson Farm Quest" a hunt for clues that will take visitors through the farms scenic pastures and down to the shores of Narragansett Bay. The Quest was created by Jamestown students who will be on hand to get everyone started.

Spinners and weavers will be on hand to show their skill in the fiber arts. Admission is \$10 per car. Parking is limited.

The Watson Farm is a 265-acre working farm located at 455 North Main Rd. It is owned by Historic New England, a museum of cultural history. Historic New England preserves, interprets and collects buildings, landscapes and objects reflecting New England life from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the present for the enjoy-

ment of all.

The Watson Farm opens for the season in June. The hours are June 1 to Oct. 15, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students, six and under are free.

### Church needs items for festival yard sale

The annual June Festival at the Central Baptist Church will be Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Donations of items to sell will be accepted beginning Saturday, May 17.

Requested donations include gently used games and toys; wooden and wicker furniture, books and DVDs, jewelry; plants and garden equipment; artwork and decorative items, housewares in good condition, vintage items and small rugs. Clothing, upholstered furniture, and large appliances will not be accepted.

CBC's building, which is located at 99 Narragansett Ave., will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, beginning May 17. Pick up of larger items also may be arranged by calling the church office at 423-1651 from 9 a.m. to noon on weekdays.

### Town Council to hold workshop on recycling

The Town Council will hold a public work session on Tuesday, May 13, at 3 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss options to increase recycling and reduce the volume of solid waste transported to the Central Landfill.

Currently, the Town recycles 21 percent of residential trash through

curbside pickup and at the Transfer Station.

The Council is exploring methods to expand the amount of recycled trash in order to meet the state mandate of 28.25 percent annual recycling rate beginning July 1.

By 2012, the State threshold for recycling will reach 35 percent.

The work session will include staff from the RI Resource Recovery Corporation.

### Takasawa plays piano concert this Sunday

Manabu Takasawa, praised for his "sensitive touch" by the Washington Post and his "beautiful sound" by Musica Nova magazine (Japan), will perform a varied program of piano classics at the final Jamestown Community Piano Association concert of the season this Sunday, May 11, at 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church.

Takasawa is associate professor of music at the University of Rhode Island and an internationally known pianist and music scholar. He has charmed Jamestown audiences at earlier recitals, most recently as the second pair of hands in the duet performance of Igor Stravinsky's Three Movements from Petrouchka at the Hiroshi Taguchi concert in March.

The Jamestown Community Piano, purchased by public subscription in November 2001, is a seven-foot Schimmel grand. The Jamestown Community Piano Association is an organization whose purpose is to maintain the piano for use by the community and to present concerts that feature the piano. The concerts are free. Donations for piano maintenance and performance support are appreciated.

For further information, call 423-0515.

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