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This issue of Next Door Neighbors covers a theme we have never brought to you before, *Our Elected Leaders*. Many of us are leading busy lives and may only think about what our local government is doing if we open a newspaper or run across a meeting on Channel 48, the information channel. If we learn of something that impacts us directly we may continue to stay informed. Otherwise, we are apt to put our attention to family or work.



Meredith Collins, Publisher

When I was editing these pages, I found that I knew some of these folks, but not all of them. I had seen all of their faces at one time or another, but never really knew what they did. Now I do.

I also found this issue to be informative in other ways. Not merely because we interviewed local officials, but because we asked questions that would also tell us what kind of leaders they are. These stories tell you about our neighbors and why they feel committed to becoming our elected officials. What made them want to get involved with improving our community? What are their passions? How can they help us give direction to our future. Read on. I hope you enjoy this issue. NDN

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# A Working Man

By Lillian Stevens

“I am running all the time,” Michael Hipple says with a laugh. Moving into his second year as chairman of the James City County Board of Supervisors, Michael looks forward to building on the momentum established over the course of the past year. He is enthusiastic about all that lies ahead for this community that he loves, and its approximately 77,000 residents.

To stay on track, he remains true to his core

values: faith, family and business. In his mind, public service is closely intertwined with those values.

An organized person who has worked very hard to set priorities, Michael allocates his time very carefully in order to accomplish all that he sets out to do. In addition to his service on the Board of Supervisors, he owns and operates his own company, Michael J. Hipple Builder, Inc., while donating countless hours

to a variety of civic and charitable organizations. He is also a devoted family man.

His love of helping out neighbors and people in general probably stems from how he and his siblings were raised. “Mom and Dad were always very giving people with a deep-rooted faith and strong values,” he says.

Michael remembers a particular activity from his childhood. Following a snow storm, he and his brothers would venture out to a

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secondary road near their home and help push cars out of ditches. “We would do that all day,” he says. “It was fun!”

He was also raised with a strong work ethic. To him, work is therapeutic – a hobby, even.

For the past 28 years, Michael has been busy with his company which does everything from new construction to light commercial work and residential remodeling. At the moment, he is working on a project in Isle of Wight that includes a 15,000 square foot main house, a 4,200 square foot carriage house and a large barn.

When he's not working, Michael serves as a steadfast member of several civic groups including the Toano Kiwanis Club. He has also volunteered for over 30 years with the James City Bruton Volunteer Fire Department, serving through ranks from assistant chief to president.

The hours can run long, and there is usually work to be done at the end of the day. The Hipple family homes (there are five) sit on 20 acres of land that Michael's father, Thomas Hipple, Jr., bought in 1961. His father still lives in the original house. Michael has built four other homes on the property including his own, as well as houses for three siblings. There are animals galore, both domestic pets and farm animals like horses, steers, turkeys, goats, donkeys and sheep.

There are also woods for the children to get outdoors and explore. “My brothers and sisters and I grew up here,” Michael says. “We had so much fun running and playing in the woods, and I wanted my children to experience that too.”

He knew from a very young age that he would someday build his own house.

“One day when I was nine years old, my dad and I were down at 84 Lumber. While my dad made his purchases, I was looking through a display of some free sheets of paper with house plans. I picked up one sheet and there was a phone number at the bottom. I told my dad that I was going to build that house one day.”

He says that his father chuckled, patted him on the head and said, “That's great, son.”

The nine-year-old, meanwhile, tucked his treasured house plan away in a safe place. Over the years, Michael would pull the sheet of paper out from time to time and mull over his dream house. As a teen, he was formally introduced to the craft of building through Vocational Tech classes where his work won several regional and state awards. By then, he was more committed than ever to building his dream house.

After graduation from Lafayette High School, Michael worked for a time for Colonial Williamsburg (CW), driving the horse-drawn carriages. Through that job, he was able to meet national figures like Ronald Reagan, Francois Mitterrand, Helmut Kohl and Margaret Thatcher.

“I loved my job at CW,” Michael says. “But I knew that I needed to go another route for my long-term success. After immersing himself in the building business with a local contractor, Michael did build his dream house at the age of 24. Over the years, he would build three more homes for his brothers.

As somewhat of a hobby, Michael also has a keen interest in history, particularly in restoring pieces of history for future generations. “I like

# Maria's Journey

**M**aria Summers graduated from Randolph Macon College with a degree in biochemistry and biology and has a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She is a nurse at the joint replacement/orthopedic unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, where she had twice been a patient.

In her twenty-seven years, Maria has had twenty-seven surgical procedures. She was born with a cleft palate and lip, needing a tracheotomy to breathe and a gastrostomy tube to be nourished. When Maria was referred to CDR at 10 months of age, home visits began immediately, focusing on her gross and fine motor development and providing Maria with a means of communication.

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Maria's mom, Lauren

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Today Maria is a confident and competent young woman. She has traveled to Morocco with Operation Smile, being their pre- and post-surgery photographer. With other nursing students, she traveled to Haiti to provide community nursing after the earthquake in 2012. Maria's next goal is to further her work with children by becoming a pediatric nurse.

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restoring old buildings and other pieces of our history because it's a legacy of what people did years ago, and it's neat to be part of preserving and saving it for generations to come."

As an example, Hipple Builder, Inc. was instrumental in the restoration of the Norge Train Depot, a structure that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. "Over the span of about 15 years, my little company probably donated over \$100,000 to the county in in-kind preservation services and materials."

At his core, Michael is deeply religious and tries to see the best in all people. Raised in a Catholic home, he and his family attend Crosswalk Community Church. His convictions are strong and he is profoundly grateful for the many gifts large and small that occur on any given day. He describes himself as the luckiest individual in the world. Fourteen years ago, he and his wife, Kristen, were married. Their blended family consists of seven children: two girls and five boys, ranging in age from eight to 31. He is proud of each and every one. Kristen manages the family's home, oversees their young sons' busy schedules and runs her own business too. It's a busy family and that dynamic works just fine for them.

"Kristen knows that everything that I do is out of love for her and our family. I want to see my children and my grandchildren enjoy the things I enjoyed. And I hope to teach my children that the biggest value, the biggest thing, is faith. I want them to know that God will take care of them no matter what's going on."

In terms of his role with the Board of Supervisors, Michael very much sees himself as a "servant leader" whose job is to look at the public sector very much like a business. "To me, James City County is like a company and our investors are the taxpayers. I do my best to represent them because they have appointed me to a board to manage their company."

If asked what his vision is for James City County ten years from now, he is quick to answer.

"It is important to have goals and a vision because otherwise you are throwing darts at a target you cannot see."

Ten years out, Michael would like to see the county's water needs addressed and its debt reduced, with school sites planned out and paid for ahead of time. The county complex would relocate to Warhill so that everything is under one roof. "That way, we could manage more easily as a team," he says.

As for the wider Williamsburg community, he believes that people are mostly all the same and at the end of the day, everyone really seeks the same things.

"I think that we want to be happy; we want to raise our families; we want to have a little extra money; we want to be able to retire someday. But most of all, I think that we want to believe that something we have done has made a difference in this life."

As for his service to the community, Michael Hipple, Sr. believes that time is the most valuable thing he has to give and he is happy to give it. "If you look at the time from when you're born to when you die, that is a precious little bit of time. I want to take each moment and live it the best way I can." NDN



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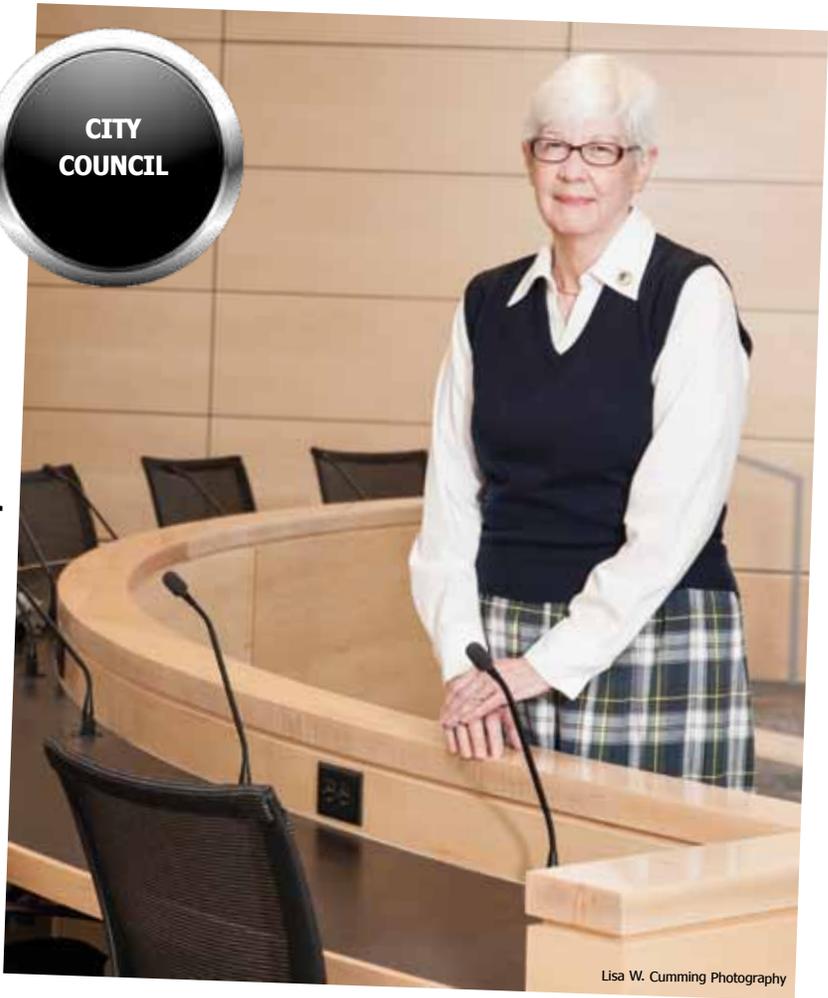
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# Making Her Contribution

By Cathy Welch



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“If you live in a place, you need to contribute something,” Council Member Judy Knudson says. “You shouldn’t just sit.”

Michigan native Judy earned her Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Michigan and graduated the same year as her soon-to-be husband, Steve. She joined the Peace Corps for two years in Columbia, South

America and returned to join Steve in Boston where he was in graduate school. She worked a clerical position with a book publishing company there. Soon the couple married.

Steve began his graduate and post-doctorate work in chemistry which set the couple off on a diverse route of travel. They lived in Edmonton, Alberta where their son, David, was born.

From there they lived in Santa Barbara, California, then Kingston, Ontario. Eventually, Steve was hired as an assistant professor at the University of Central Florida (UCF), and they lived in Orlando.

After her daughter, Diane, was born, Judy pursued graduate work. “I was doing it because I was interested and the faculty loved that.”

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Judy explains about earning her Masters in Political Science at UCF.

At the time, Judy was very active with The League of Women Voters. “That kept me sane out there in Florida’s suburbia,” she says.

The Knudson family came to the Williamsburg area in 1980 when Steve began teaching at the College of William and Mary. “I started working then because you can’t live in this town on an assistant professor’s salary,” Judy explains.

She worked at the college’s admissions office for five years, later partnering with friend, Ellin Gordon, in Gordon/Knudson Associates. The business, which helped kids gain admission to boarding schools and colleges, was fun but they never really made much money. When their son David went to college, Judy needed to increase her earnings.

She worked for the Williamsburg Regional Commission on Growth. Subsequently, she took a job with The Rita Welsh Adult Skills Program (the Adult Literacy Program, today) helping children and adults earn their GED and working in English as a Second Language (ESL).

Around this time, Judy responded to a notice in the newspaper giving residents with an interest in government an opportunity to apply for a board or commission. “That was really the beginning,” she says. “I got appointed and it was fascinating.”

A friend asked her to run for James City County’s Board of Supervisors. She won the election, becoming their first woman member in 1990. She was also president of the local League of Women Voters and involved with the PTA, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts. She held the Board of Supervisors position for four years, eventually filling the chairman role. She ran for a second term and lost. She returned to her work with the Adult Skills Program.

“One of the things we were doing on the Board of Supervisors was figuring out what to do after the health department left Williamsburg and moved to Newport News,” she explains. The prenatal care, childhood immunizations and other services they offered was inconveniently located at a longer distance. “That was before we even had a decent bus system,” she says. “You’re telling somebody in Toano to go down to Riverside to get prenatal care. They didn’t. So the emergency rooms were inundated.”

Judy was part of a group that opened Olde Towne Medical Center to answer this need. She was executive director for 15 years. “We’re still doing really good work,” she says. “But healthcare was getting more and more complicated. I’ve got a Masters in Political Science, not Healthcare. I was exhausted.”

Judy retired and currently serves on the board of directors of this non-profit organization. She was on the Board of Zoning Appeals and had just been appointed to the planning commission when city council member, Mickey Chohany, decided not to run again.

“The idea flitted through my head (to run) and I thought it sounded kind of fun,” she explains. She won the election and became one of five city council members. She won her second term, too.

“Williamsburg is so easy compared to other cities, especially when you look at what’s happening around us,” Judy explains. “Williamsburg is much smaller and financially, very sound. And our City Council has been together for six years. We get along well.”

“The election is in May,” she says of nearing the end of her second

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term. “I’m not going to run. I’ve run for office four times and I think that’s about enough.”

Judy is still passionate about local government. “I was knocking on doors one day and this man came to the door and had no idea there was an upcoming election,” she explains. “He said, ‘If it’s not on ESPN or FOX, I don’t know anything about it.’ ESPN and FOX are telling you nothing about what’s going on in Williamsburg or what’s going on with your neighbor across the street and at your kid’s school. You should pay attention to those things. I was just appalled. The League of Women Voters has a great bumper sticker: If you don’t vote, you deserve what you get.”

Judy has studied voting patterns noting that many citizens vote for President, a smaller number vote at state level and few vote locally. “What’s really important in your life is that the trash gets picked up, the fire department shows up, your kids have a good school and there are parks,” she says. “None of that is federal stuff. That’s all your City Council, your Board of Supervisors making those decisions.”

She finds the tension between what one person wants, what another wants and what is good for the community very interesting. “It’s good when they match, but they don’t always,” she says. “We’ve had huge battles over trash collection. That’s what matters to people.”

