



Town of Windsor

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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what has been happening the last three months in Windsor, as well as upcoming events.

The audit for our previous budget year has been completed and presented to council. Although our revenues are down in many categories due to the recession, we are pleased to report that our staff has done an excellent job of holding down spending. All departments came in under their budgeted amounts. I would like to thank our employees on a job well done.

I am also pleased to announce that Chief Reynolds has secured a grant for over \$175,000 that will provide pay and all benefits for a sixth policeman for the next three years for Windsor. With the recent rash of robberies in Isle of Wight County, it has become even more important to provide extra patrols for the safety of our Windsor residents. We were one of only a few small towns to receive this grant, and I would like to commend Chief Reynolds for all the extra effort on his part to make this a reality. He has also been busy creating a police auxiliary unit. Both the extra policeman and the auxiliary officers will help keep us safer and cut costs of overtime. Again this year our policemen delivered donated toys on Christmas day to children of needy families. Many thanks go to Chief Reynolds and our police department.

Sidewalks are being installed on Holland Drive behind Farmers Bank as weather permits. This project is being paid for with stimulus funds. Council will be completing a master plan for sidewalks where needed throughout the town within the next few months. Your input is welcome.

Council continues to work on improving the dangerous six-way intersection on route 460. We have recently received a commitment from VDOT to repair the sections of road there that are in bad condition. They are also considering the viability of putting a left-turn arrow at this intersection, and Chief Reynolds is investigating a red light camera. We appreciate our Board of Supervisors support of our efforts.

I would like to wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Your Mayor,

Rita Richardson

PHONE: 242-6606

Windsor Police

"Community First"

Current Events

Burglaries

As many of our residents are aware, we are experiencing a dramatic increase in property crimes. I want to stress to all of our residents the importance of securing their property and vehicles. I also want to request that residents please report any suspicious activity that they may observe to the Isle of Wight Communications Center at 757-357-2151 (Non-Emergency). I am certain that we are going to solve these cases and catch the individuals responsible for these crimes. With our citizens helping us by being observant it will just make solving these crimes that much faster.

Crime Prevention

I would like to make our residents aware that the Windsor Police Department will come to anyone's home and conduct a Physical Security Survey to help identify ways to improve security on your property and within your home. Contact the Windsor Police at 757-242-6799.

On-Going Programs

Auxiliary Police Program

Our Police Departments Auxiliary Police Program is up and running. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly identify and thank these individuals for their service to this great town. Our auxiliary officers are Fabian Hewitt, Christy Bolton and Douglas Bateman. All of our auxiliary police officers are Virginia Certified and will have the same authority and responsibilities as our paid sworn personnel.

Youth Auxiliary Program

Our Youth Auxiliary Program is also up and running. We are currently accepting volunteers ages 10 to 17 desiring to serve their community. For details please contact Chief Reynolds at 757-242-6799.

Burning Law

If you still have leaves to dispose of, then you might find this reminder of the provisions of the local and state burning useful.

It shall be unlawful for any person to burn leaves in the open at any time within the Town, except on the property where the person resides between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**, provided that:

- (1) All embers of any such fire or burning shall not be totally extinguished by 7:00 p.m.;
- (2) The location of the fire or burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any occupie building or structure;
- (3) At no time shall the fire or burning be unattended;
- (4) Any person doing such burning shall take reasonable care to prevent the spread of any such fire or burning to the buildings, structures or lands other than those owned or occupied by the person burning such leaves; and
- (5) The burning is not otherwise prohibited by applicable state or county fire laws.

State Burning Law

The State burning law goes into effect **February 15, 2010 through April 30, 2010**. This means no burning before 4:00 p.m. if the fire is in or within 300 feet of woodland, brush land, or other flammable material.

Isle of Wight County Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary

The Isle of Wight County Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary urges all the citizens of the county to check and see if your address is properly displayed. To meet the county ordinance, your numbers should be 3 inches in height and very visible. Meeting these requirements could save your life! If the rescue squad in your area can't find you, they can't help you. Every second counts! To make sure your address is prominently displayed, please consider ordering a reflective address marker from the Auxiliary. Just complete the form and mail it and a check to the address on the form. These highly visible markers will help every rescue squad in the county as well as other emergency services units. Please call IWC Emergency Services at 757-365-6308 for further information.

