

# 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:

**"There ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them".....**

*Mark Twain*

## **Town Council**

Wayne Baker, Mayor  
Patti Adams, Vice Mayor  
Cathy Flowers, Sec./Treasurer  
Norwood Truitt, Councilman  
Terry Hearn Police Commissioner

## **Planning & Zoning**

Marjie Eckerd, Chairperson  
Lisa Boyce  
Herb Disharoon  
Gayle Chandler  
Loretta Zsido

## **Town Hall Staff**

Stacey Long, Town Clerk  
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](http://www.townofdagsboro.com)**

- ❖ It is time for the annual lead and copper sampling throughout town. The samples must be collected in the morning after the water has been in the pipes for approximately 6-8 hours, but no more than 10. If you wish to have your water sampled for lead and copper please contact the Town Hall and we will drop off an instruction sheet and a bottle to collect your water. We have a deadline to meet and we must collect 20 samples immediately, so please call if interested! 302-732-3777

***REMINDER: WEEDS AND GRASS MUST NOT EXCEED EIGHT INCHES***

***WORDS FROM YOUR MAYOR***

***(WAYNE BAKER)***

The “dog days of summer” are rapidly approaching, and I, for one, am looking forward to them. My family and I enjoy camping at the beautiful state parks that Delaware has to offer. It’s is a great way to enjoy the children and grandchildren, while taking full advantage of the warm days in the great outdoors. Whatever it is that your family likes to do in the summer months, I sincerely hope that you have a great time doing it.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2009 of the Indian River High School. It is my wish for you that this will be the first of many great accomplishments in your lives. The school year will soon be ending for all of the children. Please be on watch for them as they walk, bike or skate through town.

Congratulations are also in order for Taylor Kern, who will soon earn the honor of Eagle Scout. As his project, he landscaped the “Welcome to Dagsboro” signs in the median strip of Rt. 113. As part of this project, he was required to present his plan to the Town Council for approval. Not only was the entrance to our town beautified, but also the project allowed him to meet the requirements for Eagle Scout. Thank you, Taylor, for all of your efforts for the Town.

Streetscape Phase I is almost complete, and the final touches should be completed by June 20<sup>th</sup>. The Town would like to thank Steve Parsons, owner of the corner lot on Main and Clayton Streets. He allowed the Town to use the lot during the construction period so the workers could stage their equipment. We would also like to thank Gayle & Bill Chandler for allowing both construction workers and town employees to utilize their vacant lot down the street to park their vehicles there when it was impossible to get into the Town Hall parking lot. Thanks are also extended to the Dagsboro Antique Center, The Banks of Delmarva, The Dagsboro Café and the Post Office. These businesses were inconvenienced during construction, but the changes should make both pedestrian and vehicular traffic much safer. The fact that it also beautifies the Town, and helps to preserve and increase the property values, is an added plus.

In addition, I would like to thank all of the state agencies, the Town Council and the Planning and Zoning Committee for their efforts in bringing this project forward at no cost to the residents of Dagsboro. Special thanks go out to Senator George Bunting and Representative John Atkins for securing the necessary funds to make this project a reality. Without their support, we would have been unable to participate in Streetscape. This is the first of four phases, and the State has committed to Phase II, should the funds become available.

***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:***

The May 18, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7pm. Curt Riley of Property Tax Associates was present at this meeting for the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals is held every year during the May's town meeting. This is where any town resident may appeal his or her tax assessment. No one was present at this meeting to appeal.

Council discussed different ways to help out residents, future residents, business owners, and future business owners in Dagsboro during this economy downfall. Council voted to hold a public hearing on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to waive ½% transfer tax for first time homebuyers in Dagsboro. They also voted to hold a public hearing in June for the deferral of impact fees until the time of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, which would only be for a period of time voted by Council.

It was discussed again about the burial permit fees for the Prince George's Chapel Cemetery. Vice-Mayor Adams stated that after speaking with funeral directors, the committee has requested that the burial permit fees be changed to a flat \$200 fee. A few months ago, council had adopted a \$500 burial permit fee, with the town returning \$250 to the funeral director after the mounds of dirt were removed from the cemetery. It seemed that they were leaving mounds of dirt in areas where there were older graves. The committee has decided that the burial permit fees should only be \$200 and they will be sure that a designated person meet with the funeral directors to show them a logical place to dump the excess dirt on the cemetery grounds.

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

**MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – APRIL 2009**

TRAFFIC ARRESTS: 139	PATROL HOURS: 188 ¾
CRIMINAL ARRESTS: 5	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS: 56
TRAFFIC WARNINGS: 18	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS: 51 ¼
LOCAL ORDINANCES: 0	COMPLAINTS: 44
BUSINESS CHECKS: 408	

**Dagsboro Police Safety Brief**

**Stencil Project**

The Buckle Up Stencil Project is moving forward. At the time of this brief we have over 20 businesses and communities that have signed up for the program. The date has been set for Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 0830AM. It is not to late to be included, so call the police department at 732-3777. Remember, it's FREE.

