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of a storm, which could cause lack of water and electricity for days.

Also on the R.I. EMA website is a map of all evacuation routes for our island. Everyone should be knowledgeable of these routes.

It has been a real learning experience for all of us who worked on this project and I would like to thank Chief Tighe, Jamestown Emergency Management Director; Mr. Fred Pease, Deputy Emergency Management Director and Lieutenant William Donovan, Emergency Management Assistant for their guidance. I also would like to thank the Jamestown Rotary Club for their generous donation in helping me to meet my goal, and deliver 15 kits to families in our community.

Special thanks also to Cathryn Jamieson Salon, the Secret Garden, BJ's of Middletown, and EMS of Middletown for their financial support.

Sal Morenzi
Life Scout
Troop 1 Jamestown

Thanks for successful Jamestown Classic

Now that the dust has settled and the race is over, we, the Jamestown Rotary Club, would like to thank all of our volunteers and residents for another successful event. Thanks to the hard work and support of many volunteers, we received many positive comments from riders about our Town and the management of this event.

Special thanks go to the Jamestown Police Department, who did an outstanding job managing traffic, Jamestown EMS and our volunteer road marshals for keeping the riders and spectators safe. And thank you to the American Red Cross of Rhode Island for allowing us use of the tent for first aid.

Mike Schnack
and **David Reardon**
Race coordinators
Jamestown Classic

Affordable housing 'vital' to Jamestown

I thought it extraordinarily telling that the first four individuals to step to the microphone at Thursday's packed zoning hearing weren't there to discuss housing or lot sizes, nor the evolution of the charette that has moved through countless public meetings into rules and regulations over two years to assist with affordable housing, acceptable development and maintaining the fabric of the town and island.

No, they wanted to object to the new regulations that would ban constructing their helipads and heliports for their helicopters.

Think about that for a minute. First four to the microphone! The Airport Corporation sent a lawyer to voice support for them (we have already permitted these heliports 'with your safety in mind!' Huh?), likely the same lawyer we'll be talking to when they announce that Fed Ex, UPS and other cargo jets can come screeching over the island between 3 and 5 a.m. every night into Quonset; also, no doubt, with our safety in mind.

None of the first four speakers was the actual owner of prop-

erty; they were too busy. Even one of their hired help stepped to the microphone and complained that he had to "actually drive and endure rain and traffic on route 95," as if it were some type of inconvenience-plague reserved for, well, I guess you and me.

Perhaps, it was suggested, the Town could entertain and "compromise the regulation" and charge those of us that are clearly too important and busy as to actually have to, oh, say, drive like you, a yearly "air-tollbooth" penalty of \$1,000, which could be donated to the ambulance "people." How quaint.

I have a better idea.

Why not take the ample waterfront acreage brought to everyone's attention, and make just a tiny portion of it available for purchase or lease with a nice two-story, architecturally designed and landscaped according to our new strict regulations, for a permanently affordable dwelling? Call me crazy.

That way, those young "people" who drive those pesky ambulances and fire trucks to and fro, giving up hundreds and hundreds of hours of their free time for their fellow Jamestowners (that would include y'all!) in re-

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