Keep our Pedestrians Safe

The Town of Burgaw has plenty of walking trails and sidewalks for our citizens to utilize every day. It is important to keep our pedestrians safe by knowing and following the laws of pedestrians’ right-of-way at crosswalks. General Statute § 20-173, Pedestrians’ right-of-way at crosswalks, advises where traffic-control signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at or near an intersection. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle. Also, the driver of a vehicle emerging from or entering an alley, building entrance, private road, or driveway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, or person riding a bicycle, approaching on any sidewalk or walkway extending across such alley, building entrance, road, or driveway.

Public Hearings Scheduled

The following public hearings will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM (or thereabout) during the regular 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 Consideration of Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendments recommended by the Planning Board on July 16, 2020 clarifying mixed use buildings downtown; defining mixed use and adding standards to enable the occasional residential unit downstairs in the B-1 Zoning District: Section 6-2: Definitions of Basic Terms; Section 16-13: Standards for Construction or Expansion in B-1 District.

Public Hearing #2 Consideration of Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendments recommended by the Planning Board on August 20, 2020 amending Section 2-2(B) Planning Board Rules of Conduct subsection (a) adding following Robert’s Rules of Order when necessary and re-lettering the subsection.
Police Department

- Thank you to Sergeant Williams for representing the Burgaw Police Department in the North Carolina Special Olympics Torch Run this past Saturday. The participants ran north on HWY 17 through Pender County. All law enforcement agencies in Pender County were represented at the run.

- On Tuesday, we had our monthly Chiefs/Sheriffs meeting at Cape Fear Hospital. These meetings are beneficial for the discussions of current law enforcement trends as well as networking with the other agency heads in our region.

- The PD had a supervisors meeting this week. We will meet quarterly to discuss policies and procedures for the department and address any concerns.

- The Burgaw PD assisted with a New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office missing person case that was reported to them early Thursday morning. We investigated the case due to the family of the child coming to Burgaw for assistance. The child was not in our jurisdiction, however, we were able to locate her and get her brought to Burgaw to be reunited with the family.

SCHOOL BUS STOP REMINDERS FROM THE BURGAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

We have started school again in Pender County. Please be aware of our children as they board and unload from our public school buses. North Carolina General Statute states "When a school bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights and the bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, the driver of any other vehicle that approaches the school bus from any direction on the same street, highway, or public vehicular area shall bring that other vehicle to a full stop and shall remain stopped. The driver of the other vehicle shall not proceed to move, pass, or attempt to pass the school bus until after the mechanical stop signal has been withdrawn, the flashing red stoplights have been turned off, and the bus has started to move.” The statute continues to say “the driver of a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction from the school bus, upon any road, highway or city street that has been divided into two roadways, so constructed as to separate vehicular traffic between the two roadways by an intervening space (including a center lane for left turns if the roadway consists of at least four more lanes) or by a physical barrier, need not stop upon meeting and passing any school bus that has stopped in the roadway across the dividing space or physical barrier.” (§ 20-217). If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Burgaw Police Department. See the brochure to the right supplied by the NC DMV School Bus & Traffic Safety Section.
**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES continued**

### Public Works Department

- We fixed two leaks this week, one on Highway 53 West and another on Vann Street.
- Green team mowed right-of-ways, walking trails, parks and the cemetery.
- A new tap was installed on Cypress Street.
- Alan worked with a company out of Sanford, NC this week to pull and change out the pump at PS1. The replacement pump has been set and the one pulled will be fixed. Once fixed the original pump will act as our spare pump for emergencies.
- We conducted another smoke test on Wednesday. These tests are used to identify potential places of inflow in the system. Inflow occurs when outside water sources, such as runoff from weather related events, enter the sewer system. The test found a few minor problem areas that will be fixed in the future.

**REMINDER FROM PUBLIC WORKS**

Due to the recent hurricane, there has been more yard debris than usual. We continue to work diligently to collect yard debris around town, weather permitting. We thank you for your patience as we work to keep our town clean and beautiful. For more information on yard debris pick-up, please visit our website.

### Parks & Recreation Department

- Registration is now open for our Virtual Family Bingo Night on August 28th at 6:00pm. Residents can register by visiting the facility rental portion of our webpage at burgawnc.gov. The event is free to the public and is open to all age groups. Make sure to sign up for a chance to win some prizes/gift cards to our local business. Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department for further questions or assistance.

- Make sure to join us on September 11th for a drive in movie at Pender Memorial Park. The event will be co-hosted by Pender County Parks & Recreation. More details will be available starting next week. Monitor our Facebook and webpage for more information.

- This week our department worked inside the Burgaw Incubator Kitchen to make repairs and onboard new applicants. If you have a passion for cooking and would like to become a tenant, please contact our department for more information regarding the policies and procedures for the Burgaw Incubator Kitchen.

