



The Dumfries Charter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR:

As I travel around town and talk with citizens, one theme has become very prevalent ----- litter, litter, litter. One person told me, "Dumfries is beginning to look trashy." We see plastic bags flying from trees and bushes, soda cans and fast food wrappers along our streets, even old tires and junked auto parts on some property. Is this the image that we want to impart as people move through our town, whether on foot or by car? Of course it is not.

We all want our town to be a place of which we can each say, "I'm proud to live in Dumfries." How then can we overcome this problem? The answer is that it takes each of us, each home owner and each business owner doing his or her part. Home owners need to keep their own property and the street in front of their property free of trash and litter. Business owners need to keep their parking lots clean and to keep dumpsters concealed behind enclosures. As citizens, we can do our part by using canvas bags when we shop, thus cutting down on plastic bags.

Remember, Dumfries is part of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and, when our litter finds its way into Quantico Creek, it ultimately will find its way to the Chesapeake Bay. So let us all do our part to KEEP DUMFRIES BEAUTIFUL. Every "litter bit" helps!

~Mayor Nancy West

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Historic Dumfries will be hosting the "Charter Day Celebration" on Saturday, May 12th, in Merchant Park- 3944 Cameron Street, Dumfries, VA 22026! This is a FREE event and will be enjoyed by the entire family!

REMINDER

REAL ESTATE TAXES ARE DUE!!!

The 2012 first half real estate tax bills will be mailed May 7, 2012. All bills are due on or before the close of business on June 5, 2012. Payments not received by the due date will be assessed a ten (10%) percent penalty. If you have a mortgage on your home, your mortgage company typically pays your real estate taxes and you will not receive a bill from the Town.

Payments can be mailed to the Town of Dumfries, 17755 Main Street, Dumfries, Virginia 22026, or for your convenience there is a drop box located next to the front door of Town Hall. **Another payment option is through Official Payments. To pay online visit www.officialpayments.com or to pay by phone call 1-800-2PAY-TAX. Use Jurisdiction Code 6234.**

News from the Department of Public Works:

Lawn Care for Homeowners in the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Area:

Nutrient runoff pollution is the most severe problem facing local waterways. Runoff that carries excess nitrogen increases the growth of algae and reduces water clarity, which stresses underwater plant and animal life. Runoff from your property can enter one of more than 3,000 creeks and rivers in Virginia. The health of Virginia's waterways begins in your backyard.

When to Fertilize:

If you are satisfied with your lawn now, then you probably don't need to fertilize. However, a minimum application of nutrients on lawns with cool season grasses in the fall or warm season grasses in the summer will maintain a healthy lawn. If you regularly fertilize your lawn, there is less chance of nutrient and soil runoff to surface waters from a healthy stand of grass than from one with thin grass coverage. Healthy lawns have fewer disease, insect and weed problems, reducing the need for pesticides.

Late spring through summer is best time to fertilize for warm-season grasses, like Bermuda grass and zoysia grass. September through November is best for cool-season grasses like tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass.

NEVER FERTILIZE WHEN GRASS IS DORMANT (BROWN). Cool-season grasses may go dormant in hot summers, while warm-season grasses are dormant after a hard frost.

Fertilizing, Application, Equipment and Methods:

Fertilize when grass is actively growing and can take up the nutrients. Look for fertilizers with a high percentage (30 percent or higher) of slowly available nitrogen, your lawn makes better use of it over time. More is not better. Nitrogen fertilizer will generally "green up" a lawn. Therefore it is important to apply fertilizer uniformly.

Use a drop-type or rotary spreader, and be sure to overlap adequately, do not apply fertilizer by hand. Lawn fertilizer is applied in pounds per 1,000 square feet. Never apply fertilizer to driveways, sidewalks or roadways. Improper or excess fertilization of lawns can add potent chemicals to Virginia's waters.



Mowing Your Lawn:

The first important step is selecting a grass that is best adapted to your region. Cool-season grasses are well adapted across much of the state. Warm-season grasses are well-adapted to the southern Piedmont and Tidewater regions of Virginia. Mow high with a sharp blade: 2 to 3 inches for cool-season grasses and 1 to 2 inches for warm season grasses. Leave clippings on your lawn, they reduce the need for nitrogen fertilizer. If clippings clump, spread them over the lawn with a rake.



