

# 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:

"ONE THING YOU CAN'T RECYCLE IS WASTED TIME"

*Author Unknown*

## **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)

- ❖ It is time for the annual lead and copper sampling throughout town. The samples must be collected in the morning after the water has been in the pipes for approximately 6-8 hours, but no more than 10. If you wish to have your water sampled for lead and copper please contact the Town Hall and we will drop off an instruction sheet and a bottle to collect your water. We have a deadline to meet and we must collect 20 samples immediately, so please call if interested! 302-732-3777

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

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

What a wet spring we have had! I sit at my kitchen window and watch the grass literally grow before my eyes, then try to run out and cut it between showers. Even though the rain is much needed, I will sure be glad to see the sun again.

We will soon say goodbye to spring, as the official start of the summer season, Memorial Day weekend, is right around the corner. Memorial Day will be observed this year on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Traffic through Dagsboro has already been on the increase, and with the holiday weekend coming this month, the volume will continue to rise. Phase I of the Streetscape Project is to be completed before Memorial Day, so that any construction will not clog the traffic pattern. Chief Toomey and Sgt. Litten, both certified in bicycle safety, will shortly resume their bicycle patrols. This will increase their presence and visibility in town, as well as make them more accessible to the residents. Please feel free to give them a wave, or to stop them to address any concerns that you may have.

With that thought in mind, I would like to remind everyone to keep safety in mind as we walk, jog, drive, and bicycle through town. Children under the age of 16 are required by law to wear bicycle helmets. Chief Toomey and Sgt. Litten are available for bicycle and helmet safety checks. Remember to carry a light and wear reflective clothing when walking after dark, and to obey traffic signals at all times.

Due to the holiday at the end of May, the Town Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Bethel Center.

I wish everyone a safe and fun Memorial Day holiday. Please take a moment to reflect on the meaning of the holiday, and offer our support and prayers to our armed services who give so much to our country.

***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:***

The Dagsboro Comprehensive Land Use Plan updates have been completed and sent off to the State Planning Office for review and to be certified by the governor. Dagsboro is one of three towns out of 25 that have implemented the majority of the items from the previous Comprehensive Plan.

The Council voted to annex a parcel of land at the north end of Main Street, with Residential Zoning. This property is approximately 18.82 acres, more or less and is owned by Joanne Bireley and Lucinda Hearn. After an annexation committee was appointed and met, they determined it was advantageous to annex this property. The vote carried, 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Mayor Baker discussed some different areas where we can help businesses and property owners succeed in town. He talked about how Dagsboro could eliminate the

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transfer tax for first time homebuyers. Another suggestion was to postpone the impact fees for developers until the unit is sold or the certificate of occupancy is applied for. This could help out so developments will not be half-built due to the cost of building a unit.

Additional information regarding the meeting can be obtained by logging on to the town's website and reading the transcribed minutes.

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

**MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – MARCH 2009**

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	110	PATROL HOURS:	147 ½
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	5	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	32 ¾
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	19	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	51 ¾
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	0	COMPLAINTS:	37
BUSINESS CHECKS:	274		

***MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:***

- ❖ Sgt. Litten is Officer of the Month for March
- ❖ The department is investigating the theft of two jet skis and the trailer they were mounted upon.
- ❖ A felony theft that occurred at the Savannah Square Shopping Center was solved and arrests made through the efforts of Sgt. Litten.
- ❖ Chief Toomey was out of state on military orders from March 10<sup>th</sup> through the remainder of the month.

**DAGSBORO POLICE SAFETY BRIEF**

**Protect Your Trailers**

The theft of trailers is becoming an ever-increasing problem. All types of trailers are at risk, to include campers, utility, boat, motorcycle and other recreational vehicle trailers. We are finding that often trailers are left unattended for long periods of time. Owners are going to their trailers and finding them missing with all the contents gone or broken into and property stolen. These losses often run into the thousands of dollars. The Dagsboro Police recommends you check the property regularly and install trailer tongue and hitch locks. It's your property, don't suffer a loss by leaving these trailers easy targets.

