

The Mayor's Message

October 2012



I am pleased to announce that our town will be working with Isle of Wight County to apply for grants to convert the old Windsor Middle School gym complex into a recreation center for Windsor and central Isle of Wight. We want to thank the School Board and the Board of Supervisors for their support with this project.

I also want to give you some uplifting news about our young people and their participation in our local government.

This past school year we have been fortunate to have our first Windsor High School student liaison, Spencer Snyder. Spencer is an outstanding young man who is very interested in government and politics. He has made many contributions and has been instrumental in developing a plan for the Windsor Middle Beta Club to have a mock Council meeting this year where they will assume the roles of Council members and tackle some current issues for the Town. Thank you, Spencer, and best wishes as you start your college career.

This summer we also had our first police intern, Nicole Gore. Nicole is a senior this year at Lynchburg College and was a great addition to our staff. Thank you for all your contributions and for your insightful suggestions, particularly about the need for more activities for our youth. We are moving ahead with plans for that much needed recreation center!

Lastly, I want to thank Council member, Patty Flemming, for her work in organizing a Young Professional Organization (YPO) in Windsor. We now have a wonderful group of young men and women who meet for lunch every two months. (If you know of anyone who would like to become a part of this group, call Mike Stallings at 242-4288 for meeting times.) They have been asked for input on the new strategic plan for IOW's Economic Development Department. I have also asked them to be one of our advisory partners in planning our recreation center at WMS. We thank these young people for making a difference in our community.

As you can see, our Council members believe that it is important to get our young people involved in government because they are our future leaders. Because of them, I am optimistic that we have a bright future ahead of us.

Your mayor,
Rita Richardson

Up-Coming Events

- Homecoming Parade – Friday, October 5th, 5:00 p.m.,
- Halloween – Wednesday, October 31st, 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.,
- Day light savings time – Sunday, November 4th. Just a reminder to change your clocks back one hour on this day.
- Breakfast with Santa - Saturday, December 1st, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Community House
- Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 1st @ 4:00 p.m.
- Tree Lighting Service - Saturday, December 1st immediately following the Christmas parade in Robinson's Park (next to the library)
- Christmas in the Country -Sunday, December 2nd, 12:00 Noon until 6:00 p.m., at Windsor Hardware

Windsor Police Department



Message from "Chief Vic Reynolds"

Arlis V. "Vic" Reynolds

"COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY"

The Windsor Police Department is currently recruiting for our Youth Auxiliary Police Program which is otherwise known as the Explorer Program. We are accepting our future leaders that are between the ages of 12 and 17 to participate in this program. Please contact Chief Reynolds for more information and activities associated with the community service and team building effort.

The Windsor Police Department is forming a new "Community Policing Committee" and is requesting citizens input in regards to making our community the best place to live, work and learn. Chief Reynolds is asking residents who would like to be a part of this committee, to please contact him for further details.

Windsor Police Department, P.O. Box 307, 8 East Windsor Boulevard, Windsor, Virginia 23487
757.242.4288 (Office), 757.242.6799 (Desk), 757.242.0328 (Fax), 757.375.0083 (Cell)



Holiday Safety Tips

The holidays are approaching and with the fun and festivities also come thieves and con artists who are frequently on the prowl. Here are some tips from your Windsor Police Department to help keep your home, your car, your possessions, and your family safe.

Keeping Your Home Safe

- We all want our homes to reflect the joy of the season, but avoid displaying gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway.
- Arrange to have packages delivered to a neighbor if you're not home to receive them.
- Packages left on porches or doorsteps are "easy picking" for thieves. It also draws unwanted attention to your home.
- Consider simple outside decorations. Elaborate or large lawn pieces are often stolen.
- Be sure not to obscure the view from your windows. You need a clear view of your property.
- Always lock your home's doors and windows, even if you're only gone for a few minutes.
- Compact or dispose of packaging discreetly. Often criminals will spot something you've discarded and can target you for their next burglary or theft.
- When leaving town, have a trusted friend or neighbor take care of your home.
- Notify the Windsor Police Department when you're planning an extended absence. We will issue a vacation watch or directed patrol for your home.

Keeping Your Neighborhood Safe

Share these tips with your neighbors. Establish a network with your neighbors, make a plan for mutual protection and notification, and remember, ALWAYS report suspicious activity.



Fall Cleanup

The Town of Windsor's fall cleanup will be **Saturday December 8th, 2012**. The Town offers two special trash pickups per year. This provides you with a great opportunity to clean out your attic, garage, trim your trees, or get rid of items cluttering your yard. If you have any tree branches, please keep them less than three inches in diameter and no longer than four feet. You must bundle all branches and bag leaves or other yard trimmings. Place all items at the street by 7:00 a.m.

Our contractor will not enter your driveway or yard to get heavy items, such as appliances, and he will not make pickups after 11:00 a.m. because the land fill closes at noon.

Our contractor will not pick up items such as used lumber, roofing, siding, tires, paints, batteries, gas cylinders, oil, asbestos, animal carcasses, or hazardous materials.

If you have household hazardous waste, you can dispose of it free of charge at the Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They also take paint, pesticides, antifreeze, fuels, hobby supplies, insecticides, herbicides, paint thinners and solvents, fertilizers, swimming pool chemicals, household cleaners and household batteries. The Transfer Station on Stave Mill Road will take refrigerators and freezers. You may recycle used motor oil at both locations.

If you have any questions, you may call 961-3874.

