

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:

*Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.”
Author – Henry David Thoreau*

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)

Wow! This year has really flown by! I would like to take this time to wish everyone very safe and happy Christmas and New Year. I hope everyone takes extra precaution during the holiday season while traveling, shopping, and spending time with those who matter most.

We are having preliminary discussions with playground equipment vendors to move forward with developing Katie Helm Town Park. Once we decide on equipment selection, we will move forward with this project. The next step would be to upgrade our entrance and develop a parking scheme. I, myself, am glad to finally see the park development moving forward to give our younger residents a safe place to interact.

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 7 p.m. This event is always held on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The new Town Clock was programmed to play several musical selections prior to the lighting.

Pastor Keith Harmon, of the Dagsboro Church of God, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Highlights of the program included singing by The Veasey Family and Ms. Ashley Veasey playing a selection on her clarinet; two readings by Pastor Harmon; soloist, Laura Mitchell; and group singing led by the Veasey Family. The program concluded as Santa presented candy canes to the children and listened to their requests for Santa. Light refreshments were served.

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to ride around Town and observe the lights. Several of the poles that do not have electricity have had lanterns with bells installed. There have been several calls to the Town Hall commending on how nice the decorations look. Hopefully, with some additional funding, we will be able to electrify more poles and expand our decorations in the future.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:

The November 16, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7pm.

The first item on the agenda is a public hearing and vote on amending the Zoning Code, Chapter 275, to provide for a new zoning district – MR – Medium Density Residential, and to delete the existing HR-High Density Residential District. By doing this, the maximum number of dwelling units per acre decreases from 10 to 4. This item passed unanimously with the entire Council agreeing that the High Density Residential goes against the “small town” character, that most of the residents strive to maintain here in Dagsboro, and that the infrastructure is just not in place to continue to build at 10 units per acre. There are currently developments in the preliminary and final plan process with High Density as their zoning, which has been grandfathered in under the High Density Zoning that was in place at the time of their application submittal. For more information on this particular item, you may contact the Town Hall.

The next item Council discussed in length was the Highlands of Pepper’s Creek project located off of Rt. 26 Clayton Street. This development is proposing 332 units placed on approximately 36 acres. This property is zoned High Density residential. Council’s major concern is pedestrian safety. They want to make sure that the residents of Dagsboro and of the proposed community can safely enter and exit the development to and from the sidewalk that is located on the opposite side of Clayton Street. Two council members and the developers of this project will meet with Del-DOT to discuss their concerns on this issue. Council stated that they would not vote on the preliminary approval of this development until this item is addressed.

There will not be an election this year since the only residents to file for Town Council were the incumbents: Cathy Flowers, Wayne Baker, and Patti Adams. Re-organization and swearing in of the Council will occur at the December 14, 2009 Town Council Meeting.

You still have some time to turn your responses in to the Town Hall to express your preferences on the way you receive your newsletter and if you prefer monthly or quarterly water billing. This item will be discussed at the December 14th Town Council meeting.

The Town Council voted to have a public hearing on December 14th to consider the request of the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Dept. to approve private issue bond financing not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the purchase of a 2009 Sutphen Engine/Tanker Pumper Fire truck, 2,500 Gallon Capacity, with Hale 2000 GPM Pump and Pre-connected Foam Concentrate Induction System and continuation of provision for services to the Town by the Fire Company. The fire department is requesting that the town approve the private bond by Delaware National Bank. This bond will not affect the Town of Dagsboro in any way. It just has to be approved by the local municipality. The Council explained that they would work with the fire department in any way they can to help them obtain the bond.

This concludes the monthly highlights of the Council meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be available on our website on December 15, 2009.

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

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2009

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	79	PATROL HOURS:	214
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	2	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	62
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	22	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	58
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	5	COMPLAINTS:	45
BUSINESS CHECKS:	569		

Monthly Highlights:

- Chief Toomey investigated 4 traffic collisions this month. An increase not seen since the month of July
- The funding for Bicycle Patrol has ended and was largely successful
- On October 12th officers re-certified on Radar/AED/CPR and First Aid

Dagsboro Police Safety Brief

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS BREAK

December and January create many challenges for most of us. We look forward to many social functions and family travels during the holidays. This means more time on the road during hours of darkness. We will have the fewest hours of daylight, more impaired drivers, an increase in the number of travelers, and our children are out of school. This is a deadly combination. We ask you to be safe, smart and cautious. Stay alert for the other guy.

Don't be the other guy.

Make sure to turn off and unplug those Christmas lights when you go out. Dagsboro Vol. Fire Department does not want to be your unintended guest.

Lock up when you leave and if you'll be gone for an extended period of time let the police department know so we can help you protect your property. The bad guys don't go on Christmas vacation.

And finally as a reminder if you get a new child safety seat for Christmas call Sgt Litten at 732-3777 to have it properly fitted.

**The Dagsboro Police Department wishes all a
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year**

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.

Community Information

INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND:

- ❖ The IRHS Band is once again selling their Discount Cards for area businesses....a great value! **For only \$10**, you receive a card giving you various discounts from many local businesses while your full \$10 goes to the fund raising of the band students!!! It is a "win-win" for all.....you will earn your \$10 back in no time when you support these local businesses! Please contact Ruth Ann Marvel at 302-732-3518 if you would like to purchase a card (or two)....**they can be used until 10/31/10!!** THEY WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

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.

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:

This season we send out a warm Merry Christmas! As you prepare for this holiday take a moment and reflect on the true meaning.

We have several special services happening this month. Please join us for one or all of them!

- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 6th - Soul Connections 8am & 10am
- ❖ Sunday, Dec. 13th - Kid Emphasis Christmas 8am & 10am
- ❖ Sunday, Dec 20th - Special Military Service 10am
- ❖ Thursday, Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Service 10pm
- ❖ Thursday, Dec 31st - Wii Bowling Tournament 8pm-1am

Call the church office at 732-6550 for more information regarding any of the above events.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

December 9, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
December 11, 2009	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED – Training Seminar
December 14, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
December 24, 2009	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED – Christmas Eve
December 25, 2009	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED – Christmas Day
December 28, 2009	7:00 p.m.	TOWN HALL CLOSED
January 1, 2010	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED – New Year’s Day

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