



Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?
Recently Gary and Cheryl Parker took the Press with them when they visited their son Morgan, who lives in Madrid. This picture was taken in Miranda, on the Ebro River, in the Rioja region of northern Spain.

• **VIEWPOINT** •

The time has come for E-ZPass

By David Darlington, Chairman, RITBA

Few drivers would complain about having an easier commute, and that's just what the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority is hoping to achieve with the implementation of a new electronic toll system on its Newport Pell Bridge.

Joining 13 other states that use the E-ZPass system, RITBA seeks to bring local commuters into the 21st century with the most efficient method possible of passing through the tolls. That means no more tokens, beginning in mid-January. Instead, drivers will want to consider equipping their cars with E-ZPass transponders, which will allow them to go through the tolls without stopping.

Despite our attachment to the token system and an almost 40-year history of its use in Rhode Island, we are saying goodbye to that now-antiquated approach and ushering in this new and compelling way of smoothly getting cars across the bridge.

In fact, we were long overdue for an upgrade. Tokens have become such a vintage item that nobody manufactures them in the United States anymore. This makes the cost for new tokens extremely high. Last time we ordered parts for the token machine, we had to get them from Australia. Given the circumstances, it was hard to turn down the opportunity to implement

the promising new technology of E-ZPass. It has already proven itself and is used in all states with tolls between here and Virginia to the south, and the Mississippi River to the west. We're pleased to join that network.

Members who choose E-ZPass prepay their tolls and outfit their vehicles with a small electronic device that automatically deducts the toll payment from the customer's initial deposit, thus allowing them to drive through tolls without stopping. That transponder will work in any car registered under the account, and can be used at any E-ZPass toll in the country. Rhode Island residents using an E-ZPass will only pay 83-cents on the Newport Pell Bridge – a \$1.17 discount off the standard \$2 cash rate.

I want you to know that the decision to move to this system was a deliberate, well-thought out one. During the past few years, RITBA has thoroughly researched E-ZPass and how it will benefit travelers on the Newport Pell Bridge.

Understanding that change can bring confusion, RITBA has worked hard to keep an open dialogue with the local community in order to inform residents, while at the same time seeking their valuable input. After a series of well-attended open houses and town meetings, we are confident that we are heading in the right direction with E-ZPass.

Already, the upcoming transition has shown encouraging results. Since Nov. 3, RITBA has taken more than 6,500 applications for the E-ZPass system, re-

vealing significant interest among local drivers. New customers can sign up online or download applications at www.ezpassritba.com.

So, what will the change look like for bridge goers? The short answer is efficient, cost-effective and environmentally sound travel.

With the first lanes of E-ZPass now open, all vehicles with a transponder can travel through the E-ZPass lanes without having to stop to pay by cash or token. This will keep vehicles moving across the bridge, cut down on traffic and reduce emissions from idling cars. In addition, E-ZPass members will be able to use their transponder in any of the other 13 states where E-ZPass is accepted.

The E-ZPass system is slated for completion in mid-January. At that time, tokens will no longer be accepted. We encourage everyone to keep this timeline in mind when purchasing additional tokens.

On behalf of RITBA, I want to thank the community for its input and its willingness to embrace the E-ZPass program. Through a lot of hard work, the program has finally come to fruition. As with anything new, there will be a period of adjustment at the beginning, but I am confident that you will find it an overall improvement. Our goal is to upgrade the system while simultaneously giving you an easier, friendlier and more economical commute. E-ZPass will make that possible.

I encourage those who want to learn more about E-ZPass to go to www.ezpassritba.org.

Prepare pets for new baby's arrival

South County Hospital will sponsor an important class to help expectant parents who are pet owners, prepare their homes—and their pets—for the new arrival, so that all can be safe and happy.

The free two-hour workshop, called Baby-Ready Pets, is offered one evening a month, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the hospital. Currently, the program is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, through May 12.

The program is offered in collaboration with the

Animal Rescue League of Southern Rhode Island, and is led by Megan Machnik, staff member and Humane Education Coordinator, and Betty Laurin, a professional animal trainer/evaluator who volunteers for the animal rescue league.

South County Hospital is the only hospital in the state of Rhode Island offering this program. The class is free, but pre-registration is encouraged since class size is limited. Call 792-2233 for information or to register.

