

ABOUT TOWN

Island events mark Independence Day

Don't miss the Fourth of July festivities scheduled to take place right here in Jamestown:

Do a good deed. Volunteers are needed bright and early at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, to help raise more than 100 American flags honoring local veterans at Veterans Square at East Ferry. "We need everybody to come and help," said Bruce Livingston, who organizes the event. Volunteers are also needed at 3 p.m. to take the flags down.

Catch a parade. On Saturday, July 4, the 20th annual Fourth of July North End Parade starts at East Shore Road at 10 a.m.

Ooh and aah. The Rocket 'hogs are back to light up the skies over Jamestown on Sunday, July 5, at Mackerel Cove. The Jamestown Community Band will start playing at 8 p.m. and the fireworks show begins at sundown.

Happy and safe Fourth to all!

New art quilt exhibit featured at library

The Conanicut Island Art Association will sponsor an exhibit of 12 mini quilts by Ursula Michael Parenteau in the Jamestown Philomenian library lobby

during the month of July.

The exhibit, called "A Year On MY Island," was inspired by seasonal changes in the weather and natural surroundings. Each art quilt, which depicts a scene for every month, uses thread, fabrics and embellishments as the creative medium.

The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours.

Also at the library is Parenteau's new book, "Cross Stitch by the Sea," published by David and Charles. This hardcover book features a delightful collection of seaside motifs for needlework. Copies of the book may also be purchased at Jamestown Designs.

Atwater-Donnelly to kick off music series

Summer music in Jamestown begins at East Ferry Memorial Square on Sunday, July 5, at 6:30 p.m. The first performers of the season are Atwater-Donnelly, a Rhode Island-based folk music duo who met as volunteers at Stone Soup Coffee House in Providence in 1987 and have been singing together ever since. They have traveled widely, studying and performing an impressive variety of folk and ethnic styles.

Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly present a joyous con-

cert of traditional Celtic ballads, dance tunes, a cappella pieces, sea shanties and American songs, as well as original works. They blend unusual harmonies, and accompany themselves on guitar, mountain dulcimer, tin whistle, harmonica, banjo, spoons, bones, Australian monkey pods, rainstick and other surprises. This concert will appeal to all ages, and audience participation is encouraged.

Admission is free, so bring the whole family to enjoy a memorable evening at East Ferry Memorial Square. The event is sponsored by Bette McGuirl, the Jamestown Parks and Recreation Department and the Teen Center. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Jamestown Recreation Center.

Family fun events at Tennis Hall of Fame

The International Tennis Hall of Fame & Museum will host its third annual family weekend from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5, as a kick-off event for the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships, scheduled for July 6 to 12.

The two-day event will give attendees the opportunity to get close to pro tennis action as play-

ers from around the world battle it out on the Hall of Fame's historic grass courts in the qualifying tournament of the Campbell's Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

The event includes junior tennis clinics for ages 5-12, USTA "Quick Start" tennis, fast-serve contests, tennis demonstrations and skills activities for all ages,

as well as off-court activities including crafts, face painting, scavenger hunts, costume photos and Wii tennis in the Hall of Fame's museum.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 16 and under and \$25 for a family of four each day. Call 866-914-FAME or visit www.tennisfame.com.

Fools' Rules Regatta to be held Aug. 15

The 32nd annual Fools' Rules Regatta, sponsored by the Jamestown Yacht Club, will be held Saturday, Aug. 15, on the Town Beach at East Ferry. Participants will begin construction of the "vessels" with a 9 a.m. cannon start.

Participants are given two hours to construct a sailing craft of non-marine items. The craft may be pre-constructed, but must be disassembled and built again on the beach.

Races begin at 11 a.m. with the Class 1 race.

Vessels compete for first, second and third place in each class. Classes are determined by the number of participants on the vessel: one, two, three, four, and five or more (unlimited class).

Coveted awards of the day include the Karl Smith Most Ingenious Design, the Worst Example of Naval Architecture and the Frank Newman Judges' Award.

Although the highlight of the regatta is often the unlimited class, whose vessels range from 15 to more than 40 feet in length and are crewed by as many as a dozen or more hardy fools, the Class 1 participants, who in the past have included one child in a sandbox propelled by an umbrella, are equally engaging.

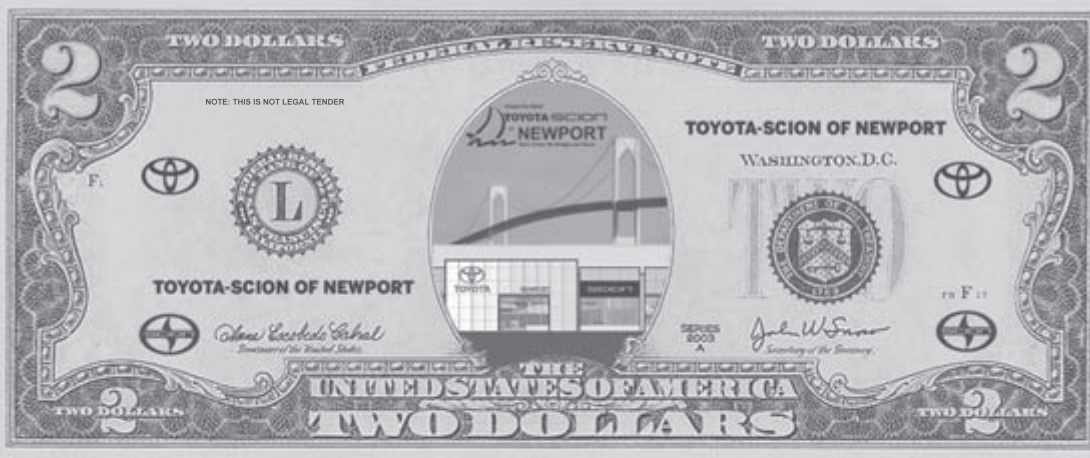
The event attracts regional attention, and participants and spectators come from far and wide.

The event is open to anyone who likes to have fun and be foolish, and there is no entry fee.

Chris Powell, chief fool, will once again chair the event.

Call 423-1492, or visit the Jamestown Yacht Club website at www.jyc.org for information and rules.

The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 16.



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