Picture This - Burgaw 1939

Picture this... It's the year 1939. You enter the picturesque Town of Burgaw aboard the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. Population 1,300. Upon exiting the depot, you are met with the beautiful sight of a modern day courthouse that is located in the middle of the central block of town. The courthouse is outlined with grass and shrubbery with walkways leading to the building from every street. As you continue your walk throughout the Town of Burgaw, you see the First Citizens Bank and Trust Company located at the main intersection of town at Wright and Fremont Streets. Inside the bank you find Mr. J. T. Wells, a well-known gentleman who is the cashier. He informs you that the bank holds 1,100 accounts and stays busy with citizens and area farmers.

You run into and shake hands with W. H. Young, who is the Mayor of Burgaw, and he welcomes you to town. You are interested in moving to Burgaw and question Mayor Young about the town and all it has to offer. He informs you that Burgaw has a water and sewer system, as well as a volunteer fire department. Mayor Young boasts that construction on the new Community House has just completed. The town has several civic clubs and organizations. There are also 40 businesses, 2 physician offices, and 5 attorneys located in town. Burgaw also has one of the largest high school buildings in the State. Mayor Young continues to tell you about the rich farm land that surrounds Burgaw and how the soil is perfect for strawberries. Lettuce is also a good crop that is harvested and shipped north for market, and the bean crop is huge. He tells you all about the markets and that Burgaw has the largest bean market in the world and also has one of the four large strawberry markets in the state. Intrigued by your conversation, you thank Mayor Young, tip your hat and continue your journey through town.
You start to see many of the 40 businesses that Mayor Young bragged about. One of the first buildings that fascinates you is The Pender Theatre. You learn that this business is managed by Roy Rowe and is the only theatre in town. It has a seating capacity of 400 and has a balcony. Showing today is “The Little Princess” starring Shirley Temple. Continuing, you see Dees Drug Store. It appears to be a popular meeting place and is a very modern drug store complete with a soda fountain.

Humphrey Bros. is a general store. Groceries, feeds, seeds, hardware as well as numerous farming supplies and machinery can be found here. If they don’t have it, they can get it. You enter Amster Bros. thinking you might need a new hat and look at the shoes and apparel as well.

While shopping for new clothes, you soon realize you would like to look at the newest model Ford pickup truck. B&H Motor Company has several new models on the lot as well as a fully stocked auto accessories and tires department. You briefly consider the purchase of a new 1939 Ford Pickup so you can take home brand new appliances from Harrell’s Department Store. They are the General Electric appliance dealer and appear to have great prices on all appliances.

Tired from all your exploring and day dreaming about a new pick up and appliances, you head over to the soda fountain at Dee’s Drug Store. As you sit at the counter you reminisce over your day and realize that Burgaw is the place for you. As you take your last sip, you look at your watch and realize you are about to be late for the train. You pay your tab and head on over to the depot, board the train and head home – knowing that soon, Burgaw will be home. As Mayor Young said, “Burgaw is a good town to live in, and a good town to shop in”.

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**Picture This - Continued**

[Images of various businesses in Burgaw, NC]
Planning Department

- Worked with the community college and received a site plan for sidewalk systems and tree removal.
- Attended required Powell Bill webinar to learn the requirements needed to be submitted throughout the year.
- The Planning Board recommended approval of the text amendment requested by David Futch to enable a General Country Store at Rooks farm. They approved the façade grant requested by Linda Brown for the Olde Carolina Eatery at 113 W. Fremont in the amount of $1500. The challenge will be completing the project by June 30th. The UDO text amendments presented were recommended by the Planning Board and are outlined below:
  - Section 6-2: add definitions for disaster volunteer housing, emergency disaster housing, temporary housing unit and amend temporary structure
  - Section 8-2: amend Table of Permitted Uses to include “D” temporary uses which are permitted in declared disaster.
  - Section 8-4: add use standards for disaster volunteer housing, and emergency/disaster relief housing
  - Section 10-2: B. add m. fence wrap display signage (mandated by the legislature)
  - Section 10-4: amend temporary sign standards to be content neutral
- Completed approvals for New Covenant Presbyterian Church on site work; parking lot improvement, tree removal and signage.
- Approved zoning certification for accessory structures on Cowan Street and Bickett Street.
- Zoning certification and signage approval for Carolina Fish Fry.

Public Works Department

- John, Robert and Ben finished ditching on Cypress Street on Monday. They replaced a meter box located on North Walker as well. On Wednesday they repaired a damaged storm drain on South Bickett and then placed some rip-rap in a washout on South Bickett and Pullen.
- Hot spots were jetted this week. These are spots in our system that are prone to back-ups due to their location or proximately to larger businesses or multiple residences. They are routinely jetted each month to make sure the system continues to flow without issue.
- The generator at the lift station near Village on 18 received new belts and a tension bracket. Ben and Ben also pumped the water out of our meter vaults due to the recent rains.
- Chuck and Ben P did lift station and well rounds this week. Both also had the camera out to check the storm drain in the alley by China King. Thursday they pulled Bac-T samples.
- John, Robert, Ben H and Arthur replaced a hydrant on Bridgers and Dickerson Thursday that had been hit and damaged in a recent car accident.
- Green team focused on mowing when they could this week in between the rain storms.
- Arthur, Ben, Ben, Willis and Lucas all worked on the re-read list from Town Hall.

