

Working Toward our Future — Treasuring our Past



We pledge to serve our community and the residents of the Town of Dagsboro upholding the guidelines of our Mission Statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide for the orderly growth and development of the Town; to promote the health, safety, prosperity and general welfare of the present and future citizens and property owners in the Town; to protect the Town's open lands, water resources and recreational facilities; to ensure conservation of property values and natural resources; to afford adequate provisions for public utilities and infrastructure; to ensure proper educational needs and facilities for town staff.

THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER:

*"Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done."
Harriet Beecher Stowe*

Town Council

Patti Adams, Mayor
Norwood Truitt, Vice Mayor
Cathy Flowers, Sec. /Treasurer
Herb Disharoon, Councilman
Wm DeHaven, Councilman

Planning & Zoning

Marjie Eckerd, Chairperson
Patrick Miller
Loretta Zsido
Gayle Chandler
John Hansken

Town Hall Staff

Stacey Long, Town Administrator
Duane Kenton, Town Clerk
Rae Long, Assistant Clerk

Building Inspector: URS Corporation
Town Planner: URS Corporation
Town Attorney: Rob Witsil

Police Dept.

Floyd Toomey, Chief
Harry Litten, Sgt
David Ober, Ofc

**For additional information
visit our website at :
www.townofdagsboro.com**

KATIE HELM PARK

COME OUT TO THE FORMAL DEDICATION

FREE FOOD

ENTERTAINMENT

ACTIVITIES

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

SATURDAY MAY 14TH

NOON TO 3:00 P.M.

SEE YOU AT YOUR PARK!
SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR MORE INFO

Some of you may be aware of the eroding ditch on Warrington Street. This issue has been addressed with the Sussex Conservation District and is scheduled for construction in the spring of 2011. This project is being funded from the Community Transportation Fund. We are grateful for having this money allocated towards the stabilization of the bank to prevent the tax ditch from continuing to erode into Warrington Street.

If you are a business owner and would like to advertise in our newsletter you have the opportunity for only \$5.00 a quarter. For \$5.00 you can have a business card size advertisement or for \$50.00 you can have a whole page. Contact Duane Kenton at 732-3777 for more information.

The Dagsboro Planning & Zoning Commission is seeking new members. If you are interested in serving on this commission, stop by the Town Hall and fill out an application or log onto our website under the applications tab and email it to us. We will call to schedule an interview.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS: OCTOBER-MARCH 2011

OCTOBER

- ❖ The town welcomed John Hansken to the Planning & Zoning Commission after a unanimous vote by Planning & Zoning and the Town Council.

NOVEMBER

- ❖ The Council received an annexation request from the DE National Guard, a department of the State of Delaware, for their property located on Armory Road, TMP # 2-33-11.00-212.00. An annexation committee was appointed and consists of three Town Council members. The committee must meet within ninety (90) days to discuss and report back to the Council with the advantages and disadvantages of the annexation.
- ❖ The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony occurred on Saturday, November 27, 2010. We would like to thank the following people for their participation in the event: The Veasey Family and Mr. Bill Day for providing the musical entertainment; Audra Mitchell for the poetry reading; and Rev. James Burton for serving as Master of Ceremonies. We would also like to say thank you to the residents who attended the ceremony to make the event even more special.

DECEMBER

- ❖ New Council member William DeHaven was sworn into office during the December meeting as he ran uncontested for the open seat on Town Council.
- ❖ Planning and Zoning Commissioner Lisa Boyce submitted a letter of resignation from the committee. Lisa was actively involved in planning and zoning matters and brought great ideas and suggestions to the committee. We would like to thank Lisa for her hard work and dedication she gave to the Town. She will be greatly missed.
- ❖ After coming before the Planning and Zoning Commission and receiving their recommendation, Council voted to approve a minor subdivision for the property located at Main Street and Cannon Street owned by William Howlett. The subdivision consisted of dividing the large parcel into two (2) separate parcels,

where the building now occupied by M-N-K Maintenance is separated from the residual property behind it.

