

The Town of HAYMARKET

Established in 1799-

Town Council

- Pam Stutz - Mayor
- Bryan Garcia - Vice Mayor
- John Cole
- Sheila Jarboe
- Natasha Sikorsky
- Jay Tobias
- Robert Weir

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- Bill Goodwin - Chair
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- Dottie Leonard
- Joe Minor
- Robert Weir

Architectural Review Board (ARB)

- John Cole - Chair
- Dottie Leonard
- Michelle Neal-Heard
- John Parham
- Sandra Turner

HISTORIC COMMISSION

- Michelle Neal-Heard - Chair
- Mark Joyner - Vice Chair

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From the Mayors Desk

I would like to thank all residents who came out in the frigid 32 degree temperature for our annual holiday party to hear the Tyler School Choir sing, watch the lighting of the tree, have pictures taken with Santa and enjoy the wonderful home made cookies. It was a great turn out and the Council and I look forward to hosting many other events that you as residents, would like for our town.

The upcoming months will be a busy time for the Council and Commissions. The Town's comprehensive plan is being reviewed and updated (be sure to read and respond to the coming survey), planning for the new Town property is underway, designs for town properties are being developed, the property where the Town Hall is currently located is being evaluated, the annual events for the Town (concert series, open house tour, Haymarket Day, etc.) are being planned and we are beginning to

look at the budget for the next year (our fiscal year begins in July).

Also, this year is election year for Town Council and Mayor. The election will take place May 2, 2006 at Pace West School. Anyone interested in placing their name on the ballot must register by March 7th. Registration forms can be downloaded from www.sbe.virginia.gov, There are six Council members and the Mayor position available.

Don't forget to check out the Town's website and add your name to be notified of events and meetings. It is a great tool and if you haven't yet looked, give it a try. You will even be notified if meetings or events change. I look forward to hearing from you.

Pam Stutz - Mayor

Haymarket Notes

SANTA PHOTOS

Just a quick reminder, if your child had his / her picture taken with Santa and you haven't yet picked it up you can do so by contacting Barbara Berry or walk-in, The Studio is located in the Fosters Building on the third floor.

CITIZENS' SURVEYS

The Planning Commission is in the process of updating the Haymarket Comprehensive Plan. To find out more about the people of Haymarket and what we all believe is important to the future success of our town, we are mailing all residents and business owners a community attitude survey.

Please complete the survey and return it so we know who you are and what is important to you about where we live. The plan will describe Haymarket and its people, its resources, and its vision for the future. Help us

create a comprehensive plan that truly reflects what you think about Haymarket today and what you'd like to see the town look like five years from now.

EMILY ROOP

A quick update for our residents. Emily Roop is still in need of a Bone Marrow Transplant. Of the 102 people who turned out to be screened, there is still no match at this time. Emily is holding her own with help from her medication, her family and her upbeat attitude. Our prayers and well wishes go out to Emily and her family. Contributions to the Emily Roop Fund can still be made up at Town Hall if you would like to help out.

SERVE, INC.

A very special thank you goes out to our residents who donated non perishable food items to Serve, Inc. at our holiday party. It is amazing what a supportive and generous Town we all are proud to call home.

TOWN OF HAYMARKET

Police Department News

TOWN OF HAYMARKET

15016 Washington Street
P.O. Box 367

Haymarket, Va 20168
(703) 753-2600

(703) 753-2800 - Fax

Jennifer Preli - Clerk

Sherrie Wilson—Deputy
Clerk

Office Hours

8:00—4:30

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY:

06 - Town Council

13 - Planning Commission

21 - Architectural Review
Board

March:

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ALL MEETINGS BEGIN

PROMPTLY AT 7:00

Haymarket Police Dept -

703-753-2700

Prince William Police Dept -

703-792-6500

HAYMARKET MUSEUM

703-753-3712

Hours are Saturdays

10:00 - 3:00

As Chief of Police, I would like to welcome all new residents to the beautiful community of Haymarket. We are elated you have chosen to reside in our town. Through dedication and sacrifice, the officers in our department strive hard to achieve accomplishments within our community. Their efforts have made our citizens safer as they live and work in this great community. We recognize our primary responsibility is the protection of life and property. We also appreciate our differences and recognize that unique skills, knowledge and backgrounds bring strength to our community. As a result, we embrace and include our community by seeking their input and responding to

their concerns.

