

# THE WINDSOR NEWSLETTER

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## Celebrate The 4<sup>th</sup>

The Town of Windsor, the Windsor Ruritan Club, the Windsor Woman's Club and Isle of Wight County invite you to our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic and fireworks display at the Robinson Park on Duke Street on Friday, July 4, 2009. The Ruritans and the Woman's Club will provide dinner. We ask that you bring a dessert to share. Festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m., and the fireworks display will begin at 9:30 p.m. The Thunder Creek Bluegrass Band will perform from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Come join the fun, and don't forget to bring a dessert and a lounge chair. Also, **No Alcoholic Beverages, Please!** The Windsor Police Department will provide traffic and beverage control. The Windsor Rescue Squad will also be on hand in case of emergencies.



## American Flag Display

The employees and family members of Windsor Hardware & Supply Co., along with civic leaders and community volunteers Cub Scout Pack 41, will place American flags in the yards of each town resident on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Windsor Hardware & Supply is donating the flags. This display will assist you in showing your patriotic pride for our national birthday. If you would like to volunteer to help, then please contact Tammy Edwards at 242-6123. If you prefer not to have a flag in your yard, then please contact the town office at 242-4288.

## Grass Cutting

Summer time is here, and the rain is making the grass grow. Please help keep Windsor looking good by cutting your grass on a regular basis. Don't forget, if your grass gets taller than 12 inches, then you are in violation of the Town's grass cutting ordinance.

## Water Rates Will Increase

Effective with the July billing cycle, the Town of Windsor's water rates will go up. The water rate applicable to all categories of water customers of the Town of Windsor who are within the Town's limits is \$5.35 per 1,000 gallons of water purchased by the customer; however, that no bi-monthly water bill will be less than a minimum of \$18.75. The water rate applicable to all categories of water customers of the Town of Windsor who are outside of the boundaries of the town limits is \$5.95 per 1,000 gallons of water purchased by the customer; however, that no bi-monthly water bill shall be less than a minimum of \$20.85. The new rates are necessary to meet the Town Water Fund's current and future needs.

## Annual Water Quality Report



Each year the town publishes a water quality report for its water customers, and we are including this report as an insert to this newsletter. This report covers the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, and it provides a thorough analysis of our water's quality. We check our 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.

## Yard Sales

It is yard sale season again. Please don't forget that you need a yard sale permit from the Town Office for your yard sale. Only signs provided by the Town of Windsor are permitted. Signs cost \$1.00, and this fee is refundable upon return of the sign. Please do not nail the signs to telephone poles or stop signs; you must place the sign outside of the public right-of-way (typically 10 feet from the road). You may place them in yards with the property owner's permission. *Good Luck!*

## Meetings at Town Hall

The Windsor Town Council will meet at 7:00 p.m., July 14, 2009. Council's conducts its regular meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Also, the Council will hold a work session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

The Windsor Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2009. The Planning Commission conducts its regular meetings fourth Wednesday of each month.

Both the Town Council and the Planning Commission will hold its meetings in the Council Chambers of Town Hall. We invite you to attend.

## NEW BUSINESSES

The following businesses have applied for a business license since our last newsletter.

### Grooms By Beth, Inc.

Beth Gavin 757-724-2890

### Countryside Lawn & Landscape

Christopher P. Hewitt 757-630-4353

### Petersen's Lawn Care

Jason Petersen 757-644-8441

### One Environmental Group, LLC

Michael Luter 757-242-3173

### C-P-D Mobile Repair Service

Allen W. Griggs 757-284-4936

### Groves Bushog & Backhoe Works

Kenneth I. Groves 757-334-0208

### Commonwealth Signature Services

Kristan E. Crawford 757-553-1721

### Crazy Horse, Inc.

Lorianne Nelson & Candice Brooks  
757-377-9174 or 757-717-5125

## A Message From The Windsor Public Library 242-3046

\*Summer Reading @ Windsor Library – FREE Weekly Programs for children ages 3 and older. (Please note – some programs to be held at Windsor High School)

**July 7** - 2 p.m. Virginia Living Museum presents "Amazon Voyage" (Windsor High School)

**July 14 – Movie Day!** 11 a.m. The County Bears: 2 p.m. Camp Rock (Walt Disney Pictures)

**July 21** – 2 - 4 p.m. Craft Day "Make a Mask" (A come & go event)

**July 28** – 12-5 p.m. Virginia Marine & Science Museum Ocean in Motion Truck (A come & go event)

**August 4** – 2-4 p.m. Awards Day! Enjoy sno-cones & choose a free book to take home! (A come & go event)

\*Teen Summer Reading-6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Register for summer reading & you could win a gift card to Game Stop, Walmart or Subway!

