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Mayor Woolsey's Corner

It's been almost two years since the Town's fourth and final incorporation. We have made great progress, but there is still much to do.

One major priority is to reunite our Town. We made a first step with our annexation election in February. We continue to work with Rep. McCoy and Senators Thurmond and Campsen on our annexation bill in Columbia.

The Town is working to provide a property tax

credit. We have had conversations with the JIPSD, Charleston County, the County Auditor and Treasurer, and the SC Attorney General. We are now waiting on a ruling from the South Carolina Department of Revenue. I am committed to tax relief for James Islanders.

A second Town priority is to complete sidewalks along our secondary roads. We are also working to pave earth roads where requested by residents.

The Island Sheriff's Patrol was expanded last year, providing additional law enforcement. We continue to make progress in transitioning to the provision of services at Town Hall, and appreciate Charleston County's assistance during this process. We are actively seeking land for a new Town park. And we have several active citizen's groups—the Neighborhood Council, JI Pride, and the Children's Commission. Please contact me via telephone, email or our website with your questions or concerns.

A Town on the RISE

One of the Town's objectives has been and continues to be getting the people back who used to be in the Town. It is important to give voters living in unincorporated portions of James Island a voice on whether or not they want to be a part of the Town. We recently made good on that promise when the Town held an annexation election in the West Fort Johnson Road and East Lighthouse Point areas. An overwhelming 84% of voters said "Yes", bring us

back! Following the passing of a Town Ordinance annexing these properties in May, the Town will be 271 more residents strong.

The Town also has support at the State-level with Senate Bill 723 and corresponding House Bill on annexation legislation. This session, the Senate Judiciary Committee recommended S.723 that would give those unincorporated properties on James Island that are a part of the James Island Public Service District a

chance to vote on whether or not to be back within the Town's jurisdiction. We feel it's vital to the voters of James Island to be able to influence the policies of the Town which will impact the good of the entire District. Please thank your local representatives, **Senator Paul Thurmond and Representative Peter McCoy** for sponsoring this bill and **Senator Chip Campsen** for supporting what could be positive legislative change for James Island.

Congratulations to the Town of James Island's ISP Officer of the Quarter, Deputy Chad Martin



Island Sheriff's Patrol Update & Traffic Calming

The Town's Island Sheriff's Patrol (ISP) is making a name for itself here on James Island. The ISP, a partnership with the Sheriff's Office that's funded by the Town, provides our residents with additional law enforcement officers dedicated to making our Town a safer, more secure place to live and work. It is headed by Charleston County

Sheriff's Deputy, Sgt. Shawn James who works closely with the Town's Neighborhood Council to make sure that issues are promptly addressed. One of the best ways the ISP has been making a difference is through traffic calming. The deputies are hard at work holding speeders along residential streets accountable. Many residents have wondered what they can do to help

control speeding. Town Council passed a resolution allowing for neighborhoods to request lowering the speed limit in their neighborhoods to 25 mph. Also, the Town has a Traffic Calming Plan and residents can request to have traffic studies done for their neighborhood to see if it qualifies for additional traffic calming devices. Contact Town Hall for more information.

Come enjoy James Island's little gem, Dock Street Park



Town Parks

Travel down Patterson Avenue, and you will discover the newly revamped Dock Street Park. With help from a few PARD grants, the Town has been able to spruce it up with new benches, picnic tables, swings, and a parking lot. There is also a pier for fishing or just taking in the beautiful low country setting.

The Town is still seeking property for another Town

Park. Approximately \$1.1 million has been allocated by Charleston County for a Greenbelt Park in the Town. In 2013, a public input effort revealed that our citizens preferred a large park that would be located in the Fort Johnson or Harbor View areas in the interior or marsh front. A few sites that were identified haven't worked out, so

we are still on the hunt! If you or someone you know has property for sale that you think would make an ideal park, please contact Town Hall and let us know.

A Greenbelt Park would provide "passive" recreation for our citizens, while protecting the environment. Included would be nature and bike trails to view the natural landscape.

