The Town of Burgaw Responds to COVID-19

The Town of Burgaw staff is closely monitoring the COVID-19 virus and is planning accordingly. We are following the latest updates from the CDC, NC Governor’s Office, NC Department of Health and Human Services, and NC Emergency Management, as well as, our local Health and Emergency Management Officials. Great information and resources in regards to the COVID-19 outbreak are available at https://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/. Also, for the latest information in North Carolina visit https://ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus. Recommendations from these officials can be found on page 2.

Town Events are being evaluated on a case by case basis per the criteria sent by the Governor’s Office. Any canceled or postponed events will be announced on our website, on social media, and in our weekly newsletter. Currently, Town facilities, parks, and playgrounds will remain open.

As recommended by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, we are encouraging “social distancing” and, in order to reduce the chances of spreading the virus, the town is waiving the pay-by-phone fee for utility payments and will issue a credit to all customers that pay the convenience fee when making their payment online during this event.

County Solid Waste Sites

The question has recently come up about town residents utilizing Pender County Operated Solid Waste Convenience Sites. According to Pender County’s website, “Pender County residents in incorporated areas do not receive Pender County Solid Waste decals, due to receiving (and paying for) solid waste services from their municipality. These residents are not charged a solid waste availability fee by Pender County.

However, if residents in incorporated areas desire to utilize Pender County Solid Waste Convenience Center sites, they can pay the appropriate availability fee for the Full or Recycle-only decals to gain access. The fee charged for decals is for the complete period of service remaining for the decal. In other words, if purchased in April 2019 (when the new 2-year decal was issued), an incorporated area resident would pay for 2 years of service ($440 for Full Use, $220 for Recycle-only). This fee will be pro-rated if purchased later during the decal’s stated term. All sales are final, and no refunds will be issued.

If county decals are purchased, any solid waste fees paid to a municipality will NOT be affected. You will NOT receive a refund of your town’s fees and will still have to pay your town’s fees in the future.

Also, according to Pender County’s policy, “Business and commercial uses are not entitled to the solid waste stickers and must employ a private hauler for their trash and recyclable materials. Non-recyclable materials, excluding trash and recyclable materials, can be taken to the Transfer Station Scale House and a fee imposed according to the current tonnage rate fee.”
Mayor Cowan declares March 20th as Arbor Day
During the Board of Commissioners Meeting on March 10, 2020, Mayor Cowan proclaimed March 20, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Town of Burgaw. We encourage all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

All Burgaw and Pender County citizens are invited to stop by Town Hall on Friday, March 20, 2020, between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM to pick up a tree seedling to plant in your yard. This event is hosted by the Town of Burgaw and Pender County Parks & Recreation.

COVID-19: General Prevention Recommendations
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Soap and water is most effective, but alcohol-based hand sanitizer is the next best choice
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home from work or school if you are sick
- Avoid close contact with people who are ill
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw it away
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
- Keep things in perspective - Remind yourself that the number of confirmed infections in the U.S. is very low - Try to unplug from the media from time to time
  - Get the facts - Find up-to-date and accurate information from a credible source like NC DHHS or CDC
  - Communicate with your children - Discuss accurate and age-appropriate information to allay fears and encourage compassion
  - Keep connected - Maintain social networks to foster a sense of normality, provide outlets for sharing feelings and relieving stress - Share useful information found on governmental websites with your friends and family
  - Seek additional help - Consult with a trained and experienced mental health professional when feeling distressed - Support your friends, neighbors

Open Burning/Fire Department | 259-7494
Yard Debris/Public Works Department | 259-2901

Fun FACT: In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska.
Upcoming Filming in Burgaw

An application for a Film Permit has been submitted to the Town of Burgaw for filming beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for the “This Country” TV pilot.

Filming locations, dates, and times are as follows:

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The town has been the host of several movies and shows, including:

- “Silver Bullet”
- “Windmills of the Gods”
- “The Rose Garden”
- “A Mother’s Instinct”
- “The Summer of Ben Tillman”
- “Freedom Song”
- “The Runaway”
- “The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood”
- “My Life in Idlewild”
- “The Secret Life of Bees”
- “Under the Dome”
- “Revolution”
- “Tammy”
- “Uncle Frank”

Historic Burgaw Train Depot
Prints by Ivey Hayes For Sale
Available for purchase at Town Hall
Get yours today for only $20!

