



The Dumfries Charter

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Dumfries Summer Youth Internship Program

The Dumfries Summer Youth Internship Program will provide an opportunity for our area students to get an in-depth, hands-on experience on the internal workings of Town Hall as well as provide insight to the daily operations of local government. The students will be exposed to all aspects of Town Hall operations by interning a week in each of the Town's various departments to include Administration, Community Development, Planning & Zoning, Community Services, Economic Development & Marketing, Information Technology, Public Works and the Police Department. The Summer Youth Internship Program offers gainful summer employment, for six weeks, in a positive, engaging atmosphere.

Students will be paid an hourly wage of \$8.00 an hour for a 30-hour work week. The workplace schedule will be Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm. The six-week program will begin on Tuesday, July 5th and run through Friday, August 12th.

Eligibility Requirements

High School Students (15 -18 years of age), who are residents of the Incorporated Town of Dumfries, are eligible for employment without regard to social, economic, racial, or ethnic backgrounds. Students must have no history of serious criminal or other antisocial behavior that might endanger their safety or that of others; have or be able to obtain a work permit as required under the laws of Virginia; have a Social Security number or have made application for one; be willing and able to work scheduled duty hours and participate in all assigned tasks.

How You Can Apply

To apply, students meeting these qualifications should complete the Internship application forms, submit the 500 word essay along with (2) school reference forms and return it by **May 6, 2011**. Applications must be mailed to:

**Town of Dumfries
Summer Youth Internship Program
Attn: Assistant Town Manager Cathy Holtzlander
17755 Main Street
Dumfries, Virginia 22026**

Applicants will be selected for the program via the staff selection committee and will be notified of selection by Friday, May 31, 2011.

All applicant forms are available online at www.dumfriesvirginia.org/news



REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE



The 2011 first half real estate tax bills will be mailed May 5, 2011. All bills are due on or before the close of business on June 6 2011. 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 Economic Development & Marketing...

The Department of Economic Development has been focused on launching several initiatives including, embarking on the redesign of the Town's website; and initiating the incentive process to attract and retain businesses, encourage quality development projects and generate new capital investment.

On February 2, 2011, the Town awarded the website redesign contract to MDA Technologies located in Woodbridge, Virginia. We are very excited to have this process underway and look forward to unveiling a brand new, state-of-the-art website later this spring. As part of the redesign, we will be asking members of the community to participate in a beta testing group to provide feedback on the ease of navigating the site. If you are interested in participating in the beta testing group, please contact Debi Sandlin, Director of Economic Development at dsandlin@dumfriesvirginia.org.

The Town Council has been participating in a series of incentive work sessions, facilitated by Rob Clapper, CEO/President of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce and Debi Sandlin, Director of Economic Development. The purpose of these work sessions are to provide Council with information on the purpose of incentives, what incentives can and cannot do, commonly used incentives in other communities, and where in the process incentives should come into play. The goal of the Town Council is to have a well-thought out incentive program in place by fall 2011.

We also want to welcome ASI, Inc. to the Town of Dumfries. ASI's primary focus is the Government and Commercial construction markets. They are a full service General Contractor specializing in Design/Build new and renovation construction, traditional bid build construction, SCIF Construction and other specialty construction. ASI is a small business women-owned company. ASI recently located from Woodbridge to the Town and is located at 17873 Fraley Boulevard.

News from the Department of Public Works...

10 Things You Can Do To Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

In our last newsletter we explained what Stormwater is and what major contributors cause Stormwater pollution. Here are 10 easy to do tricks and tips that will help lower your chances of polluting the waterways.

Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters

Never dump anything down the storm drains or in streams

Vegetate bare spots in your yard

Compost your yard waste

Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems

Direct down spouts away from paved surfaces consider a rain garden to capture runoff

Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway

Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil

Pick up after your pet

Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

These 10 easy to do tricks and tips may seem small but as long as we all try together we can make a huge difference in our waterways and streams. It starts with you; together we can make a difference!



