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# The Windsor Newsletter

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration!



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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July, 2013

It is almost time for **the Windsor Fourth of July Celebration!** I hope everyone is making plans to attend and enjoy all the events which start at 5:00 p.m. Check the schedule of events and times included in this newsletter.

One major change this year is that Church Street will be closed from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. from Route 460 up to the **main entrance at Windsor High School (which will be accessible from Roberts Avenue to Church Street)**. The antique car show will be in this Church Street area, as well as several other events. The parking lot on Duke Street across from the library will be available for handicap parking and accessible by taking Court Street to A Street to Duke Street.

We are excited to welcome the great band "Island Boy" for your musical entertainment. Dinner will be at 7:00. Please bring a dessert to share! Fireworks will begin at dark.

May we all celebrate our freedom and the birth of the greatest democracy the world has ever known with joy and thanksgiving while modeling to the younger generation the importance of these ideals.

Lastly, I want to thank all of the people, organizations, and businesses that make this event possible. We could not do it without you!

Your Mayor,  
Carita Richardson

# Windsor Police Department

“Committed to Community”

Our goal is to make the Town of Windsor a great place to live, work, learn, and conduct business. The greatest asset we have is our citizens. As always, thank you for your support.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

Please be sure to remember the road closures that will begin at 4:30 p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> for our celebration activity. Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Vic Reynolds at 757-242-6799.



## Contact Us: Services We Provide

WPD Home Security Survey  
WPD Youth Auxiliary Program  
WPD Summer Vacation Home Security Checks  
Many more.... Please contact us at anytime.

## *Cop-4-A-Day*

Several weeks ago the Windsor Police Department had the honor of bringing in three extraordinary young men to be our first, ever, Cop-4-A-Day participants. Nathan, Ryan, and Alex were incredible young officers, and it was my honor to swear them in alongside Mayor Richardson. We had an absolute blast with these guys, and I can honestly say that if our little brother Nathan were to ever pursue a career in forensics, bad guys beware.....



*Nathan, Ryan, and Alex  
Our PD little brothers.*



Officer JD Turner with the Windsor Police Department showing the guys how to log and track criminal profiles.



## CSI (Windsor)

1<sup>st</sup> Sgt RD Riddle and our honorary officers processed a mock burglary scene and successfully recovered several key pieces of evidence. Nathan also successfully lifted several latent prints from items left behind by the bad guys.

### **FREE COMMUNITY GARDEN!!**

At Windsor High School near the girls softball parking lot. Produce needs to be picked and enjoyed.

For more information call Patty Flemming at 757-242-9491.

## Ways to Conserve Water!

The showers, toilets, washing machines, garden hoses, and other thirsty devices can spray your water bill with charges. Consider these interventions if you'd like to see your water bill evaporate.

**High-Efficiency Washers** - The tumbling motion of front-loading machines typically uses less water. Plus, washers that have the Energy Star label can use about 35 percent less water and about 20 percent less energy than machines without the rating.

**Flow Restrictors** - Faucets and shower heads that slow the flow of water can cut water use and costs. The best models deliver that lighter stream but fool you into thinking nothing's changed. That's the idea behind Delta's In2ition shower heads, which control the speed and movement of water and spray larger drops. This shower head also has a pause feature that cuts use to a trickle while you shave or lather your hair. Look for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label for fixtures that reduce water use by 30 percent or more.

**Dual Flush Toilets** - Toilets are a major source of indoor water use in most homes, at about 30 percent on average. An old toilet can use as much as 6 gallons per flush, compared to the current federal standard of 1.6 gallons. The newest models can perform even better, some using only 1.28 gallons or less, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Shower Timer** - One of the easiest ways to cut water use is to make a conscious effort. A shower timer can help. One, priced at \$1.35 from Niagara Conservation, gets flipped over when the water goes on and tells you when five minutes passed. A suction cup holds the timer in place.

**Water Conserving Plants** - To save money outdoors, choose plants that thrive with moderate to small drinks of water. Experts recommend lantana, verbena, salvia, zinnia and rudbeckia, to name a few.

**Rain Catchers** - A half inch of rain falling on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof can amount to about 300 gallons of water. There are several stylish designs and accessories to choose from.

*The Virginian Pilot, Karen Sullivan*

## WINDSOR FOURTH OF JULY 2013 SCHEDULE

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the annual Fourth of July Celebration sponsored by the Town of Windsor, its civic organizations, and other friends and citizens. Festivities will begin at 5:00 p.m. Church Street will be closed from the intersection at Route 460 and Church Street to the main entrance at Windsor High School from 4:30 until 8:30 p.m. Handicap parking will be available on the Duke Street parking lot which is accessible from Court Street to A Street to Duke Street. The following events will be held on Church and Duke Streets:

Music by "Island Boy"	6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Antique Car Show	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Children's Inflatable Activities	5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Children's Patriotic Parade, (starting at the entrance to Windsor High)	6:00 p.m.
Corn Hole Competition	5:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m.
Dinner	7:00 p.m.
Antique Car Show Awards	7:30 p.m.
Fireworks	Dark



**\* Please join us for sidewalk chalk drawing, hula-hoop, water balloon and ice cream eating contests, after dinner!**

*The timing of events may be moved up if inclement weather is approaching. Attendees are asked to bring a dessert to share. Please bring a chair or a towel.*

### American Flag Display

Windsor Hardware will be giving out American flags for July 4th. Just stop by the hardware store July 1st through the 7th to pick up your free flag and a \$5.00 coupon towards your next purchase, while supplies last. And don't forget their **new** extended hours! Monday through Friday they are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### *Have a Blast with...*

### *The Summer Blast Program!!!*

**Summer Blast - Windsor Elementary and Carrollton Elementary Schools** Blast off to fun and excitement! Campers will enjoy healthy recreational activities, arts and crafts, outdoor games, water play and so much more! Program Fee is \$60 per week. The program is open to 5 years old (must have completed Kindergarten) to 12 years old. Call 357-2291 for more information.