- ❖ Council unanimously voted to enter into a two (2)-year contract with Shorescan. This is a program where we take finished documents in both electronic and paper format and deposit them into a fully searchable web-based repository hosted by eBridge Solutions. This service will alleviate our organization of the time, cost and effort associated with manual storage of paper.
- ❖ Residents on Piney Neck Road requested to have a street light installed near the end of Town limits. They feel additional lighting may deter some of the vandalism which has been occurring, since it is a very dark area of town. Council voted to have a streetlight installed in the area requested.
- ❖ On December 31, 2010 the contract between the Town of Dagsboro and Artesian Water Company was due to expire. The contract was to provide operation and maintenance services to the Town for the water distribution system. Council voted unanimously to extend the contract for an additional six (6) months, terminating on June 30, 2011.

JANUARY

- ❖ Mr. Mike Jones of Sussex County Community and Housing Division attended the January Council meeting to explain a Community Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Jones stated that his office applies for a Community Block Grant Program for communities in Sussex County. It uses monies from the Department of Housing and Urban Development Fund under the State of Delaware housing authority. This year Sussex will be applying for approximately two million dollars worth of grants. This grant will include housing, water, sewer, and demolition for infrastructure projects. The project must benefit persons of low to moderate income. In order to receive the funds the house must be homeowner occupied. Council unanimously approved this year's Community Block Grant Program participation. If you would like more information on this program please contact Mike Jones at 302-855-7777.
- ❖ Council welcomed new member Patrick Miller to the Planning & Zoning Commission. If you, or if you know anyone, who is interested in serving on Planning & Zoning, please fill out an application from our website and submit it to the Town Hall.
- ❖ Council unanimously approved the final plan for the Serendipity Quilt Shop's new location at the corner of Main Street & Cannon Street. As you can see, they are actively building at that location. We are pleased to see Dagsboro businesses succeeding and moving forward.

FEBRUARY

- ❖ On February 10th the annexation committee met at Town Hall to discuss the subject of annexing the DE National Guard building on Armory Road into the Town limits. The committee generated a report and submitted it to the Council with their recommendation to approve the annexation. Their report was forwarded to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their recommendation.
- ❖ The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the final site plan for the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Dept. with the following waiver, variance, and conditions:

Waiver-Roof pitch of 3/12 for primary structure and 6/12 for architectural dormers; Variance-lighted digital sign-Variance from 275-71A per specifications submitted by DVFD. Total sign area of 32 sq. feet where one-half of the sign area is non-

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digital per specifications and one-half of sign area is limited to digital non-graphic alpha-numeric scrolling characters; Condition- Execution of Storm water Facility Maintenance Agreement and Landscape Agreement; Condition – the DVFD will address the Town Council’s concern about outstanding issue of separate water meters for the fire prevention facilities and the banquet facilities prior to the issuance of a building permit.

- ❖ A public hearing has been scheduled for the April 18th meeting on the subject of re-zoning 28336 Clayton Street, Tax Map Parcel # 2-33-11.00-261.00, lands of Jeanette, Anthony, and Carl Spinelli. They are requesting a zoning change from LI-Light Industrial to TC-Town Center.

MARCH

- ❖ A public hearing was held on the subject to amend Chapter 270 of the Code entitled “Water” to add a new section 270-19 to provide equitable relief as an alternative action for the violation of the requirements of the chapter. This permits equitable relief to be sought to enforce the provisions of this chapter by filing civil action in the Court of Chancery to initiate an injunction, mandamus, abatement or any other appropriate equitable action. Any person violating this chapter shall become liable to the Town for any expense, loss or damage incurred by the Town, including but not limited to, the Town’s attorney’s fees, Court costs and associated litigation filing fees.
- ❖ Planning & Zoning made a recommendation to approve the annexation of the DE National Guard property. Council accepted their recommendation and scheduled a public hearing on this annexation for the May 23rd Town Council meeting.
- ❖ After Planning & Zoning recommendation of approval, Council voted unanimously to approve the subdivision request for the lands of Myrtha Calhoun. The property is located on the Eastern side of the intersection of Vines Creek Road and Armory Road. The request was to divide the property where the house is located from the remainder of the property.
- ❖ The Council discussed the subject of purchasing a used 1995 4X4 pickup truck for town use including, but not limited to, town maintenance, meter readings, and Code Enforcement. After careful consideration the Council voted to purchase the truck from Bunting’s Garage.
- ❖ Upon recommendation from Planning & Zoning and careful consideration, Lost Tree Village’s (formerly The Estuary on Pepper’s Creek) final site plan was approved unanimously by Town Council and subject to the following conditions: (1) the area adjacent to Helm Street shall be constructed with sub-base as indicated upon the site plans and shall be covered with topsoil and seeded to match existing soil conditions and that the area shall not be used as a construction entrance or as a service road and, further, that the developer shall seek further approvals from DELDOT and the Town of Dagsboro in the event that Helms Street is ever

