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The Windsor Newsletter

Message from the Mayor



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

April, 2014

Spring is here! Well, we hope so! That means it is time for spring cleaning. The Town has scheduled its Spring Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 17th, to help you dispose of yard debris or unwanted items from your garage, storage areas, or house. Look for more details in the reminder flyer which will be mailed to you.

With warmer weather arriving, many residents will be enjoying longer walks with their dogs. The Town of Windsor encourages all dog owners to be considerate and "scoop the poop" to keep our parks, sidewalks, and yards clean. We are happy to announce that the Town has installed "Pooper Scooper Waste Stations" at both Robinson Park and Centennial Park for the convenience of our residents. Many children use the playground at Robinson Park, and we want to make sure it is a sanitary and clean area for them.

The Town of Windsor is sponsoring its first Spring Concert at Robinson Park next to the library on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Attendance will be **free** with music provided by the great band "Island Boy" for your enjoyment. Please come out, **bring a chair**, enjoy some BBQ for dinner, and invite all your friends, family, and neighbors. If you like it, we hope this will become a yearly event. **No pets please!**

If you have questions about any of the spring activities covered in this newsletter, please contact the Town office at 242-4288. Have a happy and safe spring!

Your mayor,
Rita Richardson

Boot & Seizure Program

The Town of Windsor has begun using license plate readers, DMV stops, and liens to collect delinquent taxes and fees. When a vehicle is located, it will be booted and the vehicle will then be towed. If a vehicle is booted and/or towed, there will be fees associated with this process. Booting, towing, processing, storage and collection fees are the responsibility of the owner of the vehicle. The vehicle will not be released until all delinquent taxes and all fees have been paid in full.

If your current financial situation requires a payment arrangement, please contact the Town of Windsor Office at either cnewsome@windsor-va.gov or (757) 242-4288. Arrangements must be made prior to being booted or towed. To avoid being subject to this program, taxes need to be paid immediately.

Christy Newsome
Interim Treasurer



From the Interim Chief R.D. Riddle



In recent months the Windsor Police Department has responded to an ever increasing number of fraud related scam reports. Our citizens are falling victim to internet based scams and losing thousands of dollars annually to these scammers. The tips below cover the most common scams in use.

Telemarketing Fraud

When you send money to people you do not know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud. Here are some warning signs of telemarketing fraud—what a caller may tell you:

- "You must act 'now' or the offer won't be good."
- "You've won a 'free' gift, vacation, or prize." But you have to pay for "postage and handling" or other charges.
- "You must send money, give a credit card or bank account number, or have a check picked up by courier." You may hear this before you have had a chance to consider the offer carefully.
- "You don't need to check out the company with anyone." The callers say you do not need to speak to anyone including your family, lawyer, accountant, local Better Business Bureau, or consumer protection agency.
- "You don't need any written information about their company or their references."
- "You can't afford to miss this 'high-profit, no-risk' offer."

If you hear these or similar "lines" from a telephone salesperson, just say "no thank you" and hang up the telephone.

Nigerian Letter or "419" Fraud Nigerian letter frauds combine the threat of impersonation fraud with a variation of an advance fee scheme in which a letter mailed from Nigeria offers the recipient the "opportunity" to share in a percentage of millions of dollars that the author—a self-proclaimed government official—is trying to transfer illegally out of Nigeria. The recipient is encouraged to send information to the author, such as blank letterhead stationery, bank name and account numbers, and other identifying information using a fax number provided in the letter. Some of these letters have also been received via e-mail through the Internet. The scheme relies on convincing a willing victim, who has demonstrated a "propensity for larceny" by responding to the invitation, to send money to the author of the letter in Nigeria in several installments of increasing amounts for a variety of reasons.

Payment of taxes, bribes to government officials, and legal fees are often described in great detail with the promise that all expenses will be reimbursed as soon as the funds are spirited out of Nigeria. In actuality, the millions of dollars do not exist, and the victim eventually ends up with nothing but loss. Once the victim stops sending money, the perpetrators have been known to use the personal information and checks that they received to impersonate the victim, draining bank accounts and credit card balances. While such an invitation impresses most law-abiding citizens as a laughable hoax, millions of dollars in losses are caused by these schemes annually. Some victims have been lured to Nigeria, where they have been imprisoned against their will along with losing large sums of money. The Nigerian government is not sympathetic to victims of these schemes, since the victim actually conspires to remove funds from Nigeria in a manner that is contrary to Nigerian law. The schemes themselves violate section 419 of the Nigerian criminal code, hence the label "419 fraud."

