

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:

*"It is a funny thing about life;
if you refuse to accept anything but the best,
you very often get it."
W. Somerset Maugham*

Town Council

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

Planning & Zoning

Marjie Eckerd, Chairperson
Lisa Boyce
Loretta Zsido
Gayle Chandler

Town Hall Staff

Stacey Long, Town Administrator
Rae Long, Assistant Clerk

Police Dept.

Floyd Toomey, Chief
Harry Litten, Sgt

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

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

WORDS FROM YOUR MAYOR (Patti Adams)

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy Fourth of July! It was a great day to celebrate and visit with family and friends and to give thanks for those who have served our country and given their lives for our freedom. The 4th of July is also a day to remember our veterans and our military men and women who are serving our great country at the present time.

I hope you saw the many flags displayed in the park over the 4th of July in honor or in memory of our military men and women. Thank you to Bill and Evelyn Clark who purchased a flag in memory of their son-in-law, James Curran. If you would like to purchase a flag, please call Rae Long at Town Hall at 732-3777. Also, some of the flags are showing wear. If you would like to replace your flags, please contact Rae. She is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Our flags will be displayed in the park in November for Veterans' Day.

The summer traffic and weekend gridlock through Dagsboro is in full swing and I urge everyone to take their time and walk, bike, and drive safely around town.

We have been experiencing a long lasting heat wave. Please check on your neighbors during the hot weather. Also, please keep pets in cool and shaded areas and also keep them well-hydrated.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

THERE WILL NOT BE A PLANNING & ZONING OR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS: APRIL 2010 – JUNE 2010

The following information was discussed and voted on during the last quarter:

APRIL

- ❖ Council voted to place private volunteer fire company stations as a permitted use in the Commercial Zoning District. By adding this to the list, it allows the fire company to build their new fire station on their new property, which is zoned as Commercial. The vote in favor was unanimous.
- ❖ Also during April, the Council received a resignation letter from the previous Mayor, Wayne Baker. We would like to thank him for all of the time he has dedicated to the town. Council also appointed Mr. Herb Disharoon to fill the vacancy for the rest of Mr. Baker's term.
- ❖ Council voted to extend Artesian Water's operation and maintenance contract for six (6) months for the Town's water distribution system.

MAY

- ❖ Council sat as the Court of Appeals in May for anyone who wanted to appeal their town taxes. No one was present for appeals.
- ❖ Representatives from McCormick Taylor presented Dagsboro Streetscape Phase II concept plan. The improvements will begin on Main Street and extend down to the intersection of Main Street and Vines Creek Road. Sidewalks will be replaced and continued along Main Street. Landscaping, trees and lights will be placed throughout the area uniform with the existing streetscape improvements. According to the concept plan, the town's portion would be \$40,000, for which we have verbal commitments from our legislators. Therefore, no money will come from the town's coffers for these improvements.

JUNE

- ❖ Council approved the final site plan for the Vines Creek Village development located at Rt. 26 & Armory Road.
- ❖ Fiscal Year 2011 General Budget was adopted with a projected income of \$559,575.00 and a projected expense of \$495,342.00
- ❖ Fiscal Year 2011 Water Budget was adopted with a projected income of \$209,300.00 and a projected expense of \$187,702.00
- ❖ The contract to purchase playground equipment was awarded to West Recreation. The contract amount was for \$32,207.59. The town is responsible for half that amount and the other half is being paid through a grant from DE Parks & Recreation.
- ❖ An ordinance was adopted to further define the properties that should be connected to the Town's water system. This ordinance is to require that property owners of all dwelling units, houses, buildings, residential, commercial or industrial buildings or recreational structures situated in an area served by the public water system must connect to the water system and pay monthly water billings in accordance with rates set forth by Resolution.

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. Application deadline is August 20, 2010 at 4:30pm.

From the Desk of Police Chief, Floyd Toomey, Jr. & Sgt. Harry Litten

Dagsboro Police Safety Brief

The Dagsboro Police Department was again a participant in the Click It Or Ticket (CIOT) campaign sponsored by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). The enforcement part of the campaign ran from May 23rd through June 5th. The department was granted 40 hours to conduct saturation patrols. This resulted in a total of 46 seatbelt tickets being issued. There were also 11 tickets issued for other offenses. I am pleased to announce that in 2009 the statewide seatbelt usage stood at 87% and at the conclusion of this year's program the statewide usage had risen to 91%. These figures represent a major increase in seatbelt usage and I would like to thank you all for your support of Delaware's Seatbelt Law. In buckling your children, passengers and yourselves, you are saving lives and preventing personal injury. Please continue your use of seatbelts and child safety seats and boosters.

