

Grant being used to make recycling easier

By Sam Bari

The town recently received a grant for \$12,500 that will be used to produce a calendar that promotes recycling on a daily basis.

The grant, written by Town Councilman William Kelly, was pushed through the RI Municipal Waste Reduction and Recycling

Grant Program by Senator Teresa Paiva-Weed (D- Newport/Jamestown), and Representative Bruce Long (R-Middletown/Jamestown).

The Jamestown Department of Public Works will work with the Jamestown Planning Office to develop an informational calendar that promotes recycling on a day-by-day basis. The calendar will provide town residents with information related to schedules for recycling pick-ups and drop-offs at the transfer station.

The calendar will also offer pertinent town and school system information such as important meetings, holidays, and days and times of business. The calendar

will feature pictures specific to Jamestown.

The Planning Office worked with the Jamestown Press to ask the community for photographs of 12 Jamestown scenes to represent each month of the year. The response was excellent and the appropriate photographs are now on file.

This calendar project will be similar to one that the town of Burrillville recently created, but will relate specifically to Jamestown, with tips on how to improve local recycling efforts. The DPW will coordinate its educational program with the local school system to encourage students to

make recycling an important part of their life.

The calendar will be distributed in an edition of the Jamestown Press.

Additionally, with funding received from the RIRRC in 2007, the town purchased recycling bags for residents use. A portion of those bags were distributed and have been used effectively. A large number of those bags are still in inventory.

Two local businesses have agreed to assist the town to improve its recycling numbers by distributing the composting bags free of charge to local residents. Jamestown True Value Hardware

and the Secret Garden will inventory these bags and make them available for customers to pick up at their convenience.

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser, along with Public Works Director Steve Goslee and Town Engineer Mike Gray, have made recycling a primary goal for the coming fiscal year.

Keiser has repeatedly emphasized the idea of recycling as good business for the town, pointing out that Jamestown was reimbursed \$25,000 last year by the RIRRC and is working to improve that number in the coming year.

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