Advance Fee Schemes An advance fee scheme occurs when the victim pays money to someone in anticipation of receiving something of greater value—such as a loan, contract, investment, or gift—and then receives little or nothing in return.

The variety of advance fee schemes is limited only by the imagination of the con artists who offer them. They may involve the sale of products or services, the offering of investments, lottery winnings, "found money," or many other "opportunities." Clever con artists will offer to find financing arrangements for their clients who pay a "finder's fee" in advance. They require their clients to sign contracts in which they agree to pay the fee when they are introduced to the financing source. Victims often learn that they are ineligible for financing only after they have paid the "finder" according to the contract. Such agreements may be legal unless it can be shown that the "finder" never had the intention or the ability to provide financing for the victims.

For information on these schemes and how to safeguard yourself please visit the following websites:

<http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/fraud>; <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/investigations/MailFraud/fraudschemes/FraudSchemes.aspx>

<http://www.secretservice.gov/faq.shtml>; <http://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

If you or family members believe that you have been contacted by a scammer or have fallen victim to a scam, please be sure to report the activity to the Windsor Police Department at 757-242-6799 or Wpdonline@windsor-va.gov.

1st Sergeant R.D. Riddle

Interim Chief of Police

Windsor Police Department

Events & Special Notices

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Sponsored by: Woman's Club of Windsor

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Windsor Community House

\$5.00 per person (covers breakfast, picture & egg hunt)

Breakfast will be served 8 a.m. - 9:30a.m.
(pancakes, sausage links and juice)

Easter Egg Hunt will begin @ 9:35 a.m.

Pictures can be picked up at the Windsor library beginning Wednesday, April 16, 2014



TOWN OF WINDSOR SPRING CONCERT

Friday, May 2, 2014

Music by

"Island Boy"

Concert will be held at Robinson Park
from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Attendance is free

Country Boy's BBQ will have their
famous BBQ for sale

(No pets please!)

2nd Annual Spring Craft Fair

Sponsored by: Woman's Club of Windsor

Saturday, May 3, 2014, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Windsor Community House,
Community Drive, Windsor

Vendor Items to include:

Pampered Chef, handmade quilts, books, silk flower arrangements, pottery, wreaths, memo boards, Gold Canyon, Tastefully Simple, custom jewelry, Origi-mi Owl, doll clothes, scarves, bottle art, recycle art, homemade soaps, edible bird-houses, cement leaf casings, 31, Avon, and much more!

- ◇ Event is Free to the Public
- ◇ Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese available for Purchase
- ◇ Bake Sale

WINDSOR RURITAN CLUB'S 38TH

ANNUAL PIG PICKIN'

You are cordially invited to attend the 38th Annual Windsor Ruritan Club Pig Pickin' Festival at Foster's Pond - 4 miles South of Windsor, Virginia on Route 610, Wednesday, May 14th, 2014, from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Tickets can be acquired for a donation of \$22.00 per person by contacting any of the Ruritan Club members or calling Robert Beale @ 757-242-6550 or 757-642-3224.

Tickets must be acquired prior to the event

Spring Clean Up

Our spring clean-up will be on Saturday May 17, 2014. Another opportunity to clean out your attic, garage, trim your trees and shrubs and get rid of items cluttering your yard. If you have any tree branches, remember to keep them less than three inches in diameter and no longer than four feet. You must bundle all branches, and you must bag leaves and yard trimmings. Our contractor will not enter the driveway or yard to get heavy items, such as appliances. Please place all items at the street by 7:00 a.m.

There will not be any pick-ups after 11:00 a.m. If you have household hazardous waste such as paint, pesticides, antifreeze, fuels, hobby supplies, insecticides, herbicides, paint thinners, solvents, fertilizers, swimming pool chemicals, household cleaners and household batteries, you can dispose of it free of charge at the Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield 757-961-3874 or the Staves Mill Convenient Center on Staves Mill Road 757-242-3597. You may recycle used motor oil at both locations.

For further information you may call the Town office at 757-242-4288.

