

TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ...

- ✓ **Town Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 11th, 6:30 PM, Executive Session; 7:00 PM, Regular Meeting, Town Hall
- ✓ **Planning Commission:** Wednesday, May 18th, ***CANCELED – No Applications Received***
- ✓ **Town Council Meeting:** Wednesday, May 25th, ***CANCELED***
- ✓ **Delaware League of Local Governments:** Thursday, May 26th, 5:30 PM, Duncan Center (Dover)
- ✓ **Memorial Day Service:** Sunday, May 29th, 1:30 PM, The Circle

UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENTS ...

Finance

- As of May 6th, 2016, the Town has collected \$645,783 (74%) of the April 2016 Utility Billing (\$868,608)
- On May 2nd, 2016 mail the FY 2017 Property Tax Billing – Total billing was \$1,533,832
- Staff attended an Accident Investigation/Root Cause Analysis Training (Laura Givens and Olga Holm)

Wastewater

- Lagoon depths: Large Lagoon is 11.00 feet and Small Lagoon is 6.00 feet
- Delaware Tech Pump Station Controller has been replaced and is working fine
- Update of Hazardous Material Inventory being completed
- Responded to sewer issue on Old Laurel Road, roots impacting lateral (property owner responsibility)

Public Works

- “Parklet” placed at Georgetown Billiards
- Work at Police Station continues (interior work due to weather)
- Personnel attended Delaware Forest Service Tree Pruning Class (see photo 1 & 2)

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Police

- Significant Incident Reports and Press Releases distributed as prepared
- Weekly and Year to Date crime statistics (selected crimes) updated (copy attached)

Planning

- Predevelopment Meetings:
 - 308 North Race Street, Suite 102 (Photo Studio) – May 10th
 - 528 East Market Street (Supportive Housing)
- Reviewing Initial draft of Downtown Development District Application
- Building Permit Summary (April 2016)

Building Activity	April 2016	March 2016	April 2015
Permits Issued	20	31	32
Value of Improvements	\$584,389	\$961,573	\$2,105,652 ¹
Permit Revenue	\$3,235	\$5,360	\$11,400

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ...

- Town of Georgetown received official notification of being selected as a pilot Cool & Connected Community. Initial conference call with EPA and USDA to outline the program (Gene Dvornick, Jocelyn Godwin)
- Addressed property owner concerns regarding parking and property zoning (Bill Bradley, Gene Dvornick, Jocelyn Godwin)
- Worked with Public Works on placement and installation of new Tourist Information signs for the Chamber and Southern Delaware Tourism Office
- Addressed Supportive Housing zoning questions (Jamie Craddock, Gene Dvornick, Jocelyn Godwin)
- Attended 2016 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Borrower's Conference. Topics covered:
 - ✓ 20 Years of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund – What's Next?
 - ✓ Flint Forensics (Water issues in Flint, Michigan)
 - ✓ UNC Financial Planning Tools
- Met with representatives of Georgetown Kiwanis to review plans for the 2016 Memorial Day Service (Shirley Dennis, Gene Dvornick, and Holland vanValkenburgh)
- Prepared and submitted Circle Permit and DeDOT Special Event Permit for the 2016 Memorial Day Service

¹ \$1,425,000 Sussex Academy Tenant Fit-out

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- Attended Sussex County Association of Towns dinner meeting (Gene Dvornick, Bob Holston, and Bill West). Speaker was Governor Markell
- Participated in Delaware Forest Service Tree Pruning Class – Classroom and Hands On
- Attended SCAT Steering Committee (Gene Dvornick, Bob Holston, and Bill West). Speaker was DeIDOT Secretary Cohan, presentation by Conxx Smart Technologies, and legislative review
- Hosted State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) representative visit regarding the Annex & Town Hall (37 & 39 The Circle)