Recreation – James Island Youth Sports Program



We are excited about a new Town program that is sure to benefit our littlest islanders (and their parents). Promoted by Councilman Leonard Blank, the Town has entered into a partnership with the City of Charleston. When you register your child into a

City-sponsored youth sports program, you will be charged the resident rate – The Town will pay the difference to the City for you! We believe this is a great opportunity to encourage fitness, and also save our residents some costs without duplicating services. We

are working to begin this program for the winter youth sports registration 2014. More info to follow.

Mark your calendars! Saturday, August 16th is James Island Night at the Riverdogs! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/JamesIslandNight14> for your discounted tickets.

Streets and Sidewalks Update

Building better roads, fixing potholes, and improving pedestrian activities with sidewalks is an important part of the Town's mission. This summer, the Town will be providing a financial match for the paving of Ben Road. With the support of neighborhood residents, the Town plans to pave Jeffrey and Lemontree Roads. The Town is also currently funding the sidewalk completion on Foxcroft Road, and recently began working to begin the design of Phase II of our Camp Road sidewalk project. Sidewalks we plan to complete next are those

on Quail Drive and Lighthouse Point Boulevard. The Town cares about its infrastructure. If you have questions about a pothole, drainage issues, or resurfacing, contact Town Hall. Our Public Works Coordinator will work with Charleston County and the SCDOT to make sure these public works issues are resolved.

The Town does its best to make our residents aware of roadwork that will affect your daily travel. This summer, the Harbor View Road Improvement Project is expected to begin.

Another project James

Islanders need to be aware of is the Folly Road and Camp Road Intersection Improvements Project expected to begin as early as December of 2014. Fortunately, County Council recently approved the additional funding needed to get this project moving!

For more information on these two projects, visit <http://roads.charlestoncounty.org/projects>. Also, please sign up for our Town News, like us on Facebook, or check our website to stay current on the status of these projects and more. Our goal is to keep you informed!

"The Town cares about its infrastructure."



Zoning & Planning Activities

Currently, the Town handles all of the zoning and planning activities for commercial properties within the Town. We have our own Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, and are in the process of taking over the residential aspects as well. Council liaison is Leonard Blank.

In 2013, the Town of James Island and the City of Folly Beach passed the Folly Road Overlay District. Charleston County passed the

overlay this year. What this 40-year plan does is provide uniformity for setbacks, signage, and the overall design along the Folly Road corridor. By coming up with a unified plan, the various jurisdictions can make better cohesive planning decisions. We are hopeful the City of Charleston will also pass this overlay in the future.

Our Planning Commission is hard at work on the Town's Comprehensive Plan Review. A

Comprehensive Plan helps tell the Town's story about where it's been and how it will evolve. What challenges will we face? What goals do we want to accomplish, and how are we going to get there?

We need your input to make this process a success. Come and visit our Planning Commission meetings and share your ideas and vision for the Town!

For more information, please contact Town Hall.



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James Island Neighborhood Council

The James Island Neighborhood Council was established to handle residential area concerns, activate the Crime Watch program, help with emergency preparedness issues, and organize events. The Town Council Liaison is Troy Mullinax and the

Chairman is Alan Laughlin.

The Neighborhood Council recently began a new initiative - Yard of the Month signs. Your Town neighborhood representative will be given a sign for your neighborhood to select a monthly winner. This is a

great incentive to keep your yard and the neighborhood looking its best!

Come join us at Town Hall on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm to get involved and stay up-to-date with important information affecting you and your neighbors.



James Island Pride

James Island Pride is a group of concerned residents with Grant Scurry as the Chair and Mary Beth Berry as Town Council liaison. Their mission is to make our island a beautiful, healthy place that all island residents can be proud of. James Island Pride sponsors island-wide clean-ups and encourages neighborhoods, organizations, youth groups, etc. to get active in helping to keep James Island in pristine condition.

Working with Adopt-A-Highway, James Island Pride has adopted part of Harbor View and Dills Bluff Roads. James Island Pride won the 2013 Adopt-A-Highway Group of the Year Award for Charleston County! The new Exchange Club of James Island recently adopted a portion of Folly Road. There are plenty more roads to be adopted. Please find out how your neighborhood or organization can get involved with the effort.