You can pick up the Reflective address marker order form at the Town Hall.

Alert NIOW is a new alert system for all citizens of IOW. Now you can instantly be alerted when a natural or man-made disaster strikes.

How to sign up:

1. Go to www.iwalert.net
2. Click the "register here" link
3. Type in your name, email address and/or cell phone for instant notification.

Questions? Call 365-6308



From the Chief

Office: 757-242-4288

Cell: 757-375-0083

Email: areynolds@windsor-va.gov

I would like to thank all of the residents of the Town for their support and warm welcome as I have taken on the role as Chief of Police. I promise you that I will always serve this great community with pride, integrity and faith. We have a bright future ahead of us and I look forward to all of the great times the future has in store and I will be prepared for the hard times that are sure to come from time to time. I am available to any of our citizens at any time.

From the Sergeant

In the future this section will be a dedicated message section from your newly promoted Town Sergeant W.D. Owens. Sergeant Owens has been with the department since 2005 and has faithfully served this community with integrity, pride and dedication. I know that he will continue to do so as he takes the next step in his career.

2010 Windsor Christmas Toy Drive

I would like to thank all of you who participated in the 2010 Windsor Christmas Toy Drive. I don't go into a lot of details about the workings of this program so that those helped and those helping can keep their anonymity. What I can say is that we had a huge outpouring from not just our community but the county as a whole. Over one thousand gifts were distributed and we were able to assist over forty families that have fallen on hard times. The fact that we are able to help means that we have the responsibility to help. I would like to sincerely thank the Windsor Town Council for allowing



Blackwater Regional Library

Bonnie Lauver- (blauver@blackwaterlib.org)

757-242-3046

*Morning Out for toddlers, preschoolers, and caregivers; come play and meet new friends! Jan. 14th & 28th and Feb. 11th and 25th. Registration is not required.

* Teen Night - 3rd Thursday of each month @ 5pm Gaming w/PS2 & Wii, movies, karaoke & more!

* Upcoming Book Club Selections: Jan.-The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer, Feb.-Plainsong by Kent Haruf & March, Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Book Club meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7pm.

Program for children ages birth-Kindergarten beginning Feb. 1. Registration begins Jan.3; for more information please call the library.

* Support the Library by joining the Friends of the Library the 2nd Monday of each month @ 7 pm. New members are welcome; membership is FREE!

* Join us for a hopping good time at Storytime! Children ages 2-5 each Tuesday at 10:45 am. Registration is not required.

Britton's Accounting And Tax Service

Britton's Accounting and Tax service has been serving people for over 15 years. We pride ourselves in giving individual attention to each person that comes in or calls. Whether it is a question, tax return or an accounting issue, if it is important to you it is important to us.

We are located at 11403 Windsor Blvd., Ste. C

Kimberly Britton- owner and resident

757-405-5585

Town Office will be closed:

Jan. 14th - Lee Jackson Day

Jan. 17th - Martin Luther King

Feb. 21st - President's Day



Town Council Members:

Mayor Carita J. Richardson

J. Clint Bryant

N. Macon Edwards, III

Patty Flemming

Wesley F. Garris

Durwood V. Scott

Greg Willis

The Windsor Town Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Planning Commission conducts its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The EDA conducts its regular meetings on the second Monday of each month.



Special thanks to everyone involved in the Town's annual tree lighting on December 5th. Santa's helpers, including Dean Willard, Fire Chief Lee Marshall, Tommy Gray, Chief Reynolds, Isle of Wight County Fair Queens and Bonnie Lauver who all made Santa's visit a big hit this year. Also a special thanks to the Windsor Christian Church Choir.

We publish and distribute the newsletter to Windsor Town residents and customers of the Windsor water system quarterly. If you have any questions, then please call the Town Office or stop by to see us. We are open Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You should report after hour emergencies to the Isle of Wight Communications Center at 357-2151, and they will contact the appropriate Town staff.

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