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News from the Department of Community and Economic Development:

The Town of Dumfries is hosting two focus groups on April 30, 2012 to help the community chart their future growth and is seeking the input from Town residents and businesses. We are currently developing an economic development strategic plan to serve as a guide for the growth of the Town over the next 20 to 30 years. The participants of each focus group will help provide input and valuable feedback in determining the vision of an “ideal community”.

The Community Focus Group for Town residents will be held from 7 to 9 pm on Monday, April 30, 2012. The Focus Group for businesses will be held on Monday, April 30, 2012 from 4 to 6 pm. Both focus groups will be held in the Community Center located next to Town Hall. The final plan will identify a vision and mission statement to guide the Town’s future growth. This will be accomplished through the development of goals, objectives and implementation strategies designed to achieve the vision and goals of the plan.

The focus groups will be facilitated by Debi Sandlin, Director of Community and

Economic Development along with Dona Blackman, a professional facilitator and member of the Economic Development Advisory Group.

If you plan to participate in either focus group, please RSVP to Debi Sandlin, Director of Community and Economic Development by Monday, April 23, 2012 at dsandlin@dumfriesva.gov or call Debi at 703-221-3400, ext. 140. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Debi. She will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have about the purpose of the focus groups.

Larcenies from Auto

There have been recent reports of larcenies from auto in the Dumfries area. Most thefts from motor vehicles are preventable. There are just a few things you need to do to prevent them. Once you realize the steps you need to take, we are counting on you to do them on a daily basis!
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Take Out Valuables

If you can leave your valuables at home, do so. Otherwise, when you get to your destination, take your valuables with you. If you have to leave them in your automobile, put them in your trunk *before* you get to your destination.

Lock Your Vehicle Enough said!

Close Doors and Windows

An open door or window allows a thief quick and quiet entry into your vehicle. Take the time to make sure you closed everything.

Please remember to report **all** suspicious activity immediately by calling:

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: 703-792-6500

News from the Police Department:

Neighborhood and Business Community Liaisons

The Town of Dumfries has been divided into five areas for the purposes of assigning Police Officers who will serve as a Neighborhood and Business Community Liaison for each designated area. A Police Officer will also be assigned to each established Home Owners Association as well. The purpose of the Neighborhood and Business Community Liaison Officer is to serve as the primary contact for citizens and business owners who are located within a specified area to contact when they have general questions, concerns, or issues that are related to law enforcement.

If a citizen or business owner is not certain in which area their home or business is located, they should contact the police department at (703) 221-1111 to speak with someone for assistance.

Citizens and business owners should still contact 9-1-1 in cases where there is an emergency, and dispatch at (703) 792-6500 to file a report.

Rt. 234 and Rt. 1 Area: This includes all residents and businesses on Rt. 234 from the Town line to Rt. 1, and those on the west side of Rt. 1 from Rt. 234 to Tripoli Boulevard. This area includes Tripoli Heights and Grayson Village.

Fralely Boulevard North Area: This includes residents and businesses on both sides of Fralely Boulevard from Williamstown Drive to Canal Road; and the east side of Fralely Boulevard from Canal Road to the North Town Line. This area includes Hampstead, Rose Hill, and the Campbell Property.

Fralely Boulevard South Area: This includes residents and businesses on both sides of Fralely Boulevard from Williamstown Drive to Graham Park Road; and the east side of Fralely Boulevard from Graham Park Road to the South Town Line. This area includes Dumfries Plaza Shopping Center, Connies Market, and the Quantico-Triangle Trailer Park.

Main Street North Area: This includes residents and businesses on the west side of Fralely from Tripoli Boulevard to Main Street; and both sides of Main Street from Fralely Boulevard to Mine Road. This area includes Harold and Cathy's Café, and Acts.

Main Street South Area: This includes residents and businesses on both sides of Main Street from Mine Road to the south Town Line. This area includes the Harley Davidson Dealership, Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins, and the Triangle Shopping Plaza.