“The most interesting thing for me is that Duke of Gloucester is a public street,” she explains. “Whenever Colonial Williamsburg wants to do something like the ice rink, we have to approve it. I think it’s wonderful that they do these kinds of things.” Judy is a democrat, but quick to point out that the Williamsburg City Council is a nonpartisan group which she feels is appropriate.

“There are some things you do that have to do with being a liberal or conservative, but that’s not really democrat or republican.”

Judy and Steve like to visit the unspoiled island of Abaco in the Bahamas. Now that Steve is retired, they plan to spend more time with their granddaughter, their son and his wife just outside of New York City along the Hudson River. Their daughter, Diane, currently lives in Florida.

“So, we’ve got a place to go in the summer and a place to go in the winter,” she says. “My husband has a brother who lives in Los Alamos, New Mexico. We’d like to get out there a little more, too.”

Today, Judy is on the Olde Towne Medical Center Board, the Land Conservancy Advisory Board and the local WHRO Committee. She is also on a committee with the Christopher Wren Association. “I think my problem now is going to be saying no to people,” she says. “We’ll just see what happens. I’m in office until the end of June.”

In her free time, Judy likes to swim and is an avid reader of English mysteries. She particularly likes author Agatha Christie. “I’ve read them all,” she says. “Some people know how to write and it’s just like candy.” Judy and Steve are in a book club together and she is in a separate club with neighbors and friends. “We just read a book about Britain in the first world war that was interesting,” she says. “I knew a little bit because I was a history major. The discussions are good.”

Judy Knudson remains a proponent of local community involvement. “Not everybody wants to run for office, but everybody can do something,” she says. “You can get involved.” **NDN**



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# An Advocate for Neighbors

By Erin Fryer



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On the surface, Supervisor John McGlennon leads a life that seemingly revolves around politics.

As vice-chair of the James City County Board of Supervisors and professor and chair of the Department of Government at the College of William and Mary, John's average day consists of everything from educating future

politicians to listening to the concerns of his neighbors in order to make important community decisions. Though his plate may be full, John still finds the time for the activities he loves most.

John and his wife, Terry, moved to Williamsburg in 1974. John, a then-recent graduate of Johns Hopkins University, had accepted a tem-

porary position as a visiting assistant professor in the government department at William and Mary, not knowing the position would eventually evolve to where he is today.

Though he knew from as early as elementary school age that he had a deep interest in politics, John says the fact that he teaches and researches the topic made him certain he

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would never actually serve in his own local government. However, it was his passion for the Williamsburg community and desire to maintain the small-town feel of the place he called home that drove him to fill an empty seat on the county board in 1998.

“At the time, I was hearing rumblings of other candidates wanting to change the direction of the county dramatically, and I wasn’t in favor of that and wanted to retain what we could of our small town atmosphere,” John says.

Fast-forward 18 years and John has kept his seat on the board, saying it’s the satisfaction he gets out of the ability to influence local decisions and make a difference in the neighborhoods he represents that makes him stay year after year.

A long-time resident of the Rolling Woods subdivision, John says that first and foremost he is an advocate for the neighborhoods within the Roberts District he represents. Having built his family’s home when the neighborhood was just getting its start, John is passionate about helping his neighbors and the county in general deal with issues in the community.

While juggling a position on the faculty at the College of William and Mary and in local government, it’s hard to believe that John has any free time at all. He and Terry are parents to two grown sons, Andrew and Colin, who, like John, are big-time fans of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team.

“We try to make it to Baltimore for at least six games per year,” John says. During his travels, John has developed a love for other aspects of the city of Baltimore besides just the time he logs at Camden Yards. He loves taking in Baltimore’s historic sights and visiting the American Visionary Arts Museum. “I love art, both quirky and impressionist,” he says. “When my schedule allows me to do a little traveling, I definitely have a great attraction to Baltimore and visit often.”

In the midst of juggling his two major professional roles, John is also in the process of heading up a big move for the government department to a new location on William and Mary’s campus, which he admits has consumed a lot of his time lately.

However, John finds the time to enjoy the little things just like anyone else. “I enjoy

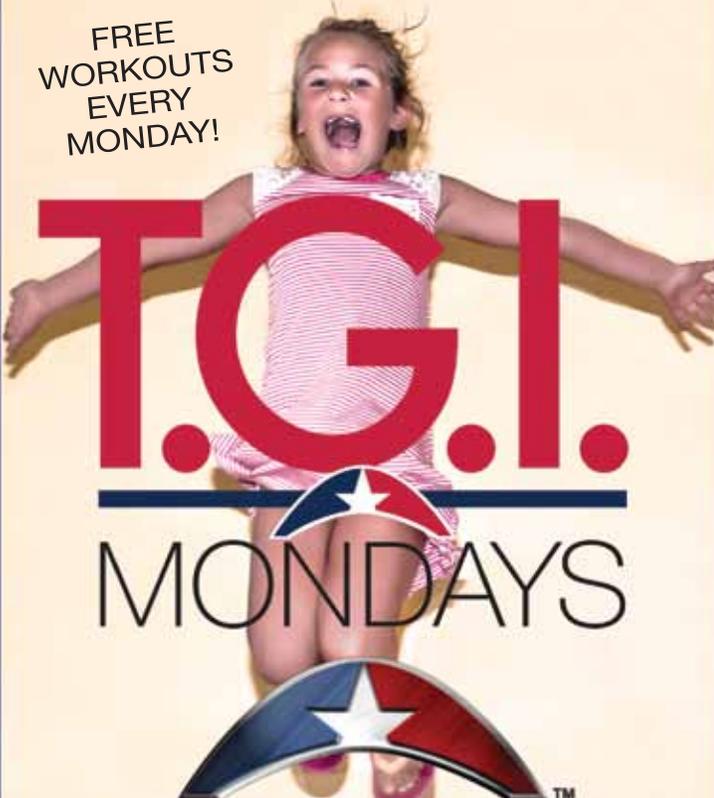
reading and doing cross word puzzles,” he says. However, John’s favorite thing to do in Williamsburg probably comes as little surprise. He loves touring the town’s historic sites.

“Williamsburg is really a wonderful place to live but the history is so central to the founding of our nation, and what makes it so unique is that we can still see it,” he says. “It’s not just a marker on the side of the road next to a big box store saying that a historical event occurred here. We can still visit the sites, see them and appreciate them.”

One of his favorite spots in town is Mainland Farm off of Greensprings Road, the first farm to actually be cultivated by the English settlers in the New World. The county purchased the land and placed a permanent conservation easement on it so it will always be viewed as a historical spot and preserved for years to come.

“I love how we can visit these sites and see the land pretty much as it was when the events occurred,” John says. “I get excited every time I visit sites like Jamestown Island. These resources give us the tremendous opportunity to learn more about where we come from.”

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In order to gauge whether his neighbors and fellow community members share the same sentiments on preserving the Williamsburg way of life, John says he always tries to keep his ear to the ground and finds the best place to learn the needs and priorities of the individual is by chatting with them in the grocery store.

“People regularly approach me in the grocery store either because they know me or they have seen me in the board meetings on their television, and they tell me about the issues they are concerned with in the community,” he says. “I try to use grocery stores and other spots in town where local residents are out and about to gather this type of honest feedback.”

James City County has changed a lot since John moved here in 1974, and he admits he hasn't been in favor of some of the growth he has seen. “When we moved here the county had 14,000 residents, and now we are at about 77,000,” he says. “It's been a real challenge to try to keep the growth as consistent as possible with how the town already exists. While there have been some ideas I have been opposed to, I feel like we are a very desirable community who can set their standards high on what we

bring in development-wise and what we don't.”

One thing John is particularly proud of is the town's long-standing tradition of having successful manufacturing businesses that employ a lot of people, do great work and bring in revenue, but are still hidden away to the casual observer to maintain Williamsburg's overall look.

When it comes to being a professor, John enjoys getting to work with some of the brightest, hardworking students who he has had the pleasure of watching grow up and move on to successful careers. “I have been here so long I have even gotten to teach some of my former student's children,” he says with a laugh.

Outside of teaching at the university, John also loves rooting for the Tribe basketball team every chance he gets. “We are doing very well this year,” he says. “I try to make all of the games.”

Serving as supervisor also gives him some credibility with his students. “My students see me talking about the political system and how it operates, but they also know I am getting my hands dirty and practicing what I preach,” he explains. “It's a great opportunity to be able

to mix the academic side of politics with the practical world of politics.”

What John loves most about being a local government official is being able to see the impact his decisions make on the community. “I can see an intersection where I played a role in making traffic move more efficiently or a school that was constructed because we recognized the need to provide quality service for students,” he says. “It can be challenging to juggle my different roles, but it's very rewarding.”

With his sons now grown, John is looking forward to continuing on with some of his favorite pastimes like cheering on the Tribe at William and Mary Hall and taking regular trips to Baltimore to take in an Orioles game. “I haven't gotten to the point yet where I have a ton of free time,” he says, “but I am looking forward to this next phase.”

While he says Williamsburg is a wonderful place to raise a family, John explains what he loves most about the town is the diversity and cultural opportunities it has to offer. “That is one upside of growth. The more the county has grown the richer range of choices we have that weren't here before.” **NDN**

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# Finding Solutions

By Alison Johnson



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Running is one of Paul Freiling's passions, but he doesn't like to race. Individual times and records don't interest him. He'd rather help others train, serve as a pace group leader in competitions to push people toward their goals, or simply log his usual 60-plus miles a week for the camaraderie and conversation.

Paul takes the same team approach as Vice Mayor on the Williamsburg City Council. First elected to the Council in 2004, he quickly learned that solo acts don't work well in local government, whether the goal is encourag-

ing smart development, balancing the needs of college students and permanent residents, improving street landscaping or addressing properties that have become eyesores.

"No one on the Council accomplishes anything alone," he says. "Whatever we do accomplish is done as a group. Even after split votes, we all always support the effort going forward. Real leadership is not about pointing out problems, it is about finding and implementing solutions."

Paul has deep roots in the community he

represents. A 1979 graduate of the College of William and Mary, he has worked for Colonial Williamsburg since his student days and is now Director of the Special Gifts Programs. He and his wife, Catherine, a fellow William and Mary alumnus and CW employee, have two daughters in city schools: Emma, 17, at Lafayette High, and Sophie, 14, at Berkeley Middle.

Six days a week, Paul is part of a group that meets before dawn in Merchants Square to run for anywhere from 90 minutes to three



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# Williamsburg Spring Arts

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Williamsburg Spring Arts runs from March 15 thru May 31

### Gardens

Don't miss Colonial Williamsburg's 70th annual Garden Symposium on April 24. This is a great way to dive into Garden Week in Virginia, taking place April 25-29. "Art in Bloom" happens at the Muscarelle Museum of Art on the 26th, as does the Virginia Glass Guild Show and Sale at Swem Library!

### Music and Performing Arts

If you love music and the performing arts, then we have a fantastic lineup for you too! The Williamsburg Symphonia offers Masterworks concerts on March 14-15, and on April 18-19. And the popular "Cabaret & Cocktails" event is being held on March 22. The Williamsburg Players present FRONT PAGE, premiering March 10 and closing on March 26. The Williamsburg Choral Guild presents concerts on March 13 and April 30th. Opera in Williamsburg performs "Cinderella" for two performances on April 8 and 10th.

### Fine Arts/Museums and Galleries

The New Town Chalk Art Festival takes place April 23. Art on the Square by Junior Women happens on April 24th at 5:00pm. The Muscarelle has two ongoing exhibits to enjoy: Normal Rockwell & The Boy Scouts, and Hiroshige Tokaido Prints, while Lightworks closes on April 10. The Virginia Living Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary on May 6! The following day, the Wine and Run for the Roses event takes place at the Muscarelle. The next day, May 8th, is Art at the River at Riverwalk Landing.

The Williamsburg Contemporary Arts Center has a number of exhibits this spring: Works by Maggie Sawyer runs through April 1 and Vietnam War art runs from May 23 - June 7th.

A regional art gallery event, called "Art Escape Weekend" will take place from May 27-28. The Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg open a new exhibit, Hennage: Architectural Clues, on May 27.

### Culinary Scene

The ever popular "Blues Brews & BBQ" returns on May 7th at Riverwalk Landing. And on June 9th "Taste of Williamsburg Meets Iron Chef" returns. Last year, we partnered with the Williamsburg Area Restaurant Association to combine the two events. For the price of one ticket, you get to see the amazing Iron Chef competition AND eat your way through a heavenly selection of food, beer and wine from our area's finest restaurants. Get your tickets fast at williamsburgcc.com, as this event always sells out fast! If you'd like to learn more about our tourism industry here in greater Williamsburg, and its positive economic impact for our area, we invite you to the 2016 Tourism Rally, a free public event, celebrating National Travel and Tourism Week, at the Williamsburg Community Building on April 29th at 8:00 am. I invite you to experience our beautiful destination like a tourist this spring; you'll find it full of fantastic things to see and do. For the complete line-up of events, go to WilliamsburgSpringArts.com.



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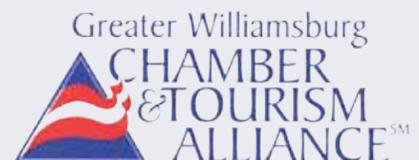
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hours. Many routes take him through neighborhoods and parts of the city he wouldn't typically see from his car. He's often up by 4:30 a.m. to be well-awake for those outings, a good time to tackle the hundreds of pages of reading required for City Council meetings.

"Every decision is important, because even seemingly small matters make a difference to someone in our community," he notes. Land-use choices in particular, he adds, "generally have an impact over decades and cannot easily be undone."

Paul saw that firsthand in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he spent most of his childhood after his parents relocated from California. Like Williamsburg, Fredericksburg was a small historic city faced with rapid growth in its surrounding suburbs. One of Paul's high school jobs was at a men's clothing store, where his boss was on City Council and enlisted Paul as a campaign volunteer.

"One thing Fredericksburg didn't do well was to reinvent and drive redevelopment in its downtown area," he recalls. "So when businesses developed all around it, restaurants, shops and entertainment, far fewer people went downtown. For a time, it was really a dead area. It has made a comeback, but what I want to do here is make sure our downtown area is always vibrant. We're not in competition with the county; we just need to keep our own appeal."

