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Potomac Riverboat Company
invites you and a guest
Aboard the MV **Cherry Blossom**
To
Welcome the Sailing Vessel
Godspeed
to
Alexandria

Friday, May 26, 2006

Boarding at 9:00 am
Departing port at 9:30 am promptly
Return to port approximately 10:30 am

Godspeed is scheduled to pass through the Wilson Bridge at 10:00 am. The **Cherry Blossom**, subject to sufficient clearance under the old Wilson Bridge, will meet the vessel above/below the bridges and escort the **Godspeed** to her dock in Alexandria.

RSVP: 703 684 0580 extension 14
or by email: Bbach@potomacriverboatco.com

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*A*merica's traditions of democracy, cultural diversity and free enterprise first took root on our shores with the founding of Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607.

An 18-month series of events commemorating these legacies begins with the 2006 *Godspeed* Sail, a tall-ship tour and festival.

Founding Colony Sponsors:



You are invited to the inaugural event of

*America's 400th Anniversary:
The Journey that Changed the World*

The 2006 Godspeed Sail

Saturday, May 27, 2006

Alexandria, Virginia
in Founders Park
(near Union & Cameron Streets)

Opening ceremony at 11 a.m.

Reception highlighting Virginia hospitality follows.

Enjoy dockside tours of the 17th-century replica ship *Godspeed*, special commemorative musical performances, and historical and cultural exhibits.

RSVP by May 22, 2006 to (202) 974-5046 or
AlexandriaGodspeedSail@jamestown2007.org

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 23, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

THROUGH: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

FROM: KIRK KINCANNON, DIRECTOR 
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON AMERICA'S 400TH JAMESTOWN ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATION

The America's 400th Jamestown Anniversary Commemoration begins Saturday, May 27 and continues through Saturday, June 3, in Waterfront Park, the City Marina and the south end of Founders Park. Events include tours of the *GODSPEED*, historical exhibits, children's activities and musical entertainment. During the weekends and on Memorial Day, the hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The weekday hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

City staff has worked with staff members from Jamestown, 2007 and with the members of the Jamestown Citizen Committee. In early May, information on the event was sent to neighboring residents and shops who are located along Union Street and Lee Street from Queen Street to Franklin Street (ATTACHMENT 1). The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association also developed a website with the event information as well. This site includes detailed information about traffic and parking, descriptions of the various event components and other city-sponsored events happening along King Street.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 26 - Welcome the Sailing Vessel *GODSPEED*
Sponsored by the Potomac Riverboat Company
Boarding at the City Marina at 9:00 a.m.
Departing port at 9:30 a.m.
Returning to port at 10:30 a.m.
(This is an invitation only event)

Saturday, May 27 - Opening Ceremony - America's 400th Jamestown Anniversary Commemoration
Founders Park 11:00 a.m.

(Council Members should meet at the hospitality tent at Founders Park at 10:30 a.m.)
A reception takes place immediately after the opening ceremony at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 27 - Monday, May 29 - Event open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30 - Thursday, June 1 - Event open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 2 - Saturday, June 3 - Event open to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and ends

Sunday, June 4 - Monday, June 5 - Break down and load out. Venue inspections take place on June 5 and June 6.

Updated information will be provided as it becomes available. There are other private receptions scheduled which are by invitation only. Please call Janet Barnett, Deputy Director, at 703.838.4842 should you have questions.

ATTACHMENT: 1. America's 400th Jamestown Anniversary Commemoration

cc: Michele Evans, Deputy City Manager
Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager



AMERICA'S 400th JAMESTOWN ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION

Historic Waterfront in Alexandria
Saturday, May 27 - Saturday, June 3, 2006
11 am - 7 pm Tuesday - Thursday
11 am - 8 pm Friday - Monday

South end of Founders Park, The City Marina, & Waterfront Park
(Update as of May 3, 2006)

For detailed information on event activities, exhibits, parking, DASH About and interactive maps, visit www.funside.com or call 703.838.4200 or the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities at 703.838.4343.

FAST FACTS

- The event will be set up on Thursday, May 25 from 12:01 am through Friday, May 26 until (about) 7 pm. Set-up includes the arrival of large trucks, box trucks, and dollies, carrying and setting up equipment i.e., tents, stage, canopies, displays and generators. Waterfront Park will be set-up first, followed by the City Marina, King, Street Park/unit block of King Street (staging area). Set-up in Founders Park begins at 7 am on Thursday, May 25.
- The *Godspeed* arrives at the Founders Park "T" Pier on Thursday, May 25 or Friday, May 26. The crew will prepare the vessel for visitations by the public which are scheduled to begin on Saturday, May 27.
- The event ends on Saturday, June 3 at 8 pm. As appropriate, some exhibits will be dismantled that evening, but the majority of the breakdown of the event occurs on Sunday, June 4 and is completed by Monday, June 5 in the late afternoon or early evening. The *Godspeed* departs on Sunday, June 4. The time for departure has not been confirmed.
- The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association is working with Jamestown 2007 on scheduling school groups and other visiting groups. School buses will drop off children at the corner of Prince Street and the Strand, and pick them up at Oronoco Street adjacent to Robinson Terminal. Buses may park at the George Washington National Memorial Temple, and Motor Coaches dropping off at the City Marina will do so at King Street and The Strand per the usual procedure.
- The 100 block of the Strand will be limited to one-way traffic from south to north from May 25 through June 4. The parking garage remains open.
- Security for the festival venues is scheduled 24-hours for the duration of the event.
- The City is committed to enforcing parking regulations.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with pedestrian safety and to work at information booths. A volunteer orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at 7 pm at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 North Union Street. For information and to sign up call Jack Browand at 703.838.4343 or e-mail at Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov. Please include your full name, day(s), hours of availability, e-mail address and phone number.
- The Citizen Committee on Jamestown has been working to ensure a successful 400th event. The City of Alexandria is one of six cities selected as a venue. Committee members include:
 - Ellen Stanton, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (Chair, Jamestown Citizen Committee)
 - MaryAnne Russell - Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association
 - Linda Couture - Old Town Civic Association
 - Tara Zinnick - Calico - Torpedo Factory Art Center
 - Jim Dorsch - Founders Park Community Association
 - Charlotte Hall - KSMT
 - Susan Pettey - Waterfront Committee
 - Janet Barnett - City Staff

For additional information, call Janet Barnett, Deputy Director, of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities at 703.848.4343 or e-mail at Janet.Barnett@alexandriava.gov.