**Smoke Detectors Always Available**

Last week a family of 4 were nearly lost in a residential late night fire. This was due in large part to faulty/inoperative smoke detectors. Most are aware that the Dagsboro FD has a fire safety event in the spring and fall on the weekend of Daylight Savings. Your Volunteers in the Dagsboro Fire Department are serious about your safety and would like to make you aware that smoke detectors are available to you throughout the year. To make an appointment to pick up a smoke detector, call (302) 732-6151 or through the Internet at [www.dagsborovfd.com](http://www.dagsborovfd.com).

**Be Aware Ward Lane is a ONE WAY Street  
This will be enforced by the Dagsboro Police**

Now that warm weather is approaching, we would like to remind you of the State of Delaware Leash Law. As an animal owner you are responsible for their care, custody and control. Please keep all dogs on leashes and in their own yard.

**Community Information**

**MAYOR THANKS I.R. ART STUDENTS**

Mayor Wayne Baker personally thanked the students from Indian River High School for their participation in creating the sign that is displayed at the Recycle Center, which is located behind the Masonic Lodge in Dagsboro. Morgan Sheats, Brittany Baker and Tara Edwards participated in this project under the supervision of their art instructor, Mr. Mark Mott-Lynn.

These students and Mr. Mott-Lynn are commended for their volunteer work, which saved the town money, and also for the effort, time and professionalism, which they displayed on this project.

Residents are encouraged to use the Recycling Center and see the wonderful work the students did.

**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:**

- ❖ Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at our 8am & 10am services we will have a very special mother's day service. Bring your loved ones and join us as we celebrate the women of our church and community and see how God has transformed our lives today.
- ❖ Join us on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> as we dedicate our Prayer Garden. We've created this prayer garden for everyone and anytime. The dedication will begin following our 10am service.
- ❖ On Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12pm (Noon) we will be having our monthly J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Luncheon. If you are a senior please come out and join us for a time of food and fellowship.
- ❖ Don't forget that we have classes every Wednesday night for all ages. Discipleship classes, recovery classes, children classes – join us and see where you fit in. All classes start at 7pm.

**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

- ❖ Looking Ahead!! May 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Yard Sale and Flower Sale – 8am-2pm. Tables are available to rent for \$15.00. For more information or questions, call Crystal Hudson at 732-3324.
- ❖ Monday, June 29, 2009 between 5 and 7 pm, Bethel United Methodist Church will be hosting a fundraising dinner at the Georgia House in Millsboro, DE. Cost of the Buffet Dinner is \$16.99. Mark you calendars and tell all your friends and neighbors. More info will be made available as time gets closer.
- ❖ 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.

**DAGSBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

The Residents of Dagsboro have almost always had the good fortune of having the Fire Department located in town and its Members at the ready to respond to their needs. Fire trucks have been rolling through the town since 1943. The equipment has changed to keep up with the technology and the demands of a changing society; the dedication of the Members has never wavered in all these years.

As the Fire Chief of the Volunteers that make up the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department and the primary providers of your emergency services I am asking for your help; help that will be more directly beneficial to you as residents and individuals. The help I am going to ask for will help us and all other County Emergency Services – DSP, Paramedics, etc – help you.

PLEASE, PLEASE update the numbers on your homes and businesses to match the 911 addressing that the County has given you. Every building has a 911 address even if the Postal Service does not deliver to it. These are the new five (5) digit address numbering. To verify your address please contact the County addressing department. The number for this department is – 855-1176.

To help you understand the importance I would like to give you a glimpse inside the response to an emergency. A similar situation to this has recently happened. Dagsboro is not alone in dealing with this, as I have heard it many times on the radio as I listen to other responses in the county.

All of this in the below scenario transpires in a matter of minutes but to the person having the emergency seconds can feel like an eternity.

You are preparing to go to bed when you hear a pop in another room, your lights flicker and now you smell something. Your response is to grab the phone and dial 911, while getting dressed and calling for the family. The 911 operator answers and starts asking you questions – your phone is giving him your location address, the answers to his questions about what is going on and the confirmation of your address is all being sent to another dispatcher while the person you are speaking to is gathering even more information. The second dispatcher is alerting the fire department and all others that are assigned to respond. Within minutes Volunteers and other Services are in route to your location.