intended as an entrance or exit to the subdivision (2) the CRD-Cluster Residential District overlay is approved by the Town Council.

- ❖ After several discussions between the Town Council and the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Dept (DVFD), the following decisions were made:
 1. The DVFD will be responsible for all expenses related to Town inspections, in lieu of the calculated building permit fee of \$34,637.50
 2. The Fire Dept and Ambulance Service Impact Fees have been waived
 3. The DVFD will pay for 5 EDU's of water and 40% of all metered usage at \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons, in lieu of paying for the 13 EDU's that the new building will be utilizing. The DVFD also will be responsible for the monthly water meter charge for a 4 inch meter - \$100 and \$33.34 per month for the metered fire suppression system. This will remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from the date of the certificate of occupancy, at which time the Council and DVFD will re-evaluate this matter. In addition, when there is a paid event at the fire hall, a meter reading must occur prior to and after the event takes place so it will enable us to account for the amount of water utilized for events.

From the Desk of Police Chief, Floyd Toomey, Jr.

Dagsboro Police Safety Brief

I normally take a few moments of your time to address safety issues. In this letter I want you to be informed of the town growth and the impact it has had on your police department. As many of you are aware the Town Council has provided the funding to hire another police officer and that task as been accomplished. Effective January 14th, the Police Department added Patrolman David Ober to its ranks. Officer Ober comes to us after serving 1 year with Dewey Beach PD and most recently 4 years with Millsboro PD. Patrolman Ober is 31 years of age and a newlywed. In the short time he has been with us he has made several drug arrests and interrupted a burglary in progress at the Heathman's Jewelry Store, apprehending the suspect and recovering all the stolen property, Patrolman Ober has proven his value to the department and to you, the citizens, at this early stage in his career. We are fortunate to have such a fine officer serving the Town of Dagsboro. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

REMINDER

Sgt Harry Litten is a Nationally Certified Child Safety Seat Technician. Call the department at **732-3777 ext 106** to have your child seats fitted/installed. The new hands free cell phone law is in effect and **Click it or Ticket** is just around the corner. So always buckle up, and remember, don't use your cell phone while in motion.

Statistical Comparison 2006-2010

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Traffic Arrests	721	1,946	806	1,444	632

Traffic Warnings	276	264	280	332	140
Criminal Arrests	23	22	43	55	66
Crime Complaints	586	423	421	504	339
Code Complaints	N/A	39	62	65	41
Traffic Collisions	27	39	36	46	49

LICENSING:

All contractors and subcontractors must obtain a business license before providing services within the Town of Dagsboro.

Chapter 146-1:

No person shall operate, maintain or otherwise engage in any business, occupation or activity designated hereafter in this article without first obtaining a license from the Town.

March 1, 2011 was the expiration date for dog licenses. Sussex County Dog Licensing Program information and applications are available at the Dog Licensing Office #142 at 2 The Circle, Georgetown, De 19947, by mail to Sussex County Dog Licensing Office P O BOX 589 Georgetown De 19947, or online at: www.sussexcountyde.gov. For questions regarding licensing, call (302) 855-7380. The Town has no Dogs Laws, however, unlicensed dogs and strays, are the responsibility of the owner, can and will be fined through the jurisdiction of their respective State and County authorities.

