



The Windsor Newsletter

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

JANUARY, 2013



Dear Windsor Residents and Parade Participants,

What fun was had by all on December 1, 2012 at the Windsor Christmas Parade! Many thanks to everyone for being a part, whether a participant or attendee, of the first Windsor Christmas parade in many years. This event only enhanced the community spirit that makes our town so special.

Young and old enjoyed seeing the creative ideas come to life in the fantastic costumes and floats. It was also a great way to highlight our businesses, civic organizations, volunteers, and the wonderful people of our community.

We are so appreciative of all the hard work that went into making this a resounding success as we look forward to another great parade next year.

Happy New Year,

Carita J. Richardson, Mayor

Patty Flemming, Parade Chairperson

Windsor Town Council





Windsor Police

"Community First"

Chief A.V. "Vic" Reynolds



It is my hope that everyone in this great Town had a very merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. I wanted to briefly touch upon several significant events that your Police Department has been involved in over the past couple of months.

The 2012 Windsor Police Department Christmas Toy Drive was a huge success. I would like to thank everyone who helped to support this event. Because of that support, we were able to help well over 200 children in, and around, the Town of Windsor have a brighter Christmas. I wish that I could thank everyone individually that helped us, but I would be thanking almost every resident of this Town. I am still amazed at the way this community comes together to help one another.

Also in December, the Windsor Police Department had its first ever Touch-A-Truck Event. We originally had organized this event for our local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and it consisted of a couple of emergency vehicles that the kids could come and see and have an opportunity to touch and see what all the equipment in the vehicles do. Unfortunately we were then brought out of our happy thoughts with the tragedy that took place in Newtown, Connecticut. The Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting took the lives of small children and devastated the lives of those left behind. I began to try to come up with any way possible that this great Town could somehow do something, anything, that might make even a fraction of a difference. I called on some of our surrounding jurisdictions and local business owners that assist emergency services to join us and send their own vehicles. What happened next was amazing. Everything came together flawlessly. We had the Windsor Police Department, The Smithfield Police Department, Southhampton County Sheriff's Office, Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, Carrsville Volunteer Fire Department, Windsor Volunteer Rescue Squad, Hardy's Towing Service and Dave's Towing and Chips Towing with their wreckers and support from our own local wrecker service who was unable to join because he was on a call. We had well over one hundred people stop by the event and I am amazed to say that we were able to raise over \$1,200.00 in just two hours to send to the victim's families through their local police department. I am unable to articulate my appreciation to all those that came out. Thank you is all I am able to say.

December also was the month that the Windsor Police Department unveiled its proto-type "Vehicle of the Future". Through a great deal of hard work, trial and error, the Windsor Police Department now has one of the most advanced police vehicle's in use for standard patrol operations in the country. I encourage anyone who would like to see this vehicle to please let me know and I will set up a time. It is truly a remarkable piece of equipment.

Again, thank you for all the support that you give this agency, its officers and myself. We will never stop making sure that the Town of Windsor continues to be one of the greatest places to live, work and learn in this great country. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Please always feel free to contact me with any concerns or needs that I can help with. This is "Your Police Department".

Chief A.V. "Vic" Reynolds

Windsor Police Department

Youth Auxiliary Program

Our Youth Auxiliary Program is growing, and we want it to get bigger and better. We are currently accepting volunteers ages 10 to 17 desiring to serve their community. For details please contact Chief Reynolds at 757-242-4288.



Blackwater Regional Library

Bonnie Lauver- (blauver@blackwaterlib.org)

757-242-3046

Visit the library -

We have something for everyone! Books, DVDs, audio books, music, computers with internet or bring your laptop and log into our WIFI. Library cards are FREE!

- ◆ **Story hour** - Tuesdays @ 10:45 for ages 2 - 5
- ◆ **Morning out** for caregivers and children up to age 5 - Friday, January 4th and 18th @ 10-11 am
- ◆ **Teen Night** - check www.blackwaterlib.org for scheduled events.
- ◆ **Book Club** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. to discuss the current month's selection.
 - January - The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton
 - February - The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman
 - March - The Midwife's Confession by Diane Chamberlin
- ◆ Support your library! Join the Friends of the Library the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00 pm. Membership is free!
- ◆ Winter Reading Program for children up to age 5 begins February 1, 2013. Registration begins January 21st. Teaching a child to read is the gift that lasts a lifetime.
- ◆ Blackwater Regional Library has ebooks! Call us or visit www.blackwaterlib.org to learn more.

Amy's Flip Cleaning Service

A new cleaning service has opened up in the Town of Windsor. For more information you may call :

757-617-7640



Recycling



The Town of Windsor has entered into a franchise agreement with All Virginia Environmental Services to allow them to offer curbside recycling to all Windsor residents. You should receive some information from them on this service in the near future.

Until then, Isle of Wight County has located a recycling container for public use at the corner of Joyner Town Lane and North Court Street. This container accepts all recyclables that are typically accepted at other County convenience centers.



Special thanks to everyone involved in the Town's annual tree lighting on December 1st: Santa, Santa's helpers, including Dean Willard, Fire Chief Lee Marshall, Tommy Gray, Chief Reynolds, Youth Auxiliary Officers and Bonnie Lauver who all made Santa's visit a big success once again. Also a special thanks to the Windsor Baptist Church Choir for their beautiful Christmas music.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!



Town Office will be closed:

Jan. 1st - New Years

Jan. 13th - Lee Jackson Day

Jan. 16th - Martin Luther King

Feb. 20th - 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 an as needed basis.

We publish and distribute the newsletter to Windsor Town residents and customers of the Windsor water system quarterly. If you have any questions, 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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