Our Town
Weekly Update
JULY 20-24, 2020

Town Calendar

August 6 | 9:00 AM
Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Meeting

August 8 | 11 AM
Back 2 School Give-Away
(See page 2 for more details)

August 11 | 4:00 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

Stay in Touch
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Burgawnc.gov
910-259-2151
109 N. Walker Street

Stay safe and participate in the 9 PM Routine

The Burgaw Police Department would like all citizens to take a little extra time every evening to help deter criminal activities around town. Call family and friends and ask them to join you by participating in the “9 PM Routine.” We encourage everyone to make it a habit to do the following actions each evening:

1. Turn on outside lights,
2. Ensure your windows and doors are closed and locked,
3. Close and secure garage and/or shed doors,
4. Remove any valuables from your vehicles and make sure they are locked, and
5. Report any suspicious activities or vehicles.

A Message from our Finance Department

In accordance with the Governor’s executive order 124, the Town of Burgaw has not terminated water services and has not charged late fees on utility accounts beginning March 31, 2020. Unless extended by the Governor, the executive order is set to expire on July 29, 2020; therefore normal operations will resume July 30th. It is advised customers that have accumulated balances during this time contact Town of Burgaw customer service (663-3445) to arrange a payment plan. Late fees will resume on August 16th and service cut-off for non-payment will take place on August 21st.

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 $27,351, 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
Parks & Recreation Department

- Looking for school supplies for the upcoming school year? Make sure to join us on August 8th from 11:00am-2:00pm for our Back-To-School Give-Away. The event will be hosted at the Burgaw Train Depot and will be drive thru only. We ask that all residents remain inside their vehicle and a volunteer will assist you. This event is sponsored by the New Legacy Foundation with the assistance of the Town of Burgaw. Special thanks to the Local Government Federal Credit Union and the Pender County Board of Education for assisting us with this event.

- Our Department worked this week to begin making repairs to our rental facilities and local parks. The Burgaw Community House will receive new painting on the inside walls and benches beginning next week. We also will be planting new liriope around W. Ross Harrell Memorial Park. In addition, the park will have new mulch beds installed around the tennis court areas. We hope to come back in the Fall and shift our focus to the grass inside the play area. New ADA ramps at Rotary Park are set to be installed mid to late next week.

- Special thanks to the Public Works Department for assisting us with getting new gravel put out this week around the Community House, Train Depot, and Rotary Park fire pit.

Staff Spotlight

Adela Matthews
Customer Service Representative

Job Duties:
Processing payments and utility applications, issuing work orders, and greets all Town Hall visitors with a smile

How long have you worked for the Town?
Almost 1 1/2 years

What do you love most about working with the Town?
I love how I’m able to interact with different people everyday, even if it’s just to give them directions. I also enjoy how closely the departments work together to make the town flow. It’s neat to see how everyone comes together to make sure the community is taken care of 100%.

Fun Fact about me: Expecting my first child in July 2020
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES continued

Fire Department

- The department conducted hose deployment training at the middle school on Thursday, June 23rd. A dozen firefighters practiced different methods for deploying hose.
- The department has completed all hose testing for 2020.

Inspections Department

- The new Ice Cream store renovations at Hwy 117 S. has passed plumbing slab and is making good headway for structural upfits.
- The Pender County courthouse renovations continue to go smoothly.
- Auto Zone is nearing completion and will be allowed to open while some minor issues are addressed.
- Fat Daddy’s Pizza is on track to getting a Certificate of Occupancy next week.
- Pike Engineering is working on our new pole lights on the sidewalks from Walmart to the Hwy 53 and Hwy 117 intersection. These pole lights will be the same as the ones around the courthouse. We look forward to the new look and being able to put Christmas decorations up as well as Blueberry banners.

Police Department

- Captain Fuller attended the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program online consortium meeting Monday morning.
- We had our CPR (Community, Policing, and Race Relations) follow-up meeting on Monday. We further discussed the topics that were brought up during last week’s forum. We have begun reaching out to other disciplines to address concerns, that were not law enforcement related, such as the school system and local government.
- The PD purchased 5 new portable radios at the end of last budget year. These radios are currently being programmed and will replace some of our old (not working properly) radios.
- The Hampstead United Methodist Church has offered for the PD to take part in MERCI (Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiative) and distribute USDA produce boxes. The boxes are part of the Farmers to Families program. The PD distributed fresh produce to some families in town that we believe could benefit from the fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Sergeant Byrd attended a two day class at CFCC on Preparing for the Day. The class is taught through the law enforcement continuing education section.

Cram the Cruiser

The Burgaw Police Department’s “Cram the Cruiser” school supply program is in progress. Any donations of school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, crayons, lunchboxes, loose leaf paper, etc. can be dropped off at the police department or town hall. Applications to receive supplies can be picked up at the Burgaw Police Department or town hall, as well. All applications must be completed and returned no later than August 7th, 2020. Book bags, filled with the school supplies, will be distributed beginning August 11th. For more information, contact Burgaw Police Department at 910-259-4924.
Planning Department

- Shared electronic access with the two new members of the Planning Board to educational modules from the School of Government.
- Prepared a new Zoning Map for July 2020.
- Worked drafting Chapter 9 of the development regulations for the New UDO required by NC G.S. 160D.
- Worked on the agenda items for August 11th consisting of two public hearings for text amendments recommended by the Planning Board on February 25th and June 18th. I am about halfway through on the draft ordinances and resolutions.
- Answered questions on zoning certification for possible business uses and accessory structures.

