

The Town of HAYMARKET

Established in 1799-

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- Pam Stutz - Mayor
- John Cole - Vice Mayor
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- David Leake
- Robert Weir
- Mary Lou Scarbrough
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- Susan Edwards - Chair
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2010 Town Elections

March 2, 2010 is the deadline to file a "Certificate of Candidate Qualification" and a "Declaration of Candidacy" should you wish to run for the Office of Mayor or the Office of a Town Council member.

The 2010 Elections will be held on **May 4, 2010** at P.A.C.E. West Elementary School. The Term for this election is July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012. For specific instructions on how to file these forms, please visit http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Cidate_Information/Index.html, or contact the Town Clerk at 703-753-2600. Please note, it is not necessary to complete a "Statement of Economic Interests" form since Haymarket has a population of less than 3,500.

The last day to register to vote for Town elections is April 12, 2010 and Absentee Ballots must be received by May 1, 2010.



Planning Commission & ARB Vacancies

Both the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board currently have vacancies. If you wish to serve on one of these Boards, please contact the Clerk's office at 703-753-2600 by March 1 for consideration.

Dominion Virginia Power Construction

Please take caution during the weeks of January 25 & February 1. Dominion VA Power will be performing construction along Washington Street in an effort to improve distribution of service. Some of this work may require pole replacement. If a pole needs replacing, there will be power outages. You will be notified in advance, by Pike, Dominion's contractor, if your business or residence will be affected. The Town is already aware that several poles along Washington Street will need replacing. If you have any questions, please contact Zubair M. Qureshi, Project Designer, at 703-375-5959. The Town offices have no additional information on the scheduling of the outages.



FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Below is updated information on several important Town projects:

Town Center Development: The Developer, Gerry Kennedy, proposes to renovate the existing buildings on the current Town Hall property and move four additional historic buildings to the site to create a unique Town retail center. Mr. Kennedy is working with lending institutions and remains confident that he will obtain the required financing.

In the meantime, the Town Council has asked that the staff move ahead with the lease of office space in the Town Hall building in order to maximize revenue from the property. The Town Center property has five renters including four in the Town Hall building and one, Daytime Playtime, in the adjacent building.

Streetscape Program: The current phase of the Streetscape Program will extend brick sidewalks from Madison Street east to the Police Department property. We are working with the property owners on Washington Street to obtain easements and with the utility companies to relocate the utilities along the Street. The construction phase is expected to start in late 2010 or early 2011.

Development of the Quarles Property: The Quarles property development is moving ahead with the opening this month of the new **Fauquier Bank** branch and the expected opening in the spring of the new **CVS Pharmacy**.

If you have any questions about any work being done in the town please give me a call at 703/753-2600 or email to gswearingen@townofhaymarket.org. ~ Gene Swearingen

UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL GRANTS

Each year localities are provided opportunities to apply for grants to fund certain services, equipment to improve services, Capital Improvements or educate the staff that works within its community. The Town staff is continuously searching for various types of grant funding. In most cases grant funds are federal dollars, however, they are usually administered by state agencies. Typically grants have a required match by the locality; and that percentage varies by the grant.

In 2009, the Town of Haymarket applied for more than \$130,000 in grant monies. These applications ranged from energy usage improvements to existing facilities, overtime for police officers, to ADA enhancements to the Town's Caboose. Unfortunately, the announcement of most grant awards are at least six months in waiting, often times putting the Town in another fiscal year's budget. Please keep in mind that even if a grant is awarded, any match required by the Town is still subject to appropriations by the Town Council. Meaning the matter will be placed on a published agenda whereby giving the public an opportunity to express opinion (s) on the matter. If the grant is awarded, it is typical for the funds to expire if not used within a certain amount of time, that time frame varies from grant to grant. If the matching funds are not approved, the Town or jurisdiction would simply let the grant expire by not taking any action.



It is the Town of Haymarket's goal to apply for as many grants as possible, to take advantage of state and/or federal aid for projects or education that the Town may otherwise never be able to recognize.

HAYMARKET REGIONAL FOOD PANTRY

The **Haymarket Regional Food Pantry** is pleased to announce that 70 meals were provided to families this holiday season! It is the mission of the Haymarket Regional Food Pantry to eliminate hunger in our community and surrounding area. This effort is being sponsored by The Town of Haymarket, Saint Paul's Church, & Saint Katharine Drexel Mission.

The temporary home for the pantry is the Haymarket Town Hall, 15000 Washington Street, Haymarket, VA. Currently, the hours of operation, are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

Please, if you know of any family in need or have any ideas for a permanent home for the pantry, you may call us at 703-350-6083.

A big thanks to everyone who donated and for your continued support.



VICE MAYOR JOHN COLE

Greetings Neighbors,

I hope that 2010 is treating all of you well! The New Year is bringing new challenges for Haymarket and budget planning is one of them. All of our state representatives are telling us that this upcoming fiscal year is going to be difficult even as the economy (may) be rebounding. Our town is in a better position than most municipalities in the State and we can all thank James, Gene, Jennifer, Sherrie and Mittie for their belt tightening and professional control of our town operating expenses. On January 9th, the Council met to start budget planning for the '11 Fiscal Year (FY11) and to give initial budget direction to the staff. This meeting was the first in a series of budget work sessions that will culminate in a new budget by late May. You may have seen Dan Roem's article in the January 14th "Gainesville Times" that details the results of that work session. In essence, we are approaching FY'11 very conservatively. Without finalized data on expected revenue and State assistance, we planned for a lean year. As we approach March and April, more favorable income projections may allow us to adjust the budget and accomplish more items on our prioritized project list. Initially we are concentrating on servicing some of the town debt on the property where Town Hall currently sits and seeing to the needs of our police force and staff. The good news is that the Streetscape Project is not affected and is on track. We also protected some funds in anticipation of Phase 1B of Washington Street Enhancement Project.

The bottom line is that the Council is working hard to produce a balanced budget for FY11 and is expecting to end FY10 in the black. Whereas the future financial situation is not exactly "bright" it is far from grim. Watch the town website for the next budget work session and, as always, you are welcome to attend!

GO GREEN HAYMARKET

Join us for our annual Earth Day Celebration and clean-up. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Please see our web site and upcoming newsletters for additional information.



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TOWN GOVERNMENT UPDATES



On December 7, 2009, the Town Council appointed Milton Kenworthy and Mary Lou Scarbrough to fill the Town Council positions vacated by Susan Shurn and Ozzie Vazquez. Milt and Mary Lou will serve out those terms that run through June 30, 2010.

The Town would like to welcome Arctic Sun Heating & Air Conditioning and Chemsurvival Enterprises as new businesses to the Town. Arctic Sun is located at 6608 James Madison Highway (same building as Alibi Catering) near the Sportsplex. Arctic Sun can be contacted by calling 571-261-9659 or visiting their web site at <http://www.arcticsuninc.com/>.

Chemsurvival offers value-added, on-site tutoring experience in math and science through consultation with a Ph.D. and college educator, Dr.

Ronald B. Davis, Jr. Dr. Davis can be contacted by visiting his web site at <http://www.chemsurvival.com/> or via email at gethelp@chemsurvival.com. The Town wishes both of these new businesses much success in Haymarket.

The Town held a public hearing to receive input on a grant application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for enhancements to the Town's Caboose that is located on the grounds of the museum. The enhancements would include lighting in the Caboose, handicap accessibility, and informational placards outside of the caboose. Grant awards are not expected to be announced until June 2010.

For additional information on the Town government please visit our web site at <http://www.townofhaymarket.org/>