Mosquito spraying occurs in the evening, normally dusk or later when the mosquitos become most active, weather permitting. After heavy rains or during hotter months spraying will be twice a week if possible.

-current employment opportunity

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
Fire Department

- Our Fire Station renovations are nearly complete, including the new windows that have now replaced the glass bricks on the front of Town Hall
- We had 11 incidents over the past week including a fatal motor vehicle accident on I-40 Monday

**LET’S TALK – CPR**

Join us for an open, honest, transparent sharing, conversation about Community, Policing, and Race Relations. This Forum is being sponsored by Pender County Law Enforcement, Town of Burgaw Police Department and concerned citizens. Our desire is that the sharing and listening we do with each other will lead to better understanding, harmony and unity with our neighbors and community.

This first Forum (many to follow) is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Burgaw Community House from 5:30-7:00 pm. Come, bring a friend. To reserve your seat at the table (number limited due to COVID-19), please call one of the following persons below by Monday, July 13, 2020.

**Sheriff Alan Cutler:** 910-259-1212  
**Chief Jim Hock, Burgaw Police Dept.:** 910-259-4924  
**Bishop James Malloy:** 910-540-7299  
**Karen Malloy:** 919-740-7802

**Police Department**

Warm weather is here and we all know how summer storms can pop up on us in the afternoons. Take a look at these thunderstorm risk categories and take note so you can be prepared!

**STAY AWARE!**

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**Understanding Severe Thunderstorm Risk Categories**

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<th>THUNDERSTORMS (no label)</th>
<th>1 - MARGINAL (MRGL)</th>
<th>2 - SLIGHT (SLGT)</th>
<th>3 - ENHANCED (ENH)</th>
<th>4 - MODERATE (MDT)</th>
<th>5 - HIGH (HIGH)</th>
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<td>No severe* thunderstorms expected</td>
<td>Isolated severe thunderstorms possible</td>
<td>Scattered severe storms possible</td>
<td>Numerous severe storms possible</td>
<td>Widespread severe storms likely</td>
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<td>Lightning/flooding threats exist with all thunderstorms</td>
<td>Limited in duration and/or coverage and/or intensity</td>
<td>Short-lived and/or not widespread, isolated intense storms possible</td>
<td>More persistent and/or widespread, a few intense</td>
<td>Long-lived, widespread and intense</td>
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* NWS defines a severe thunderstorm as measured wind gusts to at least 58 mph, and/or hail to at least one inch in diameter, and/or a tornado. All thunderstorm categories imply lightning and the potential for flooding. Categories are also tied to the probability of a severe weather event within 25 miles of your location.
Parks & Recreation Department

- This week the Parks & Recreation Department hosted our virtual “Paint Your Own Birdhouse Competition”. On Monday June 15th, participants logged into the Join Me app to assemble their birdhouses as a group. Picture submissions of the painted birdhouses will be due at 5:00pm on Friday June 19th. Our committee will judge the birdhouses next week and announce the winners on the Town of Burgaw Facebook page. Thanks to all who participated in this event.

- On Monday June 15th we met with our regional rep, Brittany Shipp, for the PARTF Grant. Brittany reviewed the project site and scored the Town in order to present the information to the Authority on August 21st. The Parks & Recreation Authority met on Thursday June 18th to discuss this year’s applicants. A total of 67 applicants have applied in the State of North Carolina, which balances out to around 28 million dollars’ worth of project request. This year Congress has allotted around 5 million worth of PARTF funds with an additional million being denoted from a Parks & Recreation supporter. We will notify the public of our status as we move forward for the application process.

NEW EVENTS & ACTIVITIES COMING SOON

Be sure to stay tuned by following us on Facebook and sign up with “Notify Me” on our website to receive event notifications directly to you by text or email!

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’s not the same this year without the Blueberry Festival…

2019 North Carolina Blueberry Festival Memories
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.

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**Challenge #4**

**Frozen Blueberry & Yogurt Kebabs**

**Instructions:**

1. Thread blueberries on to the kebab stick.
2. Place on a plate and lather with yogurt. Rolling the blueberries into the yogurt works well.
3. Line a freezer safe container (large enough to fit the length of a kebab) with baking paper. Lay each kebab down, allowing enough space in-between so they don’t get stuck.
4. Freeze for at least a couple of hours.
5. Eat immediately when removed from freezer and enjoy!

**You Will Need:**

- Kebab Sticks
- Blueberries
- Thick yogurt – any flavor (Greek Style consistency works best)
- Baking paper
- Large container
- Large plate

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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.