Public Works Department

- Green team this week mowed the Train Depot, Town Hall, parks, the railroad right-of-way, cemetery, roadsides, and ditches. The reprieve of rain has been much needed as we try to catch-up on greenery maintenance.
- John, Robert and Ben H. repaired a water leak on North McNeil Friday morning. Joined by Brian, they repaired leaks on West Fremont and S Bodenheimer on Monday.
- John and Ben P finished up painting the new stop bars on North McNeil.
- The grapple truck received some routine maintenance Monday.
- Roland, Brian and Jeremy helped spread rock at the Community Building Wednesday.
- Ashe Street drainage project continued this week. We are also playing catch-up on our ditching projects as well and are working as fast as we can to get to the ones that need cleaning the most.
- Public Works is currently operating on a modified schedule. Due to the excessive summer heat our current hours are from 6:30 – 3:30. Please keep this in mind when requesting service turn on and turn offs from Town Hall.

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

Challenge #9
Magic Potion Drink

Ingredients
- 1 packet Hawaiian Punch sugar free Singles To Go any flavor you choose
- 1 water bottle
- Ice Cube Tray
- 1 Sprite

Directions
- Pour one pouch of Hawaiian Punch singles into an almost full water bottle and shake.
- Carefully pour drink into an ice tray. One water bottle fills one ice tray.
- Freeze overnight.
- Enjoy with your choice of beverage, such as Sprite or Punch.

Source: https://lilluna.com/punch-ice-cubes/

REMINDERS ABOUT MOSQUITO SPRAYING

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.

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

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.
HI STORI CAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

早1910年8月10日清晨，温斯顿酒店在栗子街被大火烧毁。除了酒店老板的19岁养子爱德华·克罗姆威尔外，所有人都逃过了这场大火。他被发现死在自己的房间里，身上没有伤痕。起初人们怀疑他可能是被毒死的，而火灾则被用来掩盖他的谋杀事实。随着调查的深入，他的养父JC·霍利被逮捕。他被正式指控犯有谋杀罪和纵火罪。他的审判日期定于1911年2月的新汉诺威县法院。

在调查和第一次审判过程中，发现霍利曾多次殴打爱德华。爱德华曾向一位目击者透露，霍利曾用扫帚柄打他，因为他“没有把地板扫干净”。他也曾被发现扼过他。其他目击者表示，爱德华是个麻烦的少年，霍利会用严厉的手法来纠正他的行为。另一位目击者说，他之前曾与爱德华交谈，爱德华对将要搬到韦恩县的决定感到不安，他“宁愿死也不愿意搬到韦恩县”。

调查人员发现霍利曾于7月2日和7月26日购买了总共60粒strychnine。专业证人证实，strychnine中毒可能是导致死亡的原因，他们认为爱德华死亡的时间应该是晚上10点或11点。这可以解释他的尸体状态。此外，霍利在爱德华死亡的两天前购买了25粒strychnine。调查人员还发现，一个女客人在火前曾把装有47美元的皮包交给霍利，让她替她保管到第二天。火灾后，女客人问霍利那个装有钱的皮包，她告诉她是被烧掉的。但事实上，装有钱的皮包在霍利被捕时就在他身上。

当化验结果显示爱德华的胃中含有足以杀死几个人的strychnine时，目击者说，爱德华在火前一天晚上最后被看到在吃冰淇淋和香蕉。后来发现，大约60粒strychnine被放在冰淇淋或香蕉里，或者可能两者都有。进一步的调查显示，火是霍利一个人开始的，可能是他在两个火之间设置了第三个火。

霍利的辩护律师认为，红泉酒店有严重的鼠患，strychnine被用来杀死这些老鼠。可以检测到的大量煤油则被用来杀死虫子。辩护律师还指出，火的另一个可能是另一个客人在火前一天晚上曾被指控犯有纵火罪，并曾在监狱中服刑。在1911年2月3日星期五下午3：33，陪审团返回了判决。陪审团组成了一个如此有力的案件，以至于被告无法反驳。宣判犯有一级谋杀罪。死刑判决立刻宣布，定于1911年4月7日在州立监狱执行。当被问及他是否有什么话要说时，他回答说，“没什么，除了我无罪”。

无论是否无罪，霍利被定于两个月内被处决。注意，我说的是首审......
5 Tips for a Safe Summer Workout

- Pick the right time: Exercise in the morning or evening when temperatures are usually cooler.
- Wear the right clothing: Loose, breathable clothing that prevents chafing will help keep your body cool.
- Avoid extreme temperature change: Don’t go right from the heat to a cold room. Take the time to properly cool down.
- Slow down: Extreme heat is not the time to go for your personal best. Don’t push yourself.
- Water, water, water: Staying properly hydrated before, during and after your workout is critical to avoiding injury or heat related illness.

*Always consult your doctor before exercising if you have health issues that could be complicated by heat exposure.

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 259-7494 for more information.

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.

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