The 2020 Census - What’s at Stake for Burgaw

- Tax dollars you have already paid, about $1,623 in federal funds and $200 in state funds per person, per year are allocated in North Carolina based on Census data.
- Critical funds for roads, schools, healthcare, senior services, childcare, food assistance, emergency services, housing programs, public transportation, libraries, parks and more.
- Accurate data that will be used for the next 10 years for planning and resource management.

It is extremely important to our community that everyone participate in the census. As of Friday, May 15, 2020, only 46.9% of Burgaw residents have responded and 49.7% of the total residents of Pender County. It’s simple, safe, and only takes a few minutes to complete, just visit https://2020census.gov/ or call (844) 330-2020. The 2020 Census will not ask for your citizenship status, religions affiliation, social security number, financial information or donations.

ATTENTION FROM THE BURGAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beware of Counterfeit Money in Town

There has been an increase of fraudulent money being passed in our region. Primarily businesses, however, private citizens can be affected as well. Please check bills to confirm that the currency is real. There are numerous identifiers on the bills to assist in detecting fraud.

Visit www.uscurrency.gov for more information on identification and education.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

• On Monday John and Robert replaced a faulty A.R.V on the force main to Wallace. They also worked on replacing several plastic meter lids around town with metal ones. These lids are being put in locations with heavy foot traffic and on meters with lids that are prone to ‘floating’ in heavy rains.

• Now that we are back on full schedule green team has been working diligently each day. The cemetery, town signs, wells, lift stations, pump stations, museum, depot, ditches on Creekside, right-of-way on Hwy 117 to Wallace, and other roadsides were all mowed this week.

• Ben and Ben dug out the ditch along South Walker and South Cowan Wednesday. Thursday they worked on the fence at the new pocket park.

• A water leak on Johnson Street was repaired Wednesday.

• Thursday morning crews paved and patched around town.

• Chuck and Alan pulled well samples consisting of inorganics, nitrates and distribution samples of asbestos this week for testing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

• Zackary Bridgers began his employment with the Town of Burgaw on Thursday. His paperwork is complete and will be sent to the state for verification. He is in his first month of field training and we look forward to his service to the community.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

• We had 15 calls this past week including three vehicle fires, a fuel spill, and two medical incidents.

• The following new volunteer officers were selected for the BFD: Nick Smith, Assistant Chief; Sam George, Captain; Josh Hollingsworth, Captain; and Grant Rivenbark, Lieutenant.

THE WEEKEND FAMILY

CHALLENGE
Young or old, try something bold!

Make a Windsock

MATERIALS NEEDED:
• Paper Plate
• 1/4” wide Ribbon (red, white and blue) or you could use crepe paper too!
• Scissors
• Fishing line

DIRECTIONS:
1. Cut around the inner edge of the paper plate to create the outside circle
2. Cut the ribbon into 48” long pieces (or longer or shorter if you prefer).
3. Alternate colors as you tie the ribbons around the plate rim.
4. Using the fishing line, measure out how far you’d like the windsock to hang and then tie each end of the line to the windsock.

Perfect craft for Memorial Day and 4th of July!

Send a photo of your completed family challenge and it may be featured in the following week’s newsletter!
Submit to kwells@burgawnc.gov

Public Works Department

EMERGENCY RESPONSE NUMBER
Phone Number: 910-470-0457

On-call Person this Week is: Charles Hall

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.
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- This week the Parks & Recreation worked to plant new grass seed at Harrell Memorial Park. The seed was put down in replacement of the existing mulch inside the facility as weed control was becoming an issue. Special thanks to public works for assisting with this task. We also received shipment of the new benches for the pocket park this week. We hope to have the benches and swing installed soon.

- We also worked this week to replace broken mile marker signs around the Osgood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail. The Parks & Recreation also made note of existing signs that need to be replaced in the future and will be phasing those in as we reach next budget year. In total, around 10 mile marker signs were replaced this week.

- Don’t forget to join us on May 21st at 6:30pm for our 2nd Virtual Trivia Night. The event will be held via Join Me. Residents can pre-register at no cost by visiting our website. The join me link will also be posted on the Town’s Facebook page for those who don’t register in advance. Please contact the Parks & Recreation if you have further questions.

INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

- Building continues to be at a slower pace during the COVID-19 pandemic but has picked back up from the start.
- There are around a dozen homes finishing up throughout town and no new starts since February.
- Auto Zone Renovations are going smoothly in front of the Pender Landing Shopping Center.
- Pender Adult Services addition is also nearing completion.
- The Courthouse Renovation plans have been approved with minor notes. I expect to get their permit application soon.
- Happy Tooth is in their 3rd phase of 5 phases of renovations. The last major change is the new accessibility ramp to the new main entrance location in front.
- Fat Daddy’s Pizza is in the process of completing fire rated separation and should be completed soon.
- Occupied dwelling inspections are still being done “Live-Remote” between your contractor and the Building Inspector while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

Swimming Pools

Please contact our office for information on code requirements for pools that contain 24” or more of water.

Codes requirements include barriers, electrical grounding, lighting installations and outlets. If the home is part of the barrier, there are audible warning requirements when doors or screens are opened.

Spas or hot tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F1346, shall be exempt from barrier requirements but shall still comply with electrical codes.
Joseph B. Marble was a 1st Regiment, North Carolina Infantry Confederate veteran who was injured in the Civil War at the Third Battle of Winchester in September of 1864. He had served in the Confederate Army since June 14, 1861. After the war ended, Marble became a school teacher and settled in Pender County. The community thought highly of Marble even though he was known to have an alcohol problem. On the evening of Friday April 9, 1880, alcohol proved to be the start of what would be a fatal mistake.

While intoxicated, Marble visited the home of Porter Malpass while Malpass was away and attempted to steal a kiss from Malpass’s wife. She was able to get away from Marble and he left the house. Shortly after Marble left, Malpass returned home and was informed by his wife of the attempted assault. Malpass became enraged and grabbed his gun from the rack and pursued after Marble stating he would “kill him”. Malpass caught up with Marble about a mile from the house and raised his gun to shoot Marble. Marble shouted “Don’t shoot me”. Malpass lowered the gun, turned it and struck Marble on the head with the butt of the gun knocking Marble into the ditch. Marble was able to pull himself out of the ditch and make it to the house of a neighbor. Marble succumbed to his wounds just three days later at the age of 45 on Tuesday, April 13, 1880 at 2AM.

A post mortem examination was performed and discovered that Marble had a severe skull fracture and was stated by the medical examiner, Dr. William Thomas Ennett, to be one of the worst fractures he “had ever seen”. The citizens of Pender County viewed Joseph Marble as a harmless individual and as such, a jury brought in a verdict of willful murder against Malpass. It was said that Porter Malpass was only married for a short time and his wife was very young. She was a former student of Joseph Marble and it was widely known that Marble would “kiss the girls” of his school when meeting them outside of the school.

Upon striking Marble, Malpass fled the area. Where did Malpass run? Did Malpass ever stand trial for the murder of Joseph Marble? Or did he get away with murder? Stay tuned next week for the conclusion of the story – or is it?
Continued Reminders from our Public Works Department

Yard Debris & Bulky Household Items

Public Works picks up yard debris & bulky household items throughout the week excluding holidays, weather permitting. We use a grapple truck with a claw to pick up items. Please keep your piles separated to make it easier for us to pick-up.

Mixed waste will not be picked up! If you have both white goods and yard debris please make two separate piles.

Yard Debris and/or Construction and Demolition (C&D) generated by an individual that was paid to do a service (contractor or otherwise) will not be picked up, it is their responsibility to dispose of the debris they generate.

For more information or questions, please visit our website or call 259-2901.

Mosquito Spraying

The weather is getting warmer and the mosquitoes are starting to come around. We would like to remind our residents if you have beehives in the town limits, please let us know so we can keep your hives away from the mosquito spraying chemicals.

Call or email your name, address, and phone number to cabbood@burgawnc.gov so we can add your address to the 'no-spray' areas.

For questions or concerns, please call 259-2901.

IMPOR T AN T N O T I C E

A message to all residents and business owners:

Due to the virus, GFL garbage truck drivers will only be picking up what is bagged and tied. Loose garbage placed beside the cart will not be picked up.

Do Not Flush List:

- Paper Towels
- Food
- Medication
- Q-tips
- Diapers
- Cigarettes
- Hygiene Products
- Rags & Towels
- Wipes
- Cat Litter
- Plastics
- Oils & Grease

Your Toilet is NOT a Trashcan

Putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in your home, and sewer releases to the environment.
MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The regular Planning & Zoning Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM has been canceled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

Upcoming Recycling Pick-up Schedule

- May 20: East Side
- May 27: West Side
- June 3: East Side
- June 10: West Side
- June 17: East Side
- June 24: West Side
- July 1: East Side
- July 8: West Side
- July 15: East Side
- July 22: West Side
- July 29: East Side
- August 5: West Side
- August 12: East Side
- August 19: West Side
- August 26: East Side

Planning to fill your pool soon?

Contact us prior to filling your pool so that we get an accurate meter reading before and after the pool fill. An adjustment can be made to your sewer portion of your utility bill if accurate readings are on file.

Call us first! 910-663-3445

Receive EMERGENCY ALERTS & 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

Sign-up to receive alerts by text, call, and/or email today!

Visit BurgawNC.gov

EVENT CANCELLATION NOTICES

These events have been canceled due to COVID-19:

2020 NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

2020 SUMMER ON THE SQUARE Concert Series

We look forward to everyone joining us for these events in summer 2021!

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Visit our website at BurgawNC.gov

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.

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