History has always appealed to Paul. He majored in Classical Civilizations at William and Mary, focusing on the language, art, literature, mythological history of ancient Greece and Rome. At the same time, he held a variety of jobs at Colonial Williamsburg: interpreter at the Geddy Foundry, which demonstrates brass and bronze casting; candle maker; retail salesman at the Golden Ball silversmith shop; and dishwasher, host and waiter at the King's Arms Tavern. In his current position, he is tasked with building relationships with CW supporters across the country.

Before joining City Council, Paul served as an appointed member of the Architectural Review Board, Beautification Advisory Committee and Planning Commission. After five-plus years of working on land use issues on the Planning Commission, he decided to run for Council. "I wanted to be more involved in the broader issues and decisions that impact our community as a means of giving back to the place that had become my home," he explains.

Selected as Vice Mayor six years ago, Paul is the Council's liaison to the Economic Development Authority and tries to attend all of its meetings as well. He also has advocated for health initiatives, public-private partnerships to create more workforce housing, early childhood education and transportation improvements, including passenger rail. One point of pride for him is an improved relationship between the city and its college in recent years. Paul credits changes such as allowing William and Mary students to register to vote, easing some restrictions on rental properties and supporting the development of additional student housing.

Another is the beautification of city streetscapes such as Prince George Street and Second Street. Adding sidewalks, bike lanes, landscaping and underground wiring has helped spur private investment in buildings and facades, as has purchasing underutilized properties, demolishing damaged buildings and encouraging redevelopment.

“This is essential, especially on major corridors, if we are to keep Williamsburg as an attractive, appealing destination for our visitors, which is critical to the success of our local economy,” Paul notes. “We’d also like to keep more of our talented young William and Mary graduates here.”

One constant challenge is getting enough community feedback on issues well before decisions are made, he adds. “We have to be more creative, persistent and intentional in the way we deliver messages. We are constantly looking at new opportunities to use technology, because it is more efficient and effective.”

Depending on the season and issues before the Council, Paul might spend anywhere from five to 20-plus hours a week on his government duties. Between that, work, family time, running and playing golf with his younger daughter, he doesn’t have much free time for another long-time hobby: building with LEGO bricks.

Like many LEGO fans, Paul got hooked as a kid, deemed them “uncool” as a teenager, a phase that hobbyists refer to as the “Dark Ages”, and rediscovered them as an adult. One of his more intricate creations depicted the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, complete with exploding flames and gushing oil. That scored him an interview with CNN at a LEGO exposition.

Paul also took up serious running as an adult, about 20 years ago. “I love the overall better feeling one has as a regular runner,” he says. “The worst thing a runner faces is when they have to give it up for an extended period of time due to an injury. You just don’t feel the same when you aren’t running.”

He enjoys the freedom of never training for his own races, which would bring pressure to meet certain time or mileage goals. He has paced runners at all distances, including his daughter, Sophie, in 5Ks, and is currently helping friends prepare for the Boston Marathon. As a pace runner, he picks a speed he can maintain without getting too breathless, often around an eight-minute mile.

“I don’t want to let people down, and I want to have enough energy reserves to be able to talk to them and cheer them on,” he explains. “When you can help someone accomplish something about which they are proud, or something they didn’t think they were capable of doing, it is a wonderful feeling.”

Conversations on long group runs can be weighty or silly, he adds: “Some days you need a lot of humor to make it through, so we are often laughing a lot,” he says.

Paul is now preparing to run for re-election to City Council, which would be his fourth term. “It is a privilege to work with top-notch City staff and terrific colleagues on Council,” he says. “I have met and gotten to know many more residents of this community, within the City and without, who have enriched my life. It has also been fascinating to see outcomes from Council’s actions over the years.”

He has no political aspirations at any other level. He likes the local job: the focus on important city issues, the at-large elections and the lack of polarizing national issues, party affiliations or pricey campaigns. “It’s a much more reasonable and grassroots process,” Paul Freiling says. “There is less divide. It’s a team effort.”

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# Preparing for the Future

By Brandy Centolanza



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By the end of this year, James City County is expected to have its first strategic plan in place, and Jamestown District Supervisor Kevin Onizuk couldn't be more thrilled.

Kevin, along with Roberts Supervisor John McGlennon, has been instrumental in the hiring of Clarion Associates, a consulting firm that will assist James City County's staff and board with the layout of the strategic plan. The

county currently has a comprehensive plan, but the strategic plan would be the first of its kind for the county. It will cover the county's vision for the future in the key areas of business and economic development; land use and land preservation; financial goals for the county; and citizen services, including parks and recreation and other amenities. Community input will be sought throughout the year as part of

the strategic planning process.

"I am excited for the direction and guidance from citizens because this will help chart our course for the future," Kevin says. "The strategic plan will be a guiding document for county leadership for many years to come."

Kevin has been a part of the Board of Supervisors since January 2014 and has just come off of a year of serving as the board's vice

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chairman. The local Republican committee approached Kevin two years ago about running for the board because of his business and financial background (Kevin is branch manager for J.G. Wentworth Home Lending, Inc.), among other reasons.

"They knew I was involved in the community, and in my neighborhood, and that I also have an investment in the schools," he says. "They thought I would be a good fit for the county. I was excited by the offer and the opportunity. This is my first elected position. I am excited to serve and make a difference."

Kevin is one of five supervisors serving on the board, each representing districts with different issues. Though his main focus is his constituents in the Jamestown District, he strives to work jointly with the other board members to make the county as a whole a better place.

"We are all serving districts with different personalities but we are one happy county, one happy family working together," he says.

Kevin is proud of several board accomplishments since his term began. Soon after he was elected, he and the board were tasked with finding a new county administrator, leading to

the hiring of Bryan Hill.

"I think he is an excellent addition to the county staff," Kevin says. "He is forward-thinking, hard-working, and has worked with the board to identify key opportunities to improve the county."

During the 2016 budget process last year, James City County earned what is called a "triple-triple" after three major rating agencies upgraded the county's bond rating to the highest possible grade, AAA. Kevin takes great pride in that achievement.

"Earning the triple-triple is very prestigious, and very rare, almost unheard of for a county of our size," he says. "It is a big accomplishment, and a tribute to our sound financial practices and forward-thinking fiscal policies."

Keeping the county's appearance clean and serene for locals and tourists alike has also been a goal for Kevin. "We want the citizens to be proud of the county they see, and we want our visitors to come here knowing that this is an attractive place to visit and a nice place to be," he says.

Part of that is ensuring proper land use and preservation. Kevin is the Board of Supervi-

sor's representative with the Williamsburg Land Conservancy. "Many people move here because it is a beautiful place to be," points out Kevin. "We have great amenities, and we want to protect what makes James City County beautiful. As county leaders, we are taking proactive steps to protect the county for years to come. It is especially important because of the historical significance of our area with Jamestown Settlement and Colonial Williamsburg. It is our responsibility to protect this area so that future generations can see how our country got its start."

Promoting James City County through tourism is also important to Kevin. He serves on both the Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance and the Williamsburg Area Destination Marketing Committee.

"I am a big believer in tourism for economic development," shares Kevin. "We have a lot to offer people who come here with Busch Gardens, Go Ape, Jamestown Beach, and the marina. We want people to spend their dollars here and invest in our county and go home with a positive view. It is a boost to our local economy."

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Since taking his seat with the board, Kevin has also worked with the other supervisors to ensure that the board as a whole is viewed as more citizen-friendly and business-friendly.

“We’ve strived to be more cohesive, positive, and to work together,” Kevin reflects. “I think we’ve done a good job at that. We’ve worked hard to encourage citizen participation and government transparency so that citizens can truly see what their government is doing.”

Kevin always welcomes the opportunity to interact with citizens and relishes representing the Jamestown District. “When you are in local government, you have a connection,” he says. “We live here, work here, shop here, and have kids that go to school here. We have family and friends in the community. I think that is the most important thing in order to understand the needs of the citizens, to live in and being active in the community. What drives me is the ability to contribute and make a difference. I work hard to understand the needs of the citizens and work hard for the future of the county. That is what motivates me. I think James City is great, and I want to keep it great and preserve it for future generations.”

Kevin, his wife, Heather, and their three children have been staples in James City County since 2006. Kevin and Heather both grew up in Delaware. The pair first met in kindergarten, reconnected again in middle school, and then once again at the University of Delaware, where Kevin earned a Degree in Business Administration. Kevin and his wife lived several places for a few years after college, including in northern Virginia, before deciding they wanted to call Williamsburg home.

Their eldest child, Makenzie, is an artist and student at Jamestown High School, while Raegan, a student at Lois Hornsby Middle School, is an Irish dancer. The youngest, Chase, attends Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School, and is involved with cub scouts, baseball and basketball. When they aren’t seeing to their various activities, the Onizuk family enjoys frequenting Busch Gardens and Colonial Williamsburg.

“Family is the most important thing,” he says.

Beyond James City County, Kevin has also forged a relationship with a community of CrossFit enthusiasts at Williamsburg Indoor

Sports Complex (WISC). He’s been active with CrossFit for the past three years.

“I try to go to CrossFit as often as possible,” he says. “It’s my happy place, my favorite thing to do. I like the constant variety of activities with CrossFit, and that it is a constant challenge, both physically and mentally. I also like that there is always support around you and others who are there rooting for you to succeed.”

Kevin also wants to see James City County, as well as its citizens, continue to prosper and succeed for years to come. He doesn’t stick to just fulfilling his supervisory duties at board meetings. Kevin attends as many community events and neighborhood gatherings and functions as he is able.

“I like to meet with people and have them tell me what is on their minds,” he says. “I like being involved with local government because it has a significant impact on people, and it truly impacts people’s day-to-day lives. As supervisors, we are a part of the community and we are here every day. We live it. I am passionate about James City County,” Kevin Onizuk says, “and I’m happy and proud to serve.” NDN



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# Focusing on Economic Development

By Rachel Sapin



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Anyone who works for a municipality or is a diehard fan of the NBC Show “Parks and Recreation,” might be aware of the everyday minutiae that make up local government.

That’s exactly what Williamsburg Council Member Scott Foster enjoys about it.

“Local government is where you can have the most bang for your buck,” says the two-term city councilman. “It has a tangible impact on whether someone feels safe, whether someone has a nice, clean enjoyable place to recreate, whether their water is clean, and how reliable their local services are.”

Sometimes, he feels as if there are “Parks and Recreation” parallels in his life. Scott grew

up in the western part of Virginia in Highland County. He describes his hometown as extremely rural. It was typical farm life, Scott says. His parents own 75 acres of land that they run cattle on. Scott attended a small high school with 33 kids in his graduating class. “It has the lowest population density of any county east of the Mississippi River,” he says. “It was like growing up in a different time in a lot of ways. It was nice. You knew everyone well, and they knew you. I had plenty of freedom to roam and enjoy the outdoors.”

His small-town upbringing had a very positive impact on his view of government. “In a community that size, the impact of local

government is very clear and very direct. As a result, my dad was involved and always kept up with what was going on.”

However, Scott didn’t necessarily know he wanted to work in government as an adult. “Most of my life is based on individual strokes of luck,” he says with a laugh. As a youth, he never imagined himself at William and Mary. Growing up on the west side of the state, he was more familiar with James Madison University (JMU) and Virginia Tech.

It was a William and Mary versus JMU football game at Zable Stadium that inspired Scott to attend William and Mary as an undergraduate, despite seeing the team lose by

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a field goal. He still remembers waking up after that devastating 2005 game and sitting on the porch of Barrett Hall, which would later become his freshman residence, admiring the scenic campus and historic brick buildings.

"I submitted my application for William and Mary on the last day it could be post-marked," he remembers.

Scott liked the size of Williamsburg and also liked that Williamsburg had things to do, without being overwhelming. "For me, moving to Williamsburg was like moving to town because there were more than two places to go to dinner," he says with a laugh.

Scott majored in government at William and Mary, but as a student he was initially interested in the academic side of politics. He wasn't involved in the college's student assembly or at the time really into what he describes as "retail politics."

While an undergraduate, Scott says he became enthralled with an independent study he was conducting on Virginia transforming from a Republican state into political swing state. It was actually during his junior year that fellow classmates encouraged Scott to

consider running for a local city council seat. They thought he'd be a good candidate because of his approachable demeanor and love for Williamsburg.

Scott spent the summer before his senior year studying Spanish, and that's where, he says, he finally had time to actually hang out around town. It was the first time he got to live off campus and know his neighbors. He also spent much of that summer exploring the York and James Rivers.

By the fall of his senior year, he couldn't get the idea out of his head. "Running for Council was a clear way to become involved and really improve the dynamic between the city and the college. It was about unifying Williamsburg," he says of his 2010 campaign. "A lot of it was a lack of understanding of the other. City folks didn't understand what went into students' decision-making in whether or not to live off campus, and students didn't understand the city's perspective on healthy neighborhood dynamics. The level of mutual understanding has improved dramatically."

When Scott was elected to a city council seat in 2010 as a senior, he was 22 years old

and the first William and Mary student to nab a council seat in 300 years.

For him, the experience of being a student and a public servant at the same time was eye-opening. "As a student, you're spending time on Merchants Square and in Colonial Williamsburg. You're really remaining adjacent to the college, and unless you have a different experience than I did, you don't really know about the rest of Williamsburg," he explains.

"From a student's perspective, it seems affluent. It's not. There's a wide cross-section of incomes and backgrounds. It's a very diverse place. That wasn't clear to me as an undergrad."

Scott says truly getting to know Williamsburg came from knocking on doors during his first council campaign.

"There were neighborhoods with big brick houses, small ranch style houses with working-class folks, and apartment complexes with a highly transient population. That was a real awakening."

One of the issues that really evolved while serving on city council was his understanding of Williamsburg's tourism industry. "There

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was a feeling we weren't improving and evolving as fast as we needed to be," he says "For so long, bringing tourists to Williamsburg has been very traditional with visiting Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown and Busch Gardens. We needed to tease out the local experience and put that on show for the everyday tourist as well."

