TOWN CALENDAR

July 2 | 9:00 AM
Tourism Development Authority Meeting

July 3
Town Offices closed in observance of Independence Day

REMINDER
All town meetings are now being held at the Historic Train Depot, 115 S. Dickerson Street, unless otherwise posted.

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Executive Order 147 - Face Coverings Now Required

On Wednesday, June 24, 2020, Governor Cooper announced Executive Order 147 entitled, “Extension of Phase 2 Order and New Measures to Save Lives in the COVID-19 Pandemic”. This Executive Order is effective at 5:00 PM on Friday, June 26, 2020 and shall remain in effect through 5:00 PM on July 17, 2020 unless repealed, replaced, or rescinded by another applicable Executive Order.

The main impact of this Executive Order, other than extending the current regulations under Phase 2, is the requirement of face coverings. Per the Executive Order, people are required to wear Face Coverings in a number of public settings, whether they are inside or outside, unless an exception applies.

More information about requirements can be found on our website at https://BurgawNC.gov/covid19. We are strongly encouraging town residents and visitors to follow the requirements of the Governor’s Executive Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following public hearings will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 5:30PM (or thereabout) during the Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Historic Train Depot located at 115 S. Dickerson Street in Burgaw, NC. All interested parties are invited to attend, written and oral comments are welcome.

Public Hearing #1 (A) Request by William Delynn Richardson to rezone 13.2 acre portion of the property located at 1406 Penderlea Highway further identified as tax reference number 3219-75-1913-0000 from R-12 to RA to enable develop of a barn with conex boxes as part of the interior structure. (B) Request by William Delynn Richardson for a Conditional Use Permit to enable develop of a barn with conex boxes as part of the interior structure on a 13.2 acre portion of the property located at 1406 Penderlea Highway further identified as tax reference number 3219-75-1913-0000.

Public Hearing #2 Request by Burgaw Presbyterian Church for a Conditional Use Permit to enable develop of a columbaria located accessory to the church at 204 E. Fremont Street further identified as tax reference number 3229-33-7372-0000.

Public Hearing #3 Request for Voluntary Annexation by Myra and James F. McDuffie for a one acre tract further identified as tax reference 3229-67-9814-0000 located east of NC Highway 53.

Public Hearing #4 Request for a UDO text amendment by Clarence David Futch for a Country General Store in Light Industrial (I-1). The Definition of General Country Store added to Section 6-2 of the Unified Development Ordinance and amending Section 8-2: Table of Permitted Uses adding Country General Store in Light Industrial (I-1).
Public Works Department

- John worked at our debris site this week with a rental excavator organizing and making room for the upcoming storm season. We are crossing our fingers this just means pop-up storms and not anything that starts with a the letter ‘H’.
- We will be mosquito spraying twice a week in the upcoming weeks, weather permitting. Recently we purchased a new product specifically for standing water to try and cut down on the mosquitoes that breed there. Check out the flyer in this edition on page 5 from The American Mosquito Control Association on mosquito prevention and protection.
- Green team cleaned the cemetery and mowed parks, walking trails, roadsides and Town Hall. The extra warm weather and the extra rain has caused the grass to go into growing overdrive so we are playing catch-up. We’re hoping the rain stays away during work hours!

Police Department

- Administrative Assistant Daisy Ramirez is continuing with her police officer field training this week. Although she is proficient in the computer system, policies, and knowledge of the town, she continues with her field work. Officer Ramirez is progressing well.
- Officer Bridgers has moved to his second stage of his FTO program. He is doing well and fits in well with the department.
- Sergeant Williams completed an online training class on Property and Evidence Handling. This is important, as an investigator, to have an elevated level of understanding of policies and procedures.

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
Parks & Recreation Department

- This week the Parks & Recreation Department announced the winners of our Paint Your Own Birdhouse Competition. We would like to thank all who participated as all did a wonderful job with designing their birdhouses. Three winners were selected by age groups as well as a winner for most creative. Each winner will receive a $20 gift card to Walmart.

  Ages 5-7: Samuel Keech - Age 7
  Ages 8-10: Brenlee Thornton - Age 9
  Ages 11-13: Grace Stutts - Age 11
  Most Creative: Joseph Keech - Age 11

- Looking for activities for your child this summer? Register today for our Camp in a Box program to receive up to two weeks worth of Summer Camp fun for children to complete. Box's will cost $15 total and can be picked up at Town Hall starting July 6th. Participants must pre-register by visiting the Town of Burgaw webpage at burgawnc.gov. This program is open to ages 5-12 years old. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department if you have further questions.

Now that summer is here, you may want to start building a fence or adding a tool shed on your property. There are several steps you need to take before getting started. Always contact the Burgaw Planning Department to get the permits you need before starting work. You can find the permit application on our website.

For questions, please contact the Planning Department at 663-3452.

Also, we have received several complaints on tall grass around town. Please remember to mow your grass on a routine basis.
HISTORICAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

JAILER LOCKED IN JAIL

On Saturday October 19, 1918, two gentlemen, Roy Keith and Ruffin Merrick, attended a late night poker game. As the drinks were passed around, Keith and Merrick were racking up the winnings. As the night came to an end, Keith and Merrick headed back to the “shanty” they lived in that was located at the Williams & McKeathern lumber plant. They were followed by the loser of the poker game, robbed and murdered as they slept. The shanty was set on fire and both bodies were significantly burned. Coroner A. E. Burton of Burgaw conducted the investigation into the murder and cause of death of Keith and Merrick.

