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A few simple ways you can save money

These days our household costs are increasing so fast that we can't keep up. A gallon of gas is out of sight. Heating oil makes last year's prices a real deal. Electricity rates just took a big hike. The expense of getting rid of our trash costs more than the garbage.

What can one do to save money?

Drive less. Walking, bicycling, car pooling or taking the bus will have a direct impact on your wallet. Combine your errands into one trip instead of several. Check the tires on your auto. Proper tire pressure will give you much better gas mileage. Get your engine tuned up.

Insulate your home. Make sure there is adequate insulation in your walls and attic. Replace broken windows. Use weather stripping to stop those cold air leaks. These are simple measures that will pay huge dividends and your home will be more comfortable this winter.

Turn off the lights around your house. Shut down the computer. All of those electronic gadgets that have glowing lights are sucking up electricity. If nothing else works to turn off the glowing lights, unplug the gadgets when they are not in use. If you have an older refrigerator, consider replacing it with an energy-saver model.

Finally, recycle, recycle, recycle.

We used to hear that we needed to recycle to save the earth. Our landfills were running out of room and there was a limit to our supply of natural resources. Recycling was green. Recycling was good.

Well, all of that remains true.

In today's economy, recycling hits even closer to the home budget because it saves big money. The costs of dumping our garbage at the upstate landfill just increased by 17 percent. And the state also charges the town an additional premium when our community's landfill quota is exceeded.

That means you are paying more to have your garbage hauled away whether it is done by Island Rubbish or you take your trash to the north end transfer station. Everything costs money these days.

It costs the town nothing for the recycling. Last year Jamestown ranked 11th in the state in recycling. Even so, last year the town saved about \$80,000 through your recycling efforts.

It's clear that we can do better. Be sure that you are doing everything possible at home and at work to recycle. Set aside the plastics, newspapers and cardboard for recycling pickup. Be sure you are recycling the right plastics. Only those with the numbers 1 and 2 can be recycled. If the container neck is smaller than the base, it can be recycled. All other plastics, unfortunately, must be tossed in the trash.

Recycle. You'll be helping the earth and saving yourself a few bucks.

Every dollar counts these days.

— Jeff McDonough



Skatefest 2008 a big success

The Jamestown Teen Center would like to thank everyone who made Skatefest 2008 such a successful event.

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Debbie Tungett
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Jamestown Teen Center

So many fools to thank

On behalf of the Jamestown Yacht Club, I would like to thank everyone who

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This week in Island history

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Week of September 4

100 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, September 1, 1908

As is usual at the first of September, a large number of hotel guests have left during the last two days for their winter homes.

From the Newport Daily News, September 2, 1908

Fishing from the rocks at Beavertail has not been up to the average standard this season, until yesterday, when the fish seem to have struck in, Mr. E. G. Littlefield making a record catch of more than 100 fine tautog.

From the Newport Daily News, September 3, 1908

The Western Union Telegraph office here has closed for the season.

The unusual sight of a horse chestnut tree in bloom in September can be seen on Mr. S. G. Carr's place on the Shore road, where the top of a tree of that species is in full bloom, almost four months after the usual time.

From the Newport Daily News, September 4, 1908

Carter's Inn, better known by its old name of Prospect House, a small hotel on Greene lane, which has not been open the past season, was sold today at public auction. It was struck off to Mr. J. T. Allen of Newport for \$5,000.

75 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, September 1, 1933

(At the Town Council meeting) the town treasurer was authorized to hire the sum of \$5,000 for a period of two months, with further renewals if necessary, said note issued in anticipation of taxes assessed as of June 15, 1933, the money so hired to be used and expended on payment of the current

expenses of the town.

The committee on Mackerel Cove beach reported that the beach had been cleaned; voted that the committee be authorized to spend no more than \$15 in further cleaning.

From the Newport Daily News, September 6, 1933

W. C. Simpson of Jamestown has returned from a seven weeks' cruise on the Allison V. Armour yacht, Utawana, which arrived in Newport Tuesday. Mr. Armour was on a scientific expedition to Labrador, and Newport was the first port of call after leaving the north.

The Saunders house at Saundertown, built over 40 years ago, and operated as a hotel for a number of years by Stillman Saunders, and for several years past by Mr. Redman, will close Friday, and Sept. 15, razing operations will commence.

The following books were taken from the Jamestown library during the month of August: history 33, biography 31, travel 52, science and art 29, poetry and drama 41, literature and language 29, miscellaneous 55, fiction 1492.

50 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, September 2, 1958

Jamestown won the Middletown Babe Ruth League by scoring four runs in the eighth inning to defeat Chaves' Heating, 6-3, in extra innings.

From the Newport Daily News, September 8, 1958

A song recital was given by the voice pupils of Miss Emma Reid Mitchell at her summer home "Stonewall Cottage" at Conanicut Park, Jamestown, yesterday afternoon.

25 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, September 1, 1983

Jamestown residents could keep dumping their household trash on Conanicut Island — if they're willing to pay someone to keep an eye on them, a state environmental official said today. Even if the

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