- Repairs continued this week inside the Burgaw Community House and local parks. Community House repairs should be completed by next week for the resumption of rentals. If any community organizations would like to assist with park repairs, please review our Adopt-A-Park program listed on our webpage at burgawnc.gov.

**New Adopt-a-Park Program**

Is your organization looking to become involved within the community? Sign-up today for our newly formed Adopt-A-Park program in order to better serve our local parks and greenspaces. This program is designed as a yearlong commitment to the Burgaw Parks & Recreation Department in order to assist with upkeep and beautification of our town parks. More information about the program and the application can be found by visiting burgawnc.gov. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department at recreation@burgawnc.gov for consideration.
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES continued

Planning Department

- The Planning Board met Thursday, August 20th and forwarded recommended UDO text amendments to the Board of Commissioners. See the public hearings notice on page 1 for details.
- Worked diligently all week writing chapter 9-12 of the New Unified Development Ordinance to submit to the Manager and Town attorney for review.
- Fielded calls from real estate agents and developers on property zoning and development requirements.
- Answered questions concerning a text amendment being proposed by a citizen to allow horses in R-20 Single Family. The deadline for that submittal is Friday, August 28th at noon.
- Worked with the Technical Review Team reviewing MeMa’s Chick’n & Ribs’ site plan for a new restaurant on Hwy 53.

Inspections Department

- Cape Fear Community College has been permitted for up fits to the rear building for Welding and Diesel Mechanic shops.
- Pender County Courthouse renovations continue to go well.
- Creekside has slowed considerably with 2 under construction and about 5 lots left to build on.
- Other new single family constructions are going smoothly with one preparing for all their finals and one just finishing their foundation work.
- The addition at Heritage Place was complete this week and they have their Certificate of Compliance and Occupancy. They were also just permitted for another addition to enhance their kitchen with added dry storage and a new walk in cooler.
- The Burgaw Fire Department alterations for their relocated and improved sleeping quarters has been completed and has a Certificate of Compliance and Occupancy.
- A final draft of the plans for renovations to the Old EMS building / Burgaw Parks and Recreation have been received. The code review is under way and should be completed soon.

Fire Department

- FF/AO Williamson attended NC OSFM Qualification School this week and successfully passed the Emergency Vehicle Driver Instructor test. This will be a great benefit for our department, as we will be able to certify our members to the state standard.

Staff Spotlight

Patrick Watkins

Job Duties: Fight fire, fire suppression and prevention, maintenance, community risk reduction

How long have you worked for the Town? 18 years (part-time and full-time)

What do you love most about working with the Town? Love serving a small community that is growing more day after day

Fun Fact about me: Love working on tractors
Laws of Time Past: Town of Burgaw Ordinances from 1912

That it shall be unlawful for any person to ride a bicycle, or drive a horse or their animal, or drive any carriage, automobile or other vehicle on the streets within the limits of said town at a rate exceeding eight miles per hour, or in a reckless manner, and any person violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined $10.00.

That it shall be unlawful for any railroad company or its agents or employees to permit a train of cars to be stopped across the street for a longer period than ten minutes hindering the free passage of vehicles or persons and any person violating this Ordinance shall be fine $5.00 for each offence.

That every male citizen residing within the corporate limits of said town between the ages of 18 and 45 years shall work the streets and roads of the town under the direction of the Town Constable 10 days in each year to keep said roads and streets or roads in good condition. Any person liable to work on the streets or roads who shall willfully fail to attend and work when summoned so to do after notice of 3 days by the Town Constable shall be guilty of misdemeanor and fines $2.00.

That it shall be unlawful for any person to play ball in any manner within the following boundaries in said town: Beginning at the intersection of Satchwell and Dickerson Streets; thence with Satchwell to Cowan Street; thence with Cowan to Bridgers Streets; thence with Bridgers to Second Street; west of Rail Road; thence with said street to Satchell Street, the beginning; and any person violating this Ordinance shall be fined $5.00.

No cow, ox, sheep, goat, hog, horse, mule or goose shall be allowed to run at large in any of the streets or on any of the unenclosed lots of the town within the corporate limits. It shall be the duty of the Constable or Policeman to take up and impound any such animal or goose so at large until the penalty, fine and cost for such taking, keeping and impounding shall be paid by the owner or claimant. There shall be paid for each goose so impounded or found running at large the sum of 25 cents, and for each cow, ox, sheep, goat, hot, horse, or mule $1.00. One-half of said fine shall go to the Constable and the other half to the town; Provided, that after one week if any of said animals shall have been impounded no claimant shall appear and pay the fine and cost of keeping, the same shall be sold after three days advertising by the Constable at the court-house door in Burgaw, to the highest bidder for cash. Proceeds of sale shall be applied to the payment of fine and cost of keeping and $1.00 to the Constable for taking and posting the advertisements, excess, if any there be, shall be paid to the treasurer of the town.

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BURGAW FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

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.