Town Calendar

June 18 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning
Board Meeting

Reminder:
Due to the recent renovation on the former town Board Room, all town meetings are now being held at the Historic Train Depot, 115 S. Dickerson Street, unless otherwise posted.

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Commissioner’s Meeting Recap
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING JUNE 9, 2020

Budget Amendments for FY 2019-20
Wendy Pope, Finance Officer, presented two (2) budget amendments for the FY 2019-20 budget in relation to the Town’s Disaster Recovery Fund and to appropriate money for the purchase of Police Department Equipment. The budget amendments were approved.

Discussion on Naming of the Pocket Park on South Wright Street
Cody Suggs, Parks & Recreation Director, started the discussion with the Board on naming the pocket park on S Wright St. The Board will be considering ideas for the name of this park and discuss at future meetings.

Street Closure Request
Cody Suggs received a Special Event Application from “Johnny Tyrone Stringfield - Black Lives Matter Rally Session II”. The application requested the closure of Dickerson St between Wilmington St and Fremont St and for Courthouse Ave on Saturday, June 20, 2020. The details of the event are still being finalized, however, the Board authorized the Town Manager to approve the street closure once the final times of the event were determined. The Town is working with the event organizers and will post information on the Town’s website (burgawnc.gov) once the closure is finalized.

Drainage Easements
Zachary Rivenbark, Town Attorney, briefed the Board on drainage easements. The Board directed the Attorney to move forward with obtaining easements for drainage maintenance.

Old EMS Building Renovations
Sam Guidry, an Architect hired by the town, is expecting to have full construction drawings for the old EMS building completed by next week. Once the drawings are completed, the Town will solicit bids from contractors to obtain construction costs. The Board also discussed naming this building. More discussion will be held at future meetings.

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Buzz on over to “BEE” a part of our town!
We are currently accepting applications for the Planning & Zoning Board to fill one (1) vacancy effective July 1, 2020. Applicant must reside within the town limits or is a qualified non-resident business or property owner. Applications may be downloaded on the town website at www.burgawnc.gov and submitted to the Town Clerk at Town Hall, located at 109 N. Walker Street or emailed to kwells@burgawnc.gov.
The Parks & Recreation worked this week to get the ADA ramp repaired at the Burgaw Train Depot. Half of the ramp was replaced after the Town located multiple areas where rot has formed due to standing water. Thanks to all who assisted in getting this issue resolved to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors.

We also worked this week to organize events for the rest of 2020-2021. We hope to be back in person soon and appreciate all who have supported our department through the current pandemic. We have a number of face-to-face events planned and are looking forward to some fun times here in the near future.

We will be conducting tree work inside of Rotary Park on Friday June 12th. We will be removing two dead trees that have become a concern to the surrounding play areas. Four (4) new trees will be planted in the fall to accommodate the existing ones being removed.

We are now taking rentals for the Burgaw Train Depot, Community House, and local parks. Please be advised that crowd size will be limited based on Executive Order 141. "Mass Gathering" means an event or convening that brings together more than ten (10) people indoors or more than twenty-five (25) people outdoors at the same time in a single confined indoor or outdoor space, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, or meeting hall. We will take each rental on a case-by-case basis and advise all parties accordingly. Please contact the Parks & Recreation if you have questions regarding rentals.
Public Works Department

- Green team this week beautified Town Hall, the walking trails, wells, lift stations, and parks. Downtown was sprayed for weeds as well.
- John and Ben pumped rain water out of the tanks at Pump Station 1 in preparation for the upcoming storm season. They also helped with a tap on Progress Drive.
- On Monday the vine choked trees on East Wallace were trimmed and cut.
- Wednesday and Thursday were patching days for potholes, most notably ones on Progress Drive.
- Cypress Street ditches were cleaned and cleared and topsoil was added to a residence on Campbell where previous ditch work had been done.

Planning Department

- Planning Board is meeting Thursday, June 18th at 5:30 in the Train Depot. The agenda includes text amendments and a request for a text amendment to enable a Country General Store at Rook’s Farm.
- Assisted four home owners with siting accessory toolsheds.
- Completed zoning certification on a new home and barn on Henry Brown Road.
- Completed parking lot review for a church in the 800 block of Walker Street.
- Responded to complaints on high grass and sent out enforcement letters.
- Addressed complaints on S. Dudley Street and sent out enforcement letters.

