

Letters

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Village Hearth.

Donations came in from police/fire unions, individuals and businesses from all over the state. There are far too many to list! Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraiser. Please keep Frank and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Derek Carlino
President
International Brotherhood of
Police Officers
Local 305
Jamestown

Thanks for a great soccer season

This was my first year as the recreation soccer coordinator, and it was a great experience. I thoroughly enjoyed Saturday mornings on the soccer field watching the kids running around in brightly colored shirts. It brought back great memories of my childhood, and I was glad to see everyone having a good time.

A lot of behind the scenes work is required to pull off the season, and I want to thank everyone for their hard work. Julie Westall and Darlene Froberg did a tremendous amount of work to make the league successful, and Jay Sisson does a great job coordinating JSA and tirelessly taking care of all the soccer fields. The program could also not be possible without our sponsors: The Fuzz Foundation, Jamestown Boat Yard, Slice of Heaven, Jamestown Golf Course, Baker's Pharmacy, House of Pizza, Jamestown Animal Clinic, Jamestown Fitness, Vandelay Industries (a.k.a. the Pratt and Schott families), Ali's Run, Lila Delman, Meredith & Clarke, Island Realty, Kettlebottom Outfitters, Stearns Farms, Well Works, McQuade's Market, Jamestown Junior Women's Club, Murphy's Law, Conanicut Marine Services, Jamestown Rotary Club and Jamestown Hardware.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the coaches and assistants that helped this year. I believe the coaches are the foundation of our program and we have a great pool of coaches that can help continue to

build our youth program, as proven by the great Jamestown competitive teams currently playing. I look forward to seeing everyone in fall 2010!

Chris Cowan
Jamestown

Tactics don't belong in Jamestown

Thank you to John Murphy for saying what a lot of us are thinking. The "anonymous letter" tactics do not belong in the Jamestown we know and love. May they never be repeated.

Anna Templeton-Cotill
Jamestown

Keep sight lines clear

This fall, the town of Jamestown received a number of complaints about trees and shrubs blocking the sight line of drivers at road intersections. All intersections must have clear visibility on all corners, even if there are no traffic signs or signals. If trees or shrubs block sight lines, drivers are forced to inch into the roadway to see oncoming traffic, which can be extremely dangerous.

The town owns a right-of-way along all town streets and roads, and the planting of trees and shrubs in this area requires a permit from the town tree warden. Where trees or shrubs are planted on the right-of-way with a permit, the adjacent property owner is responsible for trimming to keep sight lines open. If not, the town has a responsibility to trim for public safety. Trees and shrubs planted without a permit can be removed by the town.

As trees and shrubs on private property mature, the property owner must make sure they do not project into the right-of-way and that clear sight lines remain so cars can safely enter and exit. Should a collision result, the property owner may be legally responsible.

If the plant material is on private property, any unsafe conditions will be brought to the attention of

the property owner. If the problem is not corrected, the town will trim or remove for public safety.

But beyond the law, maintaining proper sight lines is a part of being a good neighbor. Don't put your neighbors in harm's way. Check the sight lines along your property and, if necessary, trim your trees and shrubs.

Michael Gray, town engineer
Steve Saracino, tree warden
Jamestown

Thanks for sailing support

We would like to thank the following groups that recently made generous contributions towards our fall fundraising efforts. Our immediate need was travel funds for sending our coach and some sailors to the Great Oaks national regatta in New Orleans, La.

The "Taste of New Orleans" dinner that we recently held was a huge success. The band CODA contributed their performance and the following markets made food contributions: McQuade's Market-place, Dave's Market and Roch's Market.

The Wickford and Jamestown Yacht Clubs, Wickford Junction Pizzeria, Jamestown Fire Department, Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF) and the NK Booster Club also made donations this fall.

Thank you to the entire community as well, as we had cans in various locations for contributions. The team looks forward to representing NK with success in Louisiana.

Erica Lush, Captain
NKHS sailing team

Town Hall to host holiday mitten basket

With the expectation of a cold and long winter ahead of us, the staff at the Town Hall will start collecting mittens, scarves, hats and gloves for the annual holiday Mitten Basket.

The community of Jamestown is

welcome to start making donations to the mitten basket on Monday, Nov. 16. Donations can be made Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will benefit the Newport County Women's Resource Center. Donations must be brand new or hand-made, and unwrapped, to be placed in the basket at the Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Ave. If there are any questions regarding basket donations, please feel free to call Kimberly at 423-9801.

Last year's donations were extremely generous and it is truly wonderful to see the community's warmth and kindness for those who are less fortunate during the busy holiday season.

Please stop by the Town Hall to add to the mitten basket and continue to show the island's generous support during the hectic holiday season. Donations must be made no later than Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 4 p.m. A BIG thank you to everyone for making the past years' mitten baskets such a great success!

Kimberly Turcone, Town Hall
Jamestown

Corruption in Jamestown?

A sad day in Jamestown! You think of corruption in Washington, but not in a beautiful town like Jamestown. It makes you lose the desire to vote.

Barbara West
Jamestown

Town statue brings joy

Now that the town's statue, "Swing High," at the community center has been successfully repaired, I hope that it will bring a happy smile to all who pass by. As for those who vandalized it, I hope that they, too, will now respect it and find joy in it.

Kay Worden
Jamestown

Editor's Note: Kay Worden is the island artist who created "Swing High" and donated it to the town.

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Where in the World is the Jamestown Press?

The Jamestown contingent of the Newport Yacht Club's Mediterranean cruise took the Jamestown Press with them aboard the Celebrity Solstice. From left are Gary and Suzanne Wheelock, Francis Curran and Jackie Hodgson, Randy (incognito) and Rena Tyson, and Steve and Irene Weaver.



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