

# 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:

*"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."  
By: Malcolm Forbes*

## **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](http://www.townofdagsboro.com)**

***REMINDER: WEEDS AND GRASS MUST NOT EXCEED EIGHT INCHES***

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

Summer is in full swing, with the celebrations for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July behind us. The rain has slacked off for now, and we have been enjoying the beautiful weather, along with some extraordinary flower gardens in our little town. My wife and I have enjoyed many a backyard evening watching the grandkids catch lightning bugs, and thinking back to our own childhoods. It's a subtle reminder that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please stop in at Katie Helm Park, and take a look around. It is a true, but little known, gem in Dagsboro. With ample shade from the many trees, and the wide spaces of green grass, it's a perfect spot for a picnic, a family reunion, or a peaceful spot to just sit and read.

With the thought of Katie Helm Park fresh in my mind, I would like to solicit your opinions and input for a "Dagsboro Day in the Park" to be held annually at the end of August. It would be a family oriented event with perhaps free hot dogs and soda; children's games could be organized by age groups, and games for adults could be included too! The point is that there should be something for everyone to enjoy. The ideas are endless.....music, bike rodeo, fire engine rides, and the list could on. I would venture to say that there are many talented and imaginative folks in town that could lend a hand to make a memorable event. Please call, write, or stop in at Town Hall with your ideas or suggestions, or shoot an email to [staceylong@mchsi.com](mailto:staceylong@mchsi.com). Volunteers would be crucial to make this event successful, so please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer some time. Without support from the residents, we could not pull it off.

A reminder to all that the Town Council meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at the Bethel Center. This is your town, and you hold its future in your hands. Please come out to participate because your voice matters.

***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:***

The June 22, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7pm. During a public hearing and vote, the Council enacted the following two ordinances: to provide for payment of impact fees (water and public service impact fees only) at the time of issuance of Certificates of Occupancy, instead of building permit application for a time period from the date of enactment until December 31, 2009; and to clarify the definition of building height to track the existing regulations within the different zoning districts.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance to provide for an exemption from the payment of realty transfer tax for first-time home buyers. After much consideration, the council voted to table this until more information is collected.

The Council presented the fiscal year 2010 General Budget with a \$26,170 surplus in the budget. The Water Budget was presented with a total deficit of \$15,035. The Council stated that this is the reason why the town converted to radio read water meters, so we can accurately track the water consumption throughout town on a daily basis. The budget reflects figures based on prior years numbers, which explains the deficit in the budget. If you would like to view the entire budget, it is available on our website.

*(continued)* This concludes the monthly highlights from the Town Council meeting. Minutes will be available on the website after July 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – MAY 2009**

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	232	PATROL HOURS:	237
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	0	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	48 ¼
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	47	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	42 ¾
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	8	COMPLAINTS:	35
BUSINESS CHECKS:	428		

**Dagsboro Police Safety Brief**

**Stencil Project**

The Buckle Up Stencil Project date has been finalized. The date has been set for Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 0830AM. It is not too late to be included, so call the Police Department or Town Hall at 732-3777 to get signed-up. This program is FREE. The project is in collaboration with the Delaware Office of Highway Safety and the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Office.

**Traffic Collisions**

The extended July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend saw several chain reaction collisions. These collisions involved 3 or more vehicles. In each of these incidents the party responsible for starting the chain of events, were Sussex County residents. LOCALS! In each collision aggressive and inattentive behavior was involved. Please use proper care as you motor about this summer.

**Community Information**

**WOODLANDS OF PEPPER'S CREEK:**

- ❖ **Community Yard Sale!** July 25<sup>th</sup> from 7am-noon the Woodlands of Pepper's Creek will be hosting a Community Yard Sale for anyone that would like to participate. We will do all the marketing to bring in the traffic; all you have to do is RSVP and reserve your spot. Spots are limited so sign up today! 302.732.3618.

**PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL:**

- ❖ **SAVE THE DATE!** Friends of Prince George's Chapel Annual Homemade Ice Cream Festival, Sunday, August 2, 2009.

**DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:**

- ❖ Community Town Hall Meetings: This summer various local churches will be partnering with the Sussex Ministerium to host 3 community town hall meetings. These meetings are to bring local organizations together to see how the community can help those who have been affected by the economic downfall. What does this have to do with me you may ask? If you or someone you know is involved in a local organization that helps people in need please make them aware of these meetings. Or if you or someone you know has been affected by the economy please come to our meeting. We have spread the meetings out to three local areas. The first meeting will be at the beach on July 16<sup>th</sup>. At 7pm at the Millville Fire Hall. Later in the summer there will be one meeting in your area for those in-between the beach and the farming community. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will be on the other side of Rt113 for the agriculture community. More information on the first meeting will be given in next month's newsletter. If you would like to be a part of this great outreach please call the church at 302-732-6550.

**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

- ❖ The Dagsboro Seniors' Luncheon is held every month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Flags were placed in the Park for the Month of July in Memory of the following:**

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| In Memory of Dale Hitchens presented by Bessie Hitchens                                       | 2 Flags |
| In Memory of Carmen J. Deldeo, Sr., U.S. Army, WWII presented by<br>Carmen & Betty Lou Deldeo | 2 Flags |
| In Memory of Eldred W. Cress Sr., U. S. Army, WWII presented by<br>Carmen & Betty Lou Deldeo  | 2 Flags |

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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

NO MEETING THIS MONTH	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
July 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER:**

Town Hall: 732-3777

Fax: 732-3907

Email: [townclerk@townofdagsboro.com](mailto:townclerk@townofdagsboro.com)

Police Emergency: 911

(Non Emergency): 855-2980

Dagsboro Police: 732-3777

Dagsboro Fire Department: 732-6151

Dagsboro Post Office: 732-9404