RODENT COMPLAINTS

Are you having issues with rodents and rats?? The Town of Dumfries along with the PWC Health Department is concerned with the issue in our neighborhoods. Homeowner complaints about rats are becoming more common due to the number of family pets. The rats are attracted to the feces odor and usually burrow close to a dog food supply. Here are a few precautions to follow:

*Please designate a dog walk area for your pet and clean up the feces daily

*Check around your dog house for signs of rats (such as burrows, droppings and runs)

*When feeding a pet outside, remove uneaten food immediately! Never leave dog food out for more than half an hour.

*Eliminate pet urine and fecal odor by liming your yard.

*Clean BBQ Grill. Keep it free of grease accumulation.

*Only use rat resistant bird feeders.

*Keep trash in a leak-proof metal container with tightly fitting covers.

If you feel you have a rat/rodent problem, contact an exterminator immediately. If you notice them in a common area in your neighborhood, contact your Home Owners Association.



Coming Soon!



Community Enhancement Program

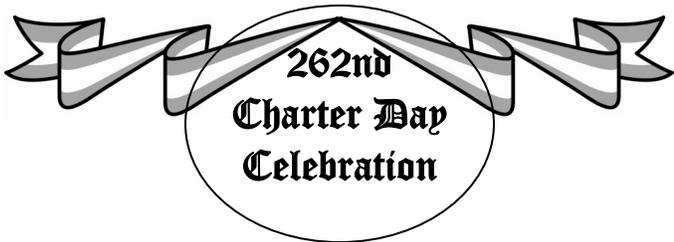
The Dept. of Community Development will be kicking off a new and exciting program on July 1, 2011. The program will offer an opportunity for both residents and business owners to be recognized and acknowledged for improvements made to their property. We will begin accepting nominations on May 1, 2011 and award the first winner at the regular Council meeting in July.

For more information, please contact Linda Frye, Property Maintenance Official at (703)221-3400 ext 118 or via email Linda.frye@dumfriesvirginia.org

COMMUNITY & CULTURAL ARTS CENTER PROGRAMS

Art Class: Art classes are held every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon in the Cultural Arts & Community Center Bldg. from 1-3pm. Adults and children are welcome. Those interested in taking a class, please contact Mrs. Peggy Lusk at 703-670-4127.

Seniors/Retirees Monthly Group Meeting: The monthly group meetings are held the third Friday of each month at 1pm in the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to identify and address the needs of our area Seniors & Retirees. All Seniors & Retirees of the community are invited to attend. For further information or transportation please contact Cathy Holtzlander, Assistant Town Manager, 703-221-3400 ext. 115 or choltzlander@dumfriesvirginia.org.



18th Century Faire

This free and family-friendly event celebrates Dumfries as the oldest chartered town in Virginia!

- Dumfries Resolves
- Dancers
- Colonial Games
- Children's Activities
- Historical Demonstrations
- George Washington's Friends



Bring the family and enjoy the day!

Saturday, May 7
11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Merchant Park
(3944 Cameron Street)

*Sponsors include: The Town of Dumfries,
Historic Dumfries & The Weems-Botts Museum*

Call 703-221-2218 for more event information.
www.historicdumfries.com



Super Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th 11am

Merchant Park
(Corner of Duke & Cameron St.)

Join the Town & the Dumfries-Triangle Rescue Squad as we welcome Spring. Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting, & Old Mine Ranch Traveling Petting Zoo. Be sure to bring your Easter Baskets and don't forget your cameras to have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!



News from the Dept. of Community Development, Planning & Zoning...

