Our Town
Weekly Update

JULY 6-10, 2020

Town Calendar

July 14 | 4:00 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

July 16 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

July 16 | 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
“Let’s Talk - CPR” Forum
(Burgaw Community House)
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July 20 | 6:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 / 4:00 PM
HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT, 115 SOUTH DICKERSON STREET, BURGAW

The meeting will be open for public attendance and also available for 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following public hearings will be held at the Board of Commissioners meeting at 5:30PM (or thereabout). 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).

In the new fiscal year 2020-2021 budget, the Town of Burgaw Board of Commissioners approved an increase to residential and commercial garbage rates. The rate change is to offset the increase on recycling & garbage services charged by Waste Industries. Garbage service is now $15.75 per month and recycle service is $4.25. This increase will be reflected on utility bills received the end of July.
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
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES continued

**Parks & Recreation Department**

- This week we worked to finish our Camp in the Box program. The Parks & Recreation sold a total of 27 boxes to children in the Burgaw and surrounding areas. We hope all the participants enjoy the boxes and thank them for participating. Thanks to the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority for helping sponsor this program.

- We also worked this week to begin our park improvements for the fiscal year. Rotary Park will see significant uplifts this year with new mulch, new benches, and new ADA ramps. We will also conduct landscaping at Hankins Park in order to beautify the area. We have also signed a contract for this fiscal year to conduct annual fire ant spraying at all parks as well as the Osgood Canal & Urban Trail. Any suggestions for parks and green spaces are welcome by our department in order to ensure the best experience for our citizens.

**Planning Department**

- Approved the Community College’s request for tree removal for 1800 linear foot sidewalk from the parking lot to the building. Zoning certification and tree removal permits being issued.

- Prepared the Planning Board agenda items:
  - Consideration of Text amendments to the current UDO requested by staff on Section 6.2 definitions of utilities and changes to the Table of Permitted Uses concerning utilities.
  - Consideration of Chapters 1-4 of the new Unified Development Ordinance codified as part of the new NC G.S. 160D requirements.

- Worked on refining the proposed zoning map and proposed town limits map should the Board approve requests at the upcoming meeting.

- Worked with citizens on tree removal permits.

- Working on new digital submittals of the Powell Bill map and required exhibits.

- Approved a flood development permit for work on a home on S. McRae.

- Signed off on the zoning portion of the ABC permit for Fat Daddy’s Pizza.

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**INFORMATION ON Pools**

**Setting up your pool**

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

**Filling your pool**

If you reside within the town’s corporate limits and plan to fill your pool soon, we ask that you 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 the sewer portion of your utility bill if accurate readings are on file. To request meter readings or for questions, please contact Customer Service at 910-663-3445.
Public Works Department

- John, Robert and Ben washed down 3 manholes to prepare for our contractor. The contractor will be epoxy sealing them to help with inflow and infiltration.
- An air relief valve was replaced on the force main up to Wallace along HWY 117 N.
- Green team this week worked on roadsides, parks, ditches, Town Hall and right-of-ways. They also mowed and cleaned up the cemetery and trimmed around hydrants and street signs.
- Ben and Ben repainted stop bars on North McNeil.
- We had two cemetery locates this week.
- Brian, Roland and Jeremy all picked up white goods and yard debris this week.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Emergency Response # 910-470-0457
On-call person this week is: Ben Hansley

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.

Safety TIP OF THE WEEK

NATIONAL PET FIRE SAFETY DAY

Wednesday, July 15

Never leave pets alone around an open flame. If your pet is rowdy, it’s best to avoid candles.

Have an emergency plan with a safe location to take your pet after a house fire.

Make sure smoke alarms are functioning properly, and educate your family on fire safety.

Pet-proof your house. Keep hazards out of paw’s reach, like flammables or electrical wires.

Make sure your pet is microchipped or wearing ID in case you get separated during a fire.

Prevent pets from touching stovetop controls, and be mindful of pets while in the kitchen.
HISTORICAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

SHOTS FIRED – BUT BY WHOM?

On Thursday December 9, 1869, Sarah Ann Bridgers found herself unable to fulfill a recipe because she lacked the main ingredient, flour. She ran over to a neighbor's house and asked if she could borrow some flour, but unfortunately, they had none either. The neighbor informed Sarah that she planned to visit the mill on Friday and upon her return, she would deliver some of that flour to her. Sarah agreed and headed back to her house where she lived alone. Sarah lived in the district school house about one mile from Burgaw Station.

On Friday, the neighbor sent her son to the mill to purchase some flour and asked that he stop at the house of Sarah and deliver a portion of it to her. Upon his return, he stopped at Sarah's house and knocked on the door. Receiving no answer, he knocked once more and called out to her. Once again, Sarah did not answer the door. Being curious, the boy walked over to the window and peered inside. Horrified at what he saw, he dropped the flour and ran as fast as he could home.

Upon return to his house, the boy screamed for his father and informed him of the gruesome sight he had just witnessed. The boy's father ran to several of the homes of nearby neighbors to get help and returned to the home of Sarah Ann Bridgers. They opened the front door of the home and were met with the horrific sight of a deceased woman, lying in front of the fireplace, cold and stiff. It was quickly determined that she had been inhumanly murdered.

On Thursday evening Sarah had been cooking when someone entered her home. The individual fired several shots hitting Sarah and leaving four slugs in her body and another four in the wall behind her. As she fell backward, her head landed at the edge of the fireplace and the handkerchief she was wearing caught fire. A telegram was sent to the Coroner and the neighbors kept watch over Sarah's body and the crime scene until Sunday afternoon when it was determined that it would be best to bury her.

On Monday December 13, 1869, the Coroner, Elkanah Allen held an inquest over the death of Sarah. Since the body had already been buried, the Coroner heard evidence from those who had seen the crime scene. Unfortunately, it was never determined who committed this gruesome murder or why.

The recipe for a perfect family staycation:

- **Disconnect**: put away all electronic devices
- **On your time**: hide the clocks and turn off alarms
- **Relax**: grab your favorite drink and snack, sit back and watch a good movie
- **Family game night**: Pull out a favorite game from the closet and have fun together
- **Design a special meal**: Have each family member make a dish to compile the perfect family meal
- **Take an adventure**: step outside to enjoy the sun, listen to the birds and take a nice walk
Upcoming Recycling Pick-up Schedule

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SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN!

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.

Burgaw Fire Department Volunteers Needed

Burgaw Fire Department is seeking community members to become volunteer firefighters.

EXCELLENT TRAINING AND BENEFITS!

Come by the Fire Department located at 109 N. Walker Street or call 910-259-2151 for more information.

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

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