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# The Mayor's Message

Since one of my objectives as mayor is to improve communication with the citizens of Windsor, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on upcoming sidewalk projects.

The first project is on Holland Drive, the street behind Farmers Bank. These sidewalks are being funded by federal stimulus money.

The second one is possible because of approximately \$200,000 in VDOT money. Although this fund has not been used recently, the money has been allocated over many years and has been designated for sidewalks. This will allow us to continue our sidewalks east on route 460 toward Food Lion.

Town Council has also been pleased to learn that the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors has proposed a bike trial from Heritage Park to the Town of Windsor. We plan to work with our supervisors to help make this a reality.

Windsor Town Council will continue working on a comprehensive plan for sidewalks throughout the town, as well as looking for grant money and any other sources of help with sidewalks. We believe that sidewalks on streets with a high volume of traffic are important for the safety of our citizens and that they allow citizens to enjoy our small town atmosphere to its fullest extent. If you have any suggestions, please contact me @242-6606 or a council member. We value your input and appreciate your support as we plan together for the future of our town.

Thank you,

The Honorable Rita Richardson



## A Message From Your Police Department



The Windsor Police Department is requesting input from the residents of Windsor as to what information you would like to see in the newsletter. Starting in October the newsletter will contain a section "From Your Police Department". In that section I intend to put recent updates to the police department, recent crimes and trends, and ways that we can all work together to make Windsor a better place to live, learn, visit and conduct business which is part of the mission of the Windsor Police Department. I can be reached at 757-375-0083 (Cellular) and 757-242-6799 (Desk). Thank you for allowing us to serve you and I look forward to great input.

A.V. Reynolds

Chief of Police

# **Up-Coming Events**

- Homecoming Parade- 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 8
- Halloween- 5:00 pm to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, October 31
- Day light savings time- Sunday, November 7, just a reminder to change your clocks back one hour on this day.
- Fall Clean-up- December 4

- Breakfast with Santa –8:00 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 4 at the Community House
- Christmas in the country-12:00 Noon until 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 5 at Windsor Hardware
- Tree Lighting Service- 7:00 p.m., Sunday, December 5 in the Municipal Park

# Fall Clean-Up Campaign

Our Fall Clean-Up is **Saturday December 4, 2010**. The Town of Windsor offers two special trash pickups per year. This provides you with a great opportunity to clean out the junk in your attic or garage, trim your trees, or get rid of items cluttering your yard. If you have any tree branches, then keep them to less than three inches in diameter and no longer than four feet. You must bundle all branches, and you must bag leaves or other yard trimmings. Please place all items at the street by 7:00 a.m.

Our contractor will not enter your driveway or yard to get heavy items, such as appliances, and he will not make pick-ups after 11:00 a.m. because the land fill closes at noon.

Our contractor will not pick up items such as used lumber, roofing, siding, tires, paints, batteries, gas cylinders, oil, asbestos, animal carcasses, and hazardous materials.

If you have house hold hazardous waste, then you can

dispose of it free of charge at the Isle of Wight Transfer Station, 13191 Foursquare Road, Smithfield on the fourth Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. They also take paint, pesticides, antifreeze, fuels, hobby supplies, insecticides, herbicides, paint thinners and solvents, fertilizers, swimming pool chemicals, household cleaners and household batteries. The Transfer Station on Stave Mill Road will take refrigerators and freezers. You may recycle used motor oil at both locations.



## **Blackwater Library**

Bonnie L. Lauver - 18 Duke St. - 757-242-3046



•Story Hour - Children ages 2-5 will be held on Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. beginning September 14th. Registration is not required; call the library for more information.

