Our Town
Weekly Update
August 31-September 4, 2020

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2020

The next Town of Burgaw Board of Commissioners regular meeting is Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, and also available by phone/online for anyone who does not wish to attend in person. To join the meeting by phone, please call 1.646.307.1990 (enter ID 313-189-029 #). To join online, please visit join.me/313-189-029. The following public hearings will be held during the meeting at 5:30 PM (or thereabouts). Please visit our website at BurgawNC.gov to view the agenda. 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.

Notice to Customers who make Online Payments

Please note that if you make your utility payment online AND have a six digit WIPP pin number, you will now need to drop the last two digits of the number in order to process the payment online. The system only recognizes the first four numbers of the WIPP pin number. We apologize for any inconvenience, but this is necessary for third party billing. Thank you for your cooperation.

For questions or concerns, please call our Customer Service Representative at 663-3445.

Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift,
That the power of work is a blessing,
That love of work is success.
- David O. McKay

Town Calendar

September 7
Town offices closed in observance of Labor Day

September 8 | 4:00 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 10 | 9:00 AM
Tourism Development Authority Meeting
(rescheduled from September 3)

September 14 | 6:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

September 17 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Stay in Touch
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910-299-2131
109 N. Walker Street

Town offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day.
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Public Works Department

- John, Ben and Brian fixed two water leaks this week, one on West Satchwell Street and the other at Cooper’s Point.
- The ditches along Cypress Street were cleaned out Monday and Tuesday.
- Green team cleaned and reopened the bathrooms at Rotary and Hankins park last Friday. They also mowed the railroad right-of-way, parks, Town Hall, and the cemetery.
- Brian was sweeping streets with the street sweeper Thursday.
- We hope everyone has a safe Labor Day weekend!

Inspections Department

- The Pender County courthouse renovations inspections are picking up and we are developing a very good relationship with all contractors involved. With such a large project, we are trying to have both inspectors on inspections when possible since there is so much going on.
- Parks and Recreation up-fit are in their 2nd comments stage and they are doing everything they can to address all concerns and comments before September’s Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Planning and pricing are underway for better citizen and staff protection at all departments that require face to face interaction. This is mainly to maximize the safe social distancing while enhancing the information and payment aspect for everyone’s safety during these COVID-19 times.

Planning Department

- Working with a citizen on a proposed text amendment in R-20 to enable the keeping of horses if approved. They plan to file the request in September.
- Met for several hours with the Town Manager and Town Attorney to go over the next five chapters of the new draft UDO which included Chapters 9: Development Design Standards and Processes, Chapter 10: Subdivisions, Chapter 11: Judicial Review, Chapter 12: Minimum Housing, and Chapter 13: Non-Residential Maintenance Standards.
- The Planning Board will review these chapters at their meeting September 17th at 5:30 pm at the Depot.
- Attended the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee meeting remotely Wednesday morning with the Manager in his office.
- Worked Wednesday afternoon with the deputy finance director on an Edmunds software tutorial.
- Worked Thursday with Stroud engineering on a recombination plat for recordation on Whrens Street.
- Worked preparing PowerPoint presentation for the Board of Commissioners meeting.
- Assisted the public with permits including; tree cutting, zoning certification and answered questions on permitted uses and the zoning of property.
- Worked with the Permitting Technician to addressed several complaints received from the public.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tiffany Byrd
Deputy Finance Officer

Job Duties:
Process payroll, accounts payable, bank reconciliations, assist Finance Officer with budget and audit process, assist Customer Service, town finance member for the Tourism Development Authority

How long have you worked for the Town?
Almost 7 years

What do you love most about working with the Town?
I enjoy coming to work and love that our staff is like one big family.

Fun Fact about me:
I have 7 dogs and 1 cat.
Parks & Recreation Department

- Effective Friday September 4th at 5:00pm, all playgrounds and bathrooms will reopen to the public under orders issued by Governor Cooper. Residents and visitors are asked not to use playground equipment if feeling ill or showing symptoms of COVID-19. Ensure that you practice the 3 W's (Wear, Wait, & Wash) and wipe down surfaces when needed. Our department will continue to clean all equipment and restroom facilities on a daily basis.

- Harrell Park received repairs this week as well as a new concrete pad connecting our ADA ramps. With the Fall season approaching, our department will be conducting seeding in the next few weeks at Harrell Park. Updates regarding closures will be sent out in a timely manner. Contact our department if you have questions.

- This week our department attended continuing education for the Certified Parks & Recreation Professional. We are excited to bring the new things we learned to our community in order to develop wholesome programs that we are sure you will enjoy!

Police Department

- Officer Newton and Officer Leagan attended Radar certification training this past week. The Radar is a speed detection instrument and will assist the officers with speed enforcement in the town. It is a three day class with practical experience and then the state mandated test if on Friday.

- The two new patrol cars are in the process of being prepared for use. They have been striped and are awaiting up-fits to have lights, siren, and other emergency equipment installed. Once the installs are complete, they will replace two of the old patrol cars that we currently utilize.

- Thank you to First Citizens Bank of Burgaw for the "goody bags" they brought to the police department. They were very much appreciated by all of the officers.

- We have partnered with Southern Chic's Treasures on Fremont Street for a meet and greet with the Burgaw Police Department. K-9 Kane and his handler, Corporal Padgett, along with other officers from the department will be present to meet the public and answer any questions the citizens may have for local law enforcement. Please be aware of the possibility of increased pedestrian traffic and be safe.

Meet & Greet with K9 Officer Kane

When: Saturday, September 19, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Where: Southern Chic’s Treasures, 115 West Fremont Street
BURGAW AIRPORT

In the summer of 1944, Burgaw citizens decided that they wanted to make their mark on the map of aviation. A Commission was assembled with Senator Roy Rowe leading the way as chairman. They began to lay out plans for the development of an airport with the purchase of a tract of land located off of Highway 53 West (the location of Nash Equipment today). Burgaw citizens began to contribute materials as well as labor for the construction. In all, the Town of Burgaw and Pender County both invested less than $1,000 of tax money for the project. The construction was finalized and the airport opened on October 11, 1944. Sadly, the airport closed operations around 1953.

The airport was described in The Charlotte Observer as having two runways, both covered with sod (although all other reports describe the airport as only having one runway). The north-south runway was 2,350 feet long and the east-west runway was 2,400 feet long. The airport also had an office building, three hangers and a large parking lot for both airplanes and vehicles. Today, Nash Equipment still uses one of the hangers/offices for their business.
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.

Utility Bill Reminders

- All utility payments are due by the 10th of the month.
- The Town allows a grace period until the 15th of the month.
- Late fees are imposed on all delinquent accounts on the 16th of the month.
- Disconnects occur on the 21st of the month for delinquent accounts.

NOTE: If you plan to pay around the 15th or 21st, we encourage you to make your payment by phone, visit Town Hall, or utilize the drop box. Online payments take 24-48 hours to reflect on your account in the utility billing system.

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.