Take a stroll through beautiful Burgaw with our Historical Downtown self-guided Walking Tour!
Stop by Town Hall to pick yours up today!
Departmental Updates

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Jim Hock, Police Chief

- Tuesday morning was the Boy Scouts of America Investment in Character breakfast. The PD was represented to help raise funds for our local Boy Scouts. Judge Gary Trawick was the guest speaker and spoke about the character of a person.
- Pender EMS and Fire held the quarterly peer review meeting at EMS Station 7 in Rocky Point. We discussed recent trends and how the COVID-19 is affecting our local jurisdictions and resources.
- On Wednesday, we met with Cody from Parks and Rec and the health educator form Pender County Health Department to discuss partnering in our plan for our annual Burgaw PD Bike Rodeo.
- Detective Sergeant Williams attended a two day training on Child Death Investigations. The training was held in Raleigh at the state lab.
- We met with Watchgaurd, our body worn camera provider, to discuss upgrades to our current system and the purchase of new cameras. Town Manager Gantt and IT Director Harvey were also in attendance to make sure the software and hardware are substantial enough to protect the town from computer viruses and would operate properly for our needs.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Alan Moore, Director

- Roland and Jeremy have been picking up white goods and yard debris throughout the week.
- Green team has been focusing on trimming and edging sidewalks around town now that the weather is warmer and the grass is really starting to grow.
- The rest of the crew focused on finishing up the drainage project along Satchwell and Dudley. These improvements are meant to help the stormwater drainage in the area. On Thursday crews performed some paving repairs where the work had been done to smooth everything out.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Cody Suggs, Director

- This week we held our first Blueberry Drop meeting in order to start making preparations for this year’s band. The committee worked to narrow our choices down to the top three and will be booking by the end of business hours Friday (3-13). We look forward to hosting the event again this year and hope residents will come out to enjoy.
- We also worked this week to make repairs to equipment inside the local parks. Repairs included fixing the fence at Harrell Park, removing the old library at Rotary Park, laying boarder in mulch beds, and cleaning up trash. We will be cleaning playground equipment Friday (3-13) and Monday (3-16) in order to take precautions for the ongoing virus. Despite cleaning, we ask that all residents continue to use smart practices as they arrive and leave the playgrounds. Take note of the following precautionary steps.
  ♦ Wash your hands before arriving and leaving the Park.
  ♦ Wipe down benches and picnic tables before and after use.
  ♦ Do not visit the park if you are feeling ill with symptoms such as sneezing/coughing, fever, or shortness of breath.
  ♦ Avoid making contact with other individuals as much as possible.
- All Parks & Recreation events are on a case-by-case basis at the current time. We will send out updates regarding events as news unfolds throughout our State. For updates on our events please visit the Town Facebook page or our website.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Jim Taylor, Fire Chief

- County Ranger Hagen Blake has spent the last four Thursday nights training our firefighters on wildland fires, through which they can become Basic Wildland Fire Suppression certified.
- FF/AO Earl Brown and FF Mary Evans did a presentation at the Pender Early College High School Pre-K, with the kids getting to see Engine 15.

Public Works
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
Phone Number
(910) 470-0457

REMINDER: This phone is only answered after hours, 4:30PM-7:30AM and is for water and sewer emergencies only. Unless Public Works has been giving prior notice we cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off.
Spring into ACTION

Get Involved
Have fun with our Parks & Recreation Department by volunteering your time to help with special events, activities, and sports. Becoming a volunteer firefighter with the Burgaw Fire Department is a rewarding opportunity, too!

Support Local Businesses
Spend more time in the town you love, shop local, and take advantage of convenient services right at your doorstep.

Attend Public Meetings
Whether it’s a Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting or a Board of Commissioners Meeting, we welcome everyone to attend and stay informed. Check our website for meeting schedules.

Share Your Ideas
We love to hear from our citizens and visitors. Written and oral comments are always welcome on ways we can serve our community better. Applying for a vacancy on our advisory committees is a great way to show your interest in becoming more involved as well.

Help Keep Our Town Clean
Dispose of trash properly, keep your property clean and tidy, and notify Town Hall for any areas that need attention.

Planning a birthday party or family gathering?

Spring is on the way and our calendar is filling up!

Consider reserving your own outdoor space at one of our park pavilions!

First Day of Spring is March 19

Visit us online to check availability and to make your reservation today!

Hankins Park, 310 N. Walker Street
Harrell Park, 108 E. Ashe Street
Rotary Park, 102 Industrial Drive

Visit us online to check availability and to make your reservation today!
Upcoming Recycling Pick-up Schedule

March 18
West Side

March 25
East Side

April 1
West Side

April 8
East Side

April 15
West Side

April 22
East Side

April 29
West Side

May 6
East Side

May 13
West Side

May 20
East Side

May 27
West Side

June 3
East Side

June 10
West Side

June 17
East Side

June 24
West Side

Burgaw and Pender County Maps available at Town Hall!

BEWARE OF THE GREASE GOBLIN

Did you know...
Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the town’s sewer main? You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following a few simple steps:

**DO:**
- Scrape excess grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid wastes, or start a compost pile; promote use of scraping ware prior to washing.
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes. Disposable diapers and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system.
- Promote the concept of “3 R’s” - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

**DO NOT:**
- Pour grease, fats, and oils from cooking down the drain.
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Use the sewer as a means of disposing food scraps.

Did you know?
There are two little libraries in your local parks!
Visit Harrell Memorial Park and Rotary Park to read a book and take a book from the little libraries donated by the Burgaw Rotary Club.