

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

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:

**“Never mistake knowledge for wisdom.
One helps you make a living, the
Other helps you make a life.”**

-- Sandra Carey

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

WORDS FROM YOUR MAYOR

(WAYNE BAKER)

Greetings fellow residents! I hope you enjoy your newly revamped newsletter. I encourage everyone to give suggestions as to what you want to read in your monthly newsletter. If you have something important you would like to notify the citizens of Dagsboro, just give us a call and we will be more than glad to insert it in the next month's newsletter.

It has been over a month since I have been re-appointed as Mayor. I am very anxious to once again help the residents with any concerns they may have. The door to my office is always open and I would be glad to meet with you.

Here is a bit of information I would like to share with you:

- ❖ As some of you may have heard, the recycle bins located behind the Masonic Lodge were going to be removed. After many calls from residents around town, I contacted the DE Solid Waste Authority to request that they keep the bins in place. After discussions with the Masonic Lodge and DSWA, I am pleased to announce that the recycling bins will continue to stay. This is on a trial basis only, so we must all play our part in keeping the area clean. *Remember: Recycling is an Investment that Lasts Forever!*
- ❖ I am pleased to announce that beginning next month the Streetscape Project will commence. Those of you who are unaware of this project, it is designed to ensure pedestrian safety by various "traffic calming" measures, including improvements to curbing, intersections, lighting, sidewalks, landscaping and crosswalks. The streetscape improvements will not only enhance the aesthetic appeal of Dagsboro, but most importantly they will ensure greater public safety of our streets and sidewalks. I am grateful that Senator Bunting and the previous Representative Hastings had put funds aside especially for this project to finance the town's portion of this project.

TOWN COUNCIL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

The Town Council members work very hard for the residents of Dagsboro. Their number one goal is to represent the citizens of Dagsboro to the best of their ability. You may only see them once or twice per month during Council meetings or special workshops, but behind the scenes, they are constantly making administrative decisions and researching matters so they can make the best decisions during their meetings. There isn't a day that goes by where a council member isn't at the Town Hall, helping out the staff with mailings, phone calls, letters, and the list goes on. The Council members deserve kudos! Listed below are some enhancements that Council has made throughout Town since January 2006:

- ❖ Purchased and hung new Christmas Lights, Snowflake Banners, and 'Welcome to Dagsboro' Banners along Main Street, Clayton Street, Vines Creek Road and Armory Road
- ❖ Increased the town's income significantly by updating fees for housing developments and commercial developments
- ❖ Cleared out Katie Helm Town Park and planted trees along the property line for buffering. Also installed a gazebo and new sign at the park.
- ❖ Worked with Del-DOT to devise a streetscape project and worked with State Senators and Representatives to acquire funding for this project.

PLANNING & ZONING'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Planning & Zoning Commission has been diligently working on numerous matters since their inception in November 2005. They work many long hours for the betterment of their community, and they do all of this for free! They deserve kudos! Thank you for all you have done commissioners.

Listed below are just a *few* things they have accomplished:

- ❖ Drafted and adopted a Woodlands Preservation Ordinance – This establishes standards and requirements for the protection and planting of trees and woodlands.
- ❖ Drafted and adopted Sign Regulations for all zoning districts – The purpose of this is to encourage the effective use of signs as a means of communication, avoid visual clutter and unsightly displays, promote the safety and convenience of pedestrians and motorists, and to minimize the adverse visual effects on nearby public and private property.
- ❖ Drafted and adopted a Buffering, Screening and Landscaping Ordinance – These regulations are intended to ensure land use compatibility, promote the greening of development, improve aesthetics, ensure adequate provisions of open space and protection of trees.
- ❖ Drafted and adopted Development Design Standards – The purpose of these standards is to create development and redevelopment that meet visual and aesthetic objectives set forth by the town. These objectives include: Build on the rich historic heritage and character of Dagsboro, create an environment that emphasizes beautification on each project, maintain the scale and texture of development, encourage creative designs for sites and buildings, support pedestrian movement and the use of transit and bicycles, protect and enhance the Town's environment for living and working in manners that support and stimulate business and industry, and promote the desirability of investment and occupancy in business and other properties.

FROM THE DESK OF POLICE CHIEF, FLOYD TOOMEY, JR.

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

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

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:

- ❖ We will be having a Soup Kitchen on Saturday, February 14th and Saturday, February 28th from 11am to 2pm. This soup kitchen is free to the community and will be held in the Community Center. Call the church office for more details. 302-732-6550.
- ❖ On Sunday, February 22nd at 8am & 10am we will be having a special service celebrating Black History month.
- ❖ Plan now for our 2009 Marriage Encounter. Join us on March 6th & 7th at the Dagsboro Church of God. Can your marriage use a tune-up? This is just for you. Topics may include: Communication, Dating Your Mate, Finances, Differences between Men and Women, etc. Call 732-6550 for reservations and 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.
- ❖ The Bethel United Methodist Church is currently looking for new members to join their bell choir. Reading music is NOT a requirement. Practice is on Monday evenings at 7 P.M. at the church. Anyone interested, please call Cathy Flowers at 732-9112.

DAGSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ The Auxiliary is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Costs will be: Adults - \$8 Children - \$4. The dinner includes a roll, salad and drink.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

- ❖ Echoes of Love Concert will be held on February 14, 2009 at Mariner's Bethel Church in Ocean View, DE at 7:30 p.m. Pre-concert talk begins at 6:30 p.m. The concert will present vocal and instrumental music from Middle Ages to the 21st Century. Featured composers include: Monteverdi, Gesualdo, Debussy, Vivaldi, and Mozart. For tickets call: (888) 846-8600.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

February 11	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
February 16	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED–President’s Day Observed
February 18	5-7:00 p.m.	Town Council Workshop
February 23	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