A witness, Andrew Henry, testified before the coroner’s jury and the jury came back with the verdict that Keith and Merrick had been murdered by an “iron cuppler” at the hands of Motion Hayes. Hayes was arrested and placed in jail without bail to await his trial to be held in November. Hayes had previously been found guilty of breaking into a store in Willard, but did not receive his sentence for being charged with double murder.

On the morning of Wednesday November 20, 1918, the jailer delivered Motion Hayes breakfast and locked him in the cage on the second story of the Burgaw jail. Hayes had not been checked on the remainder of the day, but around 8pm, Hayes called down to the jailer requesting a soda because he was feeling colicky. The jailer informed the inmate that he did not have a soda but would send for the doctor if needed. Hayes declined the doctor stating he was “not very bad off”. The following morning, the jailer found the cell empty and cage locked. It was discovered that Hayes had escaped by digging a hole in the brick wall with a short piece of iron under a window. Just like a scene from a cartoon, Hayes tied sheets together and lowered himself to the ground.

It was a few months before Motion Hayes was recaptured and taken back to the Burgaw jail to await his trial. He was found and arrested in Sampson County and transported back to the Burgaw jail. But true to his name, Motion Hayes would not remain in the jail for very long. He escaped again on Saturday March 15, 1919. Not by digging a hole this time. He simply walked out.

The jailer, E. R. Maulpass, entered the corridor of cells to remove a bucket and believed that Hayes was in his cell. Hayes, who was in fact in the corridor, slipped past the jailer, through the outer door and turned around to close and lock the door leaving the jailer locked inside. He flashed a grin at the jailer and walked out of the Burgaw jail carrying the keys with him.

The sheriff called for the bloodhounds to pursue Hayes. Meanwhile, the jailer remained locked up for some time to give deputies a chance to retrieve the keys because the sheriff did not want to break down the bars to release him. A carpenter was eventually called out to saw out the lock of the heavy outer door.

The grand jury could never find enough evidence to charge Motion Hayes with the murder of Roy Keith and Ruffin Merrick. It was said that it was a good thing Hayes took off and there was hope that he was far away from Pender County as to not be recaptured. He was having an “undesirable effect on others” who were held in jail.
Always remember the 3 D’s of protection from mosquitoes

**Drain**

Many mosquito problems in your neighborhood are likely to come from water-filled containers that you, the resident, can help to eliminate. All mosquitoes require water in which to breed. Be sure to drain any standing water around your house.

- Dispose of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.
- Clear roof gutters of debris.
- Clean pet water dishes regularly.
- Check and empty children’s toys.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- Canoes and other boats should be turned over.
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers.
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.
- Plug tree holes.
- Even the smallest of containers that can collect water can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes. They don’t need much water to lay their eggs. (bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage can lids, etc.)

**Dress**

Wear light colored, loose-fitting clothing. Studies have shown that some of the 174 mosquito species in the United States are more attracted to dark clothing and most can readily bite through tight-fitting clothing of loose weave. When practical, wear long sleeves and pants.

**Defend**

Choose a mosquito repellent that has been registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Registered products have been reviewed, approved, and pose minimal risk for human safety when used according to label directions. Four repellents that are approved and recommended are:

- DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide)
- Picaridin (KBR 3023)
- Oil of lemon eucalyptus (p-methane 3,8-diol, or PMD)
- IR3535

Here are some rules to follow when using repellents:

- Read the directions on the label carefully before applying.
- Apply repellent sparingly, only to exposed skin (not on clothing).
- Keep repellents away from eyes, nostrils and lips: do not inhale or ingest repellents or get them into the eyes.
- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) suggests that DEET-based repellents can be used on children as young as two months of age. Generally, the AAP recommends concentrations of 10% or less, unless disease risk is imminent, then concentration can be increased to 30% or less.
- Avoid applying repellents to portions of children’s hands that are likely to have contact with eyes or mouth.
- Repellents can be used by pregnant or nursing women. The EPA does not recommend any additional precautions for repellent use by pregnant or nursing women.
- Never use repellents on wounds or irritated skin.
- Use repellent sparingly and reapply as needed. Saturation does not increase efficacy.
- Wash repellent-treated skin after coming indoors.
- If a suspected reaction to insect repellents occurs, wash treated skin, and call a physician. Take the repellent container to the physician.

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Buzz on over to “BEE” a part of our town!

We are currently accepting applications for the Planning & Zoning Board. 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.

Challenge #5

Q-Tip Painted Dragonfly

You Will Need:
- Dragonfly template
- Acrylic paint in assorted colors
- White cardstock
- Q-tips
- Scissors
- Paintbrushes
- Paint palettes

Instructions:
1. Trace and cut out a dragonfly on the cardstock
2. Paint the wings with Q-tips, each slightly dipped in various colors
3. Paint the body with a paintbrush after the paint on the wings have dried
4. Add finishing touches

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