CHESWOLD NEWS

TOWN COUNCIL ELECTION

The election for 3 seats on the Town Council was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at the Cheswold Fire Hall from 2 pm until 7 pm.

Registered voters took the opportunity to select 3 members of the Town, from a field of 5 candidates and when all votes were cast and counted, the results were as follows:

- Theon “Sam” Callender – 40 votes
- Donald Tinari – 35 votes
- Mildred Johnson – 33 votes
- Jeannette Williams – 28 votes
- John Rudman – 24 votes

Mrs. Callender and Mrs. Johnson are incumbent members of the Council and Mr. Tinari is a former Mayor, who has decided to return to public office.

CONGRATULATIONS

And thanks to all the candidates for participating in this democratic process.

A special thanks also, to the members of the Town Election Board and Polling Staff who volunteered their time and expertise:

- Mrs. Martha Scott
- Mrs. Bobbi diSabatino
- Mr. Ed Simpson
- Mrs. Lorraine Sine
- Mrs. Shadina Jones

2nd Quarter

Town Council Meeting Dates

Post Election Organization Meeting
Wednesday – April 4, 2012
7:00 p.m.

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETINGS

- Tuesday, April 17, 2012
- Tuesday, May 15, 2012
- Tuesday, June 19, 2012

All three meetings will start at 6:30 p.m.

All three meetings will be in the Cheswold Town Hall.

TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

- Monday, May 7, 2012
- Monday, June 4, 2012

Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m

All three meetings will be in the Cheswold Fire Hall

Call or drop off any birth, engagement, marriage or news you wish to share.

‘What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.’

Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Volunteers Needed" "Adopt Cheswold"

The Town is requesting residents to volunteer to help and improve the environment of Cheswold.

We need volunteers:

- to help install siding on the Town Hall
- to assist in picking up trash from 30 and 41 New Street
- to pick up trash at the Town park
- to provide clerical assistance in the Town Hall to answer phones between 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm in Town Hall

We Can Make It Work if We All Work Together

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The Mayor and Town Council are currently developing ordinances to maintain and control the growth of weeds, trees and plant growth within the corporate limits of Cheswold. Also be reviewed are parking regulation and public nuisance ordinances drafted by the Police Department.

There was an introduction of the ordinances at the March Town Council meeting and a content review at the March Town Council Workshop, where suggestions and input were considered and accepted from residents Loretta Clark, Donald Tinari and Lorraine Sine.

The ordinances have been forwarded to Town Attorney Fred Townsend for legal review, corrections and directions. At their return a Public Notice will be published to specify a date, time and place for Town residents to provide additional comments and requests for changes if desired.

These ordinances have the potential to affect your everyday life and is strongly suggested that you obtain a copy, read and participate in the process for approving them.

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Unfortunately, the residents of Parkers Run and Stonington are contending with a “Lights Out” situation in their communities.

“Word on the street”, is that the Town can and should pay the light bill and have the lights turned back on.

The truth of the matter is, both communities are considered private and are under the license and control of their respective HOA’s and the Town has no authority to pay the bill, because the streets do not belong to the Town.

The light bills for streets that are owned by the Town are paid with the assistance of a State grant known as Municipal Street Aid.

Funds from that account can only be used by streets that are owned by the Town.

The Council, however, is continuing to seek ways and means to assist both communities.

If you have any questions or want more Info. – Call Town Hall.

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“Treat people as if they were what they should be and you help them become what they are capable of becoming”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
A few months ago, School Lane was re-paved to provide a better riding and driving surface.

Since that time, numerous complaints have been received concerning the ever increasing number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit on the street.

As a result a stop sign has been placed on the northeast corner of Fulton Street and School Lane and two 25mph signs have been installed.

Unfortunately, these efforts may still not be enough to reduce the number of complaints or the potential of an accident.

Therefore, the Mayor and Town Council are once again considering the idea of closing School Lane at the western end of the street before the entrance to Fox Pointe.

The history of School Lane indicates that it was never intended to be nor is it recorded as a through street.

The Town will engage in discussion with the Fire Department to determine the impact of once again blocking the street.

A letter has also been sent to Kent Construction requesting them to install a fence around the overflow parking lot off School Lane in anticipation of drivers using the lot as a by-pass to the street being blocked.

If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how to remedy this situation, please contact Town Hall at 302-734-6991.

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**SCHOOL LANE**

The Mayor and Town Council extend a special welcome back we missed you to our Town Clerk – Mrs. Shadina Jones who continues to recover from emergency surgery. Mrs. Jones in her usual dedication to her position worked from home until she was released to return to the office. Thank you for your never ending dedication.

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**RECOVERY ZONE**

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**Police Pad**

**NEW STREET** – Please be aware and remember that New Street is a one way street from Commerce Street west to West Street.

If you are discovered exiting New Street onto Commerce Street you are likely to receive a traffic violation resulting in a monetary fine.

It is also important to remember that disobeying traffic laws can result in accidents and injuries to innocents. So let’s avoid accidents at all costs.

**THE DEPARTMENT** – For anyone who may not know, we now have a new Police Captain. His name is Gregory Donophan and he has over 20 years of police and combined fire experience.

He retired from the Town of Camden and began working for us in July, 2012. He has been doing an in depth job of bringing our Police Department up to the code and required standards of the State and the federal government.

He is also proficient in writing, obtaining and managing grants that will assist the Town in providing finances to the Department.

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**SAD NEWS**

- On March 25, 2012, Mrs. Mary Carey Smalley, the sister of former Councilperson Jamie Basler passed away from a debilitating illness. The Mayor, Council and residents of Cheswold express their sympathy and concern to Mrs. Basler and her family.

- Mrs. Bernice Miller, the grandmother of Mayor Jeannette Williams also passed away on November 29, 2011. The Vice-Mayor and Council shared Town sorrow with the Mayor and her family in the form of a resolution and by attendance at the service.