Planning Department (continued)

- Cape Fear Community College is preparing plans for alterations to their rear building at the old Mojo Tone property on Industrial Drive. It will become their new Welding and Diesel Mechanic education building.
- Auto Zone Renovations continue to go smoothly in front of the Pender Landing Shopping Center.
- Pender Adult Services addition has an Electrical rough-in inspection scheduled and engineering is complete on a change in the framing.
- Pender Adult Services is also working on Kitchen expansion for a new dry storage room and a walk-in cooler.
- The Historic Pender County Courthouse has now been permitted for their major overhaul including architectural and structural repairs, overhaul to the HVAC system, accessibility improvements, some room alterations and a new elevator in the south end of the building. Previous permitted exterior brick repair and window frame repairs is looking very good and should be ready for their final inspections very soon.
- Happy Tooth is now in their 4th phase of up-fits / renovations. There have been a few minor complications with designs that have surfaced in the progress. All discrepancies are being handled and the project is going well.
- Fat Daddy’s Pizza is nearly finished with fire rated separation changes to scope. The changes were added to maximize potentials for future second floor occupancies.
- One new residential permit was issued this week for the west side of town.
- We continue to do “Live-Remote” inspections for occupied dwellings. These are done using Apple’s Face Time and Galaxy’s Duo Apps between your contractor and the Building Inspector while COVID-19 restrictions are in place.
- For the last two weekends, I have attended Coastal Carolina Community College for my plumbing Continued Education. This course covers many aspects of training some of which I have not dealt with in many years. The college course counts for multiple years of credits as well as being more in depth than shorter seminars.

Swimming Pools

Please contact the Inspections 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.
A horrendous storm hit the Town of Burgaw the morning of September 19, 1878. The winds were so strong, it blew the new house belonging to I. H. Brown to the ground. At the time, there were three individuals in the house, Joseph Dupree, A.M. Allen and Capt. Sharp’s son. Joseph Dupree was badly injured when the whole weatherboarding side of the house fell on him. A.M. Allen and Capt. Sharp’s son were able to escape serious injury by falling or jumping into a hole in the floor for the chimney.

I.H. Brown, at the time of the accident, was the Pender County Register of Deeds. He was the second Register of Deeds for the County since its creation and served for 6 years from 1876 to 1882.

This was a time when the whole Town of Burgaw came together to help their neighbor. Soon after the house collapsed, citizens came to rescue of those trapped in the rubble. It was difficult to safely extricate all three trapped inside, but all were removed without loss of life. The people of the town further came together to raise $150.00 for I.H. Brown to rebuild his home. While that might not seem like a lot of money when it comes to building a house, it was approximately $3,840 today’s value.

**Small Town, Big Heart**

**The Weekend Challenge #3**

**Cheerio Blueberry Bird Feeder**

**You Will Need:**
- Cheerios (any flavor!)
- Blueberries
- Pipe Cleaners
- Twine

**Instructions:**
- String on 5 Cheerios and string on a blueberry.
- Repeat this process until the entire pipe cleaner is full.
- Tie on the twine and hang for the birds to enjoy!
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Maintenance Worker I – The Town of Burgaw is seeking a Public Works Maintenance Worker I. Must have valid NC Driver’s License and be able to operate various field equipment such as lawnmowers, etc. Must be able to perform tasks in the maintenance and repair of town streets, buildings, landscaping and water/wastewater system. Salary starting at $27,081, depending on experience. Excellent benefit package. Qualified applicants may pick up applications and a detailed job description at the Town of Burgaw Municipal Building located at 109 N. Walker St, Burgaw NC or download from town website at www.burgawnc.gov. Please return completed applications and resumes to Kimberly Rivenbark at 109 N. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC 28425 or krivenbark@burgawnc.gov. Position open until filled. Previous applicants need not to apply. EOE

SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Lightning Safety

SAFEST
Go indoors and stay inside until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder

SAFE
Take shelter in a hard-topped vehicle

NOT SAFE
Do not take shelter under a tree, on a hilltop or in an open field

If you cannot get indoors or in a vehicle, go to the lowest area nearby and make yourself as small a target as possible

Stay IN THE KNOW

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