

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:

*"Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it."
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**

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

October is fully upon us with the warm days and chilly nights. I will treasure every one of these days to remember when the cold and dreary winter days start to get on my nerves.

The Town of Dagsboro will observe the Halloween Trick or Treat night on Saturday, October 31st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Only children under the age of 12 who are in costume will be permitted to Trick or Treat. The Town will have police on duty during these hours.

This month, the Town should be receiving notice from Del-Dot regarding the planning stage of the Second Phase of the Streetscape project. We hope to see a good turnout for these public meetings. We will keep you posted on the progress of the Streetscape's Second Phase.

There have been some suggestions regarding the publication of this newsletter. It has been proposed to e-mail the newsletter to those who have computer and e-mail access. A hard copy could still be mailed to anyone who does not have this access. The Town would like to hear your thoughts on this idea.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:

The September 28, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Planning & Zoning Chairwoman, Marjie Eckerd, notified the council of their review and findings of the Highlands of Pepper's Creek project. The committee decided on four conditions that must be met in order for them to recommend approval of their project. The conditions are as follows: (1) add sidewalks on both sides of the street (2) have a fifty-foot buffer around the storm water pond (3) incorporate better design standards on the buildings (4) correct the scale of the drawing. The Highlands of Pepper's Creek will resubmit new plans to the commission for their review at the October meeting.

Mayor Baker stated that he has been working to reconcile the water consumption differences that the town is being billed for by Millsboro, versus the consumption that the town bills out to residents. The town has taken a positive step in that direction by having radio read meters installed throughout town. Since this has been completed, we are able to obtain much more information than before. We have had several requests to switch to monthly water billing, which was in the newsletter last month. The Mayor & Council has postponed that decision until more feedback can be obtained from the residents. Please voice your opinion by returning the form on page 6 of the newsletter. This will be discussed and possibly voted on at the next town meeting.

The next item addressed was the consideration of deleting the HR-High Density Residential District, and replacing it with a MR-Medium Density Residential District with a density of 4 units per acres, as opposed to the current HR District with a maximum of 10 units per acre. There was much discussion on how to proceed with this ordinance and also allow the current HR development projects continue with the density in the existing HR district. Since this is a major change in the Dagsboro Zoning Code, it was felt by all to refer this to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation. This item is also scheduled to go to public hearing at the November 23, 2009 Town Council meeting.

This concludes the monthly highlights of the Council meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be available on our website on October 27, 2009.

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

MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – AUGUST 2009

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	183	PATROL HOURS:	227
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	12	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	65
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	60	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	61
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	7	COMPLAINTS:	47
BUSINESS CHECKS:	385		

Monthly Highlights:

- Criminal incidents remained high this month. Arrests for theft, shoplifting and trespassing were included with the below arrests.
- Sgt. Litten concludes an investigation into forgery and theft with an adult female arrest.
- Chief Toomey's arrest of an adult for burglary and associated charges closes the Bodies Mkt. Case.
- The robbery that occurred at the Clayton Theater has been solved and warrants are on file for the perpetrators.

Stencil Project

The Buckle Up Stencil Project is ramping up again. At the time of this brief we would like to invite all businesses and communities that have not previously signed up for the program to join us in October. The date has not been set as yet. It is not too late to be included, so call the police department at 732-3777. Remember, it's FREE.

911 Addressing

Attached to this newsletter, you will find a letter regarding 911 addressing. Please read and take the appropriate action. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**Sgt. Litten is a Certified Child Safety Seat Technician
Call 732-3777 to Make a Seat Fitting Appointment**

**Smoke Detectors Are Always Available at
The Fire Department**

TOWN CLOCK DEDICATION

On Saturday, September 19th at 1 p.m. the Town of Dagsboro held a Dedication for their new Town Clock. For more than ten years Margaret Morris, Chairwoman, and the Beautification Committee of the Town of Dagsboro, raised funds to be able to purchase a clock for our Town. The price of the clock accelerated to where it was out of reach for them to purchase it as they had only raised \$7,000. Fortunately, NRG Indian River Power Plant made a wonderful donation and purchased the clock that the Beautification Committee had been wishing for. The \$7,000 they had raised paid for freight shipment, plaque and the beautiful Westminster

Chime and Chamber Carillon Sound System, which were installed at the factory when the clock was assembled.

The ribbon cutting was performed by Mrs. Margaret Morris, Chairwoman of the Beautification Committee, Mr. John Robertson, Plant Manager of NRG Indian River Power Plant, Mrs. Vickie Croley, Business Services Supervisor of NRG Indian River Power Plant, and Wayne Baker, Mayor of the Town of Dagsboro. The Mayor took time to acknowledge Senator George Bunting and Representative John Atkins, who were instrumental in getting funding for the Streetscape Project. Representative Gerald Hocker also joined us for this occasion. Council members, P & Z members, and Bruce Daisey, Liaison for NRG Indian River Power Plant, joined a crowd of approximately 50 people were there to hear the chimes play “America the Beautiful” at 1 p.m. and “How Great Thou Art”. The chimes are presently set to play “Oh, What a Beautiful Morning” at 9 a.m., “America the Beautiful” at 1 p.m. and “Amazing Grace” at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop at the Town Park and listen to them.

