

My native land, my dearest Motherland!  
Wherever I'd be, whatever I'd do  
Your spirit of love, your all best traditions  
I'll keep in my heart and carry them through.

### **1. History**

Initially, before the 1906 the unofficial name of the village Agapovka was KrasnyYar. In 1906, as a farm had a population of about one hundred families of Cossacks, the farm received the status of the village and was renamed in Agapovka.

According to the old-timers the village got its name in honor of settler Agapov.

The first countries of the area were founded in the middle of 18<sup>th</sup> century such as Yangelsky, Kizilsky, Chernootrozhsy, Vozdvizhensky and Trebiatsky. All of them have more than 250-years old history. A number of villages like Magnitny, Narovchatsky, Navarinka, Bazarsky, Zingeytsky, Moscovsky and, of course, Agapovka were set up in 20<sup>th</sup> century

### **2. Foundation of Agapovsky area in 1965**

The area was broken up twice, in 1959 and 1961, and restored in January of 1965 as Agapovsky area. Now it is a highly developed agricultural and industrial district of our region. The population of the area is above 33 thousand people, most of them are involved in agriculture.

### **3. Official emblems (flag, coat of arms)**

The coat of arms of Agapovsky area was established on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in 2002.

The main figure of the coat of arms of Agapovsky area is a Shamrock - a symbol of fertility, growth and renewal. The symbolism of the Shamrock represents the three-part nature of the world: heaven, earth and water .

The Golden field of the coat of arms shows that Agapovsky area is the breadbasket of Magnitogorsk. Gold is the color of the sun, wealth, grain, harvest.

Red in heraldry is a symbol of courage, dedication, beauty, fair struggle and life.

The azure part of the coat of arms complements the symbols and shows the geographical location of the district on the Ural river. Azure in heraldry is a symbol of honor, glory, devotion and truth.

### **4. Economical position. Industry**

Agapovsky area is one of the main producers of agricultural products. The activity of farms is the cultivation of grain, fodder and vegetable crops, milk and meat production. «Sitno» and «Profit» are the most famous and successful enterprises. Our lands are sometimes called zone of risky farming. Despite of this there are many successful farms on the territory of Agapovsky district such as Карсакбаев, Озолниекс, Хасимов and others. Introducing new technologies they collect high yields, develop livestock and achieve significant results. Their products are awarded with prizes at various exhibitions of national economy achievements.

Such industries as Marble processing plant OMIA-URAL and Calcareous-dolomite quarry play an important role in developing of our district and increasing of living standards. Also, as the area borders with Magnitogorsk, one of the main directions of the economy is the production of food for city residents.

## 5. Geography

Agapovsky area is situated on the watershed of the Ural river and its tributaries, Gumbeyka, Zingeyka, Suhaya, Subutak, Solodyanka and Yangelca. Area is located in the southwest of the Chelyabinsk region mostly in the steppe, partly in the forest-steppe zones. The climate is sharply continental: in winter with severe winds and frosts. Summer can be hot or cool or rainy and very short.

But nothing can replace the beauty of Russian nature. And you are fascinated by winter snow magic and bright colors of summer and gentle apparel of birches.

There are five natural monuments on the territory of the area:

- Ablyazov meadows
- The tract «the White Stone»
- mountain «Vorovskaya»
- the lower reaches of «Maly Kizil»
- Zhurumbaeva valley

A unique natural object of biology scientists find caves "Avdoninskaya" and "Yuzhnaya". As a result of archaeological researches revealed a unique object Arkaim. In addition, the archaeologists determine 150 barrows of various historical eras.

The area's two largest artificial ponds: Verkhneuralsky and Magnitogorsk.

## 6. Education. Cultural life

There so many glorious pages in the history and present life of our district. The subject of constant care of the administration is the issues of education and upbringing of the younger generations. In the educational system of the area there are about 50 institutions: 20 schools, 23 kindergartens, 3 Institutions of additional education, an Interschool Methodical Center.

The education system covers 2,372 preschool children and 3,990 pupils. . They are successful not only in studying but also in sport and different music, literature, science competitions. The Regional Museum, which has existed since 1987 is the main center of preservation of cultural, historical and national traditions. In 2018 it got a new house. Amazing and touching exhibitions are held there. Many people can't imagine their life without visiting libraries. Agapovskiy library system has become a Centre of creativity for children and adults. People go there not only to borrow a book but to take part in different clubs and even performances. Musical education is also important. Today there are 2 music schools and an art school.

