

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:

*"It takes less time to do things right than to explain why you did it wrong."
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

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For additional information
visit our website at :
www.townofdagsboro.com

MAYOR'S MESSAGE:

Near the end of the hot, dry summer we experienced an earthquake! It took us all by surprise since earthquakes are not a norm for our area. Even though we were shocked and in disbelief we did not incur damage. Several days later Irene, a category 2 hurricane, passed through our area. Irene dumped a foot of rain on us and her gusting winds damaged several trees. The town was fortunate that damage was minimal.

September arrived and the children returned to school. Please remember to watch for them as they wait at bus stops. Fall arrived on the 23rd of September. Hopefully, we will soon be experiencing cooler fall like weather.

Halloween is coming! Dagsboro will host trick-or-treat on Monday, October 31st from 5pm to 7pm. Residents should put their outside lights on if they want trick-or-treaters to stop by. Children should be in costume and accompanied by an adult. For safety, please carry flashlights or wear reflective clothing. Have a safe Halloween!

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night the 5th of November. Enjoy your extra hour of sleep! We will honor our veterans on Veterans' Day, November 11th, by placing American flags in the park to remember the brave service men and women of our military. If you would like to purchase a flag to place in the park, please call Rae at 732-3777.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24th. I hope everyone enjoys a wonderful day with family and friends. Please join us at Katie Helm Park on Saturday, November 26th at 7:00pm for the annual tree lighting ceremony. You and your children will enjoy an evening of music, tasty treats, and a visit from Santa! We always enjoy the music provided by area residents who share their talents that evening. Mark your calendars and please plan to celebrate with us on Saturday night, November 26th!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

7p.m. to 8p.m.

At Bethel Center 28307 Clayton Street

***For discussion and setting of water rates for the Town of
Dagsboro due to an increase in rates from Millsboro.***

All interested parties are urged to attend!

PICTURE OF CALEB AT PARK

JULY MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO EXCESSIVE HEAT

AUGUST

- ❖ Jean Holloway with Delaware Rural Water Association had been asked to conduct a rate study for the Town of Dagsboro's water rates. First, Dagsboro is purchasing water from Millsboro at \$3.00 per thousand gallons, and Dagsboro is selling water to their customers at \$3.00 per thousand gallons. Dagsboro cannot continue to sell water for the same amount as they are purchasing it for. It costs the Town money to get the water to each individual household, therefore, we need to increase the per thousand gallon rate. She also suggests that the minimum gallon allowance be reduced to 2,000 gallons per month. After much consideration, Council decided it would be best to hold a separate meeting and to notify all the water customers of the date and time of this meeting by mail.
- ❖ Design engineers for Streetscape Phase 2, McCormick Taylor, attended the August Council meeting to inform everyone of the status of Phase 2. This phase will begin where phase 1 ended and continue south on Main Street and end at the intersection of Main Street and Vines Creek Road. This will provide sidewalks and an upgraded entrance to Katie Helm Town Park. Landscaping and lighting will also be included just as in phase 1. McCormick Taylor plans to hold a workshop in the near future so the residents can stop by at their convenience to see details of phase 2 and ask any questions. Keep checking our website for the date of the workshop.
- ❖ The Town Council approved an ordinance to amend Chapter 75, Section 1 Entitled "Building Construction – Statement of intent" by amending the types of repairs for which a building permit is required and to amend Chapter 75, Section 11 by adding Section 11B to provide for equitable relief for building permit violations.
- ❖ The Town Council also approved the adoption of rules, regulations and an application to rent the gazebo or future pavilion at Katie Helm Town Park and associated fees. This information can be found on our website under the Town Park section.

SEPTEMBER

- ❖ Dagsboro Council adopted the Sussex County All Hazard Mitigation Plan for Dagsboro.
- ❖ The Town received a grant through Department of Agriculture, Urban and Community Forestry Program to replant some of the Eastern Red Cedars that have died in the park, and to replace the 10 Cherry Trees along Main Street with Crape Myrtles. This project is to begin in Mid-October.