•Morning Out at the Library - September 10th & 24th, and October 8th & 22nd. Children up to age 5, parents and/or caregivers. Play and meet new friends while enjoying snacks, juice and coffee. •Teen Night - For 12-18 years of age; will be held monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. beginning September 16th. Activities include:

gaming with PS2 and Wii, board games, movie nights, and special holiday activities. •Teen Read Week - October 17-23, our theme is "Books with Beat". Visit the library Thursday, October 21st @ 5:00 p.m. to show your karaoke skills during teen night! •Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. to discuss the current month's selection. Upcoming selections - \*September - <u>Innocent</u> by Scott Turow \*October - <u>Handle with Care</u> by Jodi Picoult \*November - <u>The Forgotten Garden</u> by Kate Morton •Friends of the Library welcome new members! Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; membership is FREE.

Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Friends of the Library - December 4, 2010 from 8 to 10 a.m. Enjoy pancakes and sausage, a visit and photo with Santa, and choose a free book as our gift to you! Advance tickets are not required; please call the library for more information.

## Isle of Wight County Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary

The Isle of Wight County Volunteer Rescue Squad Auxiliary urges all the citizens of the county to check and see if your address is properly displayed. To meet the county ordinance, your numbers should be 3 inches in height and very visible. Meeting these requirements could save your life! If the rescue squad in your area can't find you, they can't help you. Every second counts! To make sure your address is prominently displayed, please consider ordering a reflective address marker from the Auxiliary. Just complete the form and mail it and a check to the address on the form. These highly visible markers will help every rescue squad in the county as well as other emergency services units. Please call IWC Emergency Services at 757-365-6308 or further information.

You can pick up the Reflective address marker order form at the Town Hall.

Alert NIOW is a new alert system for all citizens of IOW. Now you can instantly be alerted when a natural or man-made disaster strikes.

#### How to sign up:

- 1. Go to www.iwalert.net
- 2. Click the "register here" link
- Type in your name, email address and/or cell phone for instant notification.

Questions? Call 365-6308

# **Planning Commission**

We are proud to welcome our newest Planning Commission member Glyn Willis who will be serving out the unexpired term of William Saunders who resigned as of August 30, 2010. Glyn will bring new insight and expertise to the Planning Commission, and we look forward to working with him.

# **Sidewalk Extension**

The Town Council will consider any petition presented to it signed by all property owners of a street requesting sidewalk installation and agreeing to pay 50% of the costs of the sidewalk. The Council will study the situation and if sufficient justification for the sidewalk is found (safety, etc.) and the necessary town funds can be allocated, the project will be scheduled after receiving the necessary easements and rights of way from the property owners.



### TRICK OR TREAT: OCTOBER 31ST, 2010 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 13

### To help ensure this Halloween is a safe and happy holiday for you and your family

### **Costume Suggestions:**

- Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.
- Wear light or bright colored costumes and use light reflective tape.
- Children shouldn't wear a mask; it restricts vision. If a mask must be worn, cut large eye holes. Makeup is much safer than a mask because it doesn't obstruct vision.
- Toy weapons, wands, brooms, etc. should be made of paper or cardboard; they are safer than plastic, wood or metal.
- Put the child's name, address and phone number on the inside of their costume in case of an accident or lost child.

### Trick or Treat Safely:

- Eat a full meal prior to going out so your child won't be tempted to eat treats before they can be properly checked out. Tell your children not to eat treats until you have checked them out.
- Plan your child's route and visit only homes in your neighborhood that are well lighted.
- Remind them not to take short cuts through backyards, alleys or playing fields.
- Travel in a group or with an adult. Do not let children go alone.
- Carry a flashlight or glow stick.
- Cross streets at corners, never from between two vehicles.
- Walk on the sidewalk or facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
- Watch for cars driving into or backing out of driveways.

#### Treats -- Give Them A Safety Check:

- Check for holes or loose wrappers, pour powdered candy into a container and look for discoloration or lumps.
- Don't eat opened candy, fruit, etc., unless you know the person it came from.
- Wash fruit, and then cut it into bite-size pieces.



### **TOWN OF WINDSOR**

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### **Town Council Members:**

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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 each month.

### **Holiday Closings**

October 11 - Columbus Day

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 24 at noon thru the 26 - Thanksgiving

December 24 — Christmas

We publish and distribute the newsletter to Windsor Town residents and customers of the Windsor water system 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.

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