



Town of Blades  
OFFICE OF MAYOR & COUNCIL  
20 W Fourth Street  
Blades, Delaware 19973-4122  
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**ORDINANCE NO.412**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, USAGE, PERMITS AND FEES WITH REGARD TO SWIMMING POOLS IN THE TOWN OF BLADES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AND FINES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

**Article 1.**

**Section 1-1 Private swimming pool: Permit/Application/Fees**

- A. Any person desiring to build or construct a private swimming pool within the jurisdiction of the Town, shall, before beginning such construction, obtain from the Town Administrator a building permit for such construction. This pertains to all in ground pools and all above ground pools with a capacity greater than 5000 gallons.
- B. The application for such permit shall be approved by the Code/Building Enforcement Officer. The Code/Building Enforcement Officer shall not approve the application until the applicant has furnished a complete set of plans showing the proposed location, depth, and size of the pool and the materials to be used within.
- C. The applicant shall obtain all permits and pay any applicable fees prior to beginning any construction.

**Section 1-2 Enclosure by Fence: Requirements/Permits/Fees**

- A. Any swimming pool constructed or maintained within the Town limits greater than 2 feet in height shall be completely enclosed by an adequate barrier or fence at least 42 inches in height with a space no greater than 6 inches from the bottom of the fence to the ground. Any opening in such barrier shall be supplied with a gate that can be securely closed and locked. Barrier shall be sufficient to protect small children from wandering into the area immediately surrounding the pool. The barrier shall be no closer than 5 feet to said pool.
- B. The gate shall be kept securely locked at all times when there is not the presence of an adult or a person capable of protecting small children.
- C. A permit shall be required and all applicable fees paid prior to construction of said barrier as per fence ordinance.

**Section 1-3 Location of Swimming Pools**

- A. Any private swimming pool constructed within the Town shall be located so that:
  - 1. No portion of pool is closer than 20 feet to a front property line.
  - 2. If constructed on a corner lot, no portion of pool shall be closer than 20 feet to each Town roadway.



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3. No portion of pool shall be closer than 5 feet to any side property line.
4. No portion of pool shall be closer than 5 feet to any back property line.

#### Section 1-4 Rules and Regulations

- A. Any swimming pool constructed or maintained within the Town of Blades shall comply with any rules and regulations of the State Board of Health or any other State regulatory agency.

#### Section 1-5 Emptying Pools

- A. Pools may be dumped on private lawns as long as they do not run off the owner's property. If runoff may occur, direct line attachment to the public sewer system would be required.

#### Section 1-6 Compliance

- A. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations may result in either fine, penalty or assessment as regulated in the Town of Blades Housing Code.
- B. Fines may be assessed for failure to comply with any of the above regulations at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$100.00)** per day per violation. Each day the violation is not brought into compliance is considered to be a separate offense and fined accordingly.
- C. Penalties may include covering the pool or emptying the pool until all violations are satisfied.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on its third and final reading at a public meeting of the Town of Blades Town Council, Sussex County, Delaware, held on the 9th day of September, 2013.

  
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Mayor Michael J Smith

  
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Attest: Vikki Prettyman, Town Administrator

First Reading 7/8/2013  
Second Reading 8/12/2013





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**ORDINANCE NO. 416**  
**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ABANDONED VEHICLES UPON  
 PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the Town of Blades in council met, in the manner following to wit:

The purpose of this Ordinance is to eliminate abandoned vehicles which tend to interfere with the enjoyment of, and reduce the value of, private property, to invite plundering, to create fire hazards and other safety and health hazards to children as well as adults, to interfere with the comfort and well-being of the public and to create, extend and aggravate urban blight.

Any vehicle that is either inoperable, dismantled, wrecked, or which displays expired registration plates which are at least 30 days expired, or which displays no registration plates, or from which major components have been removed, is in such a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being operated in the manner for which it is designed, shall be considered to be an abandoned vehicle.

This Ordinance shall not apply to any vehicle upon private property which is not visible from the street or road and is not otherwise a nuisance or a health or fire hazard.

If an abandoned vehicle is on private property with the consent of the owner or occupant thereof, or if the abandoned vehicle is owned by the owner or occupant of the private property where the vehicle is located, said vehicle must be removed from property by the owner or occupant within five days upon being notified either in person or by certified mail. Any person who shall violate this Ordinance or fails to comply with said notice or order issued by a Code Official and/or a member of the Police Department shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than **One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$100.00)** nor more than One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, or both. Each day of a separate and continuing violation shall be deemed a separate offense.