MINOR UPDATE OF TOWN OF DUMFRIES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Town of Dumfries Comprehensive Plan is undergoing a minor review to meet the State Planning Code requirements. This process started on December 06, 2010 with the composition of a Steering committee. The Town Staff was able to solicit the participation from not only the Town citizens and business owners, but also from the greater Dumfries area to include private sector developers and builders, as well as the staff from Prince William County's Planning Office. Our Economic Development Director, Debi Sandlin and our Public Works Director, Greg Tkac have been an integral part of building the network of participants to assist the Town in this Comprehensive Plan update effort.

Based upon the consensus of the steering committee members the following three areas were identified as priorities that align with Town Council's 2020 Vision. Separate subtask committees were formed to address each of these areas: Land Use, Cultural and Historic Resources & Transportation.

All subtask committees are progressing well with their task area strategies and action plans. These committees are expected to bring their recommendations to Town's Steering Committee by the third week of April. The Steering Committee will present their report to Town's Planning Commission by mid June 2011. Once the Planning Commission has reviewed it and finalized it, they will present it to the Town Council for their final report. The Town Council will also review it and give their final approval to make this minor update process a part of Town's Comprehensive Plan. A major update of Comprehensive Plan will begin in August/September of 2011. The schedule is tentative and can be subject to change.

Anyone interested in participating or observing the progress of our efforts can do so by contacting Town Staff at 703 221 3400 ext. 119 or email at jkhokhar@dumfriesvirginia.org



****Important Resident Notice!!!****
*****Town Ordinance Change*****



The Town Council has adopted and approved changes to the **Town Code of Ordinances regarding Parking Vehicles on Surfaced Areas and Unattended & Inoperable Vehicles**. Please remember that ALL vehicles must be parked on a Surfaced Area (gravel, concrete, black top). Violations will be issued if vehicles are found parked on the grass. **Town Code Chapter 62, Article IV, Division 3- Unattended and Inoperable Vehicles** states, if you have vehicles that are not in working order, do not have current tags or state inspection stickers, and they are not in a fully enclosed building, violations will be written and will require you to either remove the vehicles from the property or park them in a fully enclosed building.

Copies of the Town Ordinance are available at Town Hall between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm or contact Linda Frye at 703-221-3400 ext 118 or Linda.frye@dumfriesvirginia.org for more information.

More News from the Dept. of Community Development, Planning & Zoning...



Spring is knocking at our door and as the old saying goes April showers bring May flowers but for the Town Code Official it also means the growing season for grass and weeds. As a reminder to our residents, the **Town's Code Section 26-22 (a)(11) states: Grass and weeds shall not exceed 10 inches in height.** This includes your front and rear yard, weeds in the flowerbeds, weeds around fences and yard decorations. If you receive a violation under this code section, you will be given 7 days to correct this violation. If the violation is not corrected, additional fines may apply.



****IMPORTANT RESIDENT NOTICE!!****

*****TOWN RENTAL CONTROL ORDINANCE*****



The Town's Rental Control Ordinance program has undergone some minor revisions. Starting in June, the program will be reestablished and will be fully enforced. If you own a rental home in the following areas of Town you will need to register your home and have it certified by our Property Maintenance Official.

17964 Main Street (Whitehaven Apartments)
223 Trailer Park
Cameron Street Apartments
Cedar Knoll Trailer Park
Confederate Court Town homes
Fairfax Street Town homes
Port of Dumfries Town homes
Quantico/Triangle Trailer Park
South Cove Subdivision
White Haven Subdivision
Williamstown Town homes

Notifications will be sent to all effected property owners highlighting the specifics of the program. If you have any questions or concerns prior to receiving your notification, please contact the Community Development Department 703-221-3400 Ext 118.



A Note from Councilman Gerald M. Foreman II...

Thank you for your e-mails, correspondence, and phone calls voicing your position on town meeting agenda items and letting me know you support what I'm trying to accomplish. I sincerely appreciate your time and effort. It's nice to know that you're involved, concerned about town issues, and that you do communicate with your elected representatives.

