

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 MONTH:

“A mind that has been stretched will never return to its original dimension”

Author - Unknown

Town Council

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***WORDS FROM YOUR MAYOR
(WAYNE BAKER)***

Spring is in the air and I'm so glad. This winter has seemed especially long to me. I don't know if it's been the weather, or the endless pursuit of the news media telling us how bad the economy is today and how it will get worse tomorrow. Maybe I just have cabin fever. I don't know about you, but I get tired of the gloom and doom of both the weather forecast and the financial forecast. I really think we need to learn from mistakes, put this in the history books and move forward with our lives. If folks will quit telling me how bad of a day I'm having, just maybe it will get better. So on that note, I think I'll turn off the TV and go outside and maybe I can find my 401K, or my job, or even my wife's pay cut, or at least some sunshine.

On a different note, a few weeks ago I attended a symposium for the effect of sea level rise in Delaware. It was entitled "Planning for a 7 ½ Sea Rise in Delaware". While at the meeting, I came into contact with many different people, a large percentage working for the State of Delaware. I had lunch with a gentleman, Gene Donaldson, from the Department of Transportation. I told him about our streetscape project and how thankful our town was to receive their help. He told me he was aware of our project, so I inquired about his job and asked if he was involved with our project. He was in charge of all traffic control devices in the state and he advised me that the new traffic control light in Dagsboro would be all computer operated. I was informed that computers and cameras monitor all traffic coming into our state. If the traffic patterns or flow of traffic needs to be adjusted, it is done at a central computer in Smyrna, Delaware. I was totally amazed that we were monitoring traffic at the bay bridges and making adjustments in our small towns along these routes to ensure the best possible traffic patterns. I guess I just haven't thought about it before. I didn't think any one could be in charge of this mess, but how bad would it be without it? I didn't think to ask him, but I wonder if we have signs that might say "full" or "no vacancy".

Oh, and by the way, the sea level is only suppose to rise approximately 1 ½ to 3 feet over the next 100 years, so we don't need to panic today, but to continue to adjust our looooooong term goals.

HAVE A GREAT EASTER!!!!

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:

During the March 23rd Town Council meeting, the council voted 4 to 1 to approve the preliminary site plan approval for the Estuary on Pepper's Creek. Another vote consisted of the rezoning of this parcel from Residential to Cluster Residential, which passed unanimously. For those of you who are not aware of the Residential District with the Cluster Overlay, it provides an overlay zoning district as a method of developing residential land for single-family residential lots and parcels in the R-Residential and HR-High Density Residential Districts which will preserve desirable open spaces, conservation areas, unique natural features, floodplains, recreation and park areas, and lands for other public purposes by permitting the reduction of lot sizes and certain regulations without increasing the number of lots in the total area to be developed. A major concern for the Town Council and the residents near this development was that Del-DOT was mandating an interconnection be established between the

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new development and Helm Street. The majority of the residents on Helm Street did not want this interconnection to take place, since it could possibly increase the traffic on their road once the 17 homes were developed and occupied. After numerous meetings and correspondence with Del-DOT, the council was able to convince them that this road is not essential and that the new development should only have ingress and egress off Rt. 26, Vines Creek Road. The ending result to this matter is that the developer will install a street subsurface base where the interconnection was to take place. This section will be surfaced with topsoil and planted with grass. Sufficient landscaping will be installed to prevent vehicular access. The area will be used only as open space and will not be subject to vehicular traffic. In the future event that the Town determines it necessary to re-address this interconnection, the Town has the exclusive authority to open and pave this section to Helm Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009, AT 7PM ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- An ordinance adopting the Town of Dagsboro Comprehensive Plan Updates
- A resolution approving the annexation into the Town of Dagsboro of 18.82 acres of land identified as Sussex County Tax Parcel 2-33-11.00-3.00, being the lands of Lucinda C. Hearn and Joanne C. Bireley, co-executrices of the estate of Alvin A. Campbell, pursuant to testamentary letters issue May24, 2007, and Charles Bireley and Joanne Bireley, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, as to 50% interest and Terry Hearn and Lucinda C. Hearn, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, as to 50% interest and as tenants in common, as to the whole.
- An ordinance amend the zoning map of the Town Of Dagsboro to R-Residential District from Sussex County Designated Zoning of A-r Agricultural Residential for a certain 18.82 acre parcel of land identified as Sussex County Tax Parcel 2-33-11.00-3.00, being the lands of Lucinda C. Hearn and Joanne C. Bireley, co-executrices of the estate of Alvin A. Campbell, pursuant to testamentary letters issue May24, 2007, and Charles Bireley and Joanne Bireley, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety, as to 50% interest and Terry Hearn and Lucinda C. Hearn, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, as to 50% interest and as tenants in common, as to the whole.
- An ordinance to amend the municipal code of the Town Of Dagsboro, Delaware, Section 34-8 entitled "Powers of the Planning & Zoning Commission" to delete the power to review conditional uses, to amend Sections 275-8, 275-14I, 275-15 K, 275-16 I, 275-17H, 275-18G, 275-19O, 275-20F, 275-40, 275-47, 275-63, 276-1(B)(1), 277-2, 277-5, 277-16 to delete conditional uses and all references thereto, and to amend sections 275-14C, 275-15B, 275-16B, 275-17B, 275-18A, 275-19A, and 275-20B to provide for the placement of temporary structures for shelters for conducting construction business for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months in all zoning districts.

FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF, FLOYD TOOMEY, JR. & SGT. HARRY LITTEN

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – MARCH 2009

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| TRAFFIC ARRESTS: | 110 | PATROL HOURS: | 147 ½ |
| CRIMINAL ARRESTS: | 5 | INVESTIGATIVE HOURS: | 32 ¾ |
| TRAFFIC WARNINGS: | 19 | ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS: | 51 ¾ |
| LOCAL ORDINANCES: | 0 | COMPLAINTS: | 37 |
| BUSINESS CHECKS: | 274 | | |

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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ An arrest has been made in the Savannah Square theft however; the theft on New Street is still being investigated. If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please contact Sgt. Litten at 732-3777.

Attention Business Owners, Schools, Churches, Civic Organizations, and Interested Parties/Persons:

- ❖ The Dagsboro Police Department will at any time stand ready to do a security check of your home or business if you request one.
- ❖ If you feel you are being misled or swindled by someone, please do not hesitate to call.
- ❖ If we get enough response, the Dagsboro Police Department wants to perform a bicycle safety class. Please check with Sgt. Litten if you are interested.

This spring, the Dagsboro Police Department is partnering with University of DE & Office of Highway Safety to bring you the Buckle Up Stencil Program. If you are interested in having the Buckle-Up logo stenciled in your parking lot or driveway, please contact me at 732-3777. *This service is free of charge!*

Parents & Guardians:

The Dagsboro Police Department is in the process of teaming with the Insurance Commissioners Office and the Indian River High School to provide the Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) Program. This is an advanced defensive driving and vehicle control program for teen drivers. All interested parties are invited to contact the police department.

REMINDER: Sgt. Litten, a certified child safety seat tech, has been conducting child seat fittings at the police department. Please call 732-3777 to make an appointment

Community Information

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL: BENEFIT CARRY-OUT DINNER

- ❖ Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, at 6:30 a.m. at the Prince George's Chapel, Vines Creek Road, Dagsboro, Delaware
For more information, please contact Crystal Hudson 302-732-3324 or Linda Dukes 302-732-9675.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY:

- ❖ The Prince George's Chapel Cemetery Committee will hold its spring meeting on May 2, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dagsboro Town Hall. All interested persons are invited to attend. Please contact Rae Long at 732-3777 with any questions.

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:

Join us for some exciting events coming up this month at the Dagsboro Church of God!

- ❖ Friday, April 10th at 7pm join us for a very special Good Friday service.
- ❖ On Saturday, April 11th at 10am we will be having our annual egg hunt. This egg hunt is free to the whole community. We will be giving out prizes as well as candy. Come join the fun! The egg hunt is for ages 0 – 12.
- ❖ Sunday, April 12th will be our Easter service with a multimedia presentation. Join us for our services. Our service times are 8am and 10am.
- ❖ Saturday, April 25th we will have a Homemade Italian Sandwich Fundraiser. We will have homemade Italian meatball sandwiches or sausage & peppers sandwiches. The lunch comes with homemade potato salad, drink, and a dessert. Eat in or carry out. All for just \$8.50.
- ❖ We will have revival with Tony Sutherland starting on Sunday, April 26th through Wednesday April 29th. Sunday services are at 8am, 10am, & 6pm. Monday through Wednesday night services start at 7pm.

If you have any questions about any of our upcoming events you can call the church office at 732-6550.

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

- ❖ Movie Night!! April 21st the Clayton Theatre will show **FIREPROOF**. Tickets are \$5 and proceeds benefit Bethel UMC! The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for ticket purchases and the show starts at 7p.m. The concession will be open.
- ❖ Looking Ahead!! May 9th Spring Yard Sale and Flower Sale – 8am-2pm. Tables are available to rent for \$15.00. For more information or questions, call Crystal Hudson at 732-3324.
- ❖ 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.

DAGSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ On Saturday, March 21st, the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department held and Anniversary banquet for its Auxiliary. Three Charter Members were honored at the banquet. Those honored for 50 years service were Georgeanna Ketterman (current President), Marguerite Stevens, Edith Hudson and Lina Cropper. Marguerite Stevens was the first President to serve the Auxiliary. She went on to hold the positions Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Georgeanna Ketterman received an award for 50 years of active service. Thank you ladies for a job "Well Done".

The food was catered by All in the Family Catering and music was provided by Brian K. Hall of CAT Country radio. It was quite an enjoyable evening.

GENERAL INTERESTS:

Spring is here. If anyone in town has any projects that you want help with, notify the Town Hall and we will try to help you out. We could involve other groups, churches, scouts, or organizations that would be willing to be a good neighbor for a worthwhile project.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

April 8th 7:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

April 27th 7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting

Town Hall Closings:

April 10th, April 13th, April 17th, & April 20th

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