**Summer and Pools**

The Dagsboro PD and FD would like to remind you all of the responsibilities that come with pool ownership. Please ensure that children are always supervised while at the pool. Keep your pool locked and inaccessible when not attended. This is not only a safety issue, It Is The Law. Be Safe and Smart this summer. For information on safety contact the Dagsboro Fire Department at (302) 732-6151 or through the Internet at [www.dagsborovfd.com](http://www.dagsborovfd.com).

### **Traffic**

The traffic is back, just try to get out of your driveway on Friday, Saturday or Sunday! This is just a reminder to drive defensively. Careless driving is not the answer to your frustration with traffic. The Dagsboro Police Department is actively patrolling for aggressive behavior. Your cautious driving will assist the PD in detecting and prosecuting the aggressive drivers. Have a safe motoring summer.

### **Smoke Detectors Are Always Available at The Fire Department**

**Be Aware Ward Lane is a ONE WAY Street  
This will be enforced by the Dagsboro Police**

### **Community Information**

#### **WOODLANDS OF PEPPER'S CREEK:**

- ❖ **Kids Day Out!** June 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm. Parents, Bring your children out to the Woodlands of Pepper's Creek located on Main St. in Dagsboro for a fun filled day of games, raffles, races, and much more. We will be holding our first annual "Schell Brothers Rubber Ducky Race!" Stop by or give Josh a call at 302.732.3618 to find out more.
- ❖ **Community Yard Sale!** July 25<sup>th</sup> from 7am-noon the Woodlands of Pepper's Creek will be hosting a Community Yard Sale for anyone that would like to participate. We will do all the marketing to bring in the traffic; all you have to do is RSVP and reserve your spot. Spots are limited so sign up today! 302.732.3618.

#### **PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL:**

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE!** Friends of Prince George's Chapel Annual Homemade Ice Cream Festival, Sunday, August 2, 2009.

#### **DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:**

- ❖ **Community Town Hall Meetings:** This summer various local churches will be partnering with the Sussex Ministerium to host 3 community town hall meetings. These meetings are to bring local organizations together to see how the community can help those who have been affected by the economic downfall. What does this have to do with me you may ask? If you or someone you know is involved in a local organization that helps people in need please make them aware of these meetings. Or if you or someone you know has been affected by the economy please come to our meeting. We have spread the meetings out to three local areas. The first meeting will be at the beach on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Later in the summer there will be one meeting in your area for those in-between the beach and the farming community. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be on the other side of Rt113 for the agriculture community. More information on the first meeting will be given in next month's newsletter. If you would like to be a part of this great outreach please call the church at 302-732-6550.

**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

- ❖ Monday, June 29, 2009 between 5 and 7 pm, Bethel United Methodist Church will be hosting a fundraising dinner at the Georgia House in Millsboro, DE. Cost of the Buffet Dinner is \$16.99. Mark you calendars and tell all your friends and neighbors. For ticket information contact Myra Bare at 302-732-9402 or Crystal Hudson at the Bank of Delmarva at 302-732-3610.
- ❖ The Dagsboro Seniors' Luncheon is held every month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**FLAGS in the PARK**

Thanks to all who have participated in our "Flags in the Park Program". We have heard from several people that these flags become more beautiful each year, and they look forward to seeing them. If you wish to contribute a Flag, please remit your check for \$2.00 to the Town of Dagsboro for each Flag by mail or by bringing it to the Town Hall, with the name of the person you are honoring or memorializing who served or may be serving their Country by contributing to this project.

Please note – The name of the person and the donor will only be printed in the Newsletter the month following the donation.

The Flags will once again be flying on June 14<sup>th</sup> – FLAG DAY! And July 4<sup>th</sup> – INDEPENDENCE DAY!

**Donations Since Last Newsletter**

In Memory of Mordecai H. Hudson, Sr., U. S. Army, WWI presented by Gayle & Bill Chandler and Family	1 Flag
In Honor of Jack S. Lynch, U.S. Navy, WWII & Korean War presented by Gayle & Bill Chandler and Family	1 Flag
In Memory of Vernon W. Lynch, U.S. Navy, WWI presented by Gayle & Bill Chandler and Family	1 Flag

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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

June 10<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.              Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

June 22<sup>nd</sup>                      7:00 p.m.              Town Council Meeting

Town Hall Closings:

June 12, 2009

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:**

Town Hall:    732-3777

Fax:            732-3907

Email:         [townclerk@townofdagsboro.com](mailto:townclerk@townofdagsboro.com)

Police Emergency: 911

(Non Emergency): 855-2980

Dagsboro Police: 732-3777

Dagsboro Fire Department: 732-6151

Dagsboro Post Office: 732-9404