

James Island Neighborhood Council

Minutes

Thursday March 22, 2018

The James Island Neighborhood Council held its scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at James Island Town Hall. The Meeting was called to order by chair Zennie Quinn.

Welcome & Introduction	Welcome to all
New Members / Visitors	None
Approve Minutes	The January and February minutes were approved.
Crime Watch & Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shawn James announced the neighborhood watch signs are almost ready. These are going to be mobile so they can be put into areas that need special attention. They will be moved as circumstances dictate. They are 2 sided "political" type yard signs.• Again, he cautioned people to LOCK THEIR CARS AND GARAGES, especially at night.• CALL if something does not seem right. As more people call in, the CCSO can establish a better, more complete view of incidents and can responds to needs better.
Tech Talk	There was a short discussion about "Nextdoor" and online social medial program. The members of the neighborhood council and their contact information is posted on the town website
Community Spotlight	Meredith talked about Centerville – her neighborhood. She has lived there 9 years and her husband for 18 years. The neighborhood has been in existence since 1952. It was part of a large plantation area. According to the 2010 census, there are 458 residents, the average age is 39 and 54% of the resident are the actual homeowners. Average price of a home is about \$300,000. Because it is a "cut-through" from Folly Rd to Camp Rd, the main roads in the subdivision now have speed humps to attempt to control speeds on the streets. Much of the area problems come from the periphery along Folly Road where the commercial area exists. Accordingly, the Town has established the first public parking lot on the island for customers of the businesses. Centerville has one of the largest populations of Scot-Irish descent (4.2%) of any subdivision in America.
Program	Walter Desmond of the JI PSD talked about the Solid Waste program. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are 25 people in the department, a "knuckle boom" loader, 3 loaders with synch claws, 6 dump trucks, 3 transfer trucks and 3 garbage trucks.• Currently, the PSD picks up more yard debris and man-made trash than it does garbage.• Garbage cans are supposed to be at the curbside by 6am of the pickup day. Household garbage needs to be segregated from hazardous materials and other waste types. Residents are strongly encouraged to use ONLY JIPSD issued garbage cans so legal issues will be on the PSD and not the homeowner.• Yard debris and clippings are supposed to be in bags and limbs should be no longer than 6 ft long. Waste piles and be a maximum of 4' x 5' x 15'. A second pile can be set up if necessary. For appliances, please be sure to remove doors. This is a safety necessity. Separate tree wood from construction wood. These are treated in a different manner. Please bag or box friable construction material. It speeds up the process and helps keep your yards cleaner.• BE AWARE – contractors who work in your yard are responsible for taking their own refuse away from the job. They are not allowed to leave it on your property for the PSD to pick up.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic waste, tires, and hazardous material can all be dropped off at the county waste site on Signal Point Rd. • For storm response, after a learning curve over the past couple years, the PSD process will be to start at the start and work to the end, using normal pickup schedule for the work. Neighborhood will be saturated with equipment until all is removed, then the equipment moves on to the next day schedule, repeats the process, and so on until all areas have been cleaned up. • The PSD uses social media extensively and residents are encourage to look to it to review status, as well as to put in input. <p>Christina Moskos of the Charleston County Recycling talked about her program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling is VERY market driven. Whatever items that can be bought, refabricated and then resold as a new product is what drives the recycling program. This requires a certain cleanliness, specific sorting and quick response to market requirements. A good example is that plastic bags are no longer sellable and so the recycling program no longer accepts them. • With plastics, the 1-7 numbering is no longer used so our program only accepts ONLY plastic bottles and containers because this is what resells. This means no soft plastics such as garbage bags, plastic bags, etc (anything that can be crumpled in your hand). • The program also does not accept Styrofoam and egg cartons. • Put items loose in the container. It aids in sorting. • Recycling no longer accepts shredded paper. • Glass bottles are OK but random glass such as broken window panes are not. • Use county recycling bins ONLY. The pickup trucks are not able to pick up any other type of container. • Batteries, paint, tires, electrical items are to be delivered to Signal Point Rd on James Island. • The original site on Romney St is now being used as a transfer site where material is being sent to other counties until the new Commerce Parkway is completed.
<p>Neighborhood Concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage ditches are being worked on by all municipalities. • COG: Still working on Rethink Folly issues. • Charleston County nearing completion of Folly Camp intersection. • CC mosquito spraying has started. • PSD: New Fire Station 1 planning still underway. • TOJI history booklet being worked on. New Town Hall to be completed at end of May • CARTA: no bus to Folly Beach this year. • JI Outreach expected to move by end of May.
<p>Month Emergency Tip</p>	<p>Tip for the month – Be prepared for spring storms .</p>
<p>Emergency Preparedness</p>	<p>Prepare for James Island tornadoes.</p>
<p>Input to the Town</p>	
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Market now every Saturday 9-1 • Town Egg Roll on March 31 from 11-1 • Ft Johnson Middle is no more. Construction has started on the new school. • Next meeting April 26.