Scott points to recent events such as the Williamsburg Harvest Festival as a testament to the city finally flaunting its 21st-century culture in addition to its Colonial roots. The festival hosted more than two dozen culinary events last November, ranging from oyster roasts to smokehouse tours and renowned sommelier tastings.

"The festival really profiled our local food and music scene. It keyed the tourist in to the authentic Williamsburg experience," Scott says. He adds that Colonial Williamsburg has also been supportive and enthusiastic of such events.

Scott, who is now serving his second term as a city councilman, says he is most proud of the economic development goals he has helped the city achieve during his time on

council.

"We've adopted a strategy that is spurring reinvestment in our commercial properties like older hotels and shopping centers that are ripe for redevelopment," he says. "This council has been very focused on economic development since the second half of my first term. In the last two years, council has been bold in its decision-making with regard to purchasing properties and changing the way we invest in tourism promotion."

He points to the city's 2013 Comprehensive Plan and the redevelopment of Prince George Street as two specific economic development accomplishments where he feels he has made a difference. "By increasing the residential density allowed in the downtown area, several properties have redeveloped into a 'mixed use' of retail on the first floor with residential above. The changes to the Comprehensive Plan really spurred those projects along."

Today, Scott is no longer a student, but a lawyer who concentrates his practice in land use, zoning, community associations, estate administration and real estate strategies. Fol-

lowing his time as an undergrad, he received a Juris Doctor degree from William and Mary's Law School in 2014.

"Work has afforded me a new perspective into the local business community. It's been enlightening," he says. "I now have better appreciation for people who have a demanding work life, but are also devoted public servants. It's a difficult balance to strike."

Though school may be behind him, the allure of the Chesapeake waterways has not left Scott since graduating from William and Mary.

"I spend most of my free time outdoors," he says. "From spring through early fall I do a lot of freshwater and inshore saltwater fishing and then hunt through the late fall and winter."

Though no other William and Mary students have followed in Scott's footsteps since he was first elected to city council six years ago, his win did inspire students TO get involved in local government in other ways. "The board and commission structure within the city is more inclusive of the student population now. It's worked out great," Scott Foster says. NDN

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# RUTH LARSON



# Love of Service



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By Naomi Tene' Austin

Ruth Larson has the kind of congenial and inviting personality that makes an hour long conversation feel like a minute. With her, a round of dialogue covering politics, family, and important issues is both informative and enjoyable. Right away, I understood how this former chairwoman of the Williamsburg-James City County School Board was able to secure a seat as one of the newest members of the James City County Board of Supervisors.

"This county is very important to me. I was born in Williamsburg and it has provided a home for my family for many years," she says. "I had really planned to do another term on the

school board but when we went to the board of supervisors meeting and presented our budget last year, I thought: How can I have more of a role in talking to the state about funding for our locality?"

Ruth is equally relaxed and resolute as we chat in her living room on a cold winter morning. The furniture restoration project she's got going in the den seems as natural a fit as her strong reputation of local bipartisan leadership. Prior to her current role, Ruth served as Parliamentarian, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Williamsburg-James City County School Board. She did this while simultaneously holding her

role as Chair of the Tidewater Region for the Virginia School Boards Association and serving on the Virginia High School League Executive Committee.

Her love of service began at an early age. "When I was in middle school my mom was always very actively engaged in what was going on in the politics of the day. She made me watch the Watergate hearings when I was in middle school," she explains. "It was really important to her that I see the process of government. From my dad, I got love of community. His grandmother was one of the first women in banking locally so I think I just grew up with

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a very strong sense of community, and I was fascinated by government.”

Even so, Ruth didn't take the direct route into politics. Early on, both she and her husband worked in the hospitality industry - Ruth in hotel sales. Once their son was born Ruth decided to pursue a line of work that would allow for more flexibility. She went to work as a preschool teacher for Bright Horizons where she stayed for many years. “I was able to bring my children with me and that was really important to me,” she explains. Ruth has since delved back into her sales background doing marketing work for a home inspection company for the last three years. In addition to holding various roles on the School Board over the past ten years, Ruth graduated from the Sorensen Institute Political Leaders Program in 2013.

Ruth is geared up for the road ahead. She doesn't shy away from the tough conversations that need to be had around growth. “There's no stopping growth here. It is happening. The question is, at what point do we say we're not going to issue any more permits past what we have on the books? I want to see a bit more of us looking down the road saying, okay if we implement this change, how will this impact our public services, our police, our fire department, our roads?” She asks. “Our Parks and

Recreations in James City County are great, but how much are we willing to extend them? We need to be really open about it and get everyone to weigh in.”

It is this straightforward approach that helped secure her role on the JCC Board of Supervisors as an Independent candidate in the conservative Berkeley District. “I never wavered from running as an Independent and I'm glad I didn't, even if the outcome had been different.” Her ten years of non-partisan leadership experience on the school board shaped her approach to politics. “Kids aren't Republican or Democrat so when we went to the state or federal government, we were talking about what was in the best interest of the system as a whole,” she explains. “You have to be able to walk the walk and explain your position to all parties.”

Her experience at the Sorensen Political Leaders program working side by side with a mix of Republicans, Independents and Democrats was another eye opening encounter around the power of non-partisan politics. In addition to learning about the Commonwealth and political system, she was all able to work with this team for a year. “We're all still very close,” she says. “That experience helped me to realize that when you're working toward a com-

mon goal, party politics shouldn't come into play.”

With all of her interest, Ruth has always prioritized family first. She is able to balance her many endeavors thanks to Craig, her husband of 28 years whom she met on a blind date that was set up by her cousin.

“It was when I first returned to Williamsburg back in 1984,” she recalls. “Our first date was at what was then the Blue Rose Café.” They hit it off right away. “We're both eldest children and both very driven and community oriented.” These commonalities have not only made for a great partnership but also provide a good deal of light-hearted humor within the family. “I don't know if you noticed when you pulled up in my driveway that there is a snow plow out there...that's not because he has a snow plow business. It is because he is going to plow this entire neighborhood when the snow comes.”

Their values have definitely rubbed off on their children, Rob, Caroline and Abby, who all display an aptitude for leadership. “All three of my kids went knocking on doors for me in every campaign,” she says. “My twenty five year old son has been talking about getting involved out in Toano, so it will be interesting to see what happens there.”

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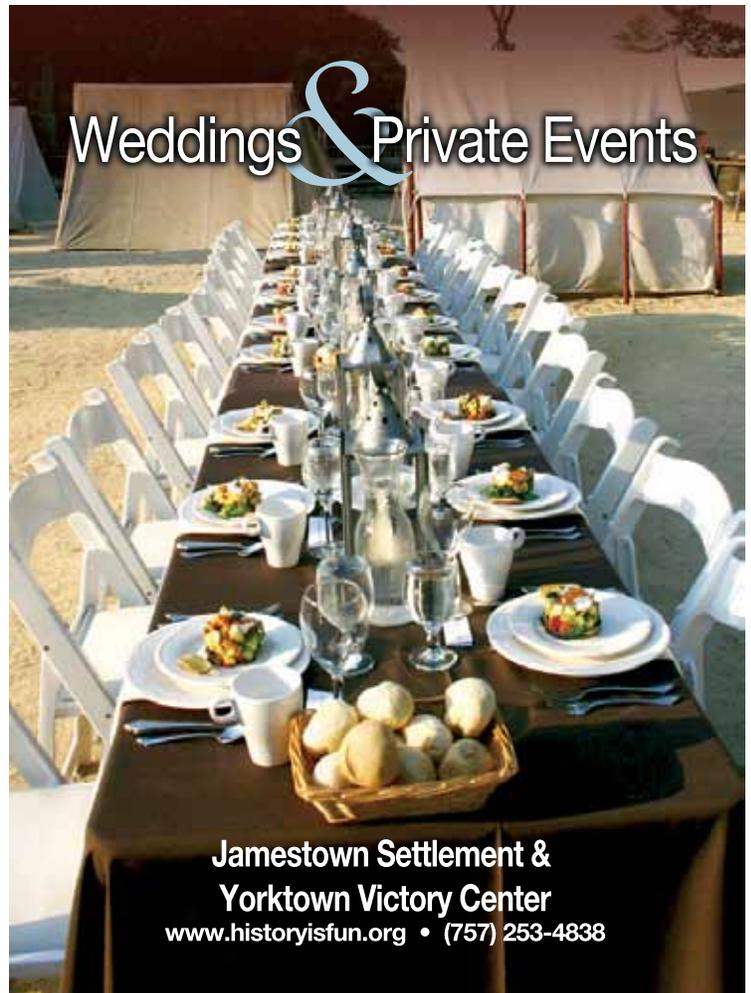
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Ruth makes no qualms about the fact that balance is not always possible. "Realistically, some things do suffer so I don't want to act as though it's easy because it's tough to balance everything," she says. "I don't even know that there is a balance." Still, Ruth manages her schedule efficiently so that the time she does spend with family is interactive and value added. "I like to be here to get my daughters off to school in the mornings to have some conversation time because chances are I may not be here at night." Their well-honed family routine works well for them, including the family dog, Boomer.

On the occasion that she is afforded leisure

time, Ruth enjoys get together with friends for a good meal or tackling household projects like the dresser that she's in the process of restoring. "I do belong to our neighborhood book club. We're reading *Year of Wonders*," she says picking up the hardback off of the coffee table. "I was a terrible book club member toward the end of the year when the campaign was going, so I'm trying to get back into good standing." She grins. "I'm working on this book before they kick me out of book club."

Ruth has wasted no time diving into her role on the James City County Board of Supervisors. She wants to be sure that folks understand

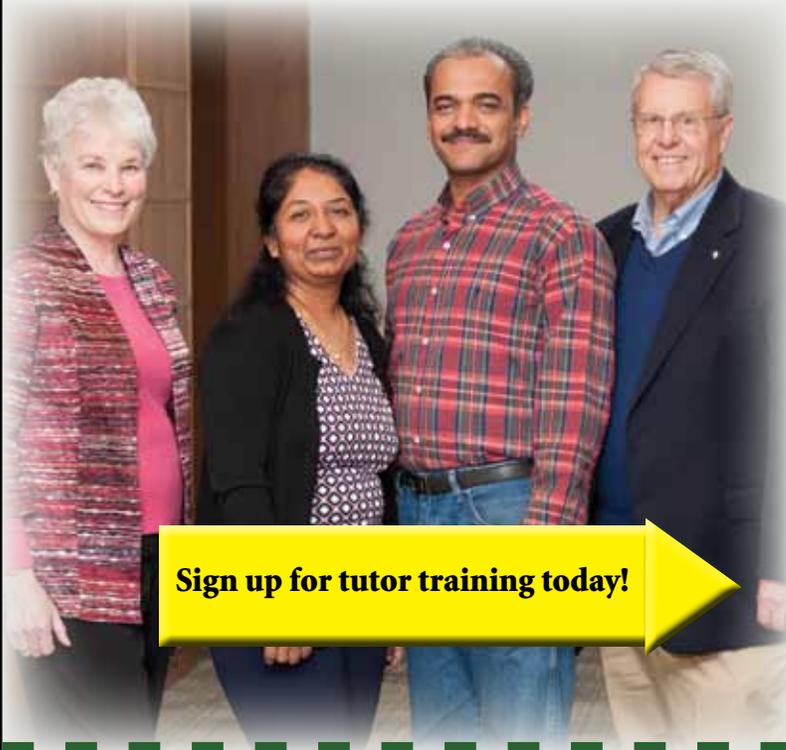
that she's not only open but eager to hear from them. "I really hope people know that I am easily reachable and I think they do. I've already gotten a lot of phone calls and emails and that's important to me because I really want to hear people's ideas."

She expresses optimism about the future of James City County. "We have a very special community here and our quality of life is really treasured," Ruth says. "There is a good balance of residential, business and tourism. Families feel very safe here. I have great hope in our future as a county and as a community, and I'm looking forward to seeing what unfolds." NDN



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# Ambition for Our Community

By Narielle Living

Council Member Douglas Pons is passionate about his career, his family and his work on the city council. He loves Williamsburg and is invested in helping to maintain a strong community with good neighborhoods and a robust economy.

Doug's family has lived in the area for quite some time. His father was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended William and Mary in the 1950s. After being sent to Vietnam, his fa-

ther was stationed in Hawaii. Doug smiles as he recounts the story of his parents. "Apparently, he ran into a woman who said, 'I know just the lady for you.' My mother flew from Canada, they met and three weeks later they were married. The rest is history: fifty-something years later they're still together, and it works."

He goes on to say that he is a true Williamsburg native, having attended all local schools:

Mathew Whaley, Bruton Heights, James Blair and Lafayette. He went to Christopher Newport College and later married his high school sweetheart, and they now have two daughters.

"I grew up in the food and beverage business, working at the famed pancake houses," he says. "My dad was in the hospitality business; he managed hotels like the 1776, which has been torn down, and the Hospitality House which is now dormitories. In 1982, he ended

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up at the hotel I now own. I've been working here all through high school and college."

Originally, that hotel was bought by a group of people, including his father. As the years went by, his father continued to buy shares from others, and later Doug began to buy shares as well. In 2010 Doug bought his father's shares and is now the sole proprietor.

"It was a family business when Dad started buying in, and it was built by a group of lawyers out of Richmond. When I bought the last share we were deep in the recession, and I was fortunate to find financing and buy the note so Dad could divest himself."

The hotel has evolved over the years, changing from a Knights Inn to Quarterpath Inn, and is currently undergoing renovations to upgrade part of the structure to apartments. For this project, his work on city council has crossed paths with his career. "I saw a greater demand for people looking for temporary housing. We have 130 hotel rooms, and we're a large, exterior motor court hotel. I found an opportunity in the zoning ordinance that allowed for properties to be mixed use. I asked for a special use permit, and the city and I

evolved together to create this planned development housing district which allows for hotels to convert. We tried to steer away from weeklies as much as we could, for lots of reasons, but mainly it's just not a safe living environment to have people in a hotel unless the hotel is designed for it."

With the sound of hammers and drills in the background, Doug goes on to say that his goal is to create multi-family housing and apartments. Sixty of his hotel rooms will now be fully functioning apartments. "They'll have a full refrigerator, a full thirty-inch stove, and every room will have its own breaker box and electric meter."