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 Mayor Michael J Smith

  
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BLADES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BLADES, DELAWARE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Michael Smith  
Mayor of Blades

FROM: Chief Edwin C. Cooke *EC*  
Chief of Police

THROUGH: Mr. Earl E. Chaffinch Sr.  
Police Commissioner

SUBJECT: **Monthly Report August 2013**

DATE: September 9, 2013

**Traffic and Criminal Activity Statistics:**

Traffic Arrest: (70)                      Criminal Arrest: (13)

DUI Arrest: (0)                              Criminal Complaints: (62)

29P Local Fugitive: (3)                  Domestic Related: (3)

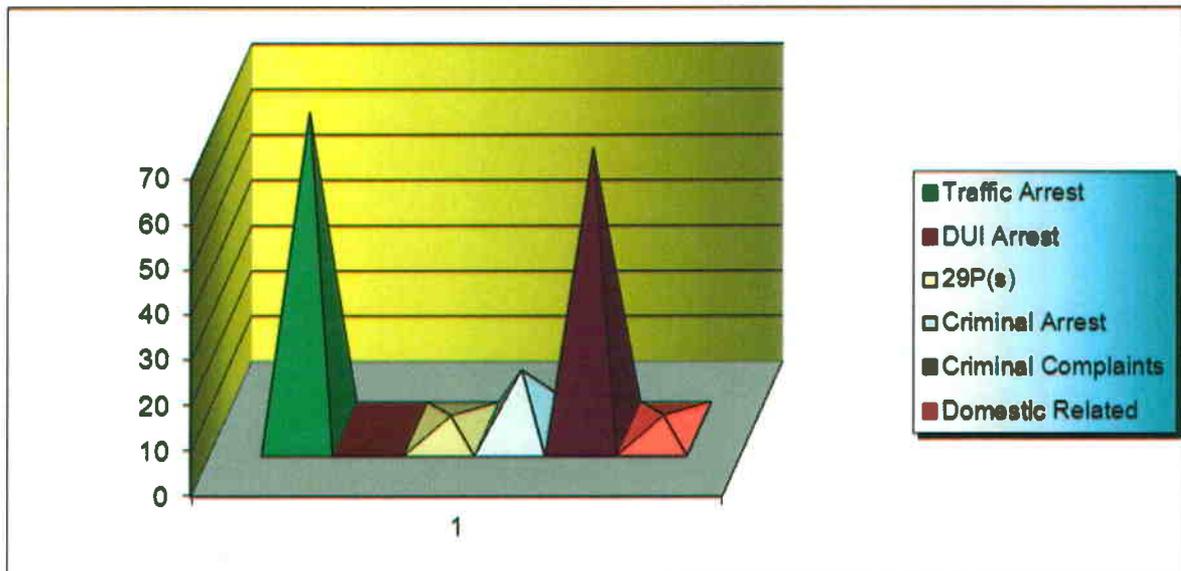
**Vehicle Report**

Crown Victoria 2001	Mileage	(129598)	Fuel	(94)
Ford Crown Vic 2009	Mileage	(63233)	Fuel	(117)
Dodge Durango (2005)	Mileage	(140422)	Fuel	(108)
Hummer (1993)	Mileage	(18505)	Fuel	(0)
Hummer (1978)	Mileage	(23500)	Fuel	(0)

**Significant Event:**

1. On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, the Blades community celebrated our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out event in the Blades Public Park.
2. On Tuesday, August 20, 2012, the sworn members of Blades PD attended a Portal 100 Web Search certification class held at the Delaware State Police Academy in Dover, Delaware.
3. On Wednesday, August 21, 2013, Chief Edwin Cooke attended the Sussex County Police Chiefs' Association meeting held at the Bay Leaf Restaurant in Milton, Delaware.

Traffic Arrests	DUI Arrests	29P(s)	Criminal Arrests	Criminal Complaint	Domestic Related
70	0	3	13	62	3





**Town of Blades**  
Water & Maintenance Department

Month/Year: August 2013

Vehicle 1: 1995 Ford F250 Monthly Total Fuel: \$114.97

Starting Mileage: 73,343 Ending Mileage: 73,525 Total Mileage: 182

Vehicle 2: 2008 GMC Sierra Monthly Total Fuel: \$310.67

Starting Mileage: 39,950 Ending Mileage: 41,033 Total Mileage: 1083

Vehicle 3: 1995 Chevy D/T Monthly Total Fuel: 0

Starting Mileage: 21,330 Ending Mileage: 21,371 Total Mileage: 41

Maintenance 1: Backhoe/Gas Cans Monthly Total Fuel: 0  
Backhoe hours 193.85

Complaints: 0 Disconnects: 6 Reconnects: 6

After Hour Calls: 2 After Hour Response: 2

Town Water Leaks: 2 Other Water Leaks: 1

Water Pumped for Month: Well #1: 19,14,500 Gallons Hours: 253.30

Well #2: 16,01,400 Gallons Hours: 190.90

Total: 35,15,900 Gallons Hours: 444.20

Water Total Billed for the Current Quarter: N/A Gallons

Chemicals Ordered: Caustic Soda: 330 Gallons Chlorine: 120 Gallons

Corrosion Control: 0 Gallons Permanganate: 0 lbs.