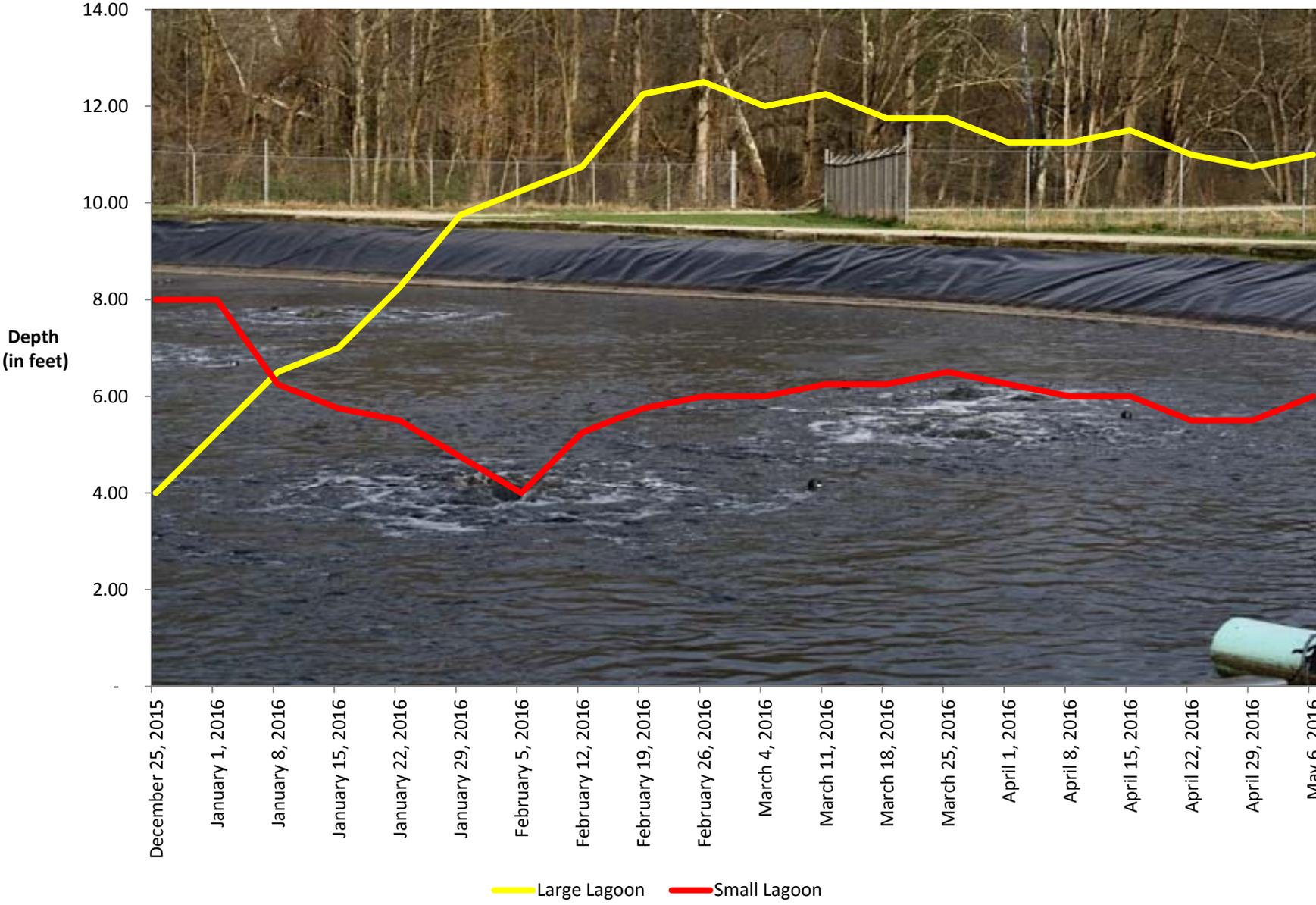
**Photo 1 - Pruning Cherry Trees along North Bedford
Street**



