

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
FOR THE FEBRUARY 11, 2014 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

➤ **Homecoming Event**

The next Homecoming Event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, rain or shine.

➤ **Public Works Building – Update**

A review of the shop drawings has been completed by Bob Wheatley, Fred Horn and Kercher Engineering.

On January 24, the Town Administrative Official and I met with representatives from the Carl Freeman Companies to review the shop drawings for new building and discuss the timeline for the project.

➤ **Mediacom goes Digital and Announces Adjustments to Installation Rates**

On January 17, I met with Mediacom's the Director of Operations. Mediacom is in the process of transforming its TV channel line-up to all digital, which will bring faster internet, more channels, more HD, better picture and sound quality for an all-around better viewing experience. This transition will move channels 23 through 78 to a permanent digital home. Customers with older TV's (manufactured before 2007) that do not have a built in digital tuner or those who do not have a Mediacom digital receiver will need a digital adapter in order to continue to see content on these channels.

Existing customers can receive up to three adapters without charge until April 30, 2015; each additional adaptor beyond three will cost \$.99 per month per Standard Adaptor and \$1.99 per HD Adaptor. Starting May 1, 2015 a fee of \$.99 per Standard Adaptor and \$1.99 per HD Adaptor will be added to the customer's monthly bill. All **new** customers will see a fee of \$.99 per Standard Adaptor and \$1.99 per HD Adaptor on their monthly bill upon signing up with Mediacom.

A series of letters will be mailed to existing customers to make them aware of the new changes. Channels 23 through 78 will begin to be turned-off in April.

On January 21, I was notified by Mediacom that on or about February 22, 2014 there will be adjustments to installation rates as well. Installation fees are currently not charged. However, the rates will be implemented as follows:

Single Service	\$49.99
Two Services	\$74.99
Three Services	\$99.99

In addition, Mediacom will begin to charge all new customers an activation fee of \$10.00 to help offset back office and provisioning costs associated with setting up a new customer in their system.

➤ **Assawoman Canal Trail Project – Update**

On February 5, Bob Ehemann with DNREC contacted me with an update on the trail project. The design concept will be completed over the next two months. The construction of the trail

has been postponed until the fall with a tentative completion date of December. Meetings with adjacent property owners will be planned over the next few months.

➤ **Pavement Management Program Report**

The Pavement Management Program Report will be updated by Kercher Engineering by the end of this fiscal year.

➤ **RFP to Update the Reserve Study Analysis Report**

Advertisements were placed in the local papers the week of January 20 soliciting bids to update the Reserve Study Analysis Report with site inspection. The last report was completed by Kercher Engineering in October 2008. Sealed bids are due back on February 21 at 1:00pm.

➤ **SR 26 Project - Update**

Below is an outline of the anticipated construction schedule and associated lane closures for work on the SR 26 Project during the next two weeks.

Monday February 10, 2014 through Friday February 14, 2014

Clearing and Grubbing, south side of SR 26 from Irons Lane to SR 17 (Roxana Road) – Motorists should anticipate the east bound lane to be closed with traffic alternating utilizing a flagging operation (TA-10) 9:00A – 5:00P.

Monday February 10, 2014 through Friday February 14, 2014

Utility relocation work will continue at various locations from Ocean View to Clarksville - No lane closures are anticipated for this work.

Monday February 10, 2014 through Friday February 14, 2014

Begin layout for sewer force main relocation from Assawoman Canal to Central Avenue – No lane closures are anticipated for this work.

Monday February 17, 2014 through Friday February 21, 2014

Clearing and Grubbing, south side of SR 26 from Irons Lane to SR 17 (Roxana Road) – Motorists should anticipate the east bound lane to be closed with traffic alternating utilizing a flagging operation 9:00AM – 5:00PM.

Monday February 17, 2014 through Friday February 21, 2014

Utility relocation work will continue at various locations from Ocean View to Clarksville - No lane closures are anticipated for this work.

Monday February 17, 2014 through Friday February 21, 2014

Continue layout for sewer force main relocation from Assawoman Canal to Central Avenue. No lane closures are anticipated for this work.

Miscellaneous

- Ten delinquent property tax accounts will be turned over to the Town Solicitor this month so that liens can be filed against the property.
- Final and third letters for delinquent water accounts were mailed on January 28.
- On February 5, I attended the SCAT Dinner meeting.
- I attended two SCAT Breakfast meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Manager