Fluoride: 100 lbs.

Snow plowing: N/A Hours Salt spreading: N/A Hours

Comments: 8/26 fire hydrant was hit at firehouse on 4th St

Brandon Slater, DE Water Operator # 10

**Town of Blades**  
Monthly Well Reading Report

Month of August Year 2013

Day	Well #1 GPM	Hours On	Well #2 GPM	Hours On	Backwash Check	Initials
1	2252708	2825.1	2100089	682.5	✓	Ze
2	2253190	2831.5	2100532	687.7	✓	Ze
3	2253996	2842.2	2100942	692.4	✓	Ze
4	2254351	2847.0	2101406	698.1	✓	BS
5	2255067	2856.7	2102012	705.2	✓	Ze
6	2255666	2864.0	2102524	711.3	✓	Ze
7	2256033	2869.7	2103423	721.9	✓	Ze
8	2256939	2881.8	2103509	723.0	✓	BS
9	2257320	2886.8	2103985	728.7	✓	Ze
10	2258210	2898.7	2103991	728.7	✓	Ze
11	2258804	2906.7	2104668	736.7	✓	BS
12	2259526	2916.1	2105288	744.1	✓	BS
13	2259709	2919.4	2105777	749.9	✓	Ze
14	2260529	2929.5	2106482	758.2	✓	Ze
15	2261152	2934.3	2106875	762.9	✓	Ze
16	2261872	2947.3	2107543	771.1	✓	Ze
17	2262451	2954.0	2108102	777.5	✓	Ze
18	2262961	2961.7	2108726	785.0	✓	BS
19	2263429	2967.9	2109409	793.0	✓	Ze
20	2264101	2975.5	2109872	798.6	✓	BS
21	2264847	2986.6	2110465	805.7	✓	Ze
22	2265698	2997.8	2110896	810.8	✓	Ze
23	2266496	3008.7	2111480	817.7	✓	BS
24	2267012	3015.2	2112260	827.0	✓	Ze
25	2267736	3024.8	2112583	830.9	✓	BS
26	2268588	3035.7	2113312	839.7	✓	Ze
27	2269392	3046.4	2113912	846.8	✓	BS
28	2269879	3052.6	2114559	854.6	✓	Ze
29	2270468	3060.4	2115555	866.7	✓	Ze
30	2271615	3075.5	2115556	866.7	✓	BS
31	2271853	3078.4	2116103	873.4	✓	Ze
Total	1914500	253.30	1601400	190.90		

Total Gallons 3,515,900

Total Hours 444.20

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER PROGRAM  
WATER WORKS REPORT

Town of Blades

Supply Name \_\_\_\_\_ PWSID# 865 Month Aug Year 2013

Date	Time	Sample Point	Fluoride lbs. or GPD	mg/l.	Chlorine lbs. or GPD	Res. - mg/L Treated Water	pH Treated Water	Turbidity Surface Water Only	Other	Remarks
1	9:00	plant	1769	0.78		1.72	6.5	0.02	Meng.	to
2	9:25	plant	1770	0.77		1.27	6.6	0.09		to
3	12:25	plant	1770	0.81		1.36	6.3	0.02		to
4	10:30	plant	1770	0.90		1.27	6.4	0.05		to
5	9:40	plant	1771	0.82		1.31	6.5	0.05		to
6	9:30	plant	1772	0.88		1.29	6.4	0.07		to
7	1:20	plant	1772	0.80		1.85	7.1	0.09		to
8	1:20	plant	1772	0.79		1.80	7.0	0.06		to
9	9:30	plant	1773	0.85		1.95	6.7	0.04		to
10	10:50	plant	1773	0.81		1.31	6.3	0.06		to
11	10:30	plant	1774	0.86		0.94	6.4	0.04		to
12	1:00	plant	1774	0.87		1.04	6.4	0.03		to
13	9:10	plant	1774	0.77		1.05	6.7	0.04		to
14	9:35	plant	1775	0.90		1.63	6.8	0.09		to
15	8:45	plant	1775	0.87		1.22	6.7	0.04		to
16	10:20	plant	1775	0.85		1.26	6.6	0.03		to
17	9:10	plant	1775	0.81		1.13	6.8	0.04		to
18	10:30	plant	1777	0.85		1.16	6.6	0.06		to
19	10:00	plant	1777	0.80		1.27	6.5	0.05		to
20	9:16	plant	1778	0.80		1.02	6.5	0.03		to
21	8:20	plant	1778	0.83		1.13	6.5	0.04		to
22	10:10	plant	1779	0.81		1.12	6.7	0.02		to
23	11:00	plant	1779	0.79		1.14	6.5	0.05		to
24	2:20	plant	1780	0.83		1.26	6.5	0.03		to
25	9:30	plant	1780	0.79		0.98	6.4	0.06		to
26	2:00	plant	1780	0.82		1.19	6.4	0.05		to
27	3:00	plant	1782	0.84		1.04	6.4	0.04		to
28	11:00	plant	1782	0.86		1.22	6.4	0.07		to
29	2:30	plant	1785	0.85		1.26	6.5	0.01		to
30	12:00	plant	1783	0.80		1.31	6.5	0.01		to
31	6:50	plant	1784	0.83		1.27	6.5	0.05		to