Blackwater Regional Library

Bonnie Lauver - blauver@blackwaterlib.org
757-242-3046

- Tuesday storytime for children ends May 20, 2014.
- Register for Blackwater Regional Library's 2014 Summer reading Program for children, teens and adults beginning June 24, 2014! A calendar of weekly events will be posted at www.blackwaterlib.org June 2014.
- Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm; registration is not required.
Upcoming selections:
April - Look Again by Lisa Scottoline
May - The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
June - The Longest Ride by Nicholas Sparks
- Learn to make your own safe, non-toxic, home cleaning products with Sherri Shumate. Saturday, April 26th @ 10:00 a.m. at Windsor Library; due to limited space, registration is required. Please call 757-242-3046 or email blauver@blackwaterlib.org.

Small Steps Toward Being Prepared For An Emergency

Whether you live in the country or the city, your water supply relies on electricity to run the system. During a power outage you may find yourself without a way to get water. Your water supply can also become unsafe to drink. Both private wells and city water systems can be contaminated in a disaster.

The Goal: Have enough water on-hand for your family to last 3 days (72 hours). This should be about 3 gallons per person. Also include an extra one gallon for a medium size pet.

If you buy commercially bottled water, it should be replaced once a year. If you bottle your own water, replace your water supply every six months. Always sanitize bottles before refilling them. Store your water in a cool, dark place to keep it tasting fresher longer.

Grass Cutting With spring time upon us, grass will be growing again. Please help keep Windsor looking beautiful by cutting your grass on a regular basis. And don't forget, if your grass gets taller than 12 inches, you are in violation of Town ordinance which could result in the Town having the grass cut at your expense.

Yard Sales

It is yard sale season again!! Don't forget that you will need to purchase a yard sale permit for \$1.00 from the Town Office. Only signs provided by the Town of Windsor are permitted. Signs cost \$1.00 and will be refundable upon returning of the signs.

Grass and Trash Cans on Sidewalks Recently we have been receiving complaints about people cutting grass and leaving the clippings on the sidewalks or in the roads. We have also been receiving complaints about people leaving trash cans on the sidewalks. 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, and by ensuring that your trash can is not placed on the sidewalk. We thank you for your cooperation in keeping Windsor a safe and beautiful community.

Town Council Members:

Mayor, Carita J. Richardson, Vice-Mayor, Wesley F. Garris, J. 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 meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

The EDA conducts its regular meetings on an as needed basis.



Recycling

Recycling has been made easy for Windsor residents. Recycling bins are located at Windsor Middle School for your convenience. Residents cannot put food in their trash bags to recycle, but anything else that is acceptable for your normal trash pick up can be put in the same bag. No separation of different types of items is needed. RECYCLE, SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY (help keep the tax rate lower), AND HELP THE ENVIRONMENT!

For curb side recycling, you may contact Moody's, A.V.E.S.

At (877) 357-9997 for further information.

Tampering With Meters

The Town Ordinance states under section **§145-6. Tampering with meters** It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, tamper or in any way meddle with any water meter box, rim cover thereto, or any part of such water meter box, and under section **§145-17. Violations and penalties** Any person or customer found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this article, or any written order of the Town of Windsor, in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for each violation. Each day upon which a violation of the provisions of this article shall occur shall be deemed a separate and additional violation for the purposes of this article.

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

Town Hall Phone: 757-242-4288

Town Hall Fax: 757-242-9039

E - Mail: windsor@windsor-va.gov

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

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Saturday, April 12, 2014
8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

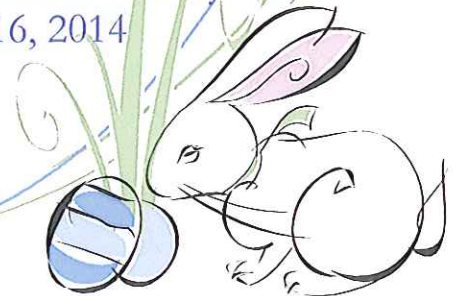
Easter Egg Hunt will begin around 9:35
Smaller Children will be separated from the
Older Children

Where: Windsor Community House
Cost: \$5.00 per Person

Price Includes: Pancake Breakfast, Picture with the
Easter Bunny, Craft and Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored By: Woman's Club of Windsor

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beginning Wednesday, April 16, 2014



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Community Drive

Windsor, VA 23487



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Event is Free to the Public

Chicken Salad & Pimento Cheese Available for Purchase

Bake Sale

Raffle Prizes