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 neighbors. We look forward to seeing you there.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL:

- ❖ The Friends of Prince George's Chapel would like to invite the community to visit or tour the Chapel and consider the possibility of using the Venue. There will be a fundraiser at the Blue Water Grill in Millsboro, on December 7th from 11:30 a.m. till closing, and several others are also being planned for the near future to benefit the Chapel, and that information will be posted around the town as the details are finalized. There are also several annual events at the chapel, such as, the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., and the Old Christmas Celebration, which this Christmas will be on January 8th 2012 at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Linda Dukes at 732-9675, Margaret Morris at 732-3551 or Kim Frey at 537-2172

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAPEL CEMETERY:

- ❖ The Prince George's Chapel Cemetery Committee will be meeting at 2 PM on Sunday, November 6, in the Dagsboro Town Hall. At the semi-annual meeting the main topic of concern will be the care and maintenance of the cemetery. Anyone with an interest in history or having family members interred within, is welcome to attend. For more details please contact the Dagsboro Town Hall at 732-3777, the town's web page at www.townofdagsboro.com, or Gayle Chandler at dagsboromom@yahoo.com.

DAGSBORO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ Congratulations to John Shockley, who won the Shorebirds Sky Box drawing which was for 24 people, sky suite catering and the tip. The game was Saturday Aug 13, 2011 and there were fireworks after the game.
- ❖ The annual Car Show and Poker Run at the Indian River High School was held on September 24th after being postponed from August 27, 2011, due to hurricane Irene. Congratulation to the winners of the show portion and also to the holders of the top 3 Poker hands.

DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:

- ❖ J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Luncheon is the third Monday of every month from now till May 2012. This is a free luncheon that we offer to senior adults in the area. It starts at 12pm.
- ❖ The Dagsboro Church of God has partnered with Hightide Church for Haymaze 2011 on Friday, October 28th from 6pm – 8pm. This event is for the whole family and is FREE to the community. There will be tons of candy, food, and a haymaze to find your way through. Come out and join us for this fun filled night!

Community Information Continued.....

- ❖ We are gearing up for Thanksgiving for Thousands 2011. Again this year we are partnering with Mountaire Farms to feed thousands of people all over the Eastern Shore. If you or someone you know is in need of food for Thanksgiving, we will open our phones lines up on November 1st to start taking requests for Thanksgiving boxes. You can call the church office at 302-732-6550 or submit your request at www.dagsborocog.org.
- ❖ Sunday, December 4th in the early afternoon, Dagsboro Church of God is hosting the annual Christmas Awards Dinner for Dagsboro National Guard 262 at the Armory on Rt. 20 in Dagsboro across from the Indian River High School. If you would like to supply food items, funds to purchase food, cook, serve or decorate, please contact Priscilla Tephabock. We are honored to serve our local military with a full course meal! You can partner with us.....planning sessions will begin at the end of October to November. Please call us early to sign up. Call Priscilla at 732-6550.
- ❖ We would love to get to know you! We have a Sunday morning worship service that starts at 9am. A Bilingual service on Sunday evenings at 6 pm, and family enrichment classes every Wednesday night at 7pm. Childcare is provided for all of our services and youth group (6th grade thru 12th grade) is on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Visit our website at www.dagsborocog.org for more information or call the church office at 302-732-6550.

INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL:

- ❖ School Closings: November 10th and 11th Veterans Day
November 23rd thru 25th for Thanksgiving Holiday
December 23rd thru January 2nd for Christmas/New Years Break
- ❖ IRHS Homecoming Football October 21st 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ IRHS Holiday Concert December 12th 7:p.m.

Thanks to all of you who have purchased flags in memory or in honor of our military. You may purchase flags by contacting Mrs. Rae Long at Dagsboro Town Hall. (732-3777). The flags are \$3.00 each.

