

Town of Jamestown



2017

Accomplishments Report



Jamestown—"The Pivot of the Piedmont"



New Council to be Sworn in Dec. 19th

The transfer of duties from our current Town Council to the newly elected Town Council members will occur at the December 19, 2017, regular meeting of the Council.

Due to expected larger attendance, this meeting will be moved to the Civic Center to better accommodate everyone comfortably.

New Town Council to be Sworn In



Mayor-elect Lynn Montgomery



Councilmember-elect Martha Wolfe



Councilmember-elect Rebecca Rayborn



Councilmember Georgia Nixon



Councilmember-elect John Capes

The new Town Council will be sworn in at the December 19th meeting. The meeting will be at 6pm in the Council Chambers. Everyone is invited to see your Council at work. We look forward to working with each of these new members.

Mission

- The Town of Jamestown will provide excellent services through the departments of administration, finance, public services, parks and recreation, planning, along with maintaining good contacts for both fire and police protection.

Vision

- Jamestown will maintain its historic heritage and neighborly atmosphere while actively managing growth associated with being located next to larger neighboring cities.
- Jamestown will maintain a small town environment with a vital Main Street, residential neighborhoods, and its historical character as its focus. Jamestown will continue its commitment to recreation and community wellness by maintaining our walkways, Jamestown Parks & Golf Course and the Wrenn Miller Park.
- Jamestown will be attractive to both young and old with a variety of housing choices and price ranges.
- Jamestown neighborhoods, schools, businesses, historic districts and parks are key building blocks for Jamestown. We will reserve areas for each type of use while buffering each from the other as possible.
- We seek an attractive town that benefits from its historic sense of place and is well

Administration

New faces join Town Hall staff in 2017.

This year, the Town saw the retirement of 21-year veteran Town Clerk, Martha Stafford Wolfe. In February, Deputy Clerk Katie McBride, was hired to prepare for the transition of the Town Clerk. In May, Katie was sworn in by Mayor Volz and assumed the full duties of the Town Clerk. She has been a great addition to the Town's team and works diligently to maintain the Town's records, facilitate various board meetings, and many other obligations. Katie has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Appalachian State University and is quickly learning the responsibilities associated with the Clerk's position.



Town Manager, Kenny Cole, joined the Town in May as well. Kenny is just the fifth town manager to lead the Town since Jamestown was incorporated in 1948. Kenny is a registered Professional Engineer and comes to Jamestown from Coats, NC, where he previously served as Town Manager. Kenny is looking forward to working with the Town Council, staff and the citizens to move Jamestown forward in the coming years.



Town Council Facts

There have been 48 different members of the Town Council over the past 69 years the Town has been incorporated.

There have been 5 Town Managers in that same period.

The longest –serving Mayor, Tom Ragsdale, Sr., served 28 years.

The Mayor serves as the ceremonial head of the Town Council and is only required to vote in the case of a tie.

The Town Council meets every month on the third Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Council Chambers, unless otherwise publicized.

Town Council members are non-partisan and are elected “at-large”. This means that they do not affiliate with a political party and are elected to represent the town as a whole and are not elected from specific geographic locations.



Town Council

Jamestown’s Town Council is comprised of four regular members and a Mayor who is elected separately to two-year terms. The 2017 Town Council includes:

Keith Volz—Mayor

Lynn Montgomery—Mayor Pro Tem

William Ragsdale, III

Georgia Nixon

Lawrence Straughn

Together, the Town Council represents over 50 years of service to the residents of Jamestown. North Carolina municipalities operate under charters granted by the General Assembly and are established to protect the citizens and provide residents of a particular area with urban-type services (water, sewer, police, fire, streets, transportation, recreation, garbage, land use planning, etc.). The elected board—Town Council—is the governing body of the Town of Jamestown.

The Town of Jamestown operates under the “Council-Manager” form of government. The Mayor and Council set policy and hire a manager to implement their policies. The manager has specified statutory authority, including the hiring and firing of employees. The Town Manager reports directly to the Town Council. The Town Attorney is also hired by the Town Council and reports directly to the board. In Jamestown, the Town Attorney is hired on a contractual basis.

The Town Council is responsible for a myriad of policy issues, but one of the most important tasks of the Council is to adopt the annual budget and set the municipal property tax rate when it adopts the annual budget.

Jamestown Facts

Settled in 1752, the Town of Jamestown was incorporated in 1947.

Jamestown's population is 4,109.

