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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Greetings and Happy New Year from the Windsor Town Council and our staff! On December 7, 2013, we enjoyed a day of Christmas the Windsor Way which included the very popular Breakfast with Santa that Friends of the Library sponsor, an Open House at the new Windsor Police Station, and our second annual Christmas Parade followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree at Robinson Park. We want to thank the many residents, businesses and groups that made all of this possible and so much fun. If you were unable to participate this year, we hope you will join us next year on the first Saturday in December for the festivities!

We have really missed the Town sign and its message board. We are in the process of getting a replacement. Council decided to put the new Town sign and a message board on route 460 where our future Town Administration buildings are going to be located with a smaller sign, which can be easily moved, denoting the location of Town Hall now. The three new entrance signs for our Town should be completed by this spring, as well.

I am very concerned that the new route 460 may not happen. I am committed to doing everything I can to protect the environment; however, I feel strongly that the safety of all Hampton Roads residents must be the first priority. This is a life and death issue because the existing route 460 is designated as the major hurricane evacuation route for southside Hampton Roads. The other hurricane evacuation route is I-64 on the Peninsula. There are over 1.7 million residents in Hampton Roads, not counting the Outer Banks, to evacuate if a hurricane of 3, 4 or 5 level intensity is headed here. Residents know that route 460 in Zuni floods and becomes impassable with heavy rain. Without a **limited access highway** that does not flood and that police and emergency vehicles can use to keep traffic moving, the existing 460 will likely become an inescapable parking lot with massive panic and casualties during an evacuation. Many of the major news media, such as the Virginian Pilot, are now endorsing using the route 460 money for the Third Crossing from Norfolk to the Peninsula to relieve congestion and to put more lanes on I-64. They are totally ignoring the hurricane safety issue and how to evacuate over 1.7 million people through the Peninsula, which is already a major area of congestion with large population centers and numerous areas of wetlands along I-64. This could also have national consequences for military installations, such as Oceana, Fort Eustis, Langley, etc. which would have to be evacuated (excluding those sailors that are assigned to ships). If you have safety concerns or other ideas about how to make 460 a **limited access highway**, I encourage you to write letters or send emails to the newspapers and elected officials for our state, as well as Senators like Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

Thank you for your input as we continue to work together to make our Town and Hampton Roads a safe and wonderful place to live.

Your Mayor,

Carita J. Richardson

ANIMAL CONTROL

We have received several calls recently regarding animal control services in the Town of Windsor. As such, we have reached out to Isle of Wight County Sheriff's Office Animal Services Division. They have provided us with a list of their duties and responsibilities to help the citizens of Windsor better understand what services that they can expect from their office.

- Isle of Wight Animal Control Officers are charged with the protection and enforcement of laws and ordinances concerning companion/domestic and agricultural animals.
- Animal Control Officers do not carry firearms and as a result are unable to perform field euthanization.
- Animal Control Officers begin to answer standard calls for service at 10:00 a.m. Emergency calls for service are handled as they are received.
- Animal Control Officers respond to after-hour calls for service only in emergency situations. Emergency calls consist of domestic animal struck by car, domestic animal that is injured, domestic animal so malnourished that all skeletal bones are visible, domestic animal without shelter in inclement weather (snow, ice, hurricane, extreme heat or cold, etc.), domestic animals left homeless (fire, arrest, etc.), livestock truck accidents. A call to the on-call Animal Control Officer to assist in making a determination can always be made.
- The Shelter is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Reported dog bites or animal exposures (animals attacked by wildlife) require that an Incident-Based Report (IBR) is made to document the incident and an exposure report (blanks can be obtained from the Health Department) is made to be sent to the Health Department for quarantine and rabies vaccination tracking. All dog bites and animal exposures must be reported. Animal Control Officers will handle those reports either at time of incident or if all of the information can be obtained by an officer/deputy after hours the next day.
- Animal Control Officers will respond to calls of wildlife if they are displaying symptoms of rabies infection. Those symptoms include the animal appearing to be intoxicated (falling over, walking very unsteadily, unable to climb), unable to drink, or attacking other animals or people and even inanimate objects.
- Animal Control Officers will respond to assist law enforcement in making a determination if wildlife is not acting normal and may be infected with the rabies virus which would warrant field euthanization.
- Animal Control Officers do not respond to wildlife or snake calls on personal property or in a residence if the wildlife/snake is acting normal. Exceptions **may be** made on a case by case basis if it is believed that the Animal Control Officer could assist or stand by until professional wildlife trappers can arrive.
- The Virginia Department of Inland Game and Fisheries handles all calls for wildlife. Game animals include bear, deer, raccoons, foxes, opossum, skunks, protected or endangered animal species, birds snakes, and those fur-bearing animals such as otter, beaver, etc.

