FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 4-10, 2020

“Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!”

This year's campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen,” is geared towards educating everyone about the simple, but very important actions to keep themselves, and those around them, safe in the kitchen. According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

In promotion of Fire Prevention Week, the Burgaw Fire Department sent 300 bags of fire prevention materials to Burgaw Elementary school to be handed out to the students. The Burgaw Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme. Please take note of the following safety tips when cooking.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won’t be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

For more information on kitchen fire safety, visit: https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About.

Did You Know?

Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.
Parks & Recreation Department

- Make sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming holiday events (right) taking place here in Town. More details regarding these events will be released at a later date. All COVID-19 regulations are being considered in order to protect the safety and well being of our community.

- Looking for a location to host your next holiday event or family gathering? Visit burgawnc.gov/rentals to reserve our Historic Burgaw Train Depot or beautiful Burgaw Community House. Rental rates can be found on the website or by calling the Parks & Recreation Department at (910)-300-6401. Space is limited for the holiday season so contact us today to ensure your spot.

- The Parks & Recreation Department offers individuals the opportunity to gain community service hours by assisting with special event implementation. To become a volunteer during any of our seasonal events, please contact our Parks & Recreation Director at (910)-300-6401 or email recreation@burgawnc.gov to discuss upcoming events.

Submit your Facility Rental Reservations online!
Visit our website at BurgawNC.gov/rentals for more information

If you need assistance, or do not have access to a computer, please come by Town Hall and our Parks & Recreation Director will be happy to assist you with your reservation!

Don’t forget to mark your calendar!

Join us for a fun day in town on October 17, 2020. That morning, the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority is hosting a Community Yard Sale at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot located at 115 S. Dickerson Street. The event will be from 7:00am-12:00pm and will feature lots of fun for visitors to eat, shop, and sell.

Later in the day, the town will be hosting our annual Halloween event with a little twist this year. Join us for a Spooktacular Drive Thru Trunk or Treat. The event will be from 2:00pm-4:00pm at Rotary Park located at 102 Industrial Drive. The event is free to the public and will feature a number of vendors and Halloween decorations, not to mention lots of CANDY! Visitors are asked to remain in their vehicle and our vendors will assist you.

For questions about these events, please contact our Parks & Recreation Department at 910-300-6401. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed and enforced during the events.
Police Department

- We attended the 2nd meeting of the Mount Calvary Center for Leadership Development Social Justice Task Force on Wednesday at 3:00 pm. This group is a cross section of government, education, social, and religious communities. Chief Hock has been selected to serve on the Community Relations, Business Engagement, and Inclusion sub-committee.

- The Police Department is interviewing a couple of applicants for part-time law enforcement officers. Part-time officers help supplement the full-time positions during special events and to assist with covering shifts during scheduled vacations and training.

- We would like to remind all residents to keep your doors locked. Vehicles and buildings that are unsecured are more likely to be targeted by thieves. Easily removable items such as money, purses, laptop computers, cellular telephones, GPS systems, and satellite radios left in plain view, may attract the attention of others who intend to steal. The best way to secure valuables is not to leave them in your car. However, if you must leave property in the vehicle, place the items out of view, preferably in a secured compartment like a glove box or trunk. Most importantly, don’t leave your vehicle open or unlocked. Make sure all doors and windows are secured each time you leave your vehicle, even when parked at your home or in a garage. Please report any suspicious individuals or vehicles to the Burgaw Police Department at 910-259-4924 or Pender County Dispatch at 910-259-1515.

LETS TALK - CPR

Join us for our next 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 went well and our next one is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at House of Gains on Courthouse Avenue beginning at 5:30 PM. To reserve your seat (number limited because of COVID-19) please call one of the following persons as soon as possible:

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

Public Works Department

- John and Ben continued working on the Ashe Street drainage project this week.

- Green team beautified the railroad right-of-way, sidewalks, parks and cemetery. They trimmed trees and edged in the cemetery as well. Ahead of the heavy rains Tuesday they focused on rain detail which includes checking ditches and storm drains for possible blockages.

- The Kubota excavator was serviced Tuesday with some routine maintenance. The grapple truck also received new tires on Friday.

- Pumps at PS2 were pulled and cleaned along with the check valves.

- A water leak on North McRae was fixed Tuesday. While there, Robert and Ben checked for inflow and infiltration (I&I) near the Middle School lift station.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

EARL BROWN

FIREFIGHTER | BURGAW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Job Duties: Fight fire, drive trucks, perform rescue duties

How long have you worked for the Town? 6 years

What do you love most about working with the Town? I like to help others and I enjoy the people I work with.

Fun Fact about me: I like to play gospel music and hang out with my grandkids.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHONE # 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.
On the morning of Tuesday June 29, 1880, the through freight train pulled out of the Wilmington station and headed north. All appeared to be going as normal that morning. Just a few miles outside of Burgaw, smoke was seen coming from the roof of the box car just behind the tender. The brakes were applied and the train brought to a stop just a mile and a half from the Burgaw station. The engineer, fireman, conductor and rail hands all went to work to put the fire out. During the course of extinguishing the fire, it was discovered that a spark from the locomotive started a fire in the tender and then traveled to the roof of the adjoining box car. Once all rail officials were confident that the fire had been put out, the train continued to Burgaw. They decided that they should stop and check the contents of the box car to make sure that no items had been damaged in the blaze. The door of the box car was opened, and to the astonishment of everyone, it was discovered that the box car contained twenty thousand pounds of powder.
Upcoming Recycling Pick-up Schedule

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**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.

**Notice to Customers who Pay Online**

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.

**Remember to keep your phone number updated on your utility account!**

**EYE ON WATER**

We would like to remind our residents of our Eye on Water program offered free to our utility customers. Eye on Water can help you track your water usage and alert you when a potential leak starts. Sign up by visiting our website or visit https://eeyeonwater.com/signup. Signing up is simple and it will walk you through step by step on how to set up this service. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Customer Service at 663-3445.

**Historic Burgaw Train Depot**

Prints by Ivey Hayes
Available for purchase at Town Hall
Get yours today for only $20!
Makes great gifts for your Burgaw friends and family!