Windsor Christmas Parade

Windsor will be having their first Christmas Parade Saturday, December 1st. Anyone interested in participating will need to meet at the Farmers Bank by 3:00 p.m. The parade will begin at 4:00. The Tree Lighting Ceremony along with refreshments and visiting with Santa will take place immediately following the parade at Robinson's Park.

Thank You Windsor Hardware!!!

On behalf of the residents, businesses and the Town of Windsor, we would like to thank Windsor Hardware for their continued patriotism and support of our yearly Fourth of July Celebration. For over 10 years, David and Tammy Edwards have supplied the American Flags that are distributed throughout our town by volunteers. With their donation, our town always looks patriotic and proud to the travelers of Rt. 460 and the residents! **Thank You!!!**

GIRL SCOUT GOODIES

On September 22nd the girl scouts will be selling their fall products, such as chocolates, almonds, cashews, chocolate covered raisins and many more snack items. Your order will be delivered the week of October 25th, just in time for the holiday gatherings. The proceeds from the sales help the troop members perform community services, purchase troop supplies and badges, as well as allowing the girls to attend several events. For further information you may contact your local girl scout member troop #1105 or troop leader Ms. Bak @ 757-871-1958. Thank you for your continued support.

GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Is your daughter looking for an adventure that will help her build confidence, a strong character and the courage to succeed in the future? Windsor's Girl Scout Troop #1105 is currently accepting registrations for girls K through the 5th grade. Troop #1105 focuses on serving the Windsor community, and learning valuable self-confidence skills through the Girl Scouts of America, while earning badges, pins, and other symbols that show success. For more information contact Girl Scout Troup Leader Ms. Bak @ 757-871-1958.

Grass on Sidewalks and Roads

Recently we have been receiving complaints about people cutting grass and leaving the clippings on the sidewalks or in the roads. As you can assume, this poses a safety hazard for those individuals that walk on the sidewalks or on the edge of the roads where no sidewalk is available. Town Code does prohibit anyone from placing debris on the roads or sidewalks within the Town. We ask that you please keep our sidewalks and roads clear of any debris by blowing your grass clippings away from the roads and sidewalks. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping Windsor a safe and beautiful community.

Blackwater Library

Bonnie L. Lauver

18 Duke St. - 757-242-3046

www.blackwaterlib.org

Weekly Storytime for ages 2 - 5 Tuesdays @ 10:45 am

Morning Out social and playtime for children up to age 5 and their caregivers! Schedule available at www.blackwaterlib.org or by calling the library at 757-242-3046.

Teen Night is held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:00 - 6:30

- ◆ October - Halloween Party
- ◆ November - Movie Night

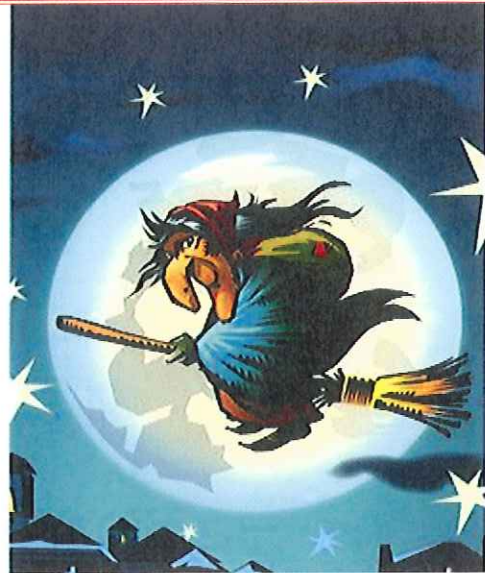
Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 pm

- ◆ October - Angel Falls by Kristen Hannah
- ◆ November - Wild by Cheryl Strayed

Friends of the Library meet the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00 pm

Visit the library for books, magazines, music, DVDs, ebooks, Internet, and FREE Wi-Fi!





HALLOWEEN Safety Tips

TRICK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 31ST, 2012 5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 13

To help ensure this Halloween is a safe and happy holiday for you and your family

Costume Suggestions:

- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Wear light or bright colored costumes and use light reflective tape.
- Children shouldn't wear a mask; it restricts vision. If a mask must be worn, cut large eye holes. Make-up is much safer than a mask because it doesn't obstruct vision.
- Toy weapons, wands, brooms, etc. should be made of paper or cardboard; they are safer than plastic, wood or metal.
- Put the child's name, address and phone number on the inside of their costume in case of an accident or lost child.

Trick or Treat Safely:

- Eat a full meal prior to going out so your child won't be tempted to eat treats before they can be properly checked out. Tell your children not to eat treats until you have checked them out.
- Plan your child's route and visit only homes in your neighborhood that are well lit.
- Remind them not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys or playing fields.
- Travel in a group or with an adult. Do not let children go alone.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Cross streets at corners, never from between two vehicles.
- Walk on the sidewalk or facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Watch for cars driving into or backing out of driveways.

Treats -- Give Them A Safety Check:

- Check for holes or loose wrappers, pour powdered candy into a container and look for discoloration or lumps.
- Don't eat opened candy, fruit, etc., unless you know the person it came from.
- Wash fruit, and then cut it into bite-size pieces.

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The Windsor Town Council conducts its regular meetings @ 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 bi-monthly.

Holiday Closings

Columbus Day - Monday, October 8th

Veteran's Day - Monday, November 12th

Thanksgiving Holiday - Wednesday, November 21st at noon thru Friday, Nov 23th

Christmas Holiday - Monday, December 24th thru Tuesday, December 25th

We publish and distribute the newsletter by mail or e-mail to Windsor Town residents and customers of the Windsor water system quarterly. If you do not receive the newsletter and would like to, 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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