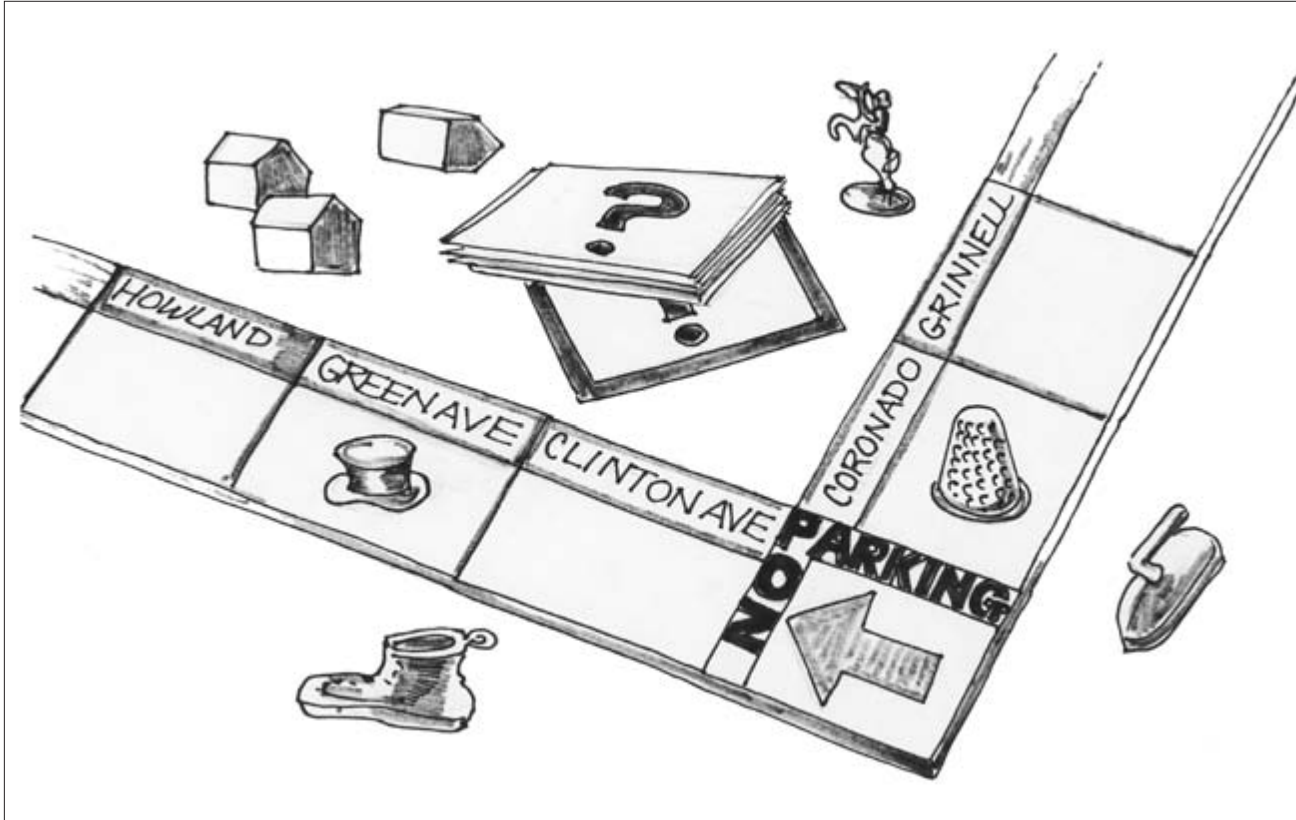


Island Opinion



Roof raising

The roof is being installed on the new highway barn at Taylor Point. Photo by Jeff McDonough



Thanks for food pantry donations

Members of the St. Mark Outreach Committee would like to thank the Boy Scouts and their leaders for collecting and delivering food items for our food closet.

Thank you also to all the wonderful Jamestowners who left these items to be collected. In these hard economic times, your donation will help ease those struggling to make ends meet. May God bless you for your kindness.

Millie Feeney,
Chairperson
St. Mark Outreach

Successful show from the JCT

What a show! "Song Man, Dance Man" was a departure from the usual

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for Jamestown Community Theatre (JCT), and what a great detour it was! Many thanks to all who attended. We could not stage any show without your support. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

As always, there is an enormous amount of work and effort that goes into a production. Many thanks, of course, to our star, Jon Peterson, and to our incredible youth chorus, their music director Patty Vandal, and accompanist Walter Sage. They rehearsed separately and came together beautifully. We appreciate, too, the volunteers who always step up and make it happen, especially Tony Gutierrez, Jeff Johnson, Cindy Blair, Cathy Kaiser, Joshua Brown, Amy Thorp, Lynn DeValerio, the

parents of our chorus (who, since it was such a small group, worked non-stop), and JCT board members and their family members. Thank you, too, Bob Fuqua and Dr. Len Hubbard.