Another centre of spiritual revival of our folk in the ninetieth was faith in God. So in Agapovka Christian church and Moslem mosque were build on the money collected by the inhabitants of the village and with the support of local authorities.

The decision to build an Orthodox Church in Agapovka was made by the head of the district A. M. Davletbayev, and the residents of the village supported him. An artificial hill was build especially for the church . Therefore, the domes of the Church are clearly visible among the low houses of Agapovka. Construction began in may of 1998 and progressed surprisingly quickly. By early autumn of 2000, the work had been completed. New Church was named in honor of the Vladimir icon of the mother of God.

## 7. Sport

Agapovsky area is becoming the center of big sports. Nowadays there are more than 2000 working and studying athletes in Agapovka. Athletics, judo, football, hockey are the most favorite kinds of sport.

For going in for sports we have many facilities including well-equipped

stadium, modern football fields, hockey rinks, volleyball and basketball courts, about 20 sports halls, and the other big and small sport grounds. Competitions in football, volleyball and athletics for the cup of the newspaper "Zvezda", Robert Chassimov, Zhanat Suenbaev are traditionally held. It is always a feast of agility, strength and health. Our athletes participate in competitions not only on a local scale but also at the regional and federal levels

The issues of the development of sport in the Agapov district are under personal control of the Head of the district Baydavlet Taybergenov. Among them our girls, members of hockey and football teams, winners in competitions for a prize «Novatek».

## **8. The Great Patriotic War**

The Great Patriotic War broke in a peaceful life of our people. It took away the lives over 6 thousand men. Two and a half thousand didn't come back. They fell victims to that terrible war.

Our Agapovsky district brought up six heroes of Soviet Union: Vasily Volyntsev, Vasiliy Chipishev, Nikolay Sergienko, Vasiliy Zaitsev, Dmitriy Yemelyanov and Vasiliy Kozhanov. Nikolay Sergienko was born 10 May 1923 in the village Zhuravlyovka. He is Ukrainian by nationality. In 1934 his family moved to the village of Agapovka. Here Nikolai graduated from elementary school, and then studied at the railway school number 1. Some later he worked as an assistant to the locomotive driver.

In June 1941, Nikolai was drafted into the Red Army and fought in the South-Western, 2nd and 3rd Ukrainian and 1st Belorussian Fronts.

On January 15, along with the rifle divisions, our countryman, among the first in the regiment, crossed the Pilica River. On the shore, having rolled out the gun on a direct light, he defeated the enemy's gun and observation post with precision fire, destroyed two machine-gun points. By the end of the war on the barrel of Sergienko's gun was 13 stars - according to the number of enemy tanks burned by his gun. By the decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR of February 27, 1945, the guard Sergeant Nikolai Dmitrievich Sergienko was awarded the title of Hero of the Soviet Union. In the same year 1945, Nikolai Sergienko was fired into the reserve.

In memory of the heroes of the battles for freedom and independence of the Motherland a monument was erected in 1967. Every year veterans of the the Great Patriotic war and all other people come here to a meeting in honor of the great victory. They lay flowers to the monument and remember about those who did not return from that war.

Paying tribute to the memory of mothers, Agapovka installed a memorial plate "Heroic deeds of the soldiers' mothers." Five years ago Zinaida Semyonovna Shtyrlyayeva, head of the Chelyabinsk regional organization "Memory to her heart, was supported by the initiative. Members of the presidium of the district Veterans Council supported the initiative. Alexander Dombaev, who headed the Agapov district, had a great help and support. The people who were not indifferent, Leonid and Maxim Hibakovs, Boris Medvedev, employees of the central library. The grand opening took place on the 20 October 2, 2012. To the monument, paying tribute to the memory of the heroic deed of the soldiers' mothers, fresh flowers were laid.

## **9. People we are proud for**

But the most important advantage of our area is people. Agapovsky area is rich in many sources from fertile lands to talented peoples - amateur poets, composers, masters of arts and crafts.

