

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 QUARTER:

Always do your best.

What you plant now, you will harvest later.

-Og Mandino

Town Council

Patti Adams, Mayor
Norwood Truitt, Vice Mayor
Cathy Flowers, Sec./Treasurer
Wayne Baker, 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 (Patti Adams)

I hope everyone enjoyed good times with family and friends during the Christmas Season. Happy 2010 to all!

The winter blast of extreme cold temperatures will hopefully pass soon. Please take care of yourselves during the cold weather and please check on your neighbors.

Our newsletter will now be issued quarterly. This is being done to cut costs and free up our staff so they can take care of town business. This issue is our Winter Newsletter; look for our next issue in the spring. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please contact Rae Long at 302-732-3777. Choosing the email option will save the town postal fees, printer paper, ink, and staff time. We will continue to mail the newsletter to those who prefer to receive it through the US Postal Service.

Please feel free to contact me with any question, concerns, or suggestions at 302-732-3777.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:

During the December 14th Town Council meeting, all three Council members up for re-election were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting.

Following the swearing in the council had a reorganization meeting. Patti Adams was appointed as Mayor, Norwood Truitt was appointed as Vice Mayor, Cathy Flowers remains the Secretary/Treasurer, Terry Hearn remains the Police Commissioner, Wayne Baker becomes a Councilman, and Stacey Long remains the Assistant Secretary. Council approved the issuance of a private activity bond from Delaware national Bank to the Fire Department for a new engine tanker. The Town must approve this bond issuance to allow the fire department to receive a tax-free loan. The town in no way could be held liable for re-payment of the bond. The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the private activity bond, stating that they will do as much as they can to help the fire department move forward.

Council also voted unanimously to begin billing water usage on a monthly basis for all residents. This will enable the town to better account for the water usage that is being billed from Millsboro. This also allows the town to monitor individual water usage more frequently and notify the owners of a possible leak or extreme consumption instead of only being able to obtain this information every three months.

December Council minutes will be available on our website after January 26, 2010.

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

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT –2009

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	1,444	PATROL HOURS:	2,400 ¾
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	55	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	613
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	332	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	829 ¼
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	65	COMPLAINTS:	504
BUSINESS CHECKS:	4,815	COLLISIONS INVESTIGATED:	46

Annual Highlights:

- The department was again able to maintain a Bike patrol Program using grant monies as well as other OHS enforcement grants.
- The department has 46% more traffic arrests in 2009, nearly doubling the 2008 figures. Criminal incidents rose by 16% and arrests increased by 22%. Traffic collisions also incurred a 22% increase over 2008 statistics.

Dagsboro Police Safety Brief

Dagsboro like other towns experience an increase in thefts and burglaries during the winter months. Persons that lend themselves to this type of activity find more targets at this time of year. It's dark, cold and fewer of us venture out. Then you have the folks flying south leaving more unoccupied dwellings. These circumstances all add up to favorable conditions for thieves. To avoid being victimized have friends or family check your property several times a day and at differing times. Have them turn lights, radios, televisions, or computer monitors on and off to indicate a lived-in condition. And don't forget to contact the post office and newspaper carrier to stop deliveries during your absence. We, your Dagsboro Police Department, should be contacted with the following information; dates of departure and return and contact info in the event of an emergency. With the knowledge of your absence we can check your property during our patrols. Remember thieves prefer darkness. At the minimum keep exterior lights on, especially in the rear of your property.

**The Dagsboro Police Department wishes all a
Safe and Prosperous 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.

Sussex County Dog Licensing Program information and applications are available at Town Hall or online at: www.sussexcountyde.gov. For questions regarding licensing, call (302) 855-7380

Community 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.

FRANKFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- ❖ January 30, 2010 at the Dagsboro Fire Hall from 9am-12pm

Adults: \$6.00 Children \$4.50

Tickets can be purchased at Frankford Elementary School or you may call the school at 732-3808.

PROCEEDS WILL HELP THEM PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT WHEN THEY MOVE TO JOHN M. CLAYTON ELEMETARY SCHOOL, WHICH WILL SOON BE THEIR PERMANENT HOME!

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD: www.dagsborocog.org & www.unitesussex.org

- ❖ Join us for our weekly services:

- ◆ Wednesday nights at 7pm

- ◆ Sundays at 8am, 10am, 6pm

- ❖ Unite Sussex is growing and plans are being made everyday. Subscribe to our website to stay update with all that's happening.

- ❖ Sunday, Feb. 7th at 8am and 10am in concert Rod Propes!

In a world of many styles and types of music emerges a vocalist that not only possesses power and stamina but is diverse enough to communicate his message to most age groups. Rod Propes brings these traits to his concerts but his best quality is his willingness to let the Holy Spirit work and let God change lives. Having sang with nationally known groups such as Crimson River, Turning Point and Southern Crossing and sharing the stage with such artists as ZoeGirl, Gary Oliver, Vickie Winans, Clint Brown, Donnie McClurkin and The Imperials, Rod is a veteran vocalist with over 15 years experience.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

January 18, 2010	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 20, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
January 25, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
February 3, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Workshop with Dagsboro Fire Dept.
February 10, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
February 15, 2010	-----	TOWN HALL CLOSED – President’s Day
February 22, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
March 10, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
March 22, 2010	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