LEGAL NOTICES

**CITATION
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF
SUPERIOR COURT
PETITION TO FORECLOSE TAX
LIEN N. M. No. 2008-0694**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,
AND TO AMERICAN EAGLE LAND CORPORATION, the unknown shareholders of American Eagle Land Corporation, the unknown heirs or devisees of the shareholders of American Eagle Land Corporation, George Choiniere, the unknown heirs or devisees of George Choiniere, Mary A. Choiniere, and the unknown heirs or devisees of Mary A. Choiniere

WHEREAS, a Petition has been presented to said Court by the Town of Jamestown, a Rhode Island Municipal corporation, to foreclose all rights of redemption from the lien proceedings described in said Petition in and concerning a certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Jamestown, County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, bounded and described in said Petition as follows:

That certain lot or parcel of land with all the building and improvements thereon situated on Spindrift Street in the Town of Jamestown, County of Newport and State of Rhode Island, laid out and designated as Lot No.1 256 (two hundred fifty-six) on that plat entitled: "JAMESTOWN SHORES PLAT NO. 1 IN JAMESTOWN, R.I. OWNED BY JAMES G. HEAD Scale 1" = 100' April 1947, E. NEWMAN, ENG.'R", said plat being recorded in the office of the Jamestown Town Clerk and designated as Hanging File 1A.

Tax Assessor's Plat 5 Lot 256

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said Petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an Answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said Petition, in the Office of the Superior Court, in Newport, on or before the 23rd day of January, 2009, that you may then and there show cause, if any, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted. Unless your appearance is filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said Petition will be taken as confessed, and you will be forever

barred from contesting said Petition or any Decree entered thereon. In addition to the usual service of this Notice as required by law, it is ordered that the foregoing Citation be published forthwith, once per week for three successive weeks in the Jamestown Press, a newspaper published in the Town of Jamestown, County of Newport and State of Rhode Island.

WITNESS the Seal of our Superior Court at Newport this 12th day of December, 2008

s/ Jane M Anthony, Clerk
(Dec. 18, 24, 31)

**JAMESTOWN SCHOOL
COMMITTEE
January 8, 2009
7:00 p.m. Workshop Meeting
Lawn Library**

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order

Roll Call

Public Forum

Personnel

3.0 Workshop Discussion Topics

3.1 Update on Bequest to the Jamestown School Committee

3.2 1st Reading, Policy on Hiring Process

3.3 1st Reading, Tobacco Policy

4.0 Public Forum

5.0 Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

January 15, 2009 Business Meeting @ 7PM in Lawn Library

January 22, 2009 Budget Workshop @ 7PM in Lawn Library

February 5, 2009 Budget Workshop @ 7PM in Lawn Library

Any agenda changes will be posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must call 423-7020 forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting date.

Dr. Marcia Lukon, Superintendent

Almanac – Wednesday, December 31, 2008



Local Tides This Week

NEWPORT				
DAY	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Wed	5:11 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	11:20 p.m.
Thur	5:55 a.m.	12:27 p.m.	6:13 p.m.	11:57 p.m.
Fri	6:37 a.m.	12:55 p.m.	6:56 p.m.	
Sat	7:18 a.m.	12:30 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	1:25 p.m.
Sun	7:58 a.m.	1:06 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	1:54 p.m.
Mon	8:38 a.m.	1:42 a.m.	8:59 p.m.	2:24 p.m.
Tue	9:17 a.m.	2:19 a.m.	9:40 p.m.	2:56 p.m.

CONANICUT POINT				
DAY	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Wed	5:18 a.m.	11:49 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	11:14 p.m.
Thur	6:03 a.m.	12:21 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	11:51 p.m.
Fri	6:44 a.m.	12:49 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	
Sat	7:25 a.m.	12:24 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	1:19 p.m.
Sun	8:05 a.m.	1:00 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	1:48 p.m.
Mon	8:45 a.m.	1:36 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	2:18 p.m.
Tue	9:24 a.m.	2:13 a.m.	9:47 p.m.	2:50 p.m.

Sun / Moon Chart This Week

DAY	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed	7:11 a.m.	4:19 p.m.	4:55 a.m.	1:52 p.m.
Thur	7:11 a.m.	4:19 p.m.	5:53 a.m.	2:36 p.m.
Fri	7:11 a.m.	4:20 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Sat	7:12 a.m.	4:21 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	4:24 p.m.
Sun	7:12 a.m.	4:21 p.m.	8:11 a.m.	5:25 p.m.
Mon	7:12 a.m.	4:22 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Tue	7:12 a.m.	4:23 p.m.	9:11 a.m.	7:31 p.m.