Does your child surf the net??

With an ever increasing number of computers in American households, it is important for parents to be aware of their children's online activities. Just a few basic steps can help protect your family. First, communicate with your children everyday. Make your children's business your business! Keep the computer in a central location and monitor their on-line activity. Be aware of who they are chatting with and which websites they are surfing. Consider using parental software to block illicit websites. Maintain access and control of all your children's accounts. As with most activities, kids need

supervision. You can learn more at www.safekids.com.

James F. Roop - Chief

Greetings from the Town of Haymarket Police Department. As Chief Roop's new Administrative Assistant, I am here to help answer many of the questions you may have regarding tickets/summons, court dates and other law enforcement related questions. I am also a Notary Public. I am happy to drive to this lovely community each day and hopefully be able to serve you as best I can. Therefore, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 753-2700

Dianne Bumbrey

Clerk's Corner

HAYMARKET TAX DUE DATES

Real Estate Taxes - March 1, 2006

Personal Property - March 1, 2006

Business Gross Receipts - April 30, 2006

Declaration of Business Tangible Personal Property - April 30, 2006

Town Tags - April 15, 2006

2006 Town Tags should be available by the end of January. To avoid citations from the Haymarket Police Department, tags must be on all vehicles housed in the Town of Haymarket by April 15th. Please check our website for updated information on when these tags arrive at Town Hall.

Website

The Town's website is still under construction and being worked on weekly. There is still much information to be added. Thank you for your patience. If you have any information, comments or contributions you would like to see on the website, please don't hesitate to send your remarks to Sherrie at Swilson@townofhaymarket.org. We also like to hear encouraging words about the website as well!! Let us know what you think!

Jennifer Preli - Town Clerk
Sherrie Wilson - Deputy Clerk

TOWN OF HAYMARKET

On January 24, 2006, Councilmembers Jay Tobias and Tasha Sikorsky will be hosting a meeting at 7:30 pm to gather thoughts and input from the residents and Council as the proper use of the Harrover Property and the current Town Center property. Please join us and bring your thinking caps. All ideas will be equally considered and passed onto the Town Council.

At our January 9, 2006 Town Council

meeting, we discussed the idea of doing away the Town Tags altogether and instead of using tags or stickers, just not having anything at all. How do you feel about the idea?? We are currently beginning to look into working the VA DMV to see how the logistics of such a program would work. Stay tuned.

Please try to join us on the first Monday of every month for our Council meetings. Your input is greatly desired and with so many

going on in Town these days and coming up in the near future, attending these meetings is the best way to keep you informed. If you have any questions about any of the above or any other things going on in Town, please feel free to contact me directly via Town Hall or send an e-mail to jtobias@townofhaymarket.org. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Jay Tobias - Councilman

Traffic Update

SPEED SIGN

If you haven't seen it yet, the Town of Haymarket has recently invested in and deployed a speed sign. This solar powered radar unit displays the speed of oncoming traffic. The unit and trailer are currently positioned on Jefferson Street in an effort to address the speeding that has historically plagued that location. It is the intent of the Police Department to vary the location of the sign so that all streets prone to



speeding are covered at some point in time.

Should you have suggestions with regard to prominent locations or times of day that the speed sign might be deployed, please contact the Police Department at (703) 753-2700 or send me an e-mail at rweir@townofhaymarket.org.