Doug admits it has been a little bit of a bigger project than he anticipated. "What I didn't know about zoning and the code I know now," he says. "Every room has all new wiring. They really are going to be modern, highly efficient apartments. And most importantly, they will be affordable housing for the work force, for single people who are hostesses, waitstaff, teachers, firefighters... We've seen great demand for this so far. But I am looking forward to wrapping it up."

Many people who are a business owner and parent would see their lives as full and not take on more responsibility. But Doug saw opportunity, which is what prompted him to run for a position with the city council.

"When I was growing up in Williamsburg, it was much different. It was much smaller, and James City County was more rural," he says. "The people that I knew through my parents were all very engaged in the community. Both of my parents were involved in a number of different things; my mom was always working with the school and the PTA, and my dad was very involved in the hotel association, as well as being on the housing authority, the school board and the planning commission. Because of that, I grew up thinking I was supposed to always be involved in my community."

Doug's involvement in the hotel industry and the hotel association is what caused him to have a lot of interaction with the local elected officials. "That's what propelled me to want to be involved. I've been the chair of the economic development authority, chair of the planning commission, and I had served two terms on the planning commission. I had to



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do something else. The next logical step was running for city council, and it coincided with me buying the last hotel share from my father.”

He manages to balance his work, home and council responsibilities. Doug gives a short laugh. “I’m always busy,” he says. “But seriously, I don’t know that I have the successful model for balancing everything. Like everyone else, I think I could find ways to be a better parent, a better husband, a better businessman, a better councilman. In my mind, I always think I should be doing more, or I should be doing better.”

Doug has focus and ambition for this area, and without realizing it he has created a work/life balance that suits him and his family. “I come here every day. I don’t play golf. We don’t take great big vacations. We take little mini vacations. My job here affords me the opportunity to answer the phone when someone calls about what the city is doing. If I worked for someone else I wouldn’t have that same opportunity. I have a certain degree of flexibility, so if I work nine to ten hours a day and come in on the weekends I can still get a lot of the things done around here. I think I’m fortunate that I

have some good people that have been with me for many years. My executive housekeeper has been here more than 15 years, the night auditor has been here 20 years, so I’ve had good people. That’s true for the council, too. I had a lot of friends going into it who supported me, and I’ve been able to cultivate a lot more relationships. Nothing is really hard, it just kind of flows. I think part of my attitude is ‘I’m not saving someone’s life,’ so if something doesn’t get done today I can always pick it up tomorrow.”

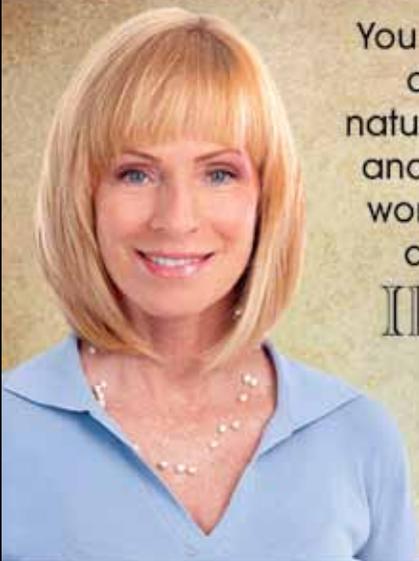
When he has spare time, Doug enjoys being with his wife and kids. “We like fishing, and we have a little boat we don’t get to go out on nearly enough.” For the past two years he has been immersed in learning about contracting and apartments and understanding the different markets and different styles of marketing for his new project. “I love business and I spend probably too much time on the phone with my colleagues in the hotel industry talking about different things.”

Doug loves Williamsburg. “I love the tourism industry, and I have a great passion for entrepreneurs who put their heart and soul into

businesses. I got into government because I thought that should be represented here, because in my mind a good strong economy is a good strong neighborhood. You have to have a strong economy, and I wanted to do what I could to help bring that back. If we’re not bringing in new tax dollars, how do we pave streets and put power lines underground and send kids to school? We need a good school system, otherwise we’ll have a good jail system. I wonder if I contribute well enough, but I try.”

Doug encourages people to participate and be involved. “No measure is too small for getting in, whether it’s joining the flower club in your neighborhood or whatever it is, but I think that service to humanity is the best work of life,” he says. Doug points out that he and fellow council member Scott Foster ran unopposed the second time. He speculates over whether that was because everyone was so happy with what they wanted to do that they didn’t want to run the risk of unseating them, or perhaps people were simply disengaged from the process. “We have to have an engaged community and an engaged society to be a healthy society.” NDN

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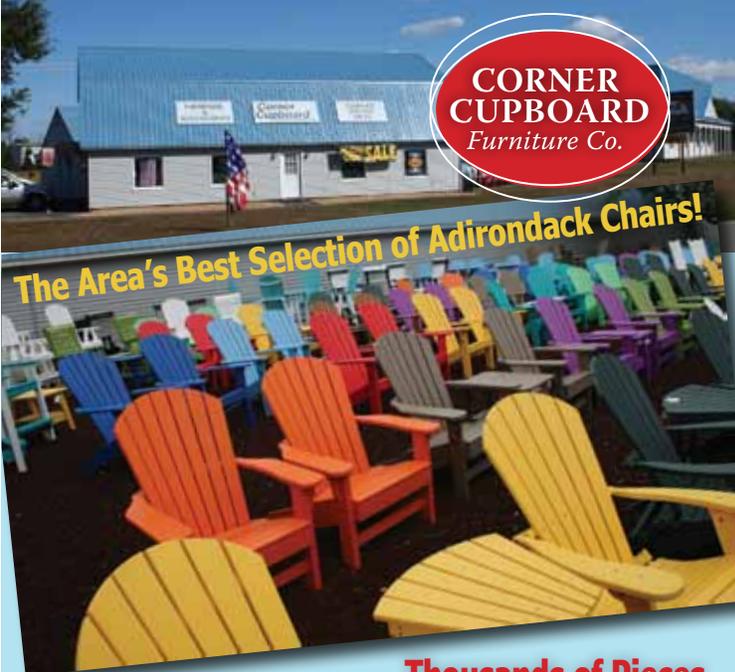
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# Working for Property Rights

By Michael Heslink

Newly elected Board of Supervisors member Sue Sadler is not afraid to speak up for what she believes in. "That doesn't bother me a bit," she says. In fact, it was her interest in county issues and regular appearances at board meetings that launched her political career.

Sue became involved with politics about five years ago when she began speaking about property rights and lowering taxes. Before then she never had much of an interest in politics, although she says she's always been a voter. The first time she voted was for Ronald Reagan, and she jokes she has never missed an election

since.

Her interest in politics arose when she "got the bug" from reading so many stories about citizens fighting for their property rights. One that particularly struck home was the ongoing Martha Boneta lawsuit in Fauquier County. This story about a young farmer fighting for her rights, along with other property rights cases, inspired Sue to raise her concerns, and she has not been hesitant to do so. "I stand up for what I believe in. I have very firm beliefs, and I don't mind voicing them at all," she says.

Originally from York County, Sue moved

to James City County in 2003. She owned her own business for several years before retiring and has been a "stay-at-home mom and grandmother" ever since. She has two young grandsons that are involved in Cub Scouts, soccer and baseball. Sue says, "They're primarily number 1 on my list." She spends most of her time attending their events. She is also a very family-oriented person.

As an active member of Crosswalk Church in Norge, she likes to participate in volunteer opportunities. One event she enjoys is when the church houses The Community of Faith

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and she is able to assist the homeless. Aside from spending time with her grandsons and volunteering, she also enjoys getting to know her neighbors, which campaigning gave her the chance to do.

Sue defeated the incumbent for the seat at Stonehouse Supervisor in the November election. "We worked very, very hard at our campaign," she states about her team's efforts. Sue knocked on thousands of doors with her daughter and grandsons to meet residents and discuss issues. She calls the endeavor a "family effort," but she also says the experience was very rewarding. "A lot of people told me they were so appreciative of us being there, because no one had ever been on their doorstep before." She enjoyed getting to know the citizens and was happy she had the chance to hear them out.

Sue says the staff has been wonderful and made her feel right at home. She's happy knowing they're only a phone call away.

"It's been a nice atmosphere to work in," she says. Overall the change has not greatly affected her life, which Sue attributes to being so politically active before. However, she stated the job

came with more reading and studying, as well as talking with community members, which is one of her favorite parts. "They don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call. I love talking to them about the issues they may have," she says.

Two issues that are important to her are property rights and low spending. She says less spending by the county will help keep taxes low and ensure they do not increase. According to Sue, a lot of citizens began speaking out to ensure that property rights are valued and that locally elected officials govern the community. Sue agrees about the importance of this representation, saying, "Perhaps people's property rights are best protected by locally elected officials."

She believes that being a good listener is a vital quality in her position. "Listening is key," she stresses. One thing she ran her campaign on is that the words "listen" and "silent" have the same letters. "You can't listen if you're not silent." This idea was especially relevant when she was campaigning. "We spent a lot of time talking to people on their doorsteps and listened to many issues. We heard the wonderful parts of our county and the things that people

feel we need to work on," she says.

Sue enjoys meeting citizens and working on their behalf and offers some reassurance for citizens who feel like their voices are not being heard: "Even though folks are outspoken and persistent, they feel like they are pushed aside and their opinions are not heard or considered. Elected officials work for the citizens."

She has spoken to the county administrator and board members about encouraging businesses to stay in the county and says it is an ongoing issue. "Everyone has an interest in looking into what we can do to make sure that not only are we attracting new businesses, but that we are retaining businesses as well. The county has an excellent business climate, and we want to make it better."

One of the reasons she decided to run for office was that she believes the county is on track to become very unaffordable. Recent tax increases pose a problem for people on fixed incomes and younger families. Sue states, "It makes it much more difficult to live here and participate in the economy when taxes go up." This idea particularly resonated in her area. The board is looking into the budget, research-

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ing, and making sure they can keep things as affordable as possible. "I'm one of 5." Sue says. "We'll take it from there and see what happens."

She hopes to create a public facilities master plan so the board can see what buildings and expenditures they will need rather than make these assessments as they go along. Although the county has a fantastic openness and transparency policy, she wishes to arrange an online checkbook so citizens can see where every check goes. "This will create an even more helpful atmosphere because people will know

they can go right to this checkbook and see where the money is going, and they can follow projects that way."

The board is planning to review their public comments section in the near future, however she states they are looking into other opportunities to receive feedback from citizens, such as a public caucus, giving board members a chance to dialogue with citizens about the county. Sue is very excited about this opportunity and discusses the beneficial nature of the event. "I think that being able to sit down and talk would alleviate some of the questions

people have."

One aspect of being on the board that is important to Sue Sadler is collaboration, and she is happy to note that the Board of Supervisors has a great working relationship.

"We don't all agree on items, but that's to be expected," she remarks. The board has documented and signed a code of ethics that discusses respect, and she says there is plenty of that. "Even this early on there has been an amazing amount of respect towards one another, and I think that is a key element in being able to collaborate." NDN

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By Linda Landreth Phelps

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The name Clyde Austin Haulman has a long history, according to a man known as Clyde to his wife and friends, Professor Haulman to his students, and who is hailed as “Mr. Mayor!” by the citizens of Williamsburg.

“My grandfather was Clyde, too, and my father was known as Austin, but the name goes

back even further than that,” Clyde says. The road to Williamsburg began for this particular link in the Haulman chain just north of Virginia.

“I was born in Maryland but grew up in northwest Florida,” he says. “I went to Florida State University (FSU) and was finishing up

my doctorate at FSU in 1969 and looking for a job.”

By then he had quite a bit of experience in teaching and was interested in exploring what a smaller liberal arts college would be like. Among the several job offers he received was one in the Economics department at the Col-

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It was at William and Mary that Clyde met his wife, Dr. Fredrika Teute, an early American historian who retired at the end of last year as Editor of Publication of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. "She had 26 years there and over a hundred award-winning books to her credit. She's good!" says Clyde with a proud smile.

Clyde's own list of academic honors and accomplishments is lengthy. His name appears in many scholarly works in the field of economics, and his book, *Virginia and the Panic of 1819*, was published in 2008. His career highlights are impressive. He has been Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Chair of the Department of Music, Assistant to the President, Director of the Marshall-Wythe Institute for Social Research, and Chair of the Department of Economics. In addition to these titles and honors, Clyde has been the recipient of William and Mary's prestigious Thomas Jefferson Award.

Clyde isn't far behind his wife in retirement, but he's not ready to rest on his numerous laurels quite yet. "I'm doing a phased retirement, where I teach a couple of classes a year," he says. "I like that, because it keeps me connected to the college, but not too busy to pursue other things."

The Haulmans have one daughter, Kate, who followed the path her parents blazed in academia by earning her Ph.D. from Cornell and teaching at American University in Washington, D.C. Her son, Thomas, may yet continue the family tradition into the next generation, but that remains to be seen. "Thomas is six, and, while very bright, has not made a career choice beyond pirate at this point," Clyde jokes.

The mayor's personal interests are eclectic and range from the sublime to the simply fun. Clyde is often seen cruising around town in his spiffy Mini Cooper, and, seasonally, dressed in his whites as a member of the Williamsburg Lawn Bowling Club. "I also have what used to be a shed in the back of the garden where I have a model railroad set up. All the neighborhood kids like to visit, especially at Christmas," he says.

A longstanding fascination is reflected in the photo of Clyde with a massive dog at his side displayed in the mayor's office at the Williamsburg Municipal Building. "That's Bruno, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, who recently passed away, as did our mixed breed, Marley. Most people are probably more familiar with the Bernese Mountain Dog breed, which has the same coloring but longer coat. "They're all draft and drover breeds, descendant from the dogs the Romans used to pull carts over the Alps," Clyde says. Swissies can easily top a hundred pounds. "We're down to one now, since we're keeping Lolli, short for Lollipop, Bruno's 18 month-old daughter, for the breeder. If she stays with us, she'll likely be the last big dog we'll have."

He's been a member of the community for 46 years now, but jokes, "to some in Williamsburg, I'll always be a come-here!" Clyde is currently on his fourth term as a member of the Williamsburg City Council, serving his adopted hometown's nine square miles and 14,000 residents.