Established Home Owners Associations:

Knolls of Dumfries HOA
Port of Dumfries HOA
Prince William Estates HOA
South Cove HOA
Williamstown HOA

Neighborhood and Business Community Liaisons Assignments and Contact Information:

South Cove HOA, and Rt. 234 and Rt. 1 Area

Senior Officer Mark Robinson, (703) 221-1111 extension 211, e-mail: mrobinson@dumfriesva.gov

Knolls of Dumfries HOA, Prince William Estates HOA, and Fralely Boulevard South Area

Senior Officer Brian Fields, (703) 221-1111 extension 215, e-mail: bfields@dumfriesva.gov

Fralely Boulevard North Area

Officer Renee Moody, (703) 221-1111 extension 209, e-mail: rmoody@dumfriesva.gov

Port of Dumfries HOA, and Main Street North Area

Officer Mike Fink, (703) 221-1111 extension 212, e-mail: mfink@dumfriesva.gov

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Neighborhood Liaisons Cont'd.

Main Street South Area

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Williamstown HOA

Sergeant Jose Vazquez, (703) 221-1111 extension 205, e-mail: jvazquez@dumfriesva.gov

News from the Department of Community Services:

The Department of Community Services is excited about the upcoming programs and events we have coming up for the citizens of the Town of Dumfries!

Senior/Retirees Monthly Group Meeting: These meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Community Center! All seniors and retirees are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship!

Volunteer Opportunities: We have several volunteer opportunities available for those willing to share their talents with the community. If interested, please contact the Director of Community Services for details.

Adult Computer Hours: The Town of Dumfries Learning Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Community Center, will be open on Thursdays, from 10:00am-12:00pm, beginning May 10, 2012 on an as-needed basis, for our adult citizens who need to access the internet to find employment, update their resumes, or anything work or education related. Please contact the Director of Community Services to reserve your space. (Reservations are mandatory).

Movies on the Lawn: Through a Partnership with Pillar Church, the Town will be co-sponsoring our first "Movie on the Lawn" on June 9, 2012 at sunset, at Garrison Open Space! Bring your kids, your blankets, and snacks, and enjoy the latest "Muppets Movie" under the stars!

Adult Co-ed Kickball: Kickball registrations are now available! Please visit our website for details, games begin on May 12th and conclude on June 30th!

Summer Youth Employment Program: Please visit our website for details, as they will be available in the near future.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual "Easter Egg Hunt!"

We look forward to having you join us at our **"3rd Annual Multicultural Festival!"** The event will be held on May 5, 2012, from 10:00am to 5:00pm! This event will feature our first ever, "Dumfries Bar-B-Que Battle," Community Performers, a variety of Vendors, face painting and other activities for the family to enjoy! Bring your lawn chairs, or blankets, grab the kids, and join us for a fun day at Garrison Open Space, behind Town Hall (17755 Main St., Dumfries, VA 22026).

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, the deadline to apply is April 28, 2012, each 10x10 space is \$30. Please visit www.dumfriesva.gov for more details.

Also, the Dumfries Police Department will be hosting a **FREE Self Defense Workshop for Women** on Thursday, May 24th from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Please contact Executive Assistant, Mrs. Penny Schaffer at pshaffer@dumfriesva.gov for more information. Reserve your space by May 10, 2012!



Nikki, The Easter Bunny and Mayor Nancy West



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DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL

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 Hon. Kristin W. Forrester
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 Hon. Gwen P. Washington

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TOWN ATTORNEY

Christine Sanders

Town Council Meetings

Town Council Meeting are held the *first and third* Tuesday of the month at 7:00^{PM}. The regular meetings are broadcast locally and may be viewed on Comcast Channel 3 & Verizon Channel 35.*

Additional meetings may be called by Council. For information and meeting schedules, contact the Town at 703-221-3400, or visit www.dumfriesva.gov.

*If you have difficulty viewing or hearing a televised Town Council regular meeting, please contact Comcast at 1-800-266-2278 or Verizon at 1-888-553-1555.

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How would you like to receive your future newsletters:



The Newsletter Committee would like to know if you would like to receive future newsletters electronically, or in the mail. Please complete the information below and return this form to the Director of Community Services by June 1, 2012.

I would like to receive the newsletter electronically.

My email address is:

I would like to receive the newsletter in the mail. My address is:

Return this card to: 17755 Main Street, Dumfries, VA 22026, or via fax at: 703.221.3544, or via email at cneville@dumfriesva.gov