Community Information

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

- ❖ The Dagsboro Seniors' Luncheon is held every month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. in the Bethel Center. There is no charge and you do not have to be a church member. It's an opportunity to get together and see your neighbor. We look forward to seeing you there.
- ❖ Yard Sale Saturday May 7th (tentative)

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL:

- ❖ The Friends of Prince George's Chapel would like to invite the community to join them for their annual Easter Sunrise Service on April 24, 2011. Celebrate the Risen Savior in Historic Prince George's Chapel at 6:30 a.m. on Vines Creek Road, in Dagsboro. For more information, call Margaret Morris at 732-3551 or Kim Frey at 537-2172

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY:

- ❖ The Prince George's Cemetery Committee will meet Sunday, May 15, at 2p.m. at the Dagsboro Town Hall for its semi-annual meeting. Possible topics to be discussed will be parking, signage, maintenance, and grants. An agenda will be posted on the town's website and on the front door of the Town Hall. Anyone interested in history and the preservation of historic sites or anyone who has family members interred within the cemetery is welcome to attend.
- ❖ For additional information, please contact Gayle Chandler at dagsboromom@yahoo.com

DAGSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ As most of you are aware the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department Inc. (an independent nonprofit) is in the process of designing/building a new fire station. A formal news release has not been done as we wanted to have a complete building design and an expected completion date. Once these items are set the DVFD will publish a

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detailed announcement about the project. For now the DVFD just wanted everyone to know the project is moving forward. Approval has been received from the town for the site plan, most permits have been received and the DVFD and town have settled on most of the fees the DVFD will have to pay the town for the project. Thank you to all those that support the DVFD as your support is what is allowing us to expand for your safety and to better serve you. Anyone interested in buying our old building on Waples Street; please send a letter of interest to the DVFD at P.O. Box 128.

- ❖ Congratulations and thank you from the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department to local farmer Eric Albright. Eric has been selected as Sussex County's winner in the America's farmers grow communities program from the Monsanto fund. The project gives the farmers the opportunity to win \$2500.00 for nonprofit organizations in their community. Eric has selected the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department as the recipient of the \$2500.00 to be used toward the new building project. A formal presentation from Monsanto fund will be sometime this Spring. Thank you again Eric and Monsanto for the support.

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:

- ❖ We have ONE service on Sunday mornings starting at 9am. Upcoming Sunday morning events are:
- ❖ April 17th - The Reminders in Concert
- ❖ April 24th - A very special Easter service, followed by an egg hunt-all starting at 9am!
- ❖ May 8th - Don't miss this special Mother's Day service.
- ❖ Join us also on Sunday nights at 6pm for our evening bilingual service. Wednesday nights at 7pm we have Family Enrichment Classes. We have several adult small groups on a variety of topics such as marriage, grief share, divorce care, and several others. Youth classes and childcare are provided on Wednesday nights.

INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL:

- ❖ April 22nd-May 2nd Spring Break
- ❖ May 16th Spring Band and Choral Program 7 p.m. Auditorium
- ❖ May 20th-21st Spring Stage Band Concert 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

**FLAGS ARE PLACED AT THE TOWN PARK
TO HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

We hope you remember our Service Personnel, Past and Present, who have sacrificed so that you can have the Freedom which we all enjoy today. The Flags will be placed once again in the Park for Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July and Veteran's Day in memory of or in honor of service personnel. The cost of a flag is \$2.00 so if you would like to purchase one for someone

who served or to replace a flag you have already purchased, contact Rae Long at the Town Office, and she will be more than glad to help you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT BETHEL CENTER, 28307 CLAYTON ST.

April 18, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
April 22, 2011	TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY	
April 24, 2011	-----	Easter Sunrise Service at Prince George's Chapel 6:30 a.m.
May 5, 2011	-----	Cinco de Mayo
May 8, 2011	-----	Mother's Day
May 11, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
May 14, 2011	12-3 p.m.	Katie Helm Park Dedication Ceremony and Celebration
May 15, 2011	2:00 p.m.	Prince George's Cemetery Committee Meeting
May 23, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
May 30, 2011	TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	
June 8, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
June 14, 2011	-----	Flag Day
June 19, 2011	-----	Father's Day
June 21, 2011	-----	Summer Solstice
June 23, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting