CALENDAR

May 4
6:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

May 7
6:30 PM
Virtual Bingo Night

May 12
12:00 PM
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting

May 12
4:00 PM
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting

May 21
5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Information on Upcoming Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 mass gatherings and social distancing guidelines, the following meetings will be available to the public via phone call or online participation only. Public comments may be submitted prior to the meeting time by email to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov. Public Forum will be conducted as usual during the regular meeting and comments will be taken verbally on the phone or online during that time. To join the meetings, please follow the phone number or link listed below. For questions regarding remote meetings, contact the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or 910-663-3441.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting: May 4 at 6:00 PM
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss upcoming virtual activities for the committee due to the current pandemic situation. All interest parties are invited to attend by phone at 1.857.444.6500 (enter ID 839-061-518 #) or online at join.me/839-061-518.

Board of Commissioner Special Meeting: May 12 at 12:00 PM
The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the FY 2020-2021 municipal budget. All interested parties are invited to attend by phone at 1.857.444.6500 (enter ID 627-922-434 #) or online at join.me/627-922-434.

Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting: May 12 at 4:00 PM
All interested parties are invited to attend by phone at 1.857.444.6500 (enter ID 320-646-692 #) or online at join.me/320-646-692.
**Public Works Department**

- Public Works helped grade and lay topsoil for the new seed that was planted in the new green space area on South Wright Street.
- Green team focused on mowing and trimming in the cemetery and maintaining Johnson Park this week.
- Thursday all hands were on rain detail due to the heavy rains in the morning. Rain detail includes checking drains and culverts for blockages so water does not pond or back-up into the roadways.
- As an update from our office, we are happy to say that the 2019 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report has been approved by NCDEQ and meets the reporting standards by the State. You can find the 2019 report on the Town of Burgaw website under the Water section of Public Works.

**Police Department**

- The PD conducted board interviews for the vacant police officer position this week. A conditional offer has been made to Zackary Bridgers as a Patrol Officer. He will continue to move through the final stages of the hiring process. We are excited to welcome him to the Town of Burgaw Police Department.
- Our final new patrol car has hit the streets this week. This is the final vehicle purchased for the 2019-2020 budget process. There was a delay due to equipment availability and a minor set back during install. We are happy to have the new addition to our fleet.
- Corporal Padgett and Kane have continued to train with the Onslow County and surrounding area K-9 programs. This training will aid in furthering Kane’s abilities.
- Captain Fuller participated in and completed the BB&T Leadership Institute-Emerging Leaders Certification Program, which addresses an individual’s leadership style and how to get the most out of coworkers and employees.

**Family Weekend Challenge**

**MATERIALS:**
- Press-n-Seal (found near plastic wrap and aluminum foil)
- Paper
- Pen/marker
- Different colors of tissue paper
- Different colors of cardstock or construction paper
- Scissors
- Tape

**CREATE:**
1. Cut your desirable size piece of Press-n-Seal.
2. For younger children, draw a simple object (i.e. flower) on a piece of paper and place it under the non-sticky side of Press-n-Seal for a pattern.
3. Cut the tissue paper into square pieces and place onto the sticky side of the Press-n-Seal.
4. Once you create your image, press onto window and frame it with cardstock or construction paper.
5. Ta-da! Beautiful, simple artwork for you and your family to enjoy!
This week the Parks & Recreation Department started construction on the new green space area located on South Wright Street. Special thanks to the Public Works Department for taking the lead on this project. We hope to have the area open and available to the public in the next few weeks. The green space will feature new landscape, benches, and a custom built swing for residents to enjoy.

Looking to get out of the house for a little exercise? The Osgood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail is a 2.2 mile loop around the central portion of the town limits. The trail follows the Osgood Canal through town and offers walks through wooded areas along the canal, through urban areas in the downtown, connects to the schools located in town and offers the convenience of both passive parks and playground parks along the way. Get a copy of the trail map and enjoy a scenic walk around Burgaw! The trail map can be found on our website at https://www.burgawnc.gov/302/Osgood-Canal-Greenway-and-Urban-Trail or may be picked up in the Town Hall lobby.

HELP KEEP OUR TOWN CLEAN

The Town of Burgaw provides receptacles for household garbage and recycling. It shall be unlawful for any person to litter upon any town street, state highway within the town, alley, driveway, or any property, whether public or private, within the town.

Your help in keeping Burgaw beautiful and clean is greatly appreciated!

Did You Know?

We have a Historical Downtown Burgaw Self-Guided Walking Tour! Stop by Town Hall to pick one up and take a stroll through our beautiful town!
Cypress Grove, Stanford or Burgaw?

A new Post Office was established at Cypress Grove, New Hanover County in 1849 along the Wilmington and Raleigh railroad line. By January 1854 the name was changed to the Burgaw Depot due to Burgaw Creek running through the area. When Pender County was created in 1875, the Wilmington to Weldon rail officials requested that Burgaw Depot be the county seat and through an act of the General Assembly the town’s name was to be “Stanford”. Stanford never caught on with the locals who continued to call the area Burgaw Depot. In 1879, the Town of Burgaw was officially incorporated.

Open Burning is Prohibited in Town Limits

Our staff with the Burgaw Fire Department would like to remind the residents within the town limits that open burning is not allowed. Because the town offers yard debris pick-up and garbage service, open burning is prohibited per NC Administrative Code 02D.1903 (b)(1)(B). For questions or concerns, please contact the Fire Department at 259-7494.

Don’t Forget to Press the Button

Safety is a top priority for the town. The Rapid Flashing Beacons were installed to assist our residents with crossing our streets safely.

We would like to remind our pedestrians and bikers to press the button before crossing the street. As always, please remember to look for traffic before crossing.

Monitor your water usage by signing up for Eye On Water!

Eye on Water is a free service that comes with your water bill! It can help you track your water usage and alert you when a potential leak starts. Signing up is simple, use the link below and it will walk you through step by step on how to set up this service.

https://eyeonwater.com/signup
It only takes one storm to change your life and community. Tropical cyclones are among nature’s most powerful and destructive phenomena. We all know we are in an area prone to tropical cyclones, so we need to be prepared. Learn how during Hurricane Preparedness Week at hurricanes.gov/prepare.

Be ready.
Hurricane season starts June 1, 2020. Now is the time to review/update insurance policies, replenish hurricane emergency supplies and start thinking about how you will prepare your home for the coming hurricane season.

Receive EMERGENCY ALERTS and IMPORTANT INFORMATION on the go with CodeRED!

Receive critical notifications from the town:
- Severe Weather Alerts
- Boil Advisory Alerts
- Missing Persons
- Road Closures
- Other Important Town Information

REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF BURGAW REGARDING CURBSIDE VEGETATIVE DEBRIS COLLECTION

Please be advised of these requirements prior to placing vegetative debris at the street for pickup:

- The Town does not pick up vegetative debris generated by contractors for non-residential and multi-family development customers.
- Do not mix vegetative debris with other materials.
- Do not place vegetative debris in the street. All debris must be a minimum of two feet from the edge of pavement.
- Do not place vegetative debris in front of a fire hydrant.
- Do not place vegetative debris within twenty feet of an intersection or in a manner that will impair the ability of the traveling public to see oncoming traffic.
- Residents should place all debris on their property. Please do not place vegetative debris on town parks, the railroad right of way, or undeveloped/unoccupied property.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in the debris not being collected and/or fines assessed by the Town of Burgaw.
MEETING NOTICE

The regular Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Meeting scheduled for May 7, 2020 has been canceled.

The next regular TDA Meeting will be held Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Historic Train Depot located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw.

RU OKAY?

Let the Burgaw Police Department check on your loved one!

We would like to remind the Town of Burgaw residents and family members of the RU Okay? program established by the Burgaw Police Department. The program calls individuals weekly to check their safety and security. The program is open to Burgaw residents who are elderly, shut ins, or just could use someone to check in on them throughout the week. Those individuals are also notified during inclement weather conditions such as hurricanes or ice storms of safety concerns. If you or a family member are interested in being added to the program, please contact the Burgaw Police Department at 910-259-4924.

Don’t forget to call before you dig!

FREE SERVICE!

We encourage everyone to enroll with “Notify Me” on our website to receive the weekly newsletter directly to your email and/or via text message. There are also options for enrolling to receive emergency notifications or when special events are added to our online calendar. For assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or email kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Visit our website at BurgawNC.gov