James Island Pride also supports Arts on the Island and recently held an Art Auction at Town Hall. It was a great event where local artists had their work on display and for sale.

James Island Pride wants YOU to get involved! Email jiipride@jamesislandsc.us and ask to be on our mailing list and look for us on Facebook. The next scheduled clean-up day will be in September.



"second annual Memorial Day Festival will be on Saturday, May 24th"

James Island Children's Commission

The James Island Children's Commission was established to promote children's welfare, including recreation and education, and to provide community programs, activities and events. Sam Kernodle is the Council Liaison and Malinda Stephens serves as the Chairperson.

The Commission's first event was the very successful Memorial Day

Festival and the second annual Memorial Day Festival will be held on Saturday, May 24th at the Town Hall shopping center from 10 am until 2 pm. This annual event is a wonderful way to celebrate Memorial Day and the end of the school year! The local children from James Island schools will be competing in an art contest. Their creations will be on

display at Town Hall. Come out and vote for your favorite, while enjoying all the fun activities including jump castles, slides, and games.

The Commission also helps to fund efforts at our local schools. A donation was recently made to the Fort Johnson Middle School garden. Way to go FOJO for nurturing our children's green thumbs!

Town of James Island

What you need to know about the Town

Our first Town was founded in 1992 and was followed by two more versions that were successfully contested by the City of Charleston. The fourth try, however, resulted in a Town that met all legal requirements and began operations in August, 2012 and is here to stay. The Town reflects our island's community values and its desire to be an independent public entity.

The Town of James Island is primarily a residential community with a population of approximately 11,500 citizens. Our commercial areas are along Folly,

Camp and Harborview Roads. The Town is bounded by the Charleston Harbor, Wappoo Cut, and the Stono and Folly Rivers. Our physical boundaries are interspersed with areas that lie within the City of Charleston and unincorporated Charleston County.

Town residential neighborhoods include: Battery Point, Bayfront, Centerville, Clarks Point, Clearview, Dellwood, Eastwood, Farmington, Fort Johnson Estates, Harborwoods, Honeyhill, Landsdowne, Lawton Bluff, Lighthouse Point, Lynwood, McCall's

Corner, Oakcrest, Oceanview, Parrot Creek, Queensborough, Stiles Point, Stone Post, Tidal View, Whitehouse Plantation and Woodhaven.

One of our main objectives is for some of our former neighbors to rejoin the Town: Azalea Park, Fleming Road Community, Grimball, Laurel Park, Oak Island, Riverland Terrace, Sol Legare, and Woodland Shores. We miss you and hope that you will contact us regarding annexation.

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Town Election

The General Election for the Town of James Island will be held on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 to fill (1) one seat for the Office of Mayor and (4) four seats for the Office of Town Council. This is a nonpartisan, at-large municipal election.

Candidate filing opens 12:00 noon Monday, May 19, 2014 and closes 12:00 noon

Friday, May 30, 2014. The filing fee for the Office of Mayor is \$150 and the fee for Town Council is \$100.

Residents desiring to file as a candidate for the Office of Mayor or Town Council must file a Statement of Candidacy with the Town Clerk at James Island Town Hall. We will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26, 2014.



Town of James Island Meetings

Town Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Planning Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

JI Neighborhood Council meets the 4th Thursday of

each month at 7:00 pm.

JI Children's Commission meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Board of Zoning Appeals meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

James Island Pride meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 pm.

Meetings are held at Town Hall, Council Meeting Chambers, 1238-B Camp Road unless the public is notified otherwise via our website.

Our Promise to you...

Our promise to our citizens is to provide equal treatment, address public issues and challenges in a timely fashion, and to work hard to provide cost-efficient public services.

Our emphasis is on making sure that our community values are protected as much as possible. We strive to protect our citizens, our way of life, and our future.

We welcome public input and pledge to work with our citizens on common-sense solutions. Please join us as we move toward a better tomorrow!

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