NRG Indian River Power Plant was also responsible for having the flowers planted around the trees, the planters on the Gazebo and helping to make our Park more attractive. This was a wonderful occasion for the residents of the Town.

Light refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program.

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

PRINCE GEORGE’S CHAPEL CEMETERY

- ❖ The Prince George’s Chapel Cemetery Committee will be meeting Saturday, November 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Dagsboro Town Hall. Some of the topics to be discussed will be the maintenance of the graveyard and the burials within. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Information on the Cemetery can be found at www.townofdagsboro.com. For further details, please contact Rae Long at 302-732-3777.

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:

Dagsboro Church of God has several small groups happening throughout the week. Feel free to join us!

- ◆ Tuesday Mornings @ 10am
 - Lose the Baggage & Laugh – women’s class
- ◆ Wednesday Nights @ 7pm
 - Several small groups offered to all ages
 - Childcare provided
- ◆ Thursday Mornings @ 10am
 - Senior Adult Bible Study
- ◆ Friday Nights @ 7pm
 - Celebrate Recovery – 12 step recovery group

We will also be having revival with Dony & Reba McGuire starting on October 30th through November 1st. Friday and Saturday night will start at 7pm. We will have services on Sunday, November 1st at 8am, 10am, and 6pm.

Check out our website www.dagsborocog.org or call us at 732-6550 with any questions!

DAGSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ On October 20th, the Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a Longaberger Basket Bingo at the fire hall on Waples Street in Dagsboro. The bingo is to benefit the new building fund. Tickets are \$20/Advance or \$25 at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. For tickets/info call: Shirley Carey, 302-242-4379 or Debi DeHaven, 302-321-9488.
- ❖ The Dagsboro Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its Annual Truck R Treat Costume Party on Friday, October 23rd starting at 7 p.m. Children will be judged on costumes from age infant to 12 years old in the following categories: Most Original, Scariest, and Cutest. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category. Treats, hot dogs, and refreshments will be given to all children free. Come and join the fun! For more information, please call Debi DeHaven, 302-321-9488 or Shirley Carey, 302-242-4379. Event will be held rain or shine.

FLAGS IN THE PARK

Just a reminder....the next Holiday on which the Flags will be displayed in the Park will be Veteran’s Day - November 11th (Wednesday). Honor our Veterans.....should you wish to place a flag in the park in honor of someone, please call Rae at the Town Hall (302 732 3777) as soon as possible.

Flags purchased this month:

In Honor of George H. Bunting, Jr. presented by James & Diane Bunting 1 Flag
In Memory of George Leon Campbell presented by James & Diane Bunting 1 Flag
In Memory of George Howard Bunting presented by James & Diane Bunting 1 Flag

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO:
Town Hall, PO Box 420, Dagsboro, DE 19939, or call us at 302-732-3777

Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone
Number: _____ Cell#: _____

Email
Address: _____

1.

- I would like to receive my newsletter by email
- I would like to receive my newsletter in the mail

2.

- I prefer to have quarterly water bills
- I prefer to have monthly water bills
- I have no preference

Comments:

NOTICE
TOWN OF DAGSBORO
SOLICITATION OF CANDIDATES
FOR TOWN COUNCIL SEATS

Three (3) Seats

Two (2) Year Terms 2010 & 2011

Nominations for candidates: May be filed on forms available at the Town Hall or website www.townofdagsboro.com, **beginning October 23, 2009** and returned to and received by Town Hall **no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009.**

Qualifications of candidates: 18 years of age; natural person; citizen of Dagsboro, Delaware and United States.

Qualifications to vote: **Resident individuals:** over the age of 18 and citizens of the Town, State of Delaware and the United States. **Property owners:** if individuals, must be over age 18; if corporation or association (other entity), must provide a certified copy of a resolution of said entity authorizing the person named therein to vote for the entity; if a partnership, only one partner may vote for the partnership. Individuals and corporation/partnership/association entities must be citizens of the Town, the State of Delaware and the United States. If an individual is both a resident and a property owner, he or she shall have only one vote.

Registration to vote: **Registration closes on Friday, November 20, 2009, at 4:30 p.m.** If you are a resident but not a property owner, you may already be registered and may confirm your registration by coming to Town Hall. If you are not registered, you must be prepared to provide your name, signature, address, birthdate, social security number, and dates you became a resident of the Town of Dagsboro and State of Delaware. If you are a property owner but are not on the assessment list of the Town, you must register by providing a copy of your recorded deed with the Town and such other information as determined necessary for registration.

Absentee ballots: Request forms for absentee ballot packages may be obtained from the Town Hall or website at any time. Absentee ballot packages will be distributed to those requesting ballots after the candidates have been nominated and determined to be qualified. Absentee ballot **requests** must be returned and received **no later than Noon on Friday, December 4, 2009.** Absentee Ballots may be received up to Closing of the Polls on Election Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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

October 12, 2009		TOWN HALL CLOSED – Columbus Day
October 14, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
October 23, 2009		Solicitation for Candidates Begins
October 26, 2009	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
October 31, 2009	4pm-6pm	Trick or Treat (Only for children 12 & under in costume)

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