Sergeant Litten is a Nationally Certified Child Safety Seat Technician. Call the department at 732-3777 to have your child seats fitted properly.

Please keep your grass cut below 8 inches. Tall grass is a cozy hiding place for vermin, mosquitoes, rodents, snakes, and other pests.

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.

Sussex County Dog Licensing Program information and applications are available at Town Hall or online at: www.sussexcountyde.gov. For questions regarding licensing, call (302) 855-7380

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.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL:

- ❖ Friends of Prince George's Chapel are having their annual Homemade Ice Cream Festival on Sunday, August 1, 2010 at 11:30 am at the Chapel on Vines Creek Road. There will be bowls, cones, pints and quarts of different flavors of homemade ice cream. Baked Goods for sale and tours of the Chapel. It will be Rain or Shine. For info call Margaret Morris 302-732-3551 or Crystal Hudson 302-732-3324.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY:

- ❖ Due to maintenance of the Prince George's Cemetery, it is necessary to ask that anyone who places holiday decorations on gravesites honoring persons interred at the cemetery to please remove the decorations in a timely manner.....such as Winter decorations removed by March 1, 2010 and Easter/Spring decorations removed by September 1, 2010. We would appreciate your help by following this request and informing anyone who may place decorations on gravesites so that we may keep the cemetery looking nice.
- ❖ The Prince George's Chapel Cemetery Committee convened on Saturday, May 1, 2010, for their semi-annual meeting. Three issues dominated the discussions: parking, signage, and trees. The Cemetery experienced some tree damage due to the winter storms, and the Town is working with the State of Delaware to assess the severity. With the agreement of the Town Council, signage is to be placed along Chapel Street and on the Town's "Ward" lot located on Vines Creek Road to inform visitors about appropriate parking areas. In addition, gates will be constructed at both the Ward Street and Chapel Street entrances to restrict inappropriate access. Family members are reminded to remove their gravesite decorations in a timely manner. To become acquainted with the Cemetery's rules and regulations, you can go online at

www.townofdagsboro.com or contact the Town office at 302-732-3777. The Committee's agendas and minutes, historical information on both the Chapel and the Cemetery, and photographs are also located on the website. Our inclusion in the Town's website is not going unnoticed; we are receiving historical and genealogical inquiries. The Committee encourages anyone with an interest in the preservation of history or who have loved ones interred within the Cemetery to join us at our next meeting in November 2010.

DAGSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ The Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department is holding its 3rd Annual Car Show and Poker Run on Saturday, August 28th at the Indian River High School on Armory Road. For the Car Show, ALL CARS AND TRUCKS OF ALL MAKES AND MODELS are invited to join the show. Registration is \$12. Dash plaques go to the first 100 registered vehicles. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Judging will be from 12 to 2 p.m. Awards to the "Top 50" presented at 3 p.m. The Poker Run is OPEN TO ALL MOTORCYCLES. Registration is \$15. Custom pins go to the first 50 registered motorcycles. Registration begins at 9 a.m., last bike out at 11 a.m. All hands must be turned in by 2 p.m. Cash prizes are \$300, \$200, and \$100 presented for best hands at 2:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing, door prizes, and lunch will be available for purchase. The rain date will be Sunday, August 29th. For more information log onto our website at www.dagsborovfd.com.
- ❖ As you may have heard or read, the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Dept. is planning to grow and relocate. If you have any questions please submit them at our website under guest book or mail your questions to – DVFD, New Building, PO Box 128, Dagsboro, DE 19939. All questions will be responded to. Thank you for your past and continued support.

**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 that were placed in the Park on Independence Day in Memory of or in honor of service personnel were those that were purchased in the past and include a newly purchased flag by the following:

IN MEMORY OF JAMES T. CURRAN – VET OF VIETNAM
BY: BILL & EVELYN CLARK

1 FLAG

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

July 14, 2010 7:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

July 26, 2010 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

NO PLANNING & ZONING MEETING IN AUGUST

NO TOWN COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST

September 6, 2010 TOWN HALL CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

September 8, 2010 7:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

September 27, 2010 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:

Town Hall: 732-3777

Fax: 732-3907

Email: townclerk@townofdagsboro.com

Police Emergency: 911

(Non Emergency): 855-2980

Dagsboro Police: 732-3777

Dagsboro Fire Department: 732-6151

Dagsboro Post Office: 732-9404