Bob Weir

Police Department Liaison

Architectural Review Board

Git 'R Done! (The Right Way)

What has this comedian's tagline (my apologies to Larry for lifting it) have to do with Haymarket? It neatly sums up the entire reason that we have application and approval procedures for development, building, and home improvement projects in town. It's the home improvement projects that I'll focus on here.

When you've decided to embark on a major project for your home like a deck, fence or house addition, it can be very exciting. The desire to start right away is quite strong. Let's just get it done! Unfortunately, that is what some homeowners do and end up with problems because the project did not meet building codes or town ordinances or architectural guidelines. Making sure your project meets all these standards is the purpose behind our approval process. Why do we all have to follow these standards? They help to maintain safety and quality of life, not just for you, but

for your neighbors and the town as a whole. So, in a nutshell, what are the procedures?

Procedures vary for the types of projects you may want to accomplish. House additions and decks require building permits whereas fences do not. All of these, however, require a certificate of appropriateness. All of these forms can be found at town hall. The best thing to do is to call or visit Jennifer or Sherrie at town hall to discuss what particular forms you need for your project. Start early since the approval process can take more than 30 days. Once you fill out the forms completely (!), submit them to town hall and they will be placed on the upcoming agendas of the Planning Commission (PC), Architectural Review Board (ARB), and Town Council (TC) meetings. We highly encourage you to attend these meetings to be able to answer any questions or clarify information. It is always unfortunate when we have to table an application

At this point, you can start construction and finish that exciting project. It's a good idea to find a contractor that already knows this procedure. Make sure you both agree who is responsible to make the applications and get the final approval.

What happens if a homeowner does not have approval on a project and builds anyway? If the work is not in agreement with building code, town ordinances, and guidelines, the homeowner will have to correct it to come in compliance. This has meant, in some cases, the total demolition of the completed work. No one wants that to happen, and that's why the application and approval process is here for you. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Town Hall or me through the Haymarket website or call 703-753-2600. Thanks for your time and "Git 'R Done!"

John Cole - Chairman

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 Permit No. 34

Bulk Rate

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Home Heating Costs	Electoral Precinct/School Boundary Changes	
<p>Due to the high cost of fossil fuels, and the challenge it presents during the winter heating season, Columbia Gas of Virginia encourages its customers to enroll in its budget payment plan, perform annual maintenance of their heating equipment, weatherize their homes and take advantage of their tips on using energy wisely this season.</p> <p>Columbia Gas also encourages all eligible customers to take advantage of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) and utilize their HeatShare energy assistance program. During the 2004-2005 program year, more than \$965,000 was distributed to 7,349 Columbia customers through LIHEAP and the HeatShare program.</p> <p>For more information you can visit their website at www.columbiagasva.com.</p>	<p>Prince William County is still in the process of revising the electoral precincts for all districts in the county. Under the current proposal to be heard by the County Board of Supervisors, the Haymarket District will remain largely unchanged but will be renamed the Glenkirk District and its polling place relocated from Pace West Elementary to Glenkirk Elementary on Glenkirk Road off of Linton Hall Road. This change in polling place will require Haymarket voters to traverse Route 29 and travel down both Linton Hall and Glenkirk Roads during the peak voting hours that coincide with the peak rush hours. All residents with concerns regarding the proposed precinct changes are encouraged to contact Supervisor Stirrup at 703-792-6195, Chairman Connaughton at 703-792-4640 or the County Electoral Board at</p>	<p>703-792-6470. All precinct changes must also be approved by the State Board of Elections and the Justice Department.</p> <p>Similarly, the Prince William County School Board is in the process of redrawing elementary school boundaries yet again. Several of the options presented will impact Haymarket's children of elementary school age. Interested parents are encouraged to contact the School Board or attend the public hearing scheduled for the School Board's February 22 meeting. It is reported that the School Board will choose an option during the regular business of that meeting. Those who desire further information can view and download all of the proposals as well as enrollment data, boundary maps and other information at www.pwcs.edu/planning/es2006/somerset.</p>

