

# The Windsor Newsletter

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## Tree Lighting & Santa's Visit

Thanks to everyone involved in the Town's annual tree lighting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Santa's helpers, including Dean Williard, Fire Chief Lee Marshall, Billy Powell, and Police Chief Bob Porti, made Santa's visit a big hit again this year. Also a special thanks to the Big Faith Kids Choir and their director Kathy Owens from the Windsor Baptist Church and the Isle of Wight County Queens.



## Reporting Streetlight Outages

A well-lit street is a safe street. So if a streetlight is out in your neighborhood, call Dominion Virginia Power's toll-free Customer Service Center at 1-888-667-3000 and let them know. Please give the customer service representative the exact street and the location of the pole on the street when you call. Their goal is to help keep the streets illuminated and safe.

## *Girl Scouts*

Troop 682 devised a plan to say a special thanks to our Military. They came up with, "Troops For Troops"! The girls wanted to do something special for Christmas so they started a collection. The girls also invited the entire service unit, Unit 626 (Isle of Wight and Surry Counties) to participate and they accepted. They chose Bethesda Military Hospital with a unit that has 16 wounded men. After speaking with the men via telephone, they told us what they would like. They boxed up DVD's, candy, razors, journal's and of course cookies! Hopefully this small token of appreciation put a smile on their faces, it did ours! Sincerely Connie Crandall, Community Relations Representative & Leader for girl's 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Cookie sales start in January - support your local Girl Scout Troop.**



## RECYCLE

Residents are reminded that there are two drop off points for recyclable materials. One is located next to the Windsor Middle School on N. Court Street. The other is located at the Convenience Center on U.S. 460 near Checkers restaurant. At one time, the county provided recycling curbside collection in Windsor, but the cost of collection went up and that service is no longer provided.



## **Saving the Planet Starts at Home**

Saving the planet isn't about everyone doing everything; it's about everyone doing something. Here are things you can do at home to help save the planet:

1. Take shorter showers. Water for bathing accounts for two-thirds of water heating costs.
2. Refill water bottles to reduce filling up recycle bins with empties.
3. Replace conventional bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, which last four times longer but use 25% of the energy.
4. Pull the plug on electronics and chargers. Most electronics such as cell phones and digital cameras use energy, even if they are turned off, if the charger is still plugged in.
5. Buy a hybrid car.
6. Buy local food products. You may pay a bit more in the grocery store, but buying locally grown products helps the earth because less fuel is required to transport your products to market.
7. Bring cloth bags to the market. Tote your own cloth bags to the store instead of plastic and paper bags, reducing waste and requiring no additional energy.
8. Put on a sweater instead of turning up the thermostat.
9. Use recycled paper. Switch your home and business paper products to 100% post-consumer recycled paper, saving countless trees and five pounds of carbon dioxide per ream of paper.

## **New Businesses**

### **Stephen T. Marston**

653-8994

Authorized Dealer for Snap on Tools

### **ECK Enterprises**

Kenneth Eck 242-6905

Home Repairs

### **Nothing Fancy Catering**

R. Felton Beale 242-6912

Catering

### **Windsor Medicine**

Dr. Bryan D. Mack 430-8712

Medical Office



## **A Message From The Windsor Public Library**

242-3046

[www.blackwaterlib.org](http://www.blackwaterlib.org)

### **Winter Reading Program**

January will begin registration for the Winter Reading Program for children ages 4 and under. Each child participating will receive a free book and a chance to win a cozy winter blanket, perfect for snuggling up to read a good book!

### **Windsor Book Club**

The book club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Registration is not required.

Dec - The Christmas Jars by Jason F. Wright

Jan - Ladies #1 Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Feb - Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

March - Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

### **Teen Night**

Teens are invited to the library the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. for gaming, movies, board games, and more! Registration is not required.

### **Author Visit**

Christy Barritt author of the Squeaky Clean Mystery Series will visit the Windsor Library for a book discussion and writing workshop Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Registration is not required.

### **Friends of the Library**

The friends of the Windsor Library meet the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Membership is FREE - become a Friend of the Library today

## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Windsor Town Council will meet on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber. Regular meetings are scheduled the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The public is invited to attend.

The Windsor Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber. Regular meetings are scheduled the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The public is invited to attend.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Marvin A. Crocker, Jr.

William L. Jones – Vice Mayor

J. Clinton Bryant

Wesley F. Garris

Carita J. Richardson

Durwood V. Scott

Greg Willis



## TOWN STAFF

### Interim Town Manager

John L. Rowe, Jr.

### Town Clerk/Treasurer

Robin L. Hewett

### Clerks

Terry Whitehead – Deputy Clerk/Treas.

Jeannie Dunlow – Asst. Clerk

### Planning & Zoning Administrator

Michael Stallings

### Maintenance

Kenny Sims - Supervisor

Phillip Bowden

### Fire Chief

Lee Marshall

### Police Chief

Robert E. Porti

### Windsor Police Officers

W. D. Owens, Jr.

A. V. Reynolds

H. L. Stephens, Jr.

J. A. Todd, Jr.

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

*The Town Office will be closed for the following holidays:*

*January 16, 2009 - Lee Jackson Day*

*January 19, 2009 - Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*February 16, 2009 - Presidents' Day*

This Newsletter is published quarterly and distributed to Windsor Town residents and water customers of the Windsor water system. If you have any questions, please call the Interim Town Manager, Mr. John L. Rowe, Jr. at the Town Office or stop by. We are open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AT 357-2151, WHO WILL CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE TOWN PERSONNEL.