The Town's budget is the blueprint for financial and policy decisions implemented during each fiscal year (FY). The budget is the single most important document we have for establishing control over the direction of change and determining the future and it lays the groundwork for what we hope will be our town's accomplishments in the future. Throughout the year, revenues and expenditures are monitored by line number and then by department to enable the town to measure actual income and expenses against those projected in the budget.

The formative stage of every budget begins in the spring. Town Council should set guidelines for the budget in March, which provides the framework for developing the new budget. Requests from departments are reviewed and evaluated for priority by the Town Manager. Based on estimated revenues, funding is requested by the Town Manager for the programs and services required to maintain an essential level of service or to provide for enhancements to programs identified by the Town Council. Revenue estimates are derived from a review of current and projected economic indicators, current and proposed Federal and State legislation, knowledge of future events in the town and a review of historic trends. By law, local government budgets must be balanced; i.e. expenditures may not exceed revenues.

Once presented to Council, Council reviews the proposed budget and a minimum of one public hearing is held to provide the public with an opportunity to comment to ensure the budget is responsive to citizen needs. After careful deliberation, the proposed budget, as modified for additions and deletions, is proposed by Town Council as the approved budget. The budget, once approved, becomes a legally binding document. The budget can only be amended by the Town Council after proper notice and a public hearing.

The Town's budget takes affect 1 July through 30 June annually.

So as we enter into the FY12 operating budget cycle, I ask that you contact your Council members and voice your concerns. Let us know where you want your tax dollars spent. Participate in the planning process.

S/F
Jerry



News from the Police Department...

The Dumfries Police Department is preparing to host their first Kid's Police Academy this summer for rising sixth graders. Chief Dan Taber recently applied for and received a \$2,000 grant award through the Wal-Mart Corporation to help pay for the program. The program will provide an opportunity for the students to learn valuable information on dealing with peer pressure, resisting drugs, avoiding gangs, and how to use the Internet safely. This program will include support from both the PWC and Virginia State Police agencies.

The program will be designed to help children make the transition to middle school. Parents of fifth graders at Dumfries Elementary School will receive letters from the Chief inviting their children to participate in the academy. For more information, please call 703-221-1111.



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Town of Dumfries Resident/Business
 Dumfries, Virginia 22026

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703-221-3400 ext. 120
- Hon. Nancy West, Vice Mayor
- Hon. Dorothea Barr
- Hon. Gerald M. Foreman II
- Hon. Kristin W. Forrester
- Hon. Michele D. Jurgensen
- Hon. Willie Toney

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Kimberly L. Alexander

TOWN ATTORNEY

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Town Council Meetings

Regular Meetings are held the *first* 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.*

Work Sessions are held the *third* Tuesday of the month at 7:00^{PM}.

Additional meetings may be called by Council. For information and meeting schedules, contact the Town Clerk, Catherine Koslicki at 703-221-3400 ext. 114.

*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.



2011 TOWN DECALS
Due April 15th!

If you are a resident of Dumfries, you are required to display a Town decal on your vehicle. The Town decals are valid from April 15, 2011 to April 15, 2012. You may purchase the 2011 decals at the Dumfries Town Hall located at 17755 Main Street adjacent to the Dumfries Community & Cultural Arts Center. Town Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30am to 5:00pm. Please bring your current vehicle registration, showing your Dumfries address, or bring the notice mailed to you in February. The cost for each decal is \$27.00.

For your convenience the Town Hall will offer extended hours during the weeks of April 1 through April 15. During this time the Town Hall will remain open for vehicle decal sales on Monday & Wednesday evenings until 7:30pm. We also offer our citizens the option of mailing in a copy of their vehicle registration, or the notice mailed to them, along with a check for \$27.00 per vehicle, and decal(s) will be mailed to your residence within the week. For your convenience there is also a mail drop box located next to the front door of Town Hall.

For more information, please contact the Treasurer's office at 703 221-3400 ext. 110 or ext. 101.