**Photo 2 - Pruning Cherry Trees along North Bedford
Street**

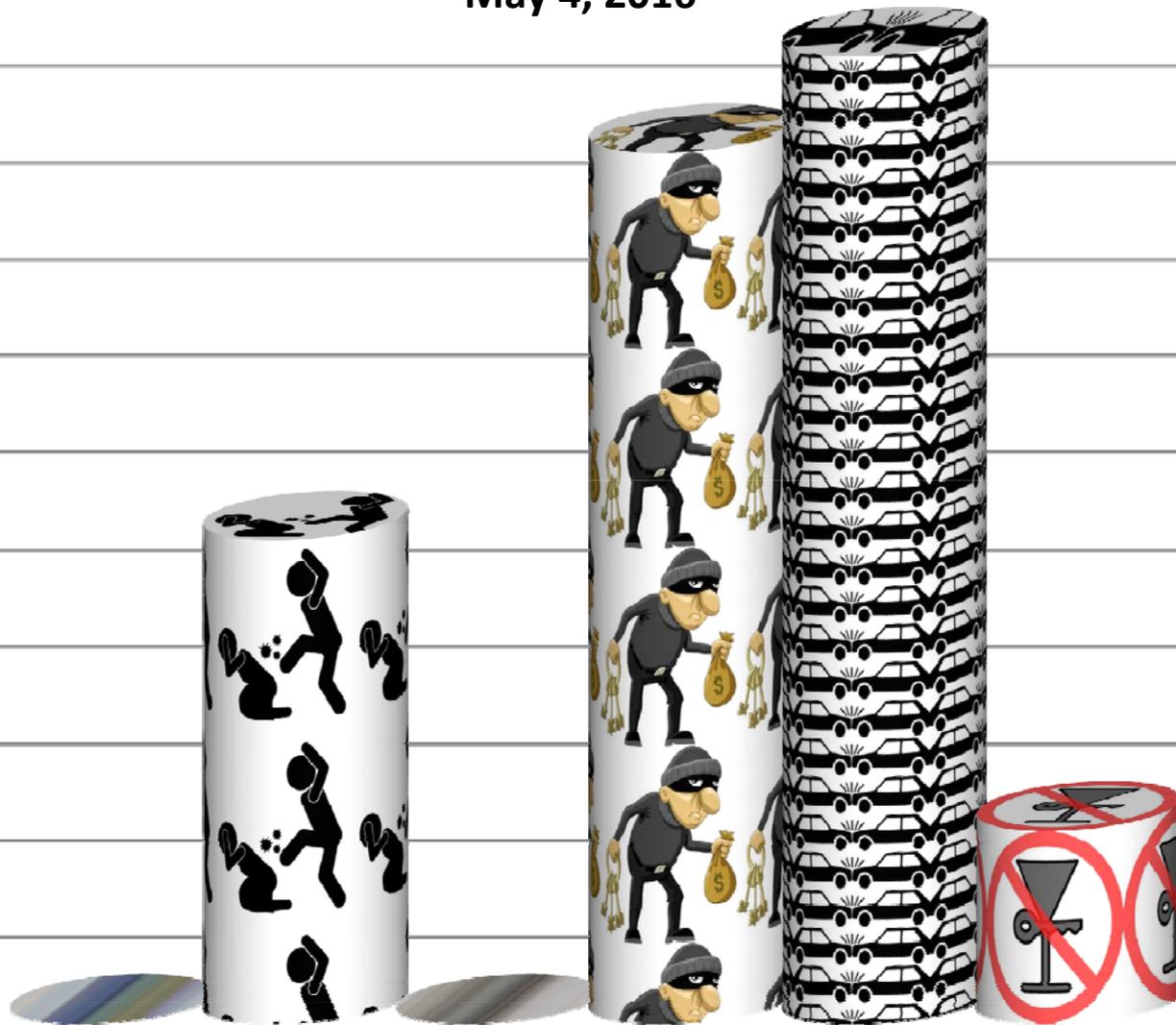
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WWTF Lagoon Depths



May 4, 2016

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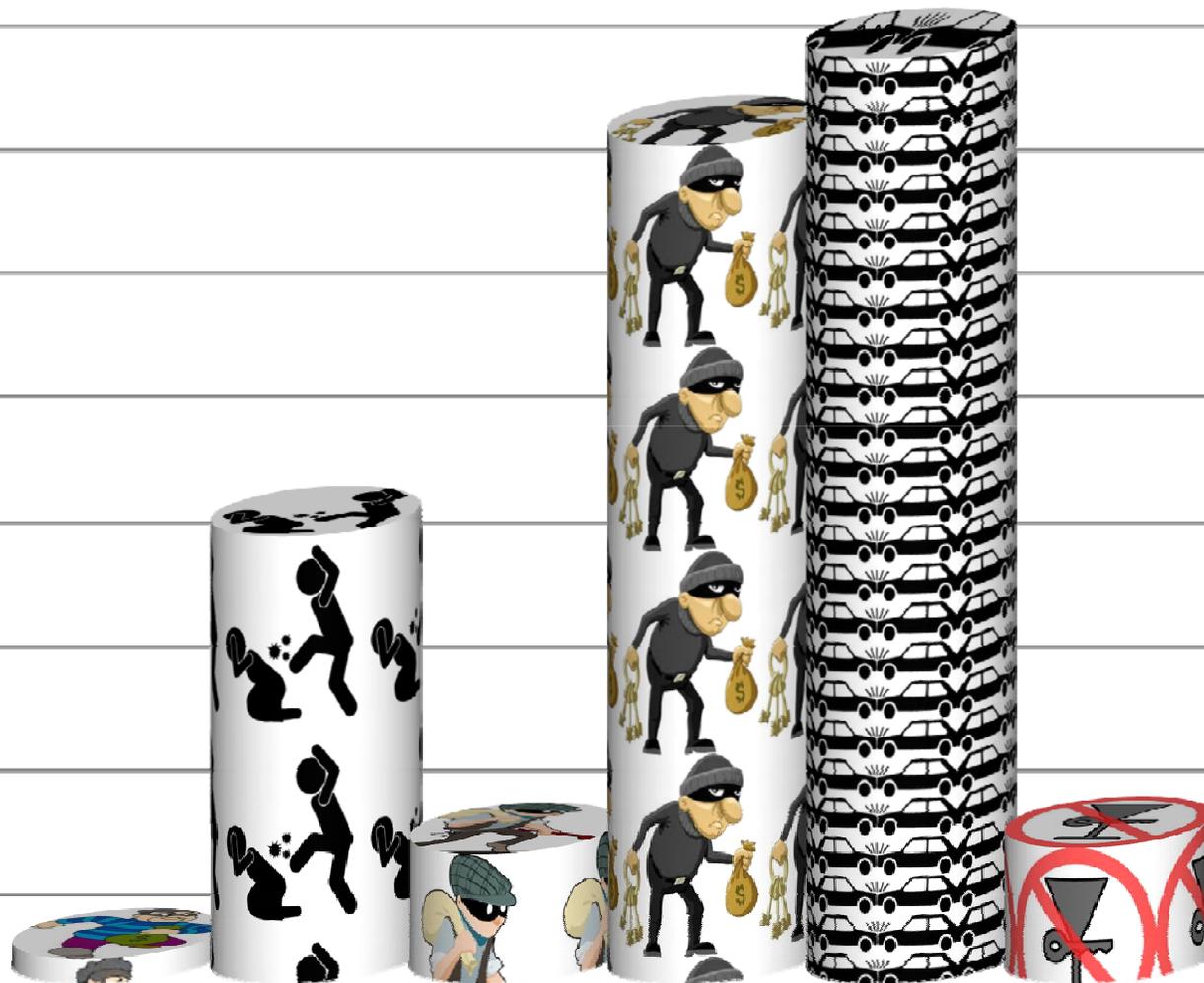