We also appreciate unfailing support from the business community, especially Baker's Pharmacy, Secret Garden, Conanicut Marine Ship Store, Pleasant Surprise in Newport, Midnight Sun in Wickford, McQuade's Marketplace, Trattoria Simpatico, the Jamestown Press, Cumberland Farms, BJ's Wholesale Club, Jamestown Senior Center, Jamestown Recreation Department, Newport Daily News, Newport This Week and Motif Magazine.

We appreciate every day being a part of this wonder-

ful community, Jamestown. Thank you.

Joan McCauley
Mary Wright, Producers
Community Theater

Thanks for a great season

The Jamestown Soccer Association's 2008 fall recreation season concluded on a beautiful autumn morning Oct. 25, with a full complement of soccer players of all age groups cheered on by family, friends and occasionally hoarse coaches. The younger players received a trophy and the older players were given a JSA T-shirt to commemorate the end of the season. Team photos and pizza were provided to all after their final game. The 2008 Thomas Jacquard Memorial Sportsmanship

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100 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, November 18, 1908

In spite of the lack of rain at planting time, which made the seeds slow to germinate, the turnip crop that is about harvested is one of the best ever raised on the island.

From the Newport Daily News, November 21, 1908

Barge Richard Jackson of New York is in with a cargo of 500 tons of coal for the Ferry Company.

The Fort Greble football team crossed the ferries to play at Fort Adams.

75 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, November 16, 1933

(At the town council meeting) it was voted that the Phillips garage be placed on the list as a local garage to be patronized in town by the town's trucks and for supplies and repair work.

From the Newport Daily News, November 20, 1933

A petition containing more than 350 names favoring the building of the proposed bridge from Saundertown to Jamestown has been received by the town council and placed on file.

50 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, November 17, 1958

The Coast Guard at Boston today confirmed that it is weighing a plan to remove Brenton Reef Lightship for economy reasons.

Fire of undetermined origin Saturday destroyed an old stable owned by Eric Moberg, on the former estate of Webster K. Wetherill on Bay View drive. The fire department kept the blaze from spreading to nearby summer residences.

From the Newport Daily News, November 21, 1958

The historic Brenton's Reef Lightship will continue



This week in Island history

Compiled by Sue Maden

Week of November 20

to shine, the Coast Guard said today in canceling plans to remove it from its station outside Newport harbor.

The Jamestown Elementary School lists 120 pupils on its roll for perfect attendance for the first term recently ended. (The names of teachers for grades K-8 and students with perfect attendance are listed.)

From the Newport Daily News, November 22, 1958

Efforts to have a sign placed at the New London exit of the Connecticut Turnpike to direct motorists to Southern Rhode Island and the Jamestown bridge and ferry were continued at a meeting of the Jamestown Bridge Commission last night. ... The manager and treasurer were directed to see that the Jamestown branch of the Industrial National Bank is used to as great an extent as possible.

Jamestown's new fire department museum, a Colonial structure to house the horse-drawn steam pumper the town used for years and other antique fire fighting equipment, was dedicated Thursday night. It is a memorial to all deceased members of the town fire department.

25 years ago

From the Newport Daily News, November 22, 1983

A plan to relocate East Shore Road won support

from island residents Monday night at a hearing on a connector road between the Jamestown and Newport Bridges. Three options for a connector road were unveiled Monday night to about 70 people at the second of four public workshops by the Jamestown Design Study Committee.

15 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, November 18, 1993

Jamestown will soon acquire title to eight acres of federally-owned land at the corner of Eldred Avenue and East Shore Road for use as a municipal ball field, without having to spend a dime.

The Town Council Monday voted unanimously to terminate water deliveries by the National Guard immediately. Sitting as the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, the council also voted 5-0 to present the Guard unit a plaque for transporting about 8 million gallons of water from North Kingstown to the town's North Pond reservoir during the island's water crisis. The Guard began delivering water in mid-September.

10 years ago

From the Jamestown Press, November 19, 1998

It may be chilly November, but it's still baseball season in Jamestown as "Damn Yankees" suits up and takes to the stage for its final innings this weekend.

At a school open forum Tuesday, parents grappled with tension-causing issues that they face while their children are adjusting to the new "standards" philosophy of learning at the Jamestown School. A source of contention, especially among junior high school parents, is the grading system that is still in the developmental stages.