

## **Community Facilities and Services**

Maintaining local community institutions and services supports the overall community wellbeing and fosters a more supportive, diverse and tolerant community in and around Jamestown. Local institutions and resources support youth education and strong families and strengthens the sense of community in the greater Jamestown area. The survival of these is imperative to the survival of the community as a whole.

### **Community Facilities**

The Town's facilities include the Town Hall, which houses the town library, the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department Fire Hall, the temporary fire hall, the cemetery, Elysian Park, and Town Square.

The Town Hall was renovated and an addition added in 2010. A new fire station was built and the Town Square was redeveloped after the 2013 flood event. Volunteers are responsible for the maintenance of all facilities. Seventy-one percent of survey respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the parks and recreation offered.

Additional facilities (not town-owned or operated) existing in Jamestown include the Jamestown Elementary School, Jamestown Community Church, and the post office. In continuous operation since 1906, the Jamestown Mercantile, or Merc, is the only restaurant in town and acts as the community's primary gathering place. Nearby are the Balarat Outdoor Education Center and Cal-Wood Education Center. Although these are not town-owned facilities, the community recognizes the great importance of each.

### **Community Services**

The Town Clerk provides administration services for the community. Jamestown also supports the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Pertaining to the availability of services, sixty seven percent of survey respondents indicated satisfaction; fifty-seven were satisfied with the cost of services. With respect to fire and EMS, ninety-two percent indicated that they were satisfied with those services. Boulder County provides police services, via the Boulder County sheriff, and animal control services through intergovernmental agreements with Jamestown. All other services including solid waste management and recycling are provided by independent, private entities.

Despite the services provided, many services often available in other communities are not offered due to the limited town budget. In turn, the community has acknowledges the need for residents to step up and fill some of the service gaps particularly for the vulnerable populations such as the elderly and homebound.

### **Sustainable Facilities and Services**

~~Jamestown's ability to provide community facilities and services such as the elementary school, parks and recreation, the Town Hall, the fire department, and police protection~~ is directly related to the strength of the local tax base. Money generated from property ~~and sales~~ tax enables the Town to upgrade or  
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add community facilities. Future growth in Jamestown would have an immediate effect on the Town's fiscal capacity by increasing the tax base as well as increasing the demand for more services. Over time the tax base may be unable to maintain the level of revenue needed to support increasing capital improvement and operational costs. Jamestown should weigh the impacts of new growth over the short run and long run to avoid the problem of an expanding service demand and limited tax base.

The During the Long Term Recovery Plan process, the community expressed the need to make cost-effective decisions in regard to facilities and services. Alternative funding sources could also be pursued such as: user fees; special assessment districts; and federal, state, and county matching fund programs. Town improvements can also be made by using the volunteer resources within Jamestown. In many cases, large funds are not required to make facility improvements.

The Town does not have an official Capital Improvements program. With the new fire hall and other community facility improvements, a capital improvements plan is a tool to ensure that these assets are properly maintained over time to avoid an expensive and/or dire fix.

### **~~Community Survey 1978 and Town Meeting October 1979~~**

~~Jamestown residents would like to maintain present expenditures for the present level of services received. If additional money is spent, people favor spending it on recreation, fire service, and road maintenance. The provision of some type of public transportation service, the renovation of the Town Hall, and maintaining the elementary school in Jamestown are also important issues cited by residents.~~

~~When and how these improvements will be made will depend on Jamestown's fiscal ability to provide for the facilities. Alternative funding sources could also be pursued such as: user fees; special assessment districts; and federal, state, and county matching fund programs. Town improvements can also be made by using the volunteer resources within Jamestown. In many cases, large funds are not required to make facility improvements. As an example, the park could be upgraded (i.e. new benches) by organizing community self help workshops. The town's facility needs may also change over time due to growth, change in attitudes of the local population, and change in resource availability.~~

~~Jamestown residents have identified community facilities which they would like to upgrade or provide for the town. The Planning Commission and Town Board have prioritized the facilities in the following order:~~

- ~~1. To maintain and stabilize an adequate water supply~~
- ~~2. Improvement of the fire department (one alternative is to create a Fire Protection District)~~
- ~~3. Correct improper drainage areas~~
- ~~4. Development of public transportation service (for example: daily van service between Jamestown and Boulder)~~
- ~~5. Renovation of the Town Hall~~
- ~~6. Additional road signs for Jamestown streets~~
- ~~7. Implementation of Jamestown's Park Improvement Plan also to include a mini-park at the pump site on Mesa Street~~
- ~~8. Sand and salt for roads~~

9. ~~Construction of a small information kiosk to inform residents of various community activities; a community bulletin board was another suggestion~~
10. ~~Provide for a road grader operator and road grader to maintain Jamestown's roads.~~
  - \* ~~Residents would also like to maintain the elementary school in Jamestown.~~

### **Current Regulations and Programs**

The Town has a ~~parcs Parks committee~~ Committee and a ~~cemetery Cemetery committee~~ Committee that each ensure maintenance of those facilities. The Town also has a ~~recycling Recycling committee~~ Committee that works on various ways to offer the service for the community.

**Ordinance 1, Series 2012 Growth Impact Fee** – The Town adopted a Growth Impact Fee in 2012 for the purposes of offsetting impacts related to the growth in population and housing to Town parks and recreation, water plant capacity, streets and bridges, and fire and emergency medical technician safety services. The ordinance establishes a fee to apply to new residential and non-residential development and details the distribution of that fee among the four areas of concern including the maintenance of facilities.

### **Community Facilities and Services Policies**

1. Jamestown should evaluate the short-term and long-term effects of an expanded tax base due to new growth and the demands for facilities and services generated by this growth. Jamestown should balance the tax revenues with its capital improvement and operational costs.
2. The present level of expenditures for services should be maintained as much as possible. ~~Priority concerns for improvement of services are recreation, fire service, and road maintenance. These should be improved made~~ through self-help, low cost efforts whenever possible.

### **Proposed Community Facilities and Services Programs**

The Town should continue to implement the Long Term Recovery Plan strategies in regard to community facilities and services including:

- Resident resource guide on area services
- Continued contracting with a recycling business or person to provide once-a-month recycle pick-up. Retain a space in town, close to composting area, for the monthly pickup. If a contract dissolves, research companies and initiate a new contract.

The Town should work with the Community to support services not provided by the Town including the community-based Aging Well in Community efforts.