"I got involved in government by helping Jeanne Zeidler with her campaign for City Council back in 1994. I was then appointed to the Human Services Advisory Board, followed by the School Board. In 2000, an opportunity came up to run for council myself, so I took it."



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“Jeanne Zeidler was mayor the first ten years I was on council,” Clyde remembers, “and I was her vice-mayor the last four years. When Jeanne stepped down in 2010, I was chosen to succeed her.”

Clyde and Fredrika bought their home on Newport Avenue in 1972, so he’s always been a common sight on the streets, walking to work, keeping his finger on the pulse of his city. In a small town like Williamsburg, the mayor is uniquely accessible and approachable, and Clyde likes it that way.

“I’ll be walking the dog and a car pulls up alongside and someone jumps out to have a discussion with me. No matter what you do, you’ll never please everyone, but people should feel heard and have their opinions taken seriously.” The best part of being mayor, Clyde says, is the opportunity to make good things happen for good people. “That’s what gives me the greatest satisfaction.”

As mayor, Clyde serves on additional regional bodies that are specific to his position, and at times it may not feel like the part-time, flexible job that it is supposed to be. No definite decision has been made on whether to seek reelection in May, but it seems as if Clyde still has some ideas to implement before thinking in terms of a legacy. “I want to make sure the city is coming from a position of fiscal strength, so that in the future it can continue to provide a high level of services, across the board,” he says.

As much as the mayor enjoys his job, there are still fish yet to fry out there, many in faraway places. “I’ve done Fulbrights in China and Hong Kong and traveled a lot in Asia and Europe. I spent time at universities in Britain, Germany, and Provence, France. The three most interesting, dynamic cities I’ve seen are Berlin, Istanbul and Hong Kong. They have cultural and artistic levels that are unique, and I’d go back to any of those cities in a minute.”

One aspect of culture that Clyde especially appreciates is music. “I love the symphony, opera, jazz...I like it all. Fredrika plays piano,” Clyde says, “but to everyone’s relief, I am not a performer.”

It’s been a good life for Clyde Haulman, full of opportunities. Even if this isn’t the year to give up his second career and fully retire, one day that time will come. There’ll be many sweet memories of accomplishments and accolades, but some moments will likely stand out as special.

“As mayor, it’s been my privilege to lead the ceremony and light the Williamsburg community tree on Christmas Eve. Standing on the steps of the 1770 Courthouse, looking out at the crowds of people holding lighted candles and singing carols...well, it’s just magical,” he says with a sigh.

That’s one privilege he’ll be reluctant to relinquish should he decide against a fifth term, but Clyde’s grandson might name another. This past holiday season, Thomas was at his Grandpop’s side in the city’s vintage fire truck, in the thick of hometown floats and high school bands marching in the 50th anniversary Williamsburg Christmas Parade. How many grandfathers can help that little boy fantasy come true? Clyde smiles. “I’ve been very lucky!” NDN



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# THE RIGHT MIX

By Greg Lilly, Editor

Celebrating her first anniversary in business, Kellee Smalley says that she's excited to be part of the area's retail experience and making Norge a shopping destination. Kellee opened Willow Grove Primitives in March 2015 with a lot of hard work and adhering to her initial vision.

She showcases "primitive craft" in her shop. "Primitive craft is a product of a simpler time," she explains. "Primitive craft, to some people, is a craft that you do through the process of tea-staining, making it look older, something that might have been a long time ago. One product is called a 'make do.' You make do

with what you have, little scraps of material, a little bit of this or that. You put it together to make something different. I liked the style."

In her earlier years, Kellee had been a fan of the country style of home décor. "I was a little on the country side, lacy and foofy, but then as time went by, I gravitated toward the pre-

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Kellee grew up in Port Huron, Michigan and went to college in Marquette at Northern Michigan University. "I met Justin, dated for about six years and married in 1991. He was a retired Air Force fellow." He went back to college to earn his degree. He and Kellee moved to South Carolina. "While down there, he reapplied to the Air Force and went back in as an officer. From there, we travelled around."

Stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, Justin and Kellee settled into life at the base. Kellee started doing primitive crafting. "That was about 20 years ago," she says. "I always wanted to have a little gift shop. I did some of the big shows over in Germany. At Ramstein, I was part of the Bazaar Committee, and we had thousands of vendors. I just loved the atmosphere."

She found it interesting to see what people would buy. She kept that in mind as she envisioned the shop she wanted to open one day.

"When I made the turn from country to primitive, the color scheme and the feel of it was what attracted me. I purchased a lot from other stores, not realizing that the dream of my

own shop would materialize sooner rather than later." She chalked up her shopping as market research.

One of her favorite purchases was from a cabinetmaker friend she'd met at a craft show once she and Justin were back in the U.S. "I thought his furniture was so good that he needed to be somewhere besides a street corner under a tent. We became friends, and I bought a few things from him throughout the years. I always teased him that if I ever had a store that he would sell his work there. Finally, I told him I'd found a place and wanted his furniture in my shop."

The process of making her dream a reality took four years of going around to different crafters to see what they had to offer. "There was a shop in Williamsburg that focused on primitive crafts, but when they closed, there wasn't any others highlighting pre-Colonial craft," Kellee says.

"When I moved here ten years ago, I had a little booth in Country Treasures and sold my craft there. I had a friend, Kate Nash, who joined me in that venture. When Country Treasures moved to a different location, I went

to a different shop and sold through that one. When that shop closed, Kate and I wondered where we would sell our crafts."

She talked with Justin and decided to quit her job at a local bank, and for four years, she and Kate did craft shows in the area to keep their names out in the community so people would remember them and their work, since they didn't have the booth in a store any longer.

"I started researching, going up and down Richmond Road, between Lightfoot and Tono, looking for the right spot." She found the place, close to her home in the Stonehouse area and located with shops that drew a similar customer who might enjoy her primitive craft shop.

"This was originally a home in Norge, built between 1904 and 1906," she describes. "This little house was home for several families over the years. The story has it," she says, "that when the Williamsburg Doll Factory came along, looking for property to build the factory, the fire department was going to burn the little house as a practice burn for recruits. The Doll Factory saved the house by buying the whole property. They lived here while they built the

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Doll Factory.”

As time went by, the little house was rented to various businesses, from a music school to a bakery to a tanning salon. “It sat empty for several years before I opened the store here.” When the landlord took her through the property, Kellee heard the wooden floor squeak under two layers of carpet and knew it was the place for her. She rented the house and started the renovation.

“One project led to another, exposing the floors, repainting, refinishing. The house has good bones. We brought it back to part of its original state. It took about seven months.” Her timeline was to finish the renovation by December 2014. She planned to open on March 1, 2015 after stocking the shop.

One of the challenges with retail that Kellee mitigated was the potential rush of a grand opening and the lull that happens afterward. She had a soft opening in March of last year, so she could work out the kinks in the operations and tweak her offerings before the summer ramped up with tourists. She held her Grand Opening on August 22, 2015. That allowed her to go full steam into the holidays with

some experience.

“I listened to what the customers said,” she explains of that time between March and the August Grand Opening celebration. “Do they need rugs, pictures, furniture? What are they asking for? Since the shop is small, I didn’t want to have a lot of quantity, but to focus on quality items in fewer numbers. The challenge is having a good variety, but not too many of an item.”

Her most pleasant surprise is how her product mix works. She took some classes from SCORE and did a lot of preparation after quitting her job at the bank, so it was good to know that customers liked what she had to offer. “I’m on the right track.”

In the future, she’d like to see the store grow, but not too much. She wants to keep the shop small and selective in its offerings. “I’d like to expand to have a few more options, like more furniture, and offer more to folks so they don’t have to go so far away to get it. Maybe samples of things that they could order from, like upholstered furniture.”

She sees Norge as a destination for neighbors and visitors to find quality crafts, antiques and

décor for their homes. “I’d like to make this spot a go-to place, here in Norge. Help build this area. It’s a quaint little burg,” she says.

“Williamsburg Wicker & Patio, across the street, was Carl Bergh’s hotel. He would entice the Norwegian and Scandinavians farmers from Minnesota and Wisconsin and the mid-western states to come see the farmland here. He was a railroad man. He would put them up in his hotel. There are a few really old places in Norge and Toano. There’s quaintness, a certain charm, to these places.”

She says the area attracts the same type of customer with shops and stores in the same genre, but with different enough offerings that the stores don’t compete, but complement each other. The shop owners share and refer customers to one another, helping the customer find what they’re looking for.

“It’s good to share,” Kellee Smalley says. “That’s part of the set up I work toward – knowing what the other stores have, helping people find what they want. Each store has its own niche.” She invites neighbors to Norge to park their car and walk along the sidewalks to discover what the area has to offer. NDN

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# Sports



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## SUPPORTING OUR OLYMPIANS

By Greg Lilly, Editor

The father-in-law and son-in-law team of Jack Wickens and Aaron Cattell are part of a non-profit organization called AthleteBiz that helps our top Track & Field athletes fund their Olympic training.

Aaron moved to Williamsburg with his family at the age of 10. He grew up in the Rolling Woods neighborhood and attended Berkeley Middle School and Lafayette High School. "I played trumpet in the band here, and I played in the marching band at James Madison University (JMU)." Participating in the JMU band was where Aaron met his future wife, Cindy (Jack's daughter).

"At Lafayette, I ran cross country. That's how I was introduced to the track & field

world," Aaron says. "My father, grandfather, uncle and aunt, all ran marathons. From the time I was 3, everyone in the family ran. It was a given that running was something I would do. I was never a fast runner, but slow and steady! When I was in high school, I ran a marathon with my father and grandfather – three generations running in the Marine Corps Marathon at the same time. It was a lot of fun and great to do it together as a family."

At JMU, Aaron majored in psychology and minored in human resources development. "After college, I came back to Williamsburg and had a great job with Kingsmill working in Human Resources for five years. I had a wonderful opportunity to work with inter-

national students working here over the summer." From there, he moved to organizations in Richmond to grow his career in human resources. "Two and a half years ago, Jack started this organization."

Jack grew up in New Jersey and graduated from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. "I was a runner there, not Olympic caliber," he says, "but pretty good." As an economics major, Jack ended up in the health insurance and health care services businesses. "First with Prudential then with United Health Group," he says.

He worked hard and moved up the corporate ladders to manage United Health Group's largest business unit. "That was an amazing



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job and challenging.” At the age of 49, Jack shifted gears and left the corporate world and started working on a few causes close to his heart. “Children’s health issues, cancer care and Olympic athletes,” he lists. “Those are the causes that get me excited. I was chairman of a couple of charity boards in those health areas, and then I started this organization to support Olympic athletes.”

As an athlete himself, Jack worked with a foundation after leaving United Health Group that raised training funds for athletes. “That experience led me to learn more about who these athletes were. I was extremely impressed by the young men and women, their stories, their personal qualities and their drive. These are the kind of role models the world needs, yet they are toiling in obscurity. No one knows their names. There had to be another way to make them more visible to a world that needs fantastic, inspiring role models. And with that visibility, translate it into the support those athletes need to follow their dreams and represent the United States in the Olympics.”

Aaron explains that the United States is the only major country in the world that doesn’t provide government support to the Olympic teams.

“The athlete and their team (coach, family, etc.) are on their own to fund everything they

do: training, travel, equipment needs and anything else,” Jack adds. Track & Field athletes have a few avenues for funding: sponsorships from large companies like Nike, Adidas or New Balance, if they are dynamic stars; some athletes earn a modest prize award from races; but most have part-time jobs to earn the money they need on the Olympic journey.

“Even though the training is incredibly taxing, often six hours a day of training, most athletes have to have a part-time job,” Jack says. “Somehow, they cobble together a way to fund their training.”

“Most athletes, who are good enough to be on TV in the secondary sports (gymnastics, swimming, track & field), struggle with the finances,” Aaron explains.

The idea of the website AthleteBiz.us is to tell the stories of these athletes. “We want people to get to know them, to be inspired by them, and translate that into people wanting to be a part of their team financially,” Jack says.

When Jack started toying with the idea, Aaron joined the cause. “I guess it’s every boy’s dream to work in sports,” he says with a laugh. “Having always been a fan from a young age, I thought it would be great opportunity to work with track & field Olympic caliber athletes. Talking with Jack, I realized that these

athletes didn’t have the opportunities [that so many of the major sports athletes have] to make a living while pursuing their dream. I thought it would be the opportunity to be a part of something very cool and really great.”

Most athletes are very uncomfortable asking for support. After all, they are athletes not marketers. “Part of what inspires me about them is that they are the kind of young men and women that we would all like to have as our own children, humble, hard-working, driven, resilient, good people,” Jack says. “That’s why they are such great role models. But part of that package is they’re uncomfortable asking for help. Our platform is that we try to help them do more marketing of their skills and ability to provide value to earn support, rather than asking for donations.”

There is a donation element to the website, but the bigger emphasis is on supporting them by companies or individuals hiring them to make appearances or to be in advertising or visiting a school or having lunch with an aspiring school-age Olympian for inspiration. The site and the organization’s board help promote and tell the story of the athletes.

“When people get to know these athletes, up close and personal, that’s when the inspiration comes to want to support them,” Jack says.



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The website lists track & field athletes who have shown the talent and drive to qualify for the Olympic Trials to be held in Eugene, Oregon in July.

The Rio Olympic Games begin on August 5th. Jack explains the Trials are within weeks of the Olympics. "They purposely keep it close because the athletes need to athletically peak, getting to the highest level of their ability, to make the team. You can't sustain that level very long, so they make the Trials as close as they can to the Olympics."

Now is the time support the athletes. "Donnie Cowart is a perfect example of the first class athlete and person that AthleteBiz seeks to promote and support," Jack says. "Donnie was born in Lynchburg, Virginia and attended Virginia Military Institute (VMI). He now lives and trains in North Carolina and applies his passion about the value of inspiring children to be active and fit through a company he founded called Crazy Running. Donnie came tantalizingly close to making the 2012 Olympic team, finishing just one spot short of qualifying in the steeplechase race. He'll be back for a second attempt at making the USA team this coming July."

On the AthleteBiz website, Donnie shares his journey to achieve a sub-4 minute mile

in his blog. "His blog is a great example of the 'up close and personal' storytelling on the site," Aaron adds.