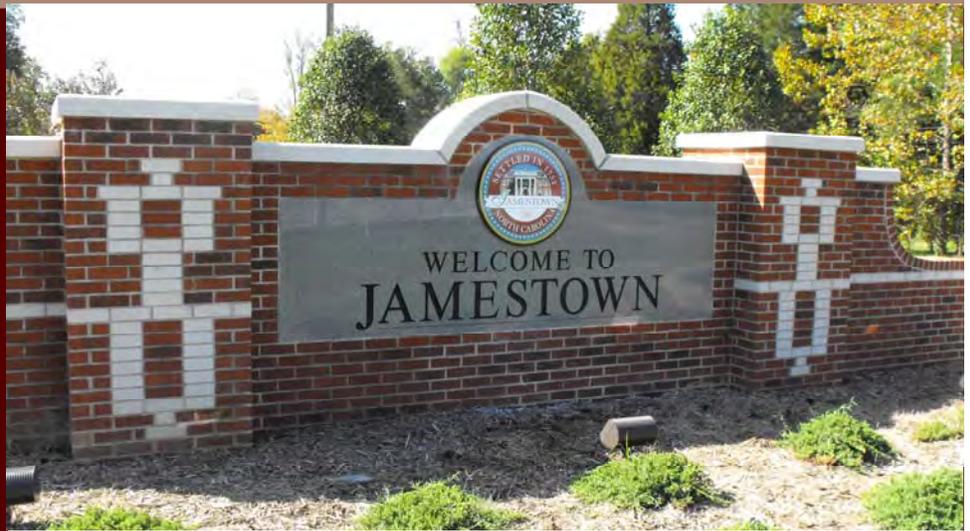
Jamestown has a total planning jurisdiction of nearly 7 square miles.

Jamestown's elevation is just over 800 feet above mean sea level.

Jamestown operates via the "council-manager" form of government. The Council is comprised of 4 regular members and a Mayor who is elected separately for 2 year terms.

Jamestown's tax rate is currently \$0.468 per \$100 of valuation.

Jamestown's tax rate in 1962 was \$0.75 per \$100 of valuation or 62% higher than current rates.



Finance Department

Jamestown's Finance Department consists of three employees lead by Judy Gallman, CPA. The Finance Department includes a Water & Sewer Billing Coordinator and an Accountant Manager. These staff members are responsible for the Town's finances and water/sewer billing. Together, these staff members represent over 75 years of experience in local government finance.



Finance Department Key Highlights for 2017

The Finance Department was awarded the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" by the Government Finance Officers Association for the **10th year in a row!**

The Town of Jamestown closed the 2016-17 Fiscal Year by decreasing debt by \$150,347. This was due to the repayment of debt obligations as scheduled per the amortization schedule.

The assets and deferred outflows or resources of the Town of Jamestown exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$29,732,324 (net position).

The Town's total net position **increased** by \$956.657, due to an increase in the governmental net position and in increase in the business-type activities net position.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Town of Jamestown's governmental funds reported an ending fund balance of \$3,375,931, an **increase** of \$94,499 in fund balance. Approximately 22.83% of this total amount, or \$770,882, is non-spendable or restricted.



Jamestown Park Golf Course

The Jamestown Park Golf Course was completed in 1974 using grant funds from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The course features a championship 18-hole course in a beautiful park setting. The park also offers other amenities such as baseball and soccer fields, covered shelters, and a knowledgeable staff of professional available for lessons.

Course Renovations

The golf course has undergone several renovation projects in the recent past. In 2011, the course's irrigation system was replaced. And in the fall of 2016, the course reopened after a complete overhaul of the greens complexes and a complete renovation of the clubhouse.

The newly renovated clubhouse now features a banquet facility that is available for rentals for weddings, family reunions, graduations and other events.



Jamestown Park Golf Course

Ross Sanderlin, our resident PGA professional, is working to update the park's web-



site. The new website will be more mobile-friendly and will offer users a more interactive experience. The park also wel-



comed the addition of Marcy Newton to the staff. Marcy is a NC native and toured on the LPGA. Both Ross and Marcy offer lessons at the park by appointment.

Renovations and More!

The course renovations over the past year have yielded a top-class facility which was selected as the 2017 "Best in the Triad" by the readers of YES! Weekly. The renovations included all new TiffEagle greens and a complete renovation to the clubhouse facility.



The clubhouse features a Grill Café operated by Cindy Grubb. Cindy serves tasty food and beverages to golfers and visitors to the park alike. You don't have to be a golfer to come and grab a sandwich, play some cards, and otherwise enjoy the

beautiful views of the golf course.

The course also participated in the Susan Komen Foundation's race to end breast cancer by raising funds throughout the month of October.

To book tee times, call 336-454-4912. Slots often fill quickly, so make sure to get on the books early!



Jamestown Parks & Recreation

The Jamestown Parks & Recreation Department is comprised of one full time employee and one part-time employee. These individuals are responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds at the Charles Turner Soccer Complex, Jamestown Park, and Wrenn Miller Park. In addition, the Parks staff are an integral part of special events planning at these facilities throughout the year.

Facility Highlights:

Charles Turner Soccer Complex: Features 4 soccer fields, playground equipment, and a concession stand.

Jamestown Park: Features 2 baseball fields, basketball court, volleyball court, horseshoes, cornhole, 2 picnic shelters, restrooms, and playground equipment.

Wrenn Miller Park: Features an amphitheater, veteran's memorial, picnic shelter, walking trail and other passive recreation opportunities.



