This little piggy may not be going to market, but he certainly is not staying at home. He will be visiting various locations throughout the Jamestown and surrounding community to draw attention to the seventh annual Jamestown Pig Pickin’ on Aug. 6 from 3-7 p.m. This year’s event will once again be held at Magnolia Farm on East Main Street, the home of George and George Ragsdale. Parking is available at Jamestown United Methodist Church.

The theme this year is Laura Purcell & Jive in honor of Jamestown’s 168 N.C. National Guard members and veterans of the nation’s armed services. Elizabeth Swain and Charles Collins are serving as cochairs for the 2016 Pig Pickin’.”

The meal includes barbecued pork and chicken by John Thomas Richard-Halls, southern cornbread, beans, and sweet potato pie. Ticket prices are $20, which includes all food and beverages. UCC will provide plates for the event and there will be a silent and live auction featuring over 100 donated items. The proceeds benefit the Family Service of the Piedmont by increasing awareness of the organization and raising funds to support agency programs. Family Service has operated in Jamestown since 2004, with offices adjacent to the Repulic of Family YMCA. It focuses on addressing issues of domestic violence, child abuse, mental health and financial stability. Last year the agency served over 17,000 local children and adults and touched thousands more through community education and support services.

As of the 2015 Pig Pickin’, 355 individuals attended the event, which raised over $200,000. Organizers hope to build on this in 2016 to support the mission and goals of the local community.

The event is presented by the Lenny Peters’ Foundation. Special thanks also go to the Pig Pickin’ staff and the Town Council for funding the event. For more information, please visit www.JamestownPigPickin.com.

NAME THAT PIG

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Town Council approves new budget unanimously

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Harvey met in April to hash out what they would like to see in the 2016-17 budget for Jamestown and presented with the proposed budget in May, the Jamestown Town Council had very little discussion at its meeting June 21 prior to unanimously passing the $8,946,214 budget.

The budget reflects a 3.31 percent increase over the previous fiscal year budget. “This was well put together,” said Councilmember Lawrence Straughn, who was first year on the Council.

The budget:
• an agreement of base funding of $55,300 for the Jamestown Public Library between the town and the society, rather than separate agreements as in thepast;
• a new reimbursement contract for several streets in town to Waugh Asphalt in the amount of $248,200, with $250,000 of that coming from Powell Industrial Park;
• awarded a sanitary sewer improvement contract to Brooke Enterprise.

The next Town Council meeting will be July 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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