

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:

“What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight---it's the size of the fight in the dog.”

Dwight E. Eisenhower

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**

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

Our streetscape project will be starting on the 23rd of March. The signs alerting you of this are supposed to be in place on March 16th. The intersection at Main Street and Clayton Street will be under construction. Flaggers will be on duty, but it will probably save you time to use the side roads of Sussex Street and Swamp Road. If you do, please be courteous of the residents and children in those areas, as they will not be used to high volumes of traffic. The project is scheduled for completion in 68 days; however, the project manager feels that they can shorten the schedule if good weather prevails. The flaggers have been requested to move school buses thru in a timely manner so as not to disrupt the schedule of the schools. This will be Phase I of what we hope to be a four-phase project. I have written the appropriate letters to initiate Phase II of the project. All of the funding for this project comes from a federally funded Department of Transportation project with State appropriations coming from Senator Bunting and Representative Atkins in our district. This allows small towns, like Dagsboro, to increase the safety of our town streets at no cost to our residents. The project is done in phases due to monetary restrictions of this program. If funding is made available thru federal and state programs, the remaining phases should be completed over the next three (3) years.

I have also requested funds for other projects throughout town, provided a stimulus package is passed, and Sussex County becomes available for these funds. There is no reason why our town should be excluded from these monies.

The sewer project is now completed in Prince George's Acres, and all of the streets have been repaved. The residents of Prince George's Acres seem to be very happy with their recent improvements of new streetlights, sewer, and paved roads.

If you have any projects you would like to see our town become involved in, please stop by or give us a call @ 302-732-3777.

TOWN COUNCIL'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS: SINCE JANUARY 2006

- ❖ The Town has purchased & installed quick connectors for all fire hydrants throughout the town. These quick connectors enable the Fire Dept. to quickly connect to a hydrant in an emergency situation.
- ❖ The Town Council has entered into an agreement with Delaware Electric Cooperative to install streetlights throughout the Prince George's Acres Development. The streetlights are leased from Delaware Electric Cooperative, which eliminates the town from the responsibility of maintenance. This cost is off set by a Municipal Street Aid Grant, which the town applies for annually.
- ❖ Did you notice that last spring the tombstones in Prince George's Cemetery were professionally cleaned and repaired by Lloyd Memorials? Older tombstones that were cracked and broken were up righted and fixed. The front brick wall was power washed and the gates were painted. Also, our Assistant Town Clerk, Rae Long contacted the Historical Department and had our Chapel sign replaced at no cost to the town. Thank you Rae! This is a very prominent and revered site of Dagsboro and we feel that it should be well maintained for our community.

PLANNING & ZONING'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ❖ The P&Z Commissioners have completed the five-year Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. The updates to the plan reflect any additions or changes to the plan that was adopted in 2003. The commissioners worked very hard to complete these updates within the allotted implementation period of 18 months. They hit their mark and sent the plan up to the state for their recommendations. We are pleased to announce that we are 1 of 3 towns out of 25 Towns in Sussex County to implement 95% of all items outlined in our comp plan.
- ❖ During the past several months, the commissioners have been researching in great lengths, the permitted use of windmills or wind-powered generators within the town. They have looked at other town's codes and searched the Internet to gain more knowledge of the pros and cons to have these within a small community. After their extensive research, the P&Z recommended approval of windmills in all zoning districts with certain requirements. At the February 2009 Town Council meeting, the council approved to allow these structures as accessory permitted uses in all zoning districts. There are several requirements that one must meet in order to be able to erect a windmill.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009, AT 7PM ON THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN APPLICATION FOR THE ESTUARY ON PEPPER'S CREEK, A 17 SINGLE FAMILY LOT SUBDIVISION WITH CLUSTER OPTION, 2 PUBLIC ROADS, BOTH WITH 50-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND 1 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY
- TO AMEND THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF LANDS OF KOLLOCK FAMILY, LP, A 11.27 ACRE PARCEL BEING TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 2-33 11.00 114.00 AND 2-33 11.00 126.01, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF HELM STREET, NORTH OF VINES CREEK ROAD (ROUTE 26) FROM R-RESIDENTIAL TO CRD-CLUSTER RESIDENTIAL.
- AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 75, SECTION 75-1 (B) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE TOWN OF DAGSBORO TO PROVIDE THAT PAYMENT OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES IS NOT REQUIRED IN THE EVENT THAT INSPECTION OF REPAIRS IS NOT REQUIRED
- FINAL ADOPTION OF DAGSBORO COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN BASED ON REQUESTED REVISIONS FROM STATE AGENCIES

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

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	117	PATROL HOURS:	217 ³ / ₄
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	0	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	21 ¹ / ₂
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	27	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	71 ³ / ₄
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	3	COMPLAINTS:	34
BUSINESS CHECKS:	304		

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ The department is currently investigating 2 felony thefts that occurred at the Savannah Square Shopping Center and a residence on New Street. If anyone has any information regarding either 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

- ❖ The Friends of Prince George's Chapel is having an Eming's Barbecue Chicken Carryout Dinner on Friday, April 3, 2009, at the Bethel Center, Clayton Avenue, Dagsboro, from 4 until 7 p.m. Meals include ½ Barbecued Chicken, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Roll, and Dessert. Meals are being sold for \$8.00. The Friends group will be having a Bake Sale at the Bethel Center at that time. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Friends of Prince George's Chapel, Hudson's General Store, Clarksville, DE or Bank of Delmarva, Dagsboro, DE. For more information, please contact Crystal Hudson 302-732-3324
- ❖ 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

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:

- ❖ We will be having a Soup Kitchen on Saturday, March 14th and Saturday, March 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

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.
- ❖ A Spaghetti Dinner/Fundraiser will be held at the Bethel United Methodist Church on March 20, 2009 from 5pm-8pm. Costs: Adults \$10 / Children 12 and under \$5. The fundraiser is for Madeline Garrett, an Indian River High School student that has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Class of 2009. She will be traveling to England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland. She will represent her school, community, state and country while traveling abroad. For more information, please contact Leah Garrett at 302-858-7750.

MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:

- ❖ Support the Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra by dining at 1776 Steakhouse on Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 5pm-10pm. Enjoy great food and cheer and spend time with special friends. Dinner reservations recommended 302-645-9355.

INDIAN RIVER BAND BOOSTERS:

- ❖ Indian River Band Boosters is having a Longaberger Basket, Vera Bradley & Cash Prize Bingo on Friday, March 27, 2009, at 7pm (Doors open @ 6pm) at Millville Vol. Fire Co. Tickets \$20 advance / \$25 at door. (Concessions will be available, 50/50, Chinese Auction, Special Bingo, and raffles) For more information, contact Ruth Ann Marvel @ 732-3518 or Karen Ware @ 732-6431

MILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

- ❖ The Millsboro Chamber of Commerce will be holding an Adult Spelling Bee on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the Millsboro Civic Center from 7:00 TO 9:00 pm Teams of 4 compete for "Bee" Trophy (Friends, co-workers, family members, etc.) \$100 per team, \$25 per competitor. Show off your spelling skills! Can't spell? No problem. Become a team or competitor sponsor. Funds raised will contribute to the annual Millsboro Chamber Scholarship for area high school seniors. Audience encouraged - \$1 admission. Refreshments available. Treats, refreshments and prizes!! 302-934-6777 for more information

GENERAL INTERESTS:

The Town is looking for persons who would want to adopt a street or a section of street to do litter patrol. We have all seen these signs on different highways and we thought this might be appropriate for Dagsboro. Please contact the Town Hall if you are interested.

Spring is around the corner. 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.

March 11	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
March 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