Jamestown Parks & Recreation

Scott Coakley, our Parks & Recreation Manager, maintains a myriad of recreation facilities owned and operated by the Town. These facilities include 2 football/baseball fields, 4 soccer fields, Wrenn Miller Park, and playground facilities which host basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, picnic shelters and even cornhole boards! Scott is also integral in planning a host of special events held in our parks annually.

The Parks & Recreation Department also maintains a portion of the Bicentennial Greenway and much of the buildings and grounds found in Jamestown Park, Wrenn Miller Park, and the Charles Turner Soccer Complex.



Key Accomplishments in 2017

- ◆ Changes in turf management programs (mowing and fertilization schedules) have yielded a better playing surface at the soccer complex.
- ◆ Hosted Movie Night in the Park with Jamestown Business Association.
- ◆ Hosted "Music in the Park" multiple times over the past year.
- ◆ Hosted a Community Craft and Yard Sale in Wrenn Miller Park.
- ◆ Hosted "Yoga in the Park" at Wrenn Miller Park



Jamestown Public Services

The Jamestown Public Services department consists of 11 full-time employees. This department is responsible for the maintenance of our water/sewer infrastructure, streets, and garbage collection. As one of the most visible set of services, our Public Services staff can be seen throughout Town each day as they maintain a high level of service to the community.

Projects on tap for 2018

- ◆ A street paving project will be completed in 2018.
- ◆ Sidewalks projects along E. Main St., East Fork Rd. and Oakdale Rd. are in progress.
- ◆ The staff will recommend methods to alleviate stormwater challenges.
- ◆ A major waterline repair project along Main Street will commence.
- ◆ The Town will be working to renegotiate its contract for recycling pickup.
- ◆ Utility lines will be moved in preparation for the Jamestown Bypass.



Jamestown Public Services

Paul Blanchard, PE, is the Town's Director of Public Services. Paul's staff are the backbone of the Town. This crew is responsible for making sure our water/sewer, streets, and garbage services run efficiently and smoothly 365 days a year. Although small in number, this staff accomplishes a tremendous amount of work each year and continues to provide a high level of service, often in less-than-ideal weather conditions!



Key Accomplishments in 2017

The Public Services Department has completed a number of goals this year:

- ◆ Completed a new facility to protect equipment and provide office space for employees.
- ◆ Replaced a waterline on Gannaway St.
- ◆ Extension of water/sewer utilities along Jamestown Parkway in anticipation of new growth in that area.
- ◆ Negotiated additional water capacity with PTRWA for the future of Jamestown, as well as renewal of the Town's sewer permits.
- ◆ Completed a new sewer lift station, as well as the retrofit of pumps in existing sewer pump stations.



Jamestown Planning Department

The Jamestown Planning Department supports one full-time employee and conducts related zoning and ordinance enforcement, mapping, and long-range planning activities. One of the chief functions of the Planning Director is seeking grant funding opportunities. In just 10 short years, the Town has received just over \$3.5 million in grant funds.

Planning for Jamestown's Future

The Comprehensive Plan (aka the Land Development Plan or "LDP") was last updated in 2007. Since that time, our nation has undergone an economic downturn and is currently beginning to see signs of tremendous growth. In 2018, the Planning Department will begin work on updating the Comp Plan to assist Jamestown's citizens with planning for future growth.



Jamestown Planning

Matthew Johnson, AICP, serves as the Town's Planning Director. While long-range planning opportunities abound, the Planning Director often assists other departments such as Public Services, Parks & Recreation, Administration, and the Golf Course on special projects.



Key Accomplishments in 2017

- ◆ Secured funding of \$675,000 to complete Phase III of the sidewalk project along Oakdale Rd. Selected engineering firm to complete plans on Phase II of the Oakdale Rd. sidewalk project.
- ◆ Jamestown was recognized as a Tree City USA for the 10th consecutive year.
- ◆ Secured funding for \$500,000 for sidewalk improvements along West Main St. and Penny Rd., to being in FY 20-21.
- ◆ Completed an expansion of the Town's corporate limits along E. Main St., adding to the tax base for Jamestown and completing a key priority in Jamestown's 2020 Comprehensive Plan.
- ◆ Completed the UNC School of Government's Public Executive Leadership program. Also, completed the Certificate in Local Government Management program through Virginia Tech.



Origins of: “PIVOT OF THE PIEDMONT”

Many of you will recall Bow Stafford as “Mr. Jamestown”. Bow was Jamestown’s unofficial ambassador, working tirelessly to preserve the town’s charms while growing our community. Although he left us in 1997, Bow’s contributions to the community will not be forgotten. One of the things Bow was known for was his folksy greetings and his reference to Jamestown as the “Pivot of the Piedmont” still rings true today.

Bow helped to bring Jamestown the community spirit that it enjoys today. During his life he helped develop thousands of acres that are now some of the most cherished neighborhoods—Cedarwood, Forestdale, and Ridgecrest.

Jamestown is still a charming community of close-knit residents and continues to shine as the “Pivot of the Piedmont”. We invite you to celebrate our achievements as we work towards a bright future for Jamestown.



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