Division of Public Health  
Office of Drinking Water  
Blue Hen Corporate Center  
655 Bay Road, Suite 20A  
Dover, DE 19901

  
Signature  
water Supervisor

Town OF Blades  
Monthly Effluent Flow Meter Report

Month of August

Year 2013

Day	Effluent Flow Meter	Initials
1	45853565	Jo
2	45863333	Jo
3	45876115	Jo
4	45584223	BS
5	45598672	Jo
6	45609304	Jo
7	45625241	Jo
8	45633745	BS
9	45642574	Jo
10	45657179	Jo
11	45665558	BS
12	45678054	BS
13	45686977	Jo
14	45702365	Jo
15	45713338	Jo
16	45727952	Jo
17	45739467	Jo
18	45751443	BS
19	45763279	Jo
20	45773853	BS
21	45788864	Jo
22	45802213	Jo
23	45816002	BS
24	45830271	Jo
25	45841262	BS
26	45857735	Jo
27	45872066	BS
28	45883892	Jo
29	45900478	Jo
30	45909175	BS
31	45920530	Jo
Total	3,669,650	

Total Gallons 3,669,650



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**Code Enforcement Report**

**August 2013**

**Ordinance # 330 (trash) 4**

**Complaints 4**

**Ordinance # 410 (grass) 10**

**Housing Code Section 4112- Letter sent –Accessory Structure (Fence)**

**Notified a tenant not to dump trash at park dumpster**

**Mileage – 1234mi**

# Town of Blades

Inspection, Repair & Maintenance Record

Vehicle Identification

2013 CHEVY SONIC

MONTH August 13  
 Tire Size Tires needed About 6 lbs of air

WEEKLY SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR	WEEK FIVE	CHECK COMPLETED BY INITIALS
CHECK OIL	✓	✓	✓	✓		MT
CHECK ANTI-FREEZE	✓	✓	✓	✓		MT
CHECK TIRES	✓	✓	✓	✓		MT
CHECK TIRE PRESSURE	✓	✓	✓	✓		MT
CHECK OTHER FLUIDS	✓	✓	✓	✓		
CHECK SIGNAL LIGHTS/BRAKE LIGHTS	✓	✓	✓	✓		
MILEAGE	793	966	1104	1234		

9 September, 2013.  
Town Of Blades:

To: The Mayor and Town Council.

Events and Meetings I Attended from 12 August 2013 until 9 September, 2013.

1. Town Council Meeting at Hardin Hall on 12 August 2013, 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.
2. Attended Hispanic Festival 18 August 2013, 1: P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
3. Attended Annexation Committee meeting 4 September 2013, 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Councilman:

Robert W. Atkinson

September 9, 2013

**Parks and Cemetery Report.**

Thanks to the Brandon and Frank for installing the new flag poles around the monument.

New Merry go round type ride has been received and awaiting installation

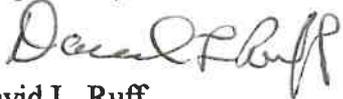
Bar-B-Que grills near the pavilion has been repaired and reinstalled.

Complaint received about some ground decorations around a monument had been run over when the grass was being cut.

**Meetings Attended:**

**Attended Annexation Committee Meeting**

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David L. Ruff".

**David L. Ruff**  
**Parks & Cemetery Commissioner**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 2013**

**ATTENDED THE DEDICATION OF THE HABITOT AREA AT BLADES  
ELEMENTREY SCHOOL**

**ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE ANNA C. SHIPLEY STATE SERVICE CENTER  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.**