**July 16-** 5-7 p.m. Craft Night: Paint a t-shirt (participants should bring a t-shirt to paint) or decorate a journal (library will supply)

**August 6-** 5-7 p.m. Gaming with PS2 & Wii.

\*Library Book Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7 p.m. to discuss the current month's selection. Reg. is not required-everyone is welcome.

**July** – Miss Julia Paints the Town, by Ann Ross

**August** – Very Valentine, by Adriana Trigiani

**September** – Secrets, by Jude Deveraux

Friends of the library meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7 pm. Membership is FREE- new Members welcome!

**Knitting Club** begins meeting Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. Please call the library if you would like to participate! Everyone is welcome.

## Some Tips About Gangs

There has been a lot of media coverage lately in relation to the presence of gangs in our Town. The Windsor Police Department wants to emphasize the point that we do not have a gang problem. What we *do* have is cause for concern. Our Town is geographically surrounded by cities that *do* have a recognized gang problem. The youth of today are more transient, which has resulted in our having experienced the effects of their gang problems. The gang lifestyle is glamorized in today's music, television shows, movies, and video games. We are taking a proactive approach to educate ourselves and our citizens on gangs, their culture, and their recruitment of our youth. We will continue to host open forums in the near future to continue open dialogue with the public on this issue. It is our goal to work together with the community to establish alternative activities to provide positive atmospheres and role models for our youth.

The following quick reference guide was developed by the federal *Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention*, and it provides common warning signs of gang involvement, but it may not be all-encompassing. Parents should look for multiple signs to indicate possible gang involvement because some of these indicators alone, such as clothes or musical preferences, are common among youth not involved in gangs. Parents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with local gang symbols, seek help early, and consider contacting school personnel, our local police, faith leaders, and community organizations for additional assistance.

### Warning signs that your child may be involved with a gang:

- Admits to "hanging out" with kids in gangs.
- Shows an unusual interest in 1 or 2 particular colors of clothing or a particular logo.
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies, or websites.
- Uses unusual hand signals to communicate with friends.
- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on schoolbooks, clothes, walls, or tattoos. Comes home with unexplained physical injuries (fighting-related bruises, injuries to hand/knuckles).
- Has unexplained cash or goods, such as clothing or jewelry.
- Carries a weapon.
- Has been in trouble with the police.
- Exhibits negative changes in behavior such as:
  - Withdrawing from family.
  - Declining school attendance, performance, and behavior.
  - Staying out late without reason.
  - Displaying an unusual desire for secrecy.
  - Exhibiting signs of drug use.
  - Breaking rules consistently.
  - Speaking in gang style slang.

### What can parents do?

- Spend quality time with your child.
- Get involved in your child's school activities.
- Be a positive role model and set the right example.
- Know your child's friends and their families. Encourage good study habits.
- Help your child develop good conflict/ resolution skills (see [www.safeyouth.org/scripts/teens/conflict.asp](http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/teens/conflict.asp))
- Encourage your child to participate in positive after school activities with adult supervision (recreation centers, organized sports, youth groups).
- Take action in your neighborhood (create a neighborhood alliance, report and remove graffiti). Neighborhood Watch
- Talk with your child about the dangers and consequences of gang involvement. Let your child know that you don't want to see him/her hurt or arrested. Explain to your child that he/she should not:
  - Associate with gang members.
  - Attend parties or social events sponsored by gangs.
  - Use hand signs, symbols, or language that is meaningful to gangs.
  - Wear clothing including specific colors, which may have meaning to gangs in our area.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Marvin A. Crocker, Jr.  
William L. Jones – Vice Mayor  
Clint Bryant  
Wesley F. Garris  
Carita Richardson  
Durwood V. Scott  
Greg Willis

*Have A Safe And Happy Summer!*



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

**The Town Office will close for the following holidays:**

**July 3, 2009 for Independence Day**  
**September 7, 2009 for Labor Day**

## TOWN STAFF

### Interim Town Manager

John L. Rowe, Jr.

### Town Clerk/Treasurer

Robin L. Hewett

### Clerks

Terry Whitehead - Deputy Clerk/Treasurer  
Jeannie Dunlow – Administrative Assistant

### Assistant Town Manager & Planning & Zoning Administrator

Michael Stallings

### Maintenance

Kenny Sims - Supervisor  
Phillip Bowden

### Fire Chief

Lee Marshall

### Chief of Police

Robert E. Porti

### Police Sergeant

A.V. Reynolds

### Windsor Police Officers

W. D. Owens, Jr.  
H. L. Stephens, Jr.  
J.A. Todd, Jr.

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*You should report after hour emergencies to the Isle of Wight communications center at **357-2151**, who will contact the appropriate Town personnel.*