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JI Post Office Move - Mon, Oct 3

The USPS has posted a notice that they will be moving to 17B Pier Rd. in the Historic District. Last day of operation at the trailer is Friday, Sept 30. They re-open Monday, Oct 3 in the new location. Parking is behind the Morgan Center where a new walk has been installed. No word yet on where a drive up box will be located. New signs have been placed on Pier Rd and near the parking lot. Bring your key to the old box to exchange for a new box & key.

JICA Monthly Board Meeting - Monday, Oct 3

The next regular meeting of the Jekyll Island Citizens Association will be Monday, Oct 3 at the Jekyll Presbyterian Community Church. Keren Giovengo will present a talk on "Waterwise Sustainable Landscaping". All JICA meetings are open to the public. The meeting starts at 7pm with refreshments and fellowship at 6:30p.

JIA Water Billing System -

The new billing system for water, sewer and trash is up and running at full speed. You can now select auto payment feature for monthly billing. Go to Jekyllisland.com/utilities and click on the "Manage My Account" button to access the system. You will need a copy of your past bill for the information required to establish an account. Account number and name must be exact as stated on the bill. If you have an account name that is not your name (e.g. a trust, etc.), the first word should be input into the first name block followed by the rest of the information in the last name block. Questions can be directed to Ginnie in Accounts at 635-4097 or Gracie at 635-2236.

JICA September Meeting Minutes -

JEKYLL ISLAND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING

September 12, 2016

7:00 p.m. at the Jekyll Presbyterian Community Church

Board members present were Franklin Duncan, Bonnie Newell, Beverly Hopkins, Jerry Locascio, Dave Buisson, Jim Reed, Ron Franke, Ted Rice, and Ame Ivanov. Franklin opened the meeting at 7:00 with announcements:

The next JICA meeting will be Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Jekyll Presbyterian Community Church. Keren Giovengo, EcoScapes Program Manager at the University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant will present "Waterwise Sustainable Landscaping".

Thank you to JoAnn Buisson for providing refreshments tonight.

JoAnn Buisson announced there is a sign up sheet for someone to provide refreshments for future meetings.

Former Jekyll resident Kay Ward passed away. She had suffered from ALS. She was a member of JICA board at one time.

Nancy Kring Rowan reminded everyone that Shrimp and Grits festival is September 16-18 and she spoke about the traffic and parking plan and how it might affect residents. Expect a big crowd on the island this weekend.

Franklin read a thank you note from Gene and Alice Jarrett in which they expressed their appreciation for the party held at Goodyear and how much they will miss Jekyll Island.

Jerry Locasio reminded members to look at information on the JICA website and to be aware that the Golden Islander may be accessed through the JICA site.

• e Minutes: May minutes were approved.

Reports:

Membership: Megan reported that as of the day of the meeting there are 290 paid members. Membership forms are available at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Ame reported that the balance is \$21,198.27. The report was approved.

Island Introductions: JoAnn Buisson continues to work with the real estate companies to identify new residents. She did meet a few people at the meeting she will follow up with. She also approached Juliana Germano to try to get information about new owners in the Cottages development. If you know of anyone who is new to the island, please get that information to JoAnn.

Old Business: None reported

New Business: None reported

Member comments: None

The speaker for this meeting is Alan Ours, County Manager for the Glynn County Commission. Also present is Richard Strickland, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Ours presentation is on the upcoming SPLOST (Special Local Option Sales Tax) vote which will be on the November ballot.

- Mr. Ours opened by explaining that the vote will be on November 8 and will be listed as SPLOST 2016. It will be a 1 cent sales tax. The tax would go in effect April 1, 2017 and

would end, at the latest, September 30, 2020. If the total amount (\$71,595,000) is collected before the 2020 date, the SPLOST would end earlier.

- There will be a citizen's oversight committee that is part of the SPLOST process to determine projects and to insure the money is spent accordingly.
- The last SPLOST was in 2011. There was an E(ducation) SPLOST last year.
- SPLOST is designed to fund capital projects for the county. This does not cover all projects that are submitted to Glynn County.
- While it does impact local residents, the nice thing about SPLOST is that our visitors, tourists and workers coming from outside the county also contribute with every purchase made. Glynn County provides shopping, healthcare and more to people from surrounding counties.
- There will be 4 town hall meetings held around the county to help provide information about SPLOST. The first will be on Saint Simons Island and the closest one to Jekyll will be on September 29 at the Courthouse. There is more information about the proposed projects and the town hall meetings on the Glynn County website.
- He provided a handout that lists the proposed projects. Included in this list is \$2,300,000 for Jekyll Island to "Resurface 10 miles of streets and public parking lots".
- The majority of the items on the list are roads, intersection improvements, drainage and infrastructure repairs and improvements. There is also some public safety equipment included. He reviewed some of the specific items using a slide show to assist with examples.
- There is an item to replace the Animal Control Facility and move it to the Public Safety Complex. One reason for this is that it needs to be out of a flood-prone area. They did add a modular building. Animal Control now serves the entire county and the city of Brunswick so they do need more space. Moving it would also put it in an area with higher elevation.
- They also want to create a Veteran's Memorial park and add more courthouse parking in the area where the old detention center was located.
- Due to growth in certain parts of the county the sewer system needs upgrades. Much of this is along I-95 and is included in the SPLOST funding.

Questions/Answers:

- What percentage of the road surface on Jekyll is covered in the 10 miles proposed? The dollar amount is what was requested by the JIA and he does not know what they are planning. He suggested checking with JIA.
- How much money was left of the last SPLOST? There have been 5 previous SPLOST referendums. Of SPLOST #4 there are 3 projects left and all are in process: 1) Conference Center in Brunswick. 2) North Harrington park on SSI which is under construction. 3) Intersection improvements at Perry Lane and the Spur. Of SPLOST #5 there are 6 projects that remain and all are either underway or in design. Any money remaining after these 9 projects are completed will go to pay off county debts.
- What about the sewer system on Jekyll which is aging and now has increased development? That is a question for JIA.
- Are the costs listed on the handout firm? The projects cannot get additional money beyond what is listed. If the price goes higher the county would have to find another way to fund the project.
- Who decides the priority of the projects? The Board of Commissioners sets the priority with input from the community and the citizen's oversight committee.
- Can the current Animal Control Facility be expanded or upgraded? It is not as much about the quality of the buildings as it is the location. The building is susceptible to flooding and is inadequate.

- Will that facility be sold or used for another purpose? Nothing is currently planned but it is possible the building can be used for something else.

Franklin thanked Mr. Ours for giving his time. Jerry Locasio will put the handout on the JICA website (<http://www.jekyllcitizens.org/home/ne/ne.html>).

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Hopkins, JICA Secretary

And that's the news from Jekyll Island where history lives, nature abounds, and Post Office is finally moving to the Historic District. Good-Bye Trailer.

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