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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR:

Dear Citizens of Dumfries,

I hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the summer thus far! I want to encourage everyone to make the best use of the amenities we have here in Dumfries.

The second quarter of 2012 was a very busy one for our Town! In May an election was held, and you (the voters) have assembled an excellent Council. Willie Toney was re-elected to his second council term and will continue his appointment as Vice-Mayor. The two newcomers to the council, Cliff Brewer (Cliff served as a Councilman from 2002 to 2010) and Helen Reynolds, took office on July 1st after their victories. The Council appointed Gwen Washington and Lou Praino as Councilmembers to serve until the November 2012 special election. They join Councilwoman Kristin Forrester who is continuing her four-year term.

The Town Manager presented and the Council approved the Fiscal Year 2013 Town Operating Budget. This budget reflects our community's priorities, values and vision, ensures that we are being as efficient as possible with our tax dollars, and prioritizes our two most important needs: infrastructure and providing excellent Town Services. I would encourage each of you to familiarize yourself with our Town's Operating Budget.

A copy is available on the Town of Dumfries website (<http://www.dumfriesva.gov/government/budget-information>).

The Council recently amended a Town Policy to provide citizens and community organizations the opportunity to comment on any item, including items on that meeting's agenda, during "Citizen Time" at all Town Council meetings. Citizens will be able to speak for five minutes of time and organizations will be provided eight minutes of time. I encourage and invite all who have an interest to speak at a meeting and give us your input on what we can do to improve our great town. As a reminder, the Town Council meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 PM.

What is important to me, as your Mayor, is that the Council be your voice. Please continue contacting me as well as the rest of the Council. Together, we can make a difference. We need to put people before politics, we need to ensure Democracy, and we need to operate with a spirit of progress and unity in this Town.

Have a great and a safe summer!

Mayor Gerald M. Foreman, II

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News from the Department of Public Works

Resource Protection Areas (RPA) Throughout The Chesapeake Area

The Public Works Department of The Town of Dumfries has Identified and Marked Several RPAs Bordering Quantico Creek and its Adjoining Streams . They are Working with The Chesapeake Bay Foundation To Improve Water Quality from Your Backyard, All the Way to The Bay.

WHAT IS AN RPA?

RPAs are the corridors of environmentally sensitive lands that lie alongside or near the shorelines of streams, rivers and other waterway, with an intrinsic water quality value. Specifically, they are 100-foot buffer zones of land that border waterways and are left undisturbed to regain their natural state.

WHAT PURPOSE DO THEY SERVE?

The purpose of designating Resource Protection Areas is to minimize the adverse effects of human activities on the other components of the Resource Protection Area, State waters, and aquatic life. A 100-foot area of vegetated land functions as a barrier to filter pollution, including that from storm water run-off from flowing into the water source. Leaving the land dormant will allow the natural Vegetation to flourish, preventing erosion and providing a habitat for wildlife as well.

ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED IN AN RPA

-Clearing All Vegetation -Clearing for Yard Area or Construction Activities
-Planting Grass - Clearing Vegetation for Shoreline Erosion Control and Planting Grass

KEY POINTS:

- Protect Water Quality - Reduce Storm water Run-off - Filter Pollutants - Prevent Erosion

WHAT STRUCTURES ARE ALLOWED IN AN RPA?

A Water Quality Impact Assessment (WQIA) is required for any permitted land disturbing activity in an RPA. Consideration of a WQIA is required as part of any exception request. Though some structures are permitted in Resources Protection Areas under certain circumstances, is important to remember their fragility and the purpose they serve, and that it is best to lean the area undisturbed.

Fences –Given that water may still flow freely; and that any vegetation removed is replaced
Sheds –Only when building permit is not required (Building area must be under 150 square feet); and when constructed on an already maintained grass lawn
Decks –Subject to an administrative waiver process
Water Wells
Boardwalks & Trails –Pathways used for passive recreation
Historic Preservation or Archeological Activities
Public Roads, Utilities, and Railroads



Works Cited

http://dcr.cache.vi.virginia.gov/stormwater_management/documents/CBLAD%20%20Buffer%20Presentation.pdf

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/navbar/faqs/rpa.htm>

News from the Planning and Zoning Administrator:

Yard Sales:

Summertime is a great time to clean out the garage and declutter the house and yard. That's why you will find yard sales around every corner, especially on Saturdays. Many Town residents do not realize that yard sales require a permit from Town Hall, or may not understand why a permit is required.

There are several reasons a permit is required. First, yard sales are only allowed on a temporary basis and the permitting process provides the Town the oversight required to ensure residential neighborhoods stay residential. If residents were to sell items from their property every weekend, these residential properties would cause problems to the surrounding neighborhood, like traffic, over parking and noise. Second, a permit ensures that the yard sale is conducted in a manner that will not create a safety problem to customers or a nuisance to adjacent properties. Third, Town staff will inspect the property on the conclusion of the yard sale and ensure that all trash and items have been removed from the property.

The permitting process for a yard sale is as follows:

- ◆ Fill out a complete Temporary Use Application (for the application go to www.dumfriesva.gov).
- ◆ Pay fee of \$25.00 and deposit of \$50.00. The deposit will be given back to the applicant if the property has been cleaned of litter and the site has been returned to its original condition. If any violations occur during the event, the deposit will be forfeited. Depending on the size of the event, the fee and deposit may be increased.
- ◆ Submit a site plan showing the areas on the property that will be affected, where customers will park and where items for sale are being staged.
- ◆ Provide a signed notarized letter from the property owner stating that you have permission to conduct a yard sale on the property. If the applicant is the owner, then proof of ownership will need to be provided to the Town.
- ◆ Submit all required materials listed on the application.
- ◆ The Town will review your application and issue a permit if it complies with Town Code.
- ◆ Once the event has concluded Town staff will inspect the property and issue a deposit refund if all trash has been removed from the property. However, if during the event, any Code violations were observed, the deposit will be forfeited.



