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Town of Windsor

The Windsor Newsletter

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE JULY, 2011

Excitement and anticipation are building as our town prepares for the Fourth of July celebration. It is truly a community effort with so many people and organizations working together to make it the success it has become. I wanted to share with you some of the things your family can look forward to enjoying this year.

The first event is for the children and begins about 5:30 P.M. The Windsor Youth Foundation is again providing its "blow-up" slides and activities that are so popular. Next, the band, Winds of Grass, will begin playing about 6:00 P.M. for our enjoyment.

Dinner, which consists of pizza and hot dogs, will be served at 7:00 by the Windsor Woman's Club and the Windsor Ruritans. We ask every family to continue the tradition of bringing a dessert to share. At about 8:15, the Windsor Woman's Club will sponsor their second annual children's Fourth of July parade down Duke street from Vice Mayor Garris' driveway to Church Street. All children are invited to decorate a tricycle, a bike, a wagon, etc. and participate.

The fireworks event at 9:30 will provide an exciting end to our celebration. This event exemplifies what makes our small town such a wonderful place to live. Come, bring a lawn chair, and invite your friends and neighbors to join us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your Mayor,

Rita Richardson





The annual 4th of July celebration will be held again this year at the Robinson Park on Duke Street, Monday, July 4th. The Town of Windsor, Windsor Ruritan Club, Windsor Woman's Club and Isle of Wight County invite you to come and enjoy the festivities. Come join the fun, and don't forget to bring a lounge chair. No alcoholic beverages, please! The Windsor Police Department will provide traffic and beverage control. The Windsor Rescue Squad and the Fire Department will also be on hand in case of emergencies.



Blackwater Regional Library 18 Duke Street

Bonnie L Lauver

blauver@blackwaterlib.org



Summer Reading Program:

Blackwater Regional Library will host a summer reading program for children, teens and adults beginning June 27th. FREE weekly programs and great books! Visit www.blackwaterlib.org for a schedule of events or call 757-242-3046 for more information.

Upcoming Book Club dates and selections:

July - Weird Sisters, by Eleanor Brown, August - Paris Wife, by Paula McLain

Friends of the Library will not meet July or August. Our monthly meeting schedule will begin again September 12th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome: membership is FREE!

American Flag Display

The employees and family members of Windsor Hardware & Supply Co., along with community volunteers, will place American flags in the yards of each town resident for July 4th. 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 or prefer not to have a flag placed in your yard, then please contact Tammy Edwards at 242-6123.

Holiday Closings

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

- * July 4, 2011 Independence Day
- * September 5, 2011 Labor Day

FYI

Windsor Cemetery - For any flowers or items that may be missing, please check the "lost & found" white fenced in area located at the old section of the cemetery.

Annual Water Quality Report

Each year the town publishes a water quality report for its water customers. We mailed the report out on May 6th. If you did not receive one, you can pick one up at the Town Office. This report covers the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, 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 contaminates. 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.

Have a Blast with... The Summer Blast Program!!!

The Summer Blast Program will be held at the Carrollton Elementary and Windsor Elementary Schools, June 27 - August 2, 2011. Monday thru Thursday 7am - 6pm. Registration Fee: \$20, Weekly Fees \$40

The program includes water play, field trips & arts and crafts. For more information please contact the Isle of Wight Co. Parks and Recreation @ (757) 357-2291.

Windsor Police Department



"Committed to Community"

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF A.V. "VIC" REYNOLDS

During the summer months there is a drastic increase in door to door sales. Often times these are reputable companies that come and obtain the required peddler's license through the Town to conduct business within our area. In order to ensure your safety, please follow the following safety tips regarding these activities.

- NEVER allow a salesperson to enter your home, and if you feel in anyway uncomfortable, simply don't answer the door.
- 2) Remember that all door to door sales persons are required to obtain and possess a Town of Windsor Peddler's License which bears our Town's Seal. Ask to see the license prior to conducting business with them.
- 3) If you are aware of any sales people operating without a peddler's license, or feel suspicious of any activity, immediately call the Isle of Wight Emergency Communications Center.

