Happy Independence Day - Stay Safe!

The Fourth of July is just ahead, time when people typically enjoy the summer holiday with backyard barbecues, fireworks, and beach trips. This year, celebrating Independence Day will be a little different due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While every year, during this busy season, we see an increase in traveling and vacationing. Not only do we need to be mindful of the traffic and safety hazards on our roadways, but this year, we must remember to follow local, state, and federal guidelines for social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Be Prepared

While we focus on the COVID-19 Pandemic and the reopening of the State and Country, it remains critically important that we also remember to make the necessary preparations for hurricane season. Keep in mind, you may need to adjust any preparedness actions based on the latest health and safety guidelines from the CDC and other health officials. A great resource for building a basic supply kit and additional information and guidance from the CDC can be found at https://ready.gov/kit. We want everyone to be ready, prepared, and stay safe during this and all times.

It’s Not Too Late, Respond Now

It is extremely important to our community that everyone participate in the census. As of Thursday, July 2, 2020, only 49.9% of Burgaw residents have responded to the census and 53.1% of the total residents of Pender County have responded. 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, religious affiliation, social security number, financial information or donations.
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Parks & Recreation Department

- We are selfless. We are passionate. We are essential. We Are Parks and Recreation. Join us and the National Recreation and Park Association to celebrate the good work of park and recreation professionals during Park and Recreation Month! Thanks to all residents in the Town of Burgaw that continue to make our department great! We look forward to serving you in 2020-2021! #WeAreParksAndRec

- This week our department worked to prepare our materials for the Camp in a Box program. Participants are eligible to pick up their box starting on July 6th at Town Hall. Activities included in the box are science projects, arts & craft activities, virtual events, and much more. There are still a few boxes left so make sure to register before they are all gone!

- Facility rental costs have changed effective July 1st. Please refer to the Town of Burgaw website to see the updated prices on the Community House, Train Depot, and local parks. Facility rentals are still available at the current time under the guidance of Governor Cooper. Please contact the Parks & Recreation department if you have further questions regarding the new fee schedule.

MEETING INFORMATION & NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The next regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, and will also be available for public attendance by phone/online. To join by phone, call 1.202.602.1295 and enter ID ‘680-087-458 #’ or join online at join.me/680-087-458.

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).

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

We have a few more “Slow Down in Our Town” yard signs available at Town Hall or the Burgaw Police Department. We encourage town residents to place a sign in their yard to help us alert drivers to slow down. Yard signs are available free to town residents and can be picked up anytime between Monday-Friday 8am-5pm at Town Hall or the Police Department located at 109 N. Walker Street.
Public Works Department

- John, Robert and Ben changed a failed meter at Westside Apartments Monday.
- Green team this week mowed the railroad right-of-way, the museum, near the American Legion, and both Harrell and Hankins Parks.
- A water leak on Ashe Street near Harrell Park was repaired Tuesday. High water signs were also set and rain detail started in response to the upcoming heavy rains Tuesday afternoon. Rain detail continued into Wednesday.
- Ben and Ben repaired a sinkhole in the sidewalk on Walker Street.
- Public Works will be off Friday, July 3rd for the observance of Independence Day. We will resume all white good and yard debris pick-ups on Monday, July 6th.

Fire Department

- We have had 14 incidents in the past 5 days.
- The heat is here. We would like to remind everyone to take extra precautions this summer and review the summer safety tips to the left. Stay safe and drink lots of water.
- The Fire Department continues to look for volunteer firefighters to join the department. Great benefits and a variety of fire fighting training is provided. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Fire Department at 259-7494.

Please remember open burning is not allowed in town limits, per NC Administrative Code 02D.1903(b)(1)(B). For questions or concerns, please call the Fire Department at 259-7494.
Inspections Department

- Cape Fear Community College plans review is nearly complete for their new welding and diesel mechanics.
- Pender County Courthouse interior renovations has begun and is going smoothly.
- Auto Zone has passed building only finals and has been approved for Temporary Occupancy for stocking while they complete the parking lot and landscaping.
- Fat Daddy’s Pizza is very near completion and going smoothly.
- We are continuing to get a few new house permits during the COVID-19 pandemic but things continue to be noticeably slower.
- Parks and Rec building update: We have received plans for review for the old EMS building renovations and the review should be complete within a week.
- Fire Department bunk room and office renovations are nearly complete. Emergency Escape windows for sleeping area have been delayed again due to COVID-19. These windows were ordered at the start of the project several months ago and should have been made and delivered in 6 weeks. As soon as they arrive, final inspections should pass.
- We have had several inquiries of water and sewer availability for both residential and commercial this week and all did have it available.
IN AN EMERGENCY, CAN YOU BE FOUND?

Reflective Address Signs CAN SAVE LIVES!
Get yours today for only $10
See Customer Service to place your order. Ready for pick up within 1-2 days.

THE WEEKEND Family SUMMER CHALLENGE
Young or old, try something bold!

Ingredients:
- 32 oz. bottle White Cherry Powerade
- 32 oz. bottle Mixed Berry Powerade Zero
- 32 oz. Minute Maid Fruit Punch
- Fun straws
- Ice

Instructions:
1. Fill a glass to the top with ice. You may use any size glass you like.
2. First, slowly pour the fruit punch into the glass going about 1/3 of the way up. Pour to the side of the ice so the ice stays free of color.
3. Next, very slowly pour the white cherry Powerade into the glass going about another 1/3 of the way up.
4. Last, very slowly pour the mixed berry Powerade into the glass to the top.
5. Carefully put a straw into your glass and serve immediately.

Challenge #6
Kid-Friendly Summer Patriotic Drink

Source: www.naturalbeachliving.com

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