

# 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:

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,  
but their echoes are truly endless."*

*By.....Mother Teresa*

## **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

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***WORDS FROM YOUR MAYOR***

***(WAYNE BAKER)***

Well, the kids are back in school, so I guess that officially puts another summer in the history books. I hope all had a great summer, and made many good memories.

Our family had a chance to do some camping and outside activities with our kids and grandkids. It sure did my heart good to see them out of the house and away from the TV and computer games. I'm sure all of this hi tech stuff is really good, and can be a time saver. However, I'm not sure that playing video games and watching endless hours of television is the best use of that time. But, I guess I need to close the door on the "good old days" when we had AM radio, and 2 channels on the TV set on a good night!

We have finished the installation of the new radio read water meters. Because of the length of time that it took to get them installed, Artesian Water Co., and the Town had to send out estimated bills for two quarters. Finally, we were able to do an actual reading at the end of July, and an adjusted bill was sent out. Since all water bills were estimated for two quarters, some seemed to be high. I have personally checked several bills to check the accuracy of the usage. My research validated that the adjustments appear to be correct on all that were checked.

We have had several residents ask to be billed on a monthly basis for their water bills. They feel that the smaller bill would better fit their budget. The original quarterly billing system was put in place when the system was established. However, the Town Council wants to respect the wishes of the residents. This matter will be brought up at the September Council meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call or write to Town Hall to voice your opinion to the Council.

***TOWN COUNCIL MEETING NEWS:***

The August 24, 2009 meeting was called to order at 7pm.

The Dagsboro Fire Dept. requested that the new building and property be exempted from all regulations of the zoning code for the Commercial District. After much consideration from the Council, it was decided that they should submit in writing the specific requirements that they will have trouble meeting in that district. At that time, Council will look at the items requested and make a decision then.

The other item addressed at the meeting was a discussion on whether the town wanted to continue to have a HR-High Density Residential District in the town. The concern is that with this zoning district, it allows up to 10 units per acre. They discussed this matter and finally agreed that the way to go about this is to lessen the density requirements in that specific zoning district. This will eliminate so many units being built on top of one another and also assist the council and townspeople of helping to maintain the small town character that Dagsboro is well known for.

This concludes the monthly highlights of the Council meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be available on our website on September 29, 2009.

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

**MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT – JULY 2009**

TRAFFIC ARRESTS:	193	PATROL HOURS:	244 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
CRIMINAL ARRESTS:	10	INVESTIGATIVE HOURS:	60 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
TRAFFIC WARNINGS:	39	ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:	57
LOCAL ORDINANCES:	11	COMPLAINTS:	45
BUSINESS CHECKS:	463		

Monthly Highlights:

- Criminal incidents have seen a marked increase this month
- Sgt. Litten investigated a fugitive situation which results in the arrest of an adult on (3) local fugitive warrants.
- Sgt. Litten arrested a second juvenile in connection with Bodies burglary and has adult warrants on file.
- Chief Toomey arrested a juvenile for shoplifting at Bodies Mkt. and apprehended a fugitive for DSP.
- The department is currently investigating a robbery that occurred at the Clayton Theater.

**Community Information**

**TOWN OF DAGSBORO – KATIE HELM TOWN PARK:**

❖ **DEDICATION OF CLOCK IN THE TOWN PARK**

You may have been noticing activity in the Katie Helm Town Park.....it is all in preparation for the upcoming dedication of the new Town Clock. Mrs. Margaret Morris and the Beautification Committee have been working for several years trying to raise funds to afford a Clock for the Park. Through a generous donation from NRG Indian River Power Plant they will be able to see this “dream” come true.

**WHEN: Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. (Rain Date – September 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**WHERE: Town Park for the Dedication of the Clock. Everyone is invited to attend.**

**PARKING: Parking is available along the street in the Woodland’s Development, Town Office Parking Lot, and the Bank of Delmarva’s Parking Lot.**

**DAGSBORO CHURCH OF GOD:**

- ❖ On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Celebrate Recovery begins a new session which offers a structured, biblical 12 step program that gives direction in finding freedom from hurts, habits, and hang-ups like alcoholism, anger, drugs, over-eating, smoking, gambling, fear, pornography, and co-dependency. Celebrate Recovery will continue each Friday from 7pm-9pm, with a general meeting followed by small groups. Doors open at 6:30pm. Assemble at the 24/7 Community Youth Center, Dagsboro Church of God. Start to find serenity, peace, and recovery. For more information call 302-732-6550.
- ❖ We will be having a community yard sale on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am – 3pm. Space is still available and tables are \$10. If you would like a table please call 302-732-6550. We will also have a bake sale and hot dogs and hamburgers that day for sale. All proceeds from the yard sale will go towards our benevolence fund.
- ❖ On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will be having a Sundae Social. Join us for ice cream and a chance to meet all of our teachers for our Fall Family Enrichment classes. Family Enrichment classes are held every Wednesday starting at 7pm. We have classes for all ages. For more information call 302-732-6550.
- ❖ We would like to invite all parents and teens to come out and meet our new youth pastors, Jimmy & Amber Akers. Youth service is held on Wednesday nights at 7pm and our held in the 24/7 Community Youth Center.

**BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:**

- ❖ Annual Fall Festival is being held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 8 am to 2 pm. Yard Sale Items, Food, and Homemade Ice Cream.  
Being held at the Bethel Center on Clayton Street. Rain or Shine
- ❖ 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.

**MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:**

- ❖ 2009-2010 Season Opening Concert – October 3, 2009 – Saturday 7:30 p.m. Pre-concert presentation 6:30 p.m. Located at Mariner's Bethel Church at Rt. 26 & Central Avenue – Ocean View, DE. Ticket information – 1-888-846-8600

**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 11<sup>th</sup> (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.**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

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

September 9, 2009 7:00 p.m. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting  
September 18, 2009 TOWN HALL CLOSED – Training Seminar  
September 28, 2009 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