CHIEF A.V. "VIC" REYNOLDS

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Click It or Ticket Campaign

Many residents noticed the dramatic increase in traffic enforcement operations. As I think all residents can agree, Rt. 460 is at times a very treacherous place to drive. It is my goal and the goal of our dedicated officer's to conduct strict enforcement in order to make Rt. 460 and all other streets within the town as safe as possible.

I would like to publically commend the officer's for all of their hard work and dedication to the department's primary mission which is the safety of the town's residents and businesses. I would like to pay special thanks to the Department of Motor Vehicles for their continued support through grant funds, and also to Officer J. Harris who really stood out the past month for his hard work in slowing down motorists that travel the highways through our town.

Another goal of our department is to also offer the most professional law enforcement services possible at all times. Although getting a traffic ticket is never a wonderful experience, I expect my officer's to be professional and courteous to all individuals they encounter. I will accept no less and neither should any resident, and as always, I am available to all residents at any time to field any concerns that you may have. It is in no way our goal to have the Town of Windsor labeled a "Speed Trap." I must also follow that up with the fact that if motorist know NOT to speed on the roadways within our town then that is a fact that I think we can all LIVE with.



Welcome our newest members of the Windsor Police Department, Officer J. Harris (left) and Officer K. Thomas right.

Thank you for your hard work and dedicated service to the Town of Windsor.

The Windsor Police Department in conjunction with Norfolk Southern Railroad Corp. are actively enforcing state laws regarding trespassing upon railroad tracks. Although this is not a significant problem within our town, there are several individuals that continue to use the tracks in town to travel and also deposit debris. This creates a safety issue for the person as well as others in the event that the debris is hit by a train which can cause it to become a projectile. The officers have already warned several individuals over the last month, and I am requesting that if any residents observe individuals on the tracks to please make contact with us as soon as possible.



The Police Department participated in a calendar project over the last year, and it has been completed. This project is to help fund our anti-drug initiative that will be expanding in 2011 and 2012. I am currently seeking input from our residents on what they feel would be the best way for this program to function in our Town. Let's all work together in this endeavor.



Over the past month we have had several complaints in regards to the shooting of firearms within the town. I would like to strongly encourage any residents shooting firearms within the town to familiarize themselves with all state laws regarding this activity.



2011 Christmas Toy Drive

Due to the overwhelming need and response, I have learned to start early. I am currently requesting assistance for the 2011 Christmas Toy Drive. This event is one of the greatest achievements of my career. Thanks to the residents of this wonderful town, this has become a community based event and is growing by leaps and bounds. Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of this very fulfilling activity.



I am requesting that any resident with a loved one who is currently serving overseas, or a resident that knows of a family here in town that has a deployed family member to please contact me at 242-6799. I want to make sure that the families of any of our deployed soldiers know that we are here for any need they may have of us. We are more than just a police department. We are a family.



Town of Windsor P.O. Box 307 Windsor, VA 23487

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 Economic Development Authority conducts its regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

We publish the newsletter quarterly. If you have any questions, then 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.

Town Hall Phone: 757-242-4288

Town Hall Fax: 757-242-9039

E-mail: windsor@windsor-va.gov



Sites:

Carrollton Elementary Windsor Elementary

Program Days and Times: Monday - Thursday 7:00am-6:00pm June 27- August 4, 2011 *NO CAMP July 4th*

Fees:

Early Registration: March 14-May 27 is \$10.00 Late Registration: After May 28th is \$20.00

Weekly Fees: \$40.00 per week

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For more information please . contact Isle of Wight County Parks and Recreation at (757) 357-2291

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"Community of Choice, Committed to Excellence."





Monday, July 4, 2011

Start at the corner of Duke Street and Virginia Avenue @ 8:15

(Line up at 8 PM)

Decorate your Bicycles, Tricycles, Wagons, or Strollers

Sponsored by

The Woman's Club of Windsor

Tel: 757-242-9595