**Vera Belaya** plays many roles in her life: a poet, a musician, a teacher, a public figure, a wife, a mother, a woman. Vera Belaya the permanent leader of the retro ensemble "Star country", which she headed in March 1998. A competent teacher conducts rehearsals very brightly, unconventionally and emotionally, which in the end leads to well-deserved awards and victories:

the ensemble "Star country" is a multiple winner of local, regional and all-Russian competitions. Villagers know our heroine and as a person with a very active lifestyle. The confirmation is that since 2011 Vera Pavlovna is a deputy chairman of the Public Council at the OMVD. Another integral part of her life is poetry. Vera Pavlovna is an active participant in the literary communities "Krasny Yar" (pp. Agapovka) and "Magnit" (Magnitogorsk). Her poems are permeated with love for a small homeland and people. Since 2004, the works of Vera Belaya have been published in the collections of the South Urals writers "Prose and Poetry", in the almanac "Grafoman" (Chelyabinsk), the collections "In the circle of revelations", "I sing to you, my beloved village", "The Golden Placers of Agapovka" . Vera Pavlovna is certainly a gifted person, she composes poetry, writes music, sings beautifully. The poetic work of the Agapov poetess is highly appreciated outside the district: as an amateur poet and composer she is 14-times laureate of the All-Russia Bazhovskiy Festival of Folk Art, as the author-performer became a laureate of the regional contest "Theatrical Spring" in 2012, 2013, 2014, received a diploma The first zone festival of folklore in the city of Arkaim in 2005.

**Nina Shehovtsona** is a mistress in cross-stitch from Svetlogosk. In our days, there is an incredible surge of interest in this activity. Surprisingly, in the age of electronic gadgets, when any favorite picture can be easily printed on the printer, hand-embroidered works have a great value. Cross-stitch embroidery is no longer a hobby for her, but a part of life.

At the regional events, city and regional exhibitions, a master from Svetlogorsk is invited often. And now Nina Shekhovtsova is preparing to take part in the opening day, which opens in early March in the picture gallery of the city of Magnitogorsk.

In the 70s and 80s **Urazaev Gabdulhak, Starkova Maria and Lunyov Vasily** became heroes of socialist labor of the Agapov district. About 30 people were awarded the Order of Lenin.

### **Facts.**

1) A special page in the history of the Vladimir Church was written in 2003, when Russian President Vladimir Putin visited it. He prayed with all the parishioners and defended the entire service from beginning to end. The arrival of the President in Agapovka became an event for the whole village.

2) Vyacheslav Dosmukhamedov is a Russian producer and script writer, General producer of TV channel TNT, has a special popularity in our area. In 2001 Vyacheslav Dosmukhamedov graduated from Chelyabinsk state medical Academy, and in 2002 — internship at the Department of hospital therapy and family medicine. During his studies he played in KVN, was the script writer of the teams "Уездный город", "Лица уральской национальности".

In 2005-2008 he was a creative producer of STS TV channel, author of the first seasons of "Daddy's daughters" and "6 shots".

In 2008-2012 he was an author and producer of Comedy series "Univer", "Interns" and "Univer. New Dorm", producer of the Comedy show "Comedy Woman". And in <<Univer>> there was a mention of the village of Agapovka, as the main character Kuzya was born here.

Since 2017 he became a General producer of TNT TV channel.

3) One of the largest lemonarium in Russia is located in the village Narovchatka of Agapov district. It is a huge oasis of wild tropical nature: rare plants and exotic animals.

There are 1200 lemon trees and 5 different kinds of lemons. The temperature in the lemonarium is almost "equatorial". Having crossed the threshold, you get from the Urals winter to the subtropics. In 2005 lemonarium won a gold medal at the agricultural exhibition in Moscow. The regional farmers received the award for the largest lemon in Russia. Its weight was 1.6 kg.

Agapovsky area is our motherland, with its people is one of precious things of our hearts. No doubts, everyone of us is proud of strength, courage, diligence and faith in the future of our countrymen.

[Answer the questions:](#)

- 1)What was the unofficial name of the village Agapovka before the 1906?
- 2)What river is Agapovsky district situated on?
- 3)What natural zone is Agapovsky district located in?
- 4)What natural monuments do you know on the territory of the area?
- 5)What industrial enterprises play an important role in developing of our district?
- 6)How can you describe the cultural life of our district?
- 7)What facilities do we have to go in for sports in Agapovsky district?
- 8)What important discovery was made in Agapovsky district in the early nineties?
- 9)How are the village Agapovka and the sitcom "Univer" interrelated?
- 10)Where is one of the biggest lemonarium in the Agapovsky area?