Please contact non-emergency dispatch at 757-357-2151 with any animal control issues.



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 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.

Planning and Zoning Activities

Planning Commission Matters

The request from the Isle of Wight Industrial Development Authority to rezone 79 acres of land at the edge of the Town on Buckhorn Road as part of the larger Phase III Shirley T. Holland Industrial Park project was withdrawn. However Isle of Wight County and the Town of Windsor have formed a Transportation Committee to review and find solutions to the transportation problems within the Town that would be exacerbated by the overall Shirley T. Holland Industrial project. The Committee will begin its work next year. The proposals from this Committee will be reported in this newsletter and other media in the upcoming months.

Although the Planning Commission did not meet in November and December, Staff is working with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission staff on the Draft Comprehensive Plan. This important item will guide the development of Windsor for years to come showing where homes and businesses should be placed. Public hearings will be held by the Planning Commission and Town Council in 2014.

Citizen Participation is Welcomed

The Planning Department, Planning Commission and Town Council invites any citizen that has questions or ideas about the issues facing the Town of Windsor, or the future of the Town, to contact Dennis Carney at either (757)242-4288 or dcarney@windsor-va.gov. It is through your input and efforts that the Town will continue to grow and prosper.

Codes Compliance- Inoperative Motor Vehicles

Citizens are reminded that all vehicles that are not fully enclosed in a garage or other building must have legal up-to-date license plates and inspections, or they are in violation of the Town's Inoperative Motor Vehicle Code. Please contact Dennis Carney at either (757)242-4288 or dcarney@windsor-va.gov if you have any questions on this matter.

Blackwater Regional Library



Windsor Library hours have changed: Monday 1 - 5 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 - 5 pm, Thursday 1 - 7pm, Friday - closed, Saturday 9 - 1 pm and Sunday - closed.

Winter Reading Program for children up to grade 1 begins February 3rd. Visit your local library to register today!

1000 Books B4K - help ensure your child is ready to begin kindergarten; register at the library to read 1000 books before Kindergarten. Children registered for this program receive a certificate of accomplishment, and a FREE book, for every 100 books they read or have read to them. Visit or call us today to learn more about this wonderful program!

Book Club - meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm; registration is not required.

Upcoming Selections:

January - *American Boy* by Larry Watson

February - Book on DVD: *Mr. Blanding's Builds His Dream House* (because this is a movie night the program will begin at 6:30 pm)

Friends of the Library - support your library by joining the Friends of the Library; meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month Please call the library for meeting times. Membership is FREE!!

Bonnie Lauer- (blauer@blackwaterlib.org) 757-242-3046



Special thanks to everyone involved in the 2nd annual Windsor Christmas parade and the Town's annual tree lighting on December 7th: Santa, Santa's helpers, including Kevin Meyers, Fire Chief Lee Marshall, Windsor Volunteer Fire Department, Windsor Volunteer Rescue, Windsor Police Department, Youth Auxiliary Officers, Patty Flemming and all participants. **Wishing everyone a safe and Happy New Year!**

Town Office will be closed:

Dec. 31st - at 12:00
Jan. 1st - New Years Day
Jan.17th - Lee Jackson Day
Jan.20th - Martin Luther King
Feb. 17th - President's Day



Town Council Members:

Mayor, Carita J. Richardson
Vice Mayor, Wesley F. Garris
Clint Bryant
N. Macon Edwards, III
Patty Flemming
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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