Weekly

Robbery Assault Buglary Thefts Collision DUI

May 4, 2016

160
140
120
100
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20
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Year to Date

Robbery Assault Burglary Thefts Collision DUI

Building Permit Activity





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Obama Administration to Help Five Small Communities Revitalize Downtowns through Broadband Service

Cool & Connected to Leverage Internet Investments in Five States

WASHINGTON – May 5, 2016 – Today, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced the selection of communities in five states that will participate in the Cool & Connected planning assistance program, an innovative initiative to help people use broadband service for downtown revitalization and economic development.

"Broadband has helped rural communities across the country gain access to improved health care, open the door to educational services and expand business and social opportunities," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "The new Cool & Connected program will help these small-towns use broadband to provide new opportunities for people and businesses in rural areas."

"Cool & Connected supports community revitalization in rural America," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "By supporting economic growth through broadband investments, rural communities are creating vibrant, thriving places that improve human health and the environment."

Partner communities will receive direct technical assistance from a team of experts to develop strategies and an action plan for using planned or existing broadband service to create connected, economically vibrant main streets and small-town neighborhoods. By combining broadband service with other local assets, such as cultural and recreational amenities, this assistance can help communities attract and retain investment and people, revitalize downtowns, diversify local economies, and improve walkability.

Cool & Connected Pilot Phase Partner Communities

- **Georgetown, Del.**, will explore strategies to leverage new broadband infrastructure serving county facilities to provide public internet access, and to attract and retain businesses downtown.
- **Leon, Iowa**, will develop a strategy for implementing a free Wi-Fi zone in its downtown square to draw more economic activity and provide low-income residents with internet access.
- **Montrose, Colo.**, will combine its new broadband service with other downtown assets, (including a farmers' market) to promote local food access, accelerate main street development, and attract visitors.
- **Toledo, Wash.**, will utilize their new broadband network to support business and tourism downtown that will build on Vision: Toledo - a grassroots coalition of people committed to community revitalization.
- **Tullahoma, Tenn.**, will receive technical assistance to market downtown Tullahoma as a free Wi-Fi zone and develop a physical work-share space to complement new infrastructure investments, and add to the growth of downtown businesses.

Cool & Connected is one of the Obama Administration's community-based initiatives that are helping rural communities develop competitive advantages. In these places federal experts are working side by side with residents and local leaders to create customized solutions; bolstering coordination across agencies and improving how we interact with communities as a 'one Government' partner.

USDA support is provided by the Rural Utilities Service, which provides critical infrastructure including electricity generation and transmission, water and waste water facilities and telecommunications for rural America. Since 2009, USDA has awarded \$6.7 billion for almost 550 projects to improve telecommunications infrastructure in rural communities. EPA support is provided through the Office of Sustainable Communities, which helps communities develop in ways that protect public health and the natural environment by creating walkable, livable, economically vibrant communities, and supporting reinvestment in existing neighborhoods.

For more information on Cool & Connected: <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/cool-connected>

For information on USDA Rural Utilities Service: <http://www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/agencies/rural-utilities-service>

For information on EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities: <https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth>

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