



Wachapreague Town Council: 2016-2017 Year in Review

The Wachapreague Town Council would like to recognize all residents, visitors, business owners and staff, VIMS, charter boat captains, USCG Station Wachapreague and WVFC for their unheralded efforts to maintaining Wachapreague as that quaint, quiet "Little City by the Sea."

Specifically, we would like to thank:

- *USCG Station Wachapreague and the Puchalski's for the renovation of Powell Park fencing and ballpark.*
- *The Janci's and the twenty plus neighbors who participated in the annual Seaside Park spruce up.*
- *Former Councilwoman Bonnie Munn for completing the 911 address system.*
- *WVFC for another great carnival experience shared by great-great grandkids through the great-great grandparents; erecting the Main Street holiday lights, delivering Santa Claus for the tree lighting ceremony; and most importantly, 75 years of dedicated service to in keeping the Town of Wachapreague and surrounding communities safe.*
- *Volunteer who turned the rained out 4th of July parade into a successful town picnic at Powell Park.*
- *Volunteer who provided the annual Easter Egg Hunt.*
- *VIMS and USCG Station Wachapreague for staging their open house/station boat review.*

Town Council activities were only possible with the coordination of all the above volunteers and organizations. Highlights of the year include:

- ~ **Accomack-Northampton County Hazard Mitigation Plan was completed.**
- ~ **Town Marina Phase I renovations were completed. Phase I included dredging the marina basin, renovating the Harbor Masters' building, replacing/cleaning dock decking and supports, and contracting for marina shed re-roofing.**
- ~ **Town Marina Atlantic Avenue entrance was rebuilt because of an oil spill.**
- ~ **Federal Emergency Management Agency notified the Town that it was increased to a Class 8 in the National Flood Insurance Program, Community Rating System. The Town now qualifies for a 10% discount in the premium cost of flood insurance.**
- ~ **Painter billboard advertising Wachapreague was completed.**
- ~ **Contracts were awarded to re-roof the Town maintenance shed, replace the Town Hall breaker box and correct electrical issues.**
- ~ **Planning Commission is reviewing the adequacy of the individual town ordinances.**
- ~ **Established Town "Reserve" of \$26,500 to fund the 2020 Town Marina dredging program, 2018 Audit, Vehicle Replacement program, Town Drainage (Stormwater) improvements and Wachapreague Seaside Park improvements.**
- ~ **Town Real Estate and Real Property tax rates will remain the same at \$.13/\$100; Transient Tax and Prepared Food and Beverage Tax rates will remain at 2%.**
- ~ **Vehicle License Fees will remain at current levels:**
 - Cars \$27
 - Motorcycles \$25
 - Utility Trailers \$10
 - Golf Carts \$10

(NOTE: A \$100 fine will be imposed upon any golf cart operating on the Town roads without a current Town of Wachapreague vehicle decal.)

- ~ **Major emphasis was placed on creating a living "Stormwater Management Program" following the 11 inch summer rain storm.**
 - Removed a 55 gallon drum that blocked the Church St. /Riverview Ave. /Lee St. stormwater ditch system.
 - Mapped Town system of stormwater ditches and culverts.
 - Identified collapsed culverts, overgrown ditches and repetitive flooding areas.
 - Held preliminary stormwater maintenance discussions with the county and state representatives.
 - Contracted for video inspection of the Finney Rd. to Atlantic Ave. underground stormwater culvert for deterioration and blockages.
 - During 2017-2018 will work to complete a written stormwater maintenance plan. The plan will outline homeowners, Town, county and state responsibilities. And it will include a list of maintenance and repair projects.

Plans for the upcoming years:

- ~ (2017-2018) **Town Marina Phase II** will complete dock decking replacement and support system.
- ~ (2018-2019) **Town Marina Phase III** will concentrate on repairing or replacing the Town Marina boat ramp.

The Town Council Of Wachapreague Wishes All A Healthy And Prosperous 2018.