Most recently flags have been purchased in memory of

Norris L Bunting Sr. U.S. NAVY WWII
Jay Bunting Sr. U.S. NAVY WWII
Mjr. Armil W. Long, U.S. ARMY WWII

By Dorothy Bunting and Family

From the Desk of Police Chief, Floyd Toomey, Jr.
Dagsboro Police Safety Brief

WINTER TIPS

Provided by the Dagsboro Police Department

One of the primary concerns is the winter weather's ability to [knock out heat, power and communications services](#) to your home or office, sometimes for days at a time. The National Weather Service refers to winter storms as the "Deceptive Killers" because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Instead, people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold. It is important to be prepared for winter weather before it strikes.

Step 1: Get a Kit

- Get an [Emergency Supply Kit](#) which includes items like non-perishable food, water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio, extra flashlights and batteries.
- Thoroughly check and update your family's [Emergency Supply Kit](#) before winter approaches and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:
 - **Rock salt** to melt ice on walkways
 - **Sand** to improve traction
 - **Snow shovels** and other snow removal equipment.
 - Also include **adequate clothing and blankets** to keep you warm.

Step 2: Make a Plan

Prepare Your Family

- Make a [Family Emergency Plan](#). Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.
- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one.

Step 3: Be Informed

Prepare Your Home

- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and windowsills to keep the warm air inside.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Hire a contractor to check the structural stability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.
- If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to leave. In addition, check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:
 - Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
 - Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
 - Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.
 - Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. **Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.**
 - Fuel and air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas.
 - Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.
 - Lights and flashing hazard lights - check for serviceability.
 - Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
 - Thermostat - ensure it works properly.
 - Tires - make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.
 - Windshield wiper equipment - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify winter weather

- **Freezing Rain** creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.
- **Sleet** is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** means cold, ice and snow are expected.
- **Winter Storm Watch** means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.

- **Winter Storm Warning** means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin very soon.
- **Blizzard Warning** means heavy snow and strong winds will produce a blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life-threatening wind chill.
- **Frost/Freeze Warning** means below freezing temperatures are expected.
- When a **Winter Storm WATCH** is issued
 - Listen to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, and television stations, or cable television such as The Weather Channel for further updates.
 - Be alert to changing weather conditions.
 - Avoid unnecessary travel
- When a **Winter Storm WARNING** is issued
 - Stay indoors during the storm.
 - If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.
 - Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
 - If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
 - Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
 - Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must...
 - Carry an Emergency Supply Kit in the trunk.
 - Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
 - Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
 - Eat regularly and drink ample fluids, but avoid caffeine and alcohol.
 - Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.

Listen to Local Officials

Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your [state and local government](#). In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials. For further information on how to plan and prepare for winter storms as well as what to do during and after a winter storm, visit: [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), [NOAA Watch](#), or [American Red Cross](#).

Statistical Comparison 2006-2011

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Traffic Arrests	721	1,946	806	1,444	745	1,597
Traffic Warnings	276	264	280	332	197	476
Criminal Arrests	23	22	43	55	87	124
Crime Complaints	586	423	421	504	515	480
Code Complaints	N/A	39	62	65	73	41
Traffic Collision	27	39	36	46	59	26

Above information for 2011 only reflects data from January thru August

ADVERTISEMENTS

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

October 10, 2011	-----	Columbus Day - TOWN HALL CLOSED
October 12, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
October 24, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
October 31, 2011	5 p.m.-7 p.m.	TRICK OR TREATING HAPPY HALLOWEEN
November 1, 2011	7 p.m.-8 p.m.	Public Hearing and Workshop on water rates
November 6, 2011	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 9, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
November 11, 2011	-----	Veterans' Day - TOWN HALL CLOSED
November 21, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
November 24, 2011	-----	Thanksgiving Day - TOWN HALL CLOSED
November 25, 2011	-----	Day after Thanksgiving - TOWN HALL CLOSED
November 26, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Katie Helm Park
December 7, 2011	-----	Happy 234 th Birthday State of Delaware
December 12, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Town Council Meeting
December 14, 2011	7:00 p.m.	Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting
December 22, 2011	-----	Winter Solstice
December 23, 2011	-----	Christmas Holiday - TOWN HALL CLOSED
December 26, 2011	-----	Christmas Holiday - TOWN HALL CLOSED
January 2, 2012	-----	New Year's Day - TOWN HALL CLOSED