As the Officer of the responding fire truck I am given all the information that you have given the Dispatcher. The truck is rounding the corner from Main to Clayton headed in your direction. As you stand huddled on the porch the fire truck drives by.... As the Officer of the engine I am looking for the address the Dispatcher gave me – the information you gave them. You see the engine stop a couple blocks away. At that time you hear another fire engine coming you run to the edge of the street to flag them down. The 1<sup>st</sup> truck is now making its way back to you. The crew of the 2<sup>nd</sup> truck responds to you and addresses the emergency.

LUCKY for ALL concerned it turned out to be a bad wall socket that shorted out and **this time** no additional damage was done.

What would have prevented your frustration as a homeowner and the delayed response???? - **The proper numbers on your home and the homes around you.** As important as the new numbers are; having the old three or four digit numbers removed from your homes and boxes is also critical.

The County Mapping and Addressing department issues the Town's numbering and the Town follows the guidelines set by the County. Chapter 73 of The Code of Sussex County section 73-28 outlines the specifics of the numbering. It can be found at <http://sussexcounty.net/dept/assessment/mapping/> under Addressing standards. In summary the number at the street should be 3 inches and on the house 4 inches all numbers should be reflective.

Our goal is protecting you and your property; generally speaking helping you in your time of need.

**PLEASE!!!!!!!!!! Help us by helping yourself!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Respectfully,

Tom Glenn Chief DVFD

In Memory of Eugene Davidson presented by Bessie Hitchens	2 Flags
In Memory of Roland (Teen) Hitchens presented by Bessie Hitchens	2 Flags
In Honor of George & Nelson Marceau presented by Jeanette Spinelli & Family	2 Flags
In Honor of Brad Shuford presented by Earl & Mae Savage	2 Flags
In Memory of All Fallen Soldiers presented by Stephen & Janice Kolbeck	5 Flags
In Memory of Charles Way presented by Barbara Welsh	2 Flags
In Memory of Russell "Chock" Hudson presented by Edith Hudson and Family	2 Flags
In Memory of Maurice Dinham, Squadron Leader R.A.F. WWII English Presented by Olive Mushrush & Family	1 Flag
In Loving Memory of Hughes Derrickson, U.S. Coast Guard, presented By Shirley Derrickson	1 Flag
In Memory of Thomas Adams presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Memory of Thomas Adams presented by Thomas & Marjorie Adams Green	1 Flag
In Memory of Alvin A. Campbell presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Memory of Roland Ennis presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Memory of Aloysius Dougherty presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Memory of Aloysius Dougherty presented by Carol & Vito Amitrano	1 Flag
In Memory of George Layton presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Memory of Harold E. Dukes presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Honor of Waples Gum presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Honor of Theodore Randall presented by Calvin & Jane McComrick	1 Flag
In Memory of Chester Holladay, Sr. presented by Garry & Linda Morris And Family, and Tom and Suellen Cahall and Family	1 Flag
In Memory of Chester Holladay, Jr. presented by Garry & Linda Morris And Family and Tom and Suellen Cahall and Family	1 Flag
In Memory of Albert Montague, Ferris Long, and William Long, and All Service Personnel presented by Mack, Rae, and Scott Long, Lisa and Mike Terranova, Meri Jo Montague, Karen Montague, Kevin Montague, And Hugh and Joanne Montague	6 Flags

**FLAGS ARE PLACED AT THE TOWN PARK  
TO HONOR AND IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

**MEMORIAL DAY IS MONDAY - MAY 25, 2009**

**We hope you remember our Service Personnel, Past and Present, who have sacrificed so that you can have the Freedom which we all enjoy today.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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

May 13<sup>th</sup>                      7:00 p.m.              Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

May 18                        7:00 p.m.              Town Council Meeting

Town Hall Closings:

May 25, 2009 – Memorial Day

**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