"We emphasize that the athletes are very local, very accessible; they're our neighbors – training for the Olympics," Jack says. "Ordinary people doing extraordinary things."

"Less famous, more accessible, more real," Aaron adds.

A bad knee has sidelined Jack's own running routine. "I've shifted my focus to riding a bike and golfing in Ford's Colony. I wish I could still run."

Aaron still runs about four times a week and participates in many of the Williamsburg area's 5k races. "I have been an on-again, off-again runner since I was 14. I'm on an on-again cycle. When it warms up a little bit, I'll be out more."

The best way for neighbors to help support the Olympic hopefuls is to learn their stories and spread the word on social media like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There are links on each athlete's page at AthleteBiz to make it easy. "Also, all of our athletes have an on-line store for fitness and running apparel and accessories," Jack says. "The athlete gets a small percentage of the sale from their site. It's a nice, easy way to help an athlete. Do your

normal shopping and help the athlete that inspires you."

"More ambitious individuals have donated to the athlete's fund or paid the athlete a small amount to visit a local school to talk with the kids about their Olympic story," Aaron adds. "Some athletes offer tutoring for students since most of these athletes have advanced degrees. Get access to the Olympics without the Olympic price tag!"

Jack and his wife, Judy, moved to Ford's Colony just over a year ago. Jack and Judy's daughter, Cindy, is a teacher at Norge Elementary School. Aaron says Cindy is probably more well-known than any of them, especially by the students and parents of Norge Elementary.

Jack Wickens and Aaron Cattell want to help neighbors support our Olympic hopefuls. "There are two University of Richmond grads, two UVa graduates, one VMI and several athletes who grew up in Hampton and in Richmond," Jack lists. "These are our neighbors working to earn their place in front of the world in Rio." NDN

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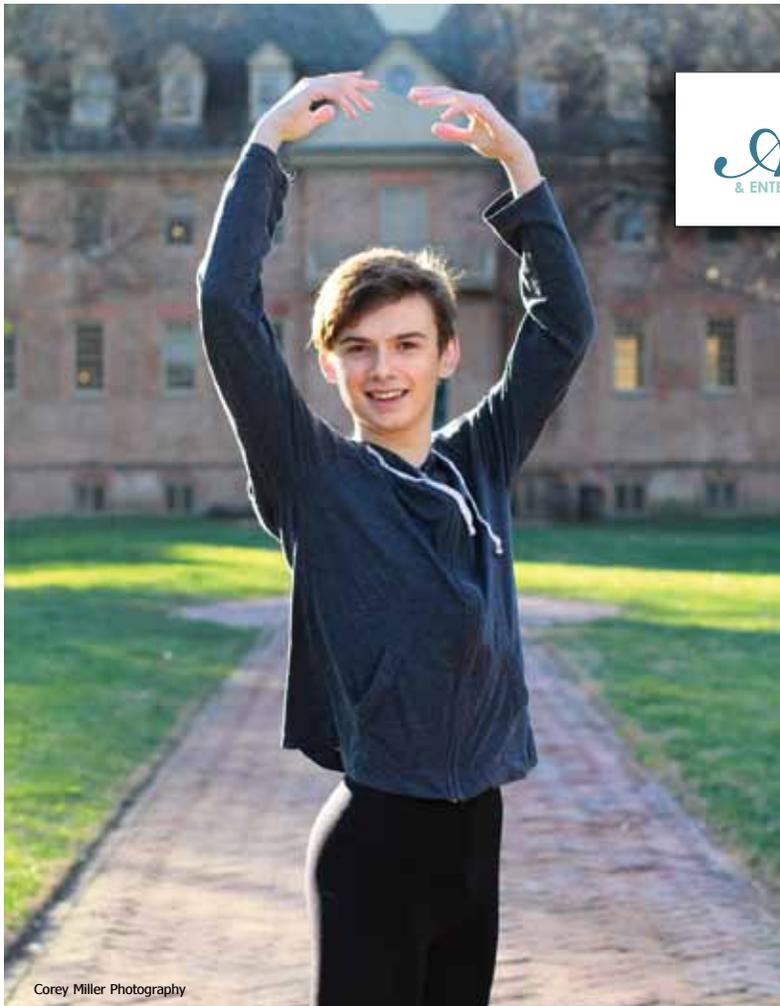
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# Boys in the Arts

By Greg Lilly, Editor

“When I went to one of the middle school performances to see a friend perform, I thought it was so cool,” Michael Crumb explains his first consideration of getting on stage. That performance at Berkeley Middle School had Michael toying with the idea of

trying theater himself.

“The next year, I was in seventh grade and thought: Why not audition for the school show and try it? I got in the production of ‘Bye Bye Birdie.’ I loved the experience.”

Two of his fellow performers in Berkeley’s

show attended Eastern Virginia School of Performing Arts (EVSPA), and they told Michael how much they enjoyed studying the performing arts in a concentrated environment with professional performers leading the classes.

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He was a bit hesitant about costs, time constraints, even his own abilities. "I wasn't sure how I was going to get in," Michael says. "My friends who go there told me all I needed to do was audition for it. If Mr. B (Ron Boucher) sees a lot of potential, I would probably get in. This was in eighth grade. I was deciding in my head if I wanted to do it. Would it be good for me?"

His eighth grade school performance came up, and Michael auditioned for the production of "High School Musical" and was cast.

"I still loved it. I knew this was something I wanted to continue with. I auditioned for Mr. Boucher. He said I had potential. He told me about the classes. There's a ballet scholarship and a musical theater scholarship. He was gracious enough to grant me both." Today, Michael attends EVSPA on ballet and musical theater scholarship sponsored by the Boys in the Arts program.

"I feel that EVSPA has helped me grow so much, from eighth grade me to now me," Michael says. He and his family moved to Williamsburg six years ago. "It was just too hot in

Florida," he says with a laugh. "It's really nice here. I was nine when we moved. I came to Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School then to Berkeley Middle School, and now, I'm a freshman at Lafayette High School."

Thinking back on trying out for "Bye Bye Birdie" two years ago, Michael says he wasn't sure where he found the courage. "I was scared out of my mind," he says. "My voice wasn't as good as it is now. I couldn't sing or read music. I couldn't dance. I had no technique, no rhythm. Now with EVSPA, I've learned how to sing better and how to dance with more rhythm and technique."

The performance classes and practices, along with his regular high school schedule consume most of his time. After Lafayette lets out for the day, Michael heads to EVSPA. "Mondays, I take ballet. Tuesdays, I take musical theater class. Wednesdays, I take acting and tap. That's my week's schedule." Additional days and weekends are required when he's preparing for a show.

The Community Alliance for the Performing Arts (CAPA) Fund sponsors the "Boys in

the Arts" scholarships. Michael stresses that it is an important program. "Unfortunately, in this day and age, a lot of people think performing, acting and singing on stage are not for boys. The scholarship encourages more boys to join the program. It's working because I see a lot of boys in the classes who have started with the scholarship. One of my friends has been in the scholarship for three years. Some families aren't as fortunate as others in terms of support. That scholarship has helped me so much."

From some of his classes, Michael says that the ratio of boys to girls is fairly even. "In my musical theater class, there are probably only two girls who don't have a boy partner." In his tap class and ballet classes, the girls still outnumber the boys, but programs like the CAPA scholarship to encourage boys have helped.

Beyond the technical skills of singing, dancing and acting, Michael has benefitted off the stage. "I've become a lot happier," he says. "My mom can agree on that. EVSPA is the place I go to be content, yet energized. I abso-

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lutely love performing, and I don't care what it is. If I'm performing, I just love it. It gives me this happiness that nothing else ever has." The optimism in his voice echoes his attitude.

"I auditioned for 'Alice in Wonderland,' which is the spring musical, and we're performing that in March. I have rehearsals every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Basically, the only free day of the week is Thursday. That's okay. If I'm doing what I love, I don't mind. It's not work."

One of the aspects that his mother, Rose, has noticed is Michael's openness to express himself more. He has learned more about himself though studying the performing arts. She explains that he's able to express himself more at home.

"He's more open, more himself, happier, more comfortable in his own skin. Especially as a teenager, these are the years where you find yourself. So, for him to have the freedom to express himself with his peers and to be comfortable, that's huge," she says. By doing that, Michael has taught his family to be more open and expressive. Rose says he has made a

"ripple effect of expression" around him. "It's nice to see that," she adds.

His confidence increased with himself and with his performing. He mentions that stage fright gets pushed away. "Backstage, when you're listening to the opening music and waiting to go on stage, you get all the butterflies," Michael explains. "But the moment I step on stage, it's gone. I'm into the character."

For his future in performing, he has his sights set on Broadway. "One of my peers is moving to New York. I'm really happy for him. He wants to become a Broadway performer. I would like to see myself go down the same road," he says. "EVSPA has allowed me to experience performing in professional productions. I never knew how much I wanted it until now."

His advice for other boys and girls thinking about the performing arts is: "Go for it! You never really know what you like until you try it. If you try it and don't like it, you don't have to do it again. If you are unsure, I'd say audition for the school shows. If you like those, go for it big. It's really a great thing if you love it.

It gives you so many opportunities."

Michael Crumb is thankful for the opportunity to be included in the professionally cast performances such as EVSPA's productions. "Since these performances are professional, I was in 'The Nutcracker' in December and then with 'Alice in Wonderland' this month. I can put that in my portfolio and it makes it look great because it's not just school performances. If I went to a Broadway director and said I was the lead in all my school shows, they wouldn't care that much. If I say I was the March Hare in 'Alice and Wonderland,' performed at the Ferguson Center and had the opportunity to go on tour, that may happen, I hope. Then I could say we toured all of Virginia, professionally. That's experience that gets attention – on the road and a lead in a professional performance." NDN

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# Each One, Teach One

By Greg Lilly, Editor



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Arleigh Hatcher knew she would be a nurse from her earliest recollections. “I come from a family of nurses: my mother, my grandmother, my cousins and aunts are nurses,” she says. “I love taking care of people and helping people. It was a natural thing for me to become a nurse.”

She grew up in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Springfield Terrace and attended Waller Mill and then Magruder Elementary Schools, Queens Lake Middle School and Bruton High School. “When I graduated

from Bruton, I went to Norfolk State for my nursing degree. After graduation, I worked at the Cardiothoracic Unit at MCV for a year. I then became a travelling nurse.” She explains that a travelling nurse goes to different places on contract. “I didn’t go far,” she says. “From Richmond, I went to Virginia Beach. Then I stayed locally, except for a few months in Johnson City, Tennessee.” She and her husband, Jerome, wanted to be around family, so they settled back in Williamsburg.

For the past six years, Arleigh has trained

other people in the health care field. She began with Heart to Heart CPR. “I saw the need for community training in CPR. Dental offices, new moms and dads, nurses, doctors, a lot of community members need CPR training.” She ran her CPR program in conjunction with the American Heart Association.

“I worked full-time, had a small child and taught CPR every day that I was off from work.” Arleigh opened an office in the Historic Triangle Community Services building on Waller Mill Road. “I saw a need for commu-

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nity training for nurse aides, medication aides and pharmacy technicians. When I taught CPR, I met a lot of people who wanted to learn to become a nursing assistant. I did the research to see what was needed, and I took the classes,” she says.

“I loved it. I love teaching. When I worked full-time as a nurse, I loved teaching the patients. It’s something I did regularly, although I didn’t think about it as teaching. I showed them how to make sure they don’t get re-admitted and what their proper diet should be – things like that.”

Arleigh says that teaching is her passion. “I love being a nurse. I love being a teacher. I always wanted to have my own business. This is the perfect combination of all three of those.” Heart to Heart CPR became Heart to Heart Career Training Center in 2013.

The demand for well-trained healthcare workers has grown steadily in the area, and Arleigh has a constant stream of students in her classes. “These are short-term training courses,” she explains. “When the student finishes, she (or he) is ready for an entry level position. For our CNA (Certified Nursing As-

sistant) program, we have businesses and practices calling all the time to see who we have graduating because they need the positions filled. It’s so special being able to assist the students in starting their career path. This is the beginning. These are the entry level positions. They can go further after this. They can go on to become nurses or pharmacists.”

The training center has six courses that Arleigh has found are most in demand in the healthcare field: Nurse Aide, Medication Aide, Pharmacy Tech, Phlebotomy, EKG Technician and Dental Assistant. She continues to teach the non-career courses of CPR, First Aid and BLS (Basic Life Support). The training center now employs eight instructors to keep up with the demand.

Arleigh qualified to be an instructor because of her training and work as a nurse. She took the Virginia Board of Nursing curriculum for a train-the-trainer class for the nurse aides and for medication aides instruction. “They (the Virginia Board of Nursing) regulate the training program,” she explains. “The Board of Pharmacy regulates the Pharmacy Tech program, and the State Council for Higher

Education of Virginia regulates all six of our programs, to ensure consistent and quality education.”

The need for this type of skill in our community keeps Arleigh and her instructors busy. “Based on our aging population, people living longer, and the advancement of medicine, these jobs will always be in demand,” she says. “There will always be a need for a nurse’s aide or a medication aide to help in assisted living facilities. All of these careers are strong in the local workforce. We graduate about 200 students a year, mostly from around the region – Williamsburg, Newport News and Poquoson, but a majority of them are our neighbors in the Williamsburg area.”

Another health-oriented endeavor of Arleigh’s involves her family. Peek of Joy (which she, her husband, Jerome Hatcher, Jr., her mother, Crystal Crewe, and her grandfather, Jimmy Tatum, founded) helps expecting mothers celebrate their pregnancy.

“This was something I’ve been thinking about since I was pregnant with my oldest daughter, Cerae, who is six years old,” Arleigh says. “I recently had a son, who is nine months

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old. Peek of Joy is eight months old. These are fantastic services I wanted to bring to Williamsburg.” The services include 3D and 4D ultrasounds, where the fourth dimension of 4D is movement. “We do belly casting, belly painting and prenatal massages. We have Lamaze classes. We do all kinds of things for the pregnant woman. It’s a family environment. My daughter, Cerae, is our marketer and tells all her friends about it.”

When expecting moms come to Peek of Joy, they usually have the same request. “The first thing the mom asks is how soon to find out if the baby is a boy or girl,” Arleigh says. “We can let her know at 16 weeks. The family gets 3D photos of the baby. You can really see the details.”

