

Town Council:

Wayne Baker
 Patti Adams
 Cathy Flowers
 Terry Hearn
 Norwood Truitt

Planning & Zoning:

Marjie Eckerd
 Lisa Boyce
 Loretta Zsido
 Gayle Chandler
 Herb Disharoon

Building Inspector:

URS Corporation

Town Planner:

Kyle Gulbranson

Police**Commissioner:**

Terry Hearn

Police Force:

Floyd Toomey,
 Chief of Police
 Harry Litten, Sgt.

Town Clerk:

Stacey Long

Office Staff:

Rae Long

Town Attorney:

Rob Witsil

MAYOR'S MESSAGE... by Wayne Baker

Dear Dagsboro Residents:

Another year has come and gone! I would like to inform all residents that during the December 2008 Town Council meeting, I was re-appointed to serve as Mayor. I would like to thank the Council for their confidence that I will do all that I can do to for the residents of Dagsboro while having the town's best interest at heart. I look forward to another great year as serving as Mayor. Patti Adams, our recent Mayor, has now been appointed to serve as Vice-Mayor. The other Council members have retained their same positions: Cathy Flowers, Secretary/Treasurer; Norwood Truitt, Council member; and Terry Hearn, Police Commissioner.

Prince George's Acres has recently gone through some construction throughout the development. After many, many years, this entire development is finally connected to the Dagsboro/Frankford Sanitary Sewer utility. The Town is working with the county diligently to complete the paving restoration.

Thought for the Month:

You can conquer almost any fear if you will make up your mind to do so. For remember, fear doesn't exist anywhere except in the mind.

By: Dale Carnegie

PLANNING & ZONING MEETING...

The Planning & Zoning Meeting on December 10th was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. The items that were to be discussed during that meeting has been postponed to the January 14, 2009 P& Z Meeting.

TOWN MEETING...

Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2008 at the Bethel Center.

Council Hearn and Truitt were sworn into office by Chancellor William Chandler III. Once sworn in, the Council had a reorganization of members. The Mayor is now Wayne Baker, and the Vice-Mayor is Patti Adams.

A public hearing was opened on the subject of allowing private irrigation and geothermal heating and air conditioning system wells to be installed in town. Currently, there is no provision in the code that allows for wells to be dug, since it is a mandatory connection to the public water system. The wells that could be installed for these types of uses cannot be larger than 4 inches in diameter, and must be a closed loop system. This item was passed unanimously.

This concludes the highlights of the meeting. For further information on the meetings, you may read the minutes of each meeting by accessing our website at www.townofdagsboro.com.

POST YOUR BUSINESS ON OUR TOWN WEBSITE:

Any business located in Town who wants to have a photograph and business information listed on our Town website, at no charge, please contact Stacey Long, Town Clerk at Town Hall 302-732-3777.

Town Hall requests that if you have any work done on your home, i.e., roofing, siding, painting, electrical, plumbing, or any kind of work that requires you to hire a contractor, they (the contractor) must stop by Town Hall for a business license to operate in town. The whole process only takes about 10 to 15 minutes. In the event, that you are not satisfied with the work, you will have the resources of Town Hall to insure that the work is completed properly. This is just another way we are looking out for the citizens of Dagsboro.

POLICE DEPARTMENT...

November 2008 Statistical Report:

- The new cruisers are equipped and in service within the community
- The department realized a drastic decrease in all activities to include criminal complaints and traffic contacts
- The department arrested a local fugitive who was wanted by several jurisdictions
- A departmental vehicle was involved in a minor collision while parked on the shoulder with emergency lights activated

Miles Driven	3,084
Traffic Arrests	28
Traffic Warnings	14
Criminal Arrests	3
Local Ordinances	0
Patrol Hours	169 ¼
Investigation Hours	34 ½
Administrative Hours	63 ¼
Business Checks	340
Complaints	26

DAGSBORO POLICE

SAFETY BRIEF

As the temperatures lower and energy prices rise, make sure you have secured your residential fuel tanks with a good quality-locking device. If your vehicle does not have a locking fuel cap, invest in one. You may find that a few dollars spent today will have a big savings in the future. A practiced individual can easily remove 5 gallons of fuel from a tank in about 60 seconds. At a loss rate of that magnitude, in a few minutes with a couple of cans, the financial impact on you and your family could be steep. Lock up, be safe and stay warm.

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

Don't forget to support your town by advertising in the newsletter—for \$5.00 a month, you can publish a 2-line advertising message or provide a business card to be printed in the newsletter—you will help defray the costs of mailing. We look forward to publishing your message in our monthly newsletter.

Do you have a Special Event that you would like to put into the Newsletter? Contact Town Hall and let us publish that information for you, i.e., book clubs, seminars, etc. The Newsletter is mailed out the second week of every month, so send your Special Event announcement by the first of the month.

AROUND TOWN...

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 Church of God

On Saturday, January 17th there will be a Turkey Shoot at the Dagsboro Church of God. Register on site at 9:30 am. 12 gauge shotguns with no restrictions. Match committee to provide all shells. Prizes awarded on multiple rounds. Refreshments available.

There will be a soup kitchen on Saturday, January 31st at the Dagsboro Church of God starting at 11am. 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.

Dagsboro Fire Department

The Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department is holding a fundraiser selling reflective 911 address signs for your mailbox or yard so emergency crews can locate your house easily They are \$15 dollars per sign (with numbers) They can be installed for \$20. You can also get a \$3 mounting bracket also available for customers without mailboxes. Please contact the following Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Dept. members with any questions or to order your sign! The numbers are: (302)245-9814 or (302)245-7451. "Order your reflective address marker today...It may help save your life or someone you love!" "If we can't find you...we can't help you!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

January: 1/14/09 Planning & Zoning Meeting
7pm – Bethel Center
January: 1/19/09 Town Hall Closed for MLK Day
January: 1/26/09 Town Council Meeting
7pm – Bethel Center

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**FAMOUS QUOTES**OBTAINED FROM: http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.

Dr. **Martin Luther King Jr.** (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was a Baptist minister and civil rights activist; he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. His son is Martin Luther King III.

“I say to you that our goal is freedom, and I believe we are going to get there because however much she strays away from it, the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be as a people, our destiny is tied up in the destiny of America.”

“When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, **“Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”**

“The beauty of genuine brotherhood and peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold.”

“Now, in order to answer the question, “Where do we go from here?” which is our theme, we must first honestly recognize where we are now. This is where we are. Where do we go from here? First, we must massively assert our dignity and worth. We must stand up amidst a system that still oppresses us and develop an unassailable and majestic sense of values.”

Working Toward our Future—Treasuring our Past**MISSION STATEMENT**

We pledge to serve our community and the residents of the Town of Dagsboro upholding the guidelines of our 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.