LaTanya K. Turner

Recreational Manager

Isle of Wight County Parks and Recreation

### Holiday Closings

The Windsor Town Office will be closed on the dates listed below:

- \* Thursday, July 4, 2013 - Independence Day
- \* Monday, September 2, 2013 - Labor Day

**Yard Sales** It is yard sale season again!! Don't forget 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 which is refundable upon returning of the signs.

## Summer Reading @ Blackwater Regional Library

*Fun programs and cool incentives!*



Kids and Teens - Meet the weekly reading requirements and you will be entered into a drawing at the end of the summer to win a Barnes & Noble NOOK!

### Kids Programs - (this program is designed for children up to Grade 5)

- June 25th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Summer reading kick-off & registration.  
 July 2nd, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Craft and garden day with the Windsor Woman's Club.  
 July 9th, 11 a.m. - Windsor High School: Diggin' up history with the IOW museum.  
 July 16th, 11 a.m. - Windsor High School: Learn about Bats of the world.  
 July 23rd, 11 a.m. - Windsor High School: Moody Crewe Pirates telling stories and singing songs.  
 July 30th, 11 a.m. - Windsor High School: Back in the time of Dinosaurs with VA Museum of Natural History.

### Teen Programs - (this program is designed for grades 6 - 12)

- July 11th, 2 - 4 p.m.: Gaming day and sno-cones  
 July 18th, 2 - 3 p.m.: Favorite book day! Tell us about yours and enter to win a Barnes & Noble gift card.  
 July 25th, 2 - 4 p.m.: Movie Day with popcorn.

### Adult Summer Reading - (18 and older)

June 24th - August 3rd: For more information please call the library at 757-242-3046, or go to our facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/blackwaterlib>.

*6 weekly drawings for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card*

*1 Grand Prize drawing for a Nook e-reader!*

## New Businesses

<p>M.A.M.A.S Sweet Treats  <i>"Making a Moment Always Special"</i>            Shannon Kokot            (757) 242-6210</p>	<p><i>Fabuless Finds</i>            Rhonda Mangum            (757) 729-0368</p>	<p><i>Silhouette Boutique, LLC</i>            Latona Melton            (757) 371-6606</p>	<p><i>Mirror Mirror</i>            (Hair Salon)            Katie Zephir            (757) 377-7469</p>
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## Annual Water Quality Report

Each year the town publishes a water quality report for its water customers. We mailed the report out on June 1st. If you did not receive one, you can pick one up at the Town Office. This report covers the period January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012, and it provides a thorough analysis of our water's quality. We check the water twice monthly for bacteria, and we check the water quality every one to three years for other contaminants. Our water quality report is for your assurance and confidence that Windsor water is of the highest quality, and it is safe to drink. We are dedicated to providing our water customers safe drinking water.

# Planning and Zoning Activities

The Town Council, Planning Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Department have reviewed and/or are reviewing several requests for conditional use permits and rezoning in June and the upcoming months.

## May and June Activities

The Planning Commission and Town Council approved a 120 foot tall temporary monopole telecommunications tower near U.S. Route 258 beside the existing 1,009 foot radio tower for Verizon Wireless. This is to provide "4G" coverage for the immediate Windsor area.

Town Council passed a series of amendments to the Land Development Ordinances which the Planning Commission had recommended. They liberalized and clarified where vehicles could be parked in the residential areas of the Town. They also clarified and continued the prohibition on the outside storage of appliances, furniture and other materials.

## Upcoming Requests

The Planning Commission will be reviewing and making recommendations on several important requests over the next few months. The Isle of Wight Industrial Development Authority has applied to rezone 79 acres of land on Buckhorn Road as part of the larger Phase III Shirley T. Holland Industrial Park. The Authority will be making their presentation at the June 26, 2013 Planning Commission meeting with a potential public hearing in July.

There also is a request for a permanent Verizon tower on South Court Street on property near the proposed U.S. Route 460 Bypass (that would replace the temporary tower discussed earlier). That request may also be heard in July.

Finally the Planning Commission is reviewing the Future Land-Use Map portion for the 2013 Comprehensive Plan. This important item will guide the development of Windsor for years to come showing where homes and businesses should be placed.

## 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, the requests discussed above, or the future of the Town, to contact Dennis Carney at either (757)242-4288 or [dcarney@windsor-va.gov](mailto:dcarney@windsor-va.gov). It is through your input and efforts that the Town will continue to grow and prosper.

- 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 Windsor Planning Commission conducts its regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The EDA conducts its regular meetings on an as needed basis at 5:30 p.m.

We publish the newsletter 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 **757-357-2151**, they will contact the appropriate Town staff.

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