Although Arleigh loves being a nurse, her true passion lies in teaching others. “I believe that whatever you learn needs to be passed on to the next person and then to the next person. That makes everybody better. ‘Each one teach one’ is a true statement for me,” she says, quoting an African-American proverb. “I have students who say they are inspired and want to

do this when they get out. They want to know what they would need to do in order to teach.” What she takes home each evening is the enjoyment and satisfaction of seeing her students grasp a difficult concept. “You see the student get it. That light bulb comes on. I almost come to tears. These are adults who have families and jobs and make time to come to our school to learn a new career, taking classes, doing homework and taking tests. When they finally finish, I get tears because they did it! We did it!”

Arleigh Hatcher acknowledges that the healthcare field isn’t an easy subject to teach or to learn. Healthcare involves learning exact sciences like biology, mathematics, chemistry and technology, but also engages the nuanced disciplines of sociology and psychology. People needing healthcare usually aren’t in good moods, really we can all admit to being grumpy to healthcare providers. “Your job, I tell the students, is to bring the patients light and sunshine and make them feel better. I’m proud of the students we put out into the field. I’m thankful for them.” NDN

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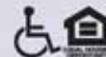
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# DOING HER PART

By Greg Lilly, Editor



Each spring and each fall, the King of Glory Lutheran Church holds a Children's Consignment Sale. The fundraiser began when Kimberly Kay suggested it as an alternative to car washes and bake sales.

Kimberly grew up in Alexandria, Virginia, graduating from T.C. Williams High School. She went on to Virginia Tech and met her husband, Billy, there. She was a Broadcast major in the Communications department. "I was on the HighTechs (dance team) my last two years, when we were ranked third in the nation." She also joined a sorority at Tech. "I was a Zeta. I'm still very active in that and

was a national officer for a while."

Kimberly and Billy moved the family to Williamsburg in 2003 when Billy started

working for Leebecon Services. "We have two children – a 21 year old and an 18 year old," Kimberly says.

"I went to my first consignment sale when I was pregnant with my son. That's where I got the fever for it and saw all the good it was doing." Young families who needed items for growing children could sell clothing and toys that their child had outgrown, and buy for the next growth spurt. "I got involved. I bought some things, and then started volunteering."

At the time, Kimberly and Billy lived in Springfield, Virginia. "My church, there in Springfield, needed a fundraiser for the pre-

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school. I suggested we do a consignment sale focused on children's items. That was my first one."

The next year, Kimberly and her family moved to Culpeper. "We attended St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and the children's services wanted to take a group of kids on a trip that would require renting a bus. They talked about fundraisers. I suggested doing a consignment sale." They raised enough money to rent the bus and to treat everyone to lunch on the trip. That started a yearly consignment sale at the church.

"When we moved here, the same thing happened," Kimberly says. "A friend said her son needed to raise funds to go to a national youth gathering. All the high school age kids from the church would go to the gathering every three years. That year it was in New Orleans with over 25,000 students. They were thinking of car washes and bake sales to raise the money."

Kimberly mentioned how she'd worked with consignment sales at other churches. "I like to try some different things. I made a few phone calls. That first one, we worked with CHKD, and they loaned us clothing racks to use and

helped get the word out." She reports that first sale at King of Glory Lutheran Church brought in over 50 people consigning items.

"We continued each fall. We decided to do it twice a year to go with the seasonal items, fall and spring," she says. The bulk of the spring sales proceeds would benefit the tuition assistance program at King of Glory's pre-school.

"The sale just kept going and going," Kimberly says. The March sale will be the church's 25th sale. "With each sale, we constantly look at ways that we can make it better."

The King of Glory Children's Consignment Sale is open to the public to consign, to shop and to volunteer. "This non-profit sale is run by volunteers," she adds. "For me, this is like a second full-time job. I work Monday through Thursday at Parks Orthodontics, and then every night, I'm answering e-mails. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, I'm working on this."

The sale has partnered with Avalon, a Center for Women and Children. "We've worked with them from the beginning," Kimberly says. "We give their residents gift certificates to shop the sale, to get things they need for their families." The sale has worked with Grove Christian Outreach, FISH, Olde Town Medi-

cal Center and CASA.

The sale is Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th. "We start setting up late Wednesday night. Thursday morning, the consignors start dropping off." The people consigning items are responsible for pricing and tagging their items. Volunteers help unload and set up the sales floor at the church. "We make the sales floor look like a department store, set up by gender, clothes by size, toys and books by age and subject. The items are anything a family can use to raise their children, from room décor to toys to books to DVDs to shoes." The age range goes from newborn to teen.

"We've hooked up with Gowns for Hounds," Kimberly says. "They have donated bridal dresses and formal wear and bring us homecoming dresses in the fall and prom dresses in the spring. The money they raise goes toward helping pets whose owners can't afford the surgery the pet needs."

Not only is the sale a wonderful place to find a bargain for clothes, shoes, toys, books, DVDs, nursery and children's furniture, but it's a great way to sell things your own child has outgrown. "That's money you can use. When my kids were little, I'd take the money

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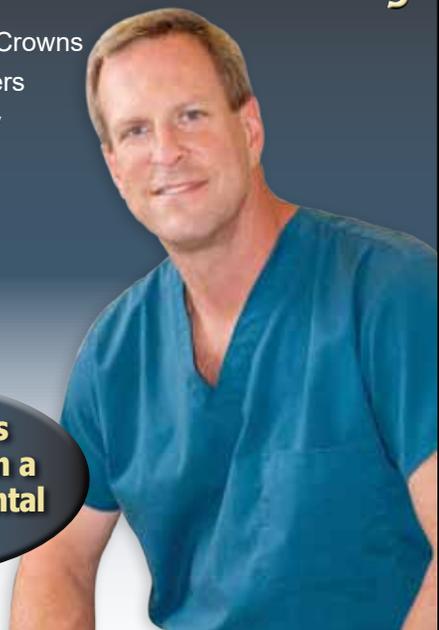
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from their sales and put it into their savings accounts. It's a great way to get some money for the family."

Volunteers and consignors, as a thank-you for helping, get to pre-shop before the sale opens its doors to the public. "We open to the public on Friday, March 4 at 11:00 in the morning," Kimberly says. "But, if someone brings a jar of peanut butter for FISH, they can come into the sale at 10:00 instead of 11:00. Usually we collect about 200 jars of peanut butter for FISH."

The sale is open again on Saturday, March 5, from 8:00 to noon. At noon, the consignors can pick up what didn't sell or they can leave it for donation. "Later in the day, our charities come in to see what they can use."

One of the benefactors of the sale is a group at King of Glory Lutheran Church called Storybook Connections. "That ministry goes into the prison with storybooks for the inmates to read for their children. They record the parent reading the book and then send the book and recording to the child so they can hear their parent reading the story to them. Storybook Connection supplements their library with some of the donated books." Kimberly

and her team have worked with CHKD, for many years, and they take some of the remaining items for their thrift stores. "We also work with Youth Challenge, and they take the rest of the items away."

Kimberly sees the consignment sale as community outreach, assisting the church with its programs and partnered organizations reach their goals. It also helps families make some money from things they no longer use and allows other families to save on their child's needed items. "That's why I'm so passionate about it," she says. "Assisting the community, helping families recycle and sell their items while bringing money into their family, helping all the families that come and shop. That's what the sale is about. There is always something that touches my heart at every sale. It keeps me going."

The church donates gift certificates to some partner programs to give to their clients. "The people, in which we've helped, come with their gift certificate and look for a very specific thing like shoes for their child. But you can see the child wanting to get something else; they can get something fun, something that's not a necessity. It's a whole range of things available for

that child to choose from."

The sale brings in many people to the church, who may have never visited before. "Pastor Harmon is involved, greeting people, helping load cars," Kimberly says. "During the sale, I hear from people [with spiritual questions], and I tell them our doors are always open, to call Pastor Harmon. We've had people join the church from first coming to the sale. It's a friendly atmosphere. Not everyone volunteering goes to church here or has children at the church's pre-school."

She stresses that she isn't the driver of the sale, but a team of people are involved. "It's not just me, and it's never been just me, doing this. It takes a village. I may be the cheerleader, but we have a hundred volunteers who work this sale in different capacities."

The Virginia Tech service motto has kicked in, she adds. *Ut Prosim*, which is Latin for "That I May Serve."

"That planted the seed," Kimberly says. "I was very involved on campus. I was raised to serve and do things for others. It's a great way to help the community. If you're going to live in a community, you should get involved in it, do your part." NDN

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March 1, 2016

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March 4 – 5, 2016

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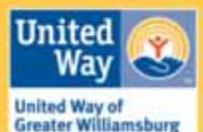
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March 12, 2016

8:00 am - 3:00 pm. All proceeds from the event will support Williamsburg Campus Child Care, a local 501(c)3 organization. Event location is Trinkle Hall on the campus of William & Mary, 08 Jamestown Road. Doors open at 8 am for early shopping with a \$10 donation; otherwise the sale starts at 9 am. All donations are considered tax-deductible. Items will be accepted March 10-11 (8 am-3 pm) at Williamsburg Campus Child Care located just off of South Boundary Street at 114 Grigsby Drive.

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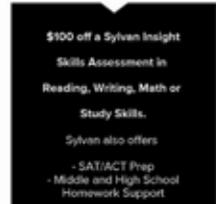


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## SHAMROCK THE 'BURG 2016

March 12, 2016

Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg presents Shamrock the 'Burg 2016, sponsored by ESGI and featuring live Irish music by The Donnybrooks, corned beef and cabbage, Guinness Draught and Harp Lager. Proceeds benefit Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Lackey Clinic. At the Williamsburg Community Building on N. Boundary Street. Time 6-10 pm. Tickets \$10 available at [www.WilliamsburgKiwanis.org](http://www.WilliamsburgKiwanis.org) and at the door. \$5 food and beer tickets. 21 years old and over event.

The CDR Bid N Buy Auction, March 20. Doors open at 11:30 am. For more information, visit [cdr.org](http://cdr.org)

### Hey Neighbor!

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WILLIAMSBURG MONTHLY MEETING  
March 23, 2016

All Williamsburg-area women interested in learning more about The Woman's Club of Williamsburg-GFWC are invited to attend any of the Club's monthly meetings. Each month, the Club holds both a daytime meeting (with a speaker and including lunch) and a shorter, evening meeting. The non-profit Woman's Club of Williamsburg-GFWC is a group of women with a common interest in community welfare and philanthropic projects. The Club provides financial support for a variety of local, national and international humanitarian organizations, and meets monthly during the day and in the evening. Visit [www.womansclubofwilliamsburg.org](http://www.womansclubofwilliamsburg.org) for more information, or email Membership Chair Joyce Darnton at [info@womansclubofwilliamsburg.org](mailto:info@womansclubofwilliamsburg.org).

### Hey Neighbor!

CHESAPEAKE EXPERIENCE WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER  
March 26, 2016

Chesapeake Experience, an environmental non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization located in Williamsburg, is holding their 7th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser at the James City County Marina, 2054 Jamestown Road. 6:30 - 9:30 pm. The funds from this event will provide high-quality on-the-water, hands-on field experiences for local students and teachers. Tickets are \$45 and include an official Chesapeake Experience wine glass, wine tastings, heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, live music, door prizes and wonderful silent auction packages for bidding. Purchase tickets at this link: <http://chesapeakeexperience.org/wineEvent.asp>. If you would like to make a donation please e-mail Adrienne Richardson at [adrienne@chesapeakeexperience.org](mailto:adrienne@chesapeakeexperience.org) or call (757) 259-6859.

### Hey Neighbor!

17TH ANNUAL 2016 WILLIAMSBURG BRITISH & EUROPEAN CAR SHOW  
April 9, 2016

Open the 2016 car show season and visit beautiful Colonial Williamsburg Virginia for the 17th Annual Williamsburg British Car Club British and European Car Show at Chickahominy Riverfront Park, next to the intersection of the James and Chickahominy Rivers. For information, visit the web site - <http://www.wmbgbrit.com/> where registration form is available. Contact Roy Gavilan [wbcregister@outlook.com](mailto:wbcregister@outlook.com)

### Hey Neighbor!

BLUEBIRDS IN OUR GARDENS  
April 16, 2016

Freedom Park Interpretive Center, 10

am, open to the public. Join Nancy Barnhart and a team of certified Master Naturalists to learn all about bluebirds and how to attract them to your yard. The program is free, although a \$5 donation to help the Garden grow is appreciated. For more information, contact Nancy Barnhart, at (540) 454-3014 or email her at [barnhartnt@gmail.com](mailto:barnhartnt@gmail.com)

### Hey Neighbor!

BEYOND BOOBS! 9TH ANNUAL "BREAST" BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
April 22, 2016

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### Hey Neighbor!

4TH ANNUAL HIKE FOR HOSPICE  
April 23, 2016

From 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Park East at Governor's Land, 2700 Two Rivers Road, Williamsburg. Join us for a leisurely 2 mile walk followed by a Celebration of Life at Park East. Walk to celebrate the memory of loved ones, in honor of someone, or just to support Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg. Registration is \$25/per person prior to April 1, \$35 per person after. Visit [williamsburghikeforhospice.org](http://williamsburghikeforhospice.org) or call (757) 253-1220 for more information.

### Hey Neighbor!

ART ON THE SQUARE 2016  
April 24, 2016

The Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg presents the 53rd Annual Art on the Square juried art show from 10 am - 5 pm, rain or shine, in Merchants Square. The event features more than 170 artists from across the country and is free and open to the public. Proceeds from artist booth fees are donated to visual and performing arts organizations throughout the greater Williamsburg area, including Williamsburg, James City and York counties.

### Hey Neighbor!

COMMUNITY OF STARS FUNDRAISING BANQUET  
April 29, 2016

Williamsburg-James City County Community Action Agency and Board of Directors will hold its 13th annual Community of Stars fundraising banquet at Colonial Heritage at 6500 Arthur Hills Dr., Williamsburg. To purchase tickets, contact Yvonne at 229-9332.

For a complete list of events visit [www.WilliamsburgNeighbors.com](http://www.WilliamsburgNeighbors.com)

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