

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE JANUARY, 2012

On behalf of the Windsor Town Council and our staff, I would like to wish you a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Our town is looking forward to 2012 and the possibilities it brings. The decision by Green Mountain Coffee Roasters to locate its new facility in the intermodal park will provide needed jobs in our community and great opportunities for our businesses.

Our Council and Planning Commission have spent many hours over the last year and a half to make plans for the future and smart growth. We are in the final stages of completing new land development and subdivision ordinances. The Planning Commission and Council will be holding Public Hearings to get your input on these in the near future.

A group of Old Dominion University senior civil engineering students have presented to Council a design study of route 460 with ideas to improve safety and aesthetics for our business corridor. We want to extend our appreciation to Dr. Basco and his students for their willingness to help our town and for some excellent ideas.

VDOT will be redoing the section of 460 in front of the Post Office in early spring. Because of the magnitude of this project, some lanes will be closed to traffic and possibly rerouted during the work period.

Lastly, I am proud to report that the audit of the last budget year shows that all departments met the challenge of coming in under their budgeted amount. I want to thank our entire staff for being good stewards of the taxpayers' money and for the excellent job they do for our town.

Happy New Year to all,

The Honorable Rita Richardson

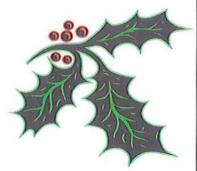


I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of the Town of Windsor for another incredible year. This year and especially this Christmas proved that Windsor is truly "The Heart of Isle of Wight County". Many of this year's Christmas Toy Drive sponsors do not wish to be publicly recognized for their overwhelming generosity. However, I would like to thank all the businesses and residents who donated funds or their time to help make this a great success without hesitation. All of your selfless actions this year allowed us to provide help and give a little Christmas joy to over 190 children in Windsor and Isle of Wight County. Since the start of this program in 2006, we have been able to help over 600 children. Thank you just does not seem sufficient to express the amount of gratitude and pride that I have for this Town and its residents.

Just over a year ago, the Town Manager, Town Council and residents of Windsor placed the responsibility of being a Chief of Police with me. I will never be able to articulate to anyone what an honor it is to be a part of this community. This has been one of the greatest achievements both professionally and personally that I have had in my career. As we all know, there is great change coming to this small Town. Things are happening now and in the near future that will inevitably alter certain aspects of our Town. What I want more than anything else is that the Windsor Police Department and the residents never lose the relationship that we have worked so hard to build. I give you my word, no matter what change may come to our Town, the one thing that will never change is our dedication and commitment to you.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your Chief of Police.

Chief A.V. "Vic" Reynolds Windsor Police Department



Youth Auxiliary Program

Our Youth Auxiliary Program is growing, and we want it to get bigger and better. We are currently accepting volunteers ages 10 to 17 desiring to serve their community. For details please contact Chief Reynolds at 757-242-6799.

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Blackwater Regional Library Bonnie Lauver- (blauver@blackwaterlib.org) 757-242-3046

Visit the library -

We have something for everyone! Books, DVDs, audio books, music, computers with internet or bring your laptop and log into our WIFI. Library cards are FREE!

- Story hour Tuesdays @ 10:45 for ages 2 5
- Make new friends, play and socialize at Morning Out for children birth to age 4 and their caregivers. Call the library for dates and times.
- Teen Night 3rd Thursday of each month @ 5:00 pm
- Book Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. to discuss the current month's selection. January - <u>Joy Luck Club</u> by Amy Tan

February - Shell Seekers by Rosamunde Pilcher

- Support your library! Join the Friends of the Library the 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:00 pm. Membership is free!
- Ongoing book sale in the library or ask to visit our book sale shed.

Paperbacks - .25¢ Hardbacks - .50¢ Bag of Books - \$5.00



The Rain Barrel Workshop

Rain Barrels catch runoff water from your roof. You can then use this water for gardening, watering flower beds, or other non potable uses. This can help reduce your potable water consumption and will lead to lower water and sewer bills.

The Town of Windsor is in the planning stage of hosting a rain barrel workshop. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please contact the Town office for more information at 757-242-4288.

Thank you,

Town Staff



Special thanks to everyone involved in the Town's annual tree lighting on December 4th: Santa, Santa's helpers, including Dean Willard, Fire Chief Lee Marshall, Tommy Gray, Chief Reynolds, Youth Auxilary Officers and Bonnie Lauver who all made Santa's visit a big success once again. Also a special thanks to the Windsor Christian Church Choir for their beautiful Christmas music.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!



Town Office will be closed:

Jan. 2nd - New Years Jan.13th - Lee Jackson Day Jan.16th - Martin Luther King Feb. 20th - President's Day



Town Council Members:

Mayor Carita J. Richardson J. Clint Bryant N. Macon Edwards, III Patty Flemming Wesley F. Garris 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 the second Monday of every other month.

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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