If there are any questions about the application process, feel free to contact the Zoning Administrator, Morgan Brim, at 703-221-3400 Ex 118.

News from the Police Department:

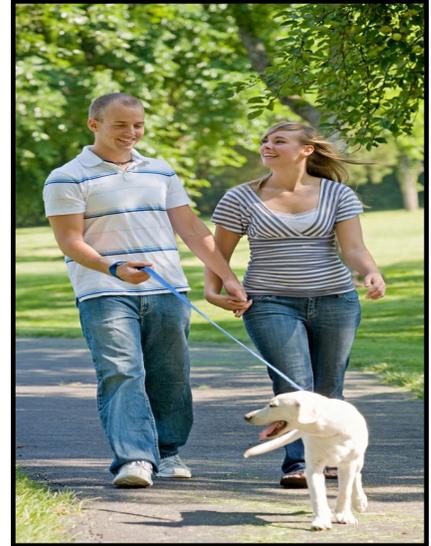
The Dumfries Police Department wants to remind citizens of several Town Ordinances regarding your civic responsibilities in controlling dogs in your possession.

Town Code 10-30 requires that all dogs leaving your property must be on a leash and in the control of a responsible person.

Town Code 10-31 requires dog owners obtain a license tag from the Prince William County Animal Control Bureau.

Town Code 10-32 requires that any person who knowingly allows any animal in their possession to urinate or defecate on the property of another without their permission, must immediately clean up the excrement.

This, and all Town Ordinances, may be found on the Town Web Site, www.dumfriesva.gov.



Your Assistance is Needed

In the early hours of Thursday, May 17, 2012, there was a tragic fire at a home located at 3643 Tripoli Court. Though no one was injured in this fire, the home was a total loss. The Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office is conducting an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the cause of this fire. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Dumfries Police Department at 703.221.1111 or the Prince William County Fire Marshal's Office at 703.792.6360. In addition, anyone wishing to provide information anonymously may contact Crime Solvers at 703.670.3700. If you provide information that leads to an arrest in this case, you could be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000 cash.

News from the Department of Economic & Community Development:

Two Grand Openings held on July 18, 2012

The Town of Dumfries has become home to a new corporate neighbor, UIC Technical Services, LLC (UICTS). UICTS and its Bowhead family of companies hosted a grand opening of its new Dumfries, VA field office on July 18, 2012. The office will provide management training to nearby military personnel and benefit the local economy through new jobs and services.

Engility also held a Grand Opening to celebrate their spinoff from L-3 Communications. Engility will comprise a completely separate company and support the Marine Corps Systems Command with expertise in logistics, acquisition, program management, financial analysis, and budgeting.

We also said goodbye to Don Little, who served on the Architectural Review Board (ARB) for five years, the last two as the Chair of the ARB. Don's talents and expertise in the field of architecture was invaluable in guiding the Town in developing policies to further the positive growth of the community. Mr. Kirk Copeland, an Architect was recently appointed by Town Council to serve the remainder of Mr. Little's term on the ARB.

If you are interested in learning more about what we are doing in Economic Development please feel free to call Debi Sandlin at 703-221-3400, ext. 140 or email Debi at dsandlin@dumfriesva.gov.

News from the Department of Community Services:

Farmer's Market:

The Town of Dumfries held a Grand Opening for the Town's Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 14, 2012! The Market will be open on Saturdays, through October 27th! Please join us in the parking lot of Town Hall on Saturdays between 8am-12pm to: purchase your fresh produce, bakery items, hot prepared food, and more!



Summer Youth Employment Program:



The 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program is off to a great start! Four talented participants (Carson Hill, Matthew Critchley, Isaiah Claggett, and Fernando Ruiz) have been selected to learn about Town operations, and work closely with the departments of: Community Services, Economic and Community Development, the Police Department, and the Department of Public Works.

In addition to working directly with Town Staff, this year's program participants will also lend a helping hand to our friends at Historic Dumfries, where they have assisted with the "Historical Camp for Children."

Senior/Retirees Monthly Group Meeting:

These meetings are typically held the third Friday of each month in the Community Center! All seniors and retirees are welcome to join us for refreshments and fellowship, you do not have to be a Dumfries Citizen to participate, so please bring a friend!

Please note that our Senior Meeting for the month of August will be held on August 8th, in conjunction with the Police Department's National Night Out.



2012 Fall Festival!

The Town of Dumfries will be holding its Annual Fall Festival on Saturday September 8th from 10:00am—5:00pm. This event will feature our "2nd Annual Dumfries Has Talent" competition-with categories for youth and adults, and a Wine Tasting area. In addition, there will be a plethora of vendors to include: artists, crafters, children's activities, service providers, non-profit vendors and a variety of food vendors! So get the family together, grab your lawn chairs and your blankets, and come join us for a family fun event!

*We are still accepting applications for vendors and the Talent Competition. Please contact the Director of Community Services for more information: cneville@dumfriesva.gov. Forms can be found at: www.dumfriesva.gov!



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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.



**Please SAVE THE DATES
 for these upcoming Town
 Events!**

- 8/8 National Night Out**
- 9/8- Fall Festival**
- 12/1 Christmas in Dumfries**
- 12/8- Annual Christmas - Holiday Parade**
- 2/9 Black History Month Program**
- 3/23 Easter Egg Hunt**
- 5/4 Multicultural Festival**

*****Farmer's Market Saturdays from 8am to 12pm now through October 27th!***
 (No Market September 8th)!**

**Please visit www.dumfriesva.gov
 for updates on our events!
 Also, Join us on Facebook!**