Our Town Weekly Update

NOVEMBER 9-13, 2020

Town Calendar

November 19 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

November 26-27
Thanksgiving Holiday
Town offices closed

November 27 | 6:00 PM
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 3 | 8:30 AM
Tourism Development Authority Meeting

December 8 | 4:00 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

Share your ideas with us!

Plans and designs are underway for the Improvements on Courthouse Avenue! With the street connecting two of Burgaw’s most historical prominent structures, the Board of Commissioners have a desire to begin downtown improvements for revitalization. As the heart of town, Courthouse Avenue is the perfect place to begin and we want everyone’s ideas included. Please visit the link below to take a brief survey on how you think Courthouse Avenue and the downtown area should look in the future. Please encourage your family and friends to participate as well.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BurgawStreetscape

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Courthouse Avenue Improvement project, you may contact the town’s Planning Director, Andrea Correll, at 663-3451 or acorrell@burgawnc.gov.

We are gearing up for Christmas in Burgaw!

The lights are up, wreaths are hung, and festivities are being planned. While this year has been a tough one and Christmas will be different, we are doing all we can to still have a wonderful and safe Christmas in Burgaw. Join us for the following Christmas activities planned for the season. Stay tuned to our newsletter, website and Facebook page for more information to come.

Annual Burgaw Christmas Tree Lighting | November 27 | 6:00 PM
Drive-in only, so arrive early for a parking spot. Sit back, relax and enjoy holiday singing and the lighting of the tree!

Burgaw’s Brightest Christmas Decorating Contest | November 16th - December 17th
Let’s see your creativity! Must be a resident within the corporate limits of Burgaw to enter. Visit www.burgawnc.gov/rentals to submit your decorated home.

Drive-In Movie Night | December 11
Join us for a jolly good time watching “The Grinch”

Holiday Market | December 12 | 9AM-1PM
Bring your Christmas list and join us for some shopping and a special visit with Santa—a view inside the North Pole!

Annual Burgaw Christmas Parade | December 12 | 3:30 PM
While it won’t be the traditional kind of parade, it is sure to be lots of fun as always! Floats will be stationary while spectators drive thru to see the decorated floats.

3rd Annual New Years Eve Blueberry Drop | December 31
Lights, camera, action! Save the date for a night in, grab the popcorn and get ready for our virtual Blueberry Drop show including a band, giveaways, and of course, the dropping of the blueberry—all from the comfort of your home!
Upcoming Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

The next Town of Burgaw Planning & Zoning Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw. Below are key items for discussion. All interested parties are invited to attend.

- Consideration of a Text Amendment requested by Little Town Learning Center by Angela Beacham to amend Section 8-2: The Table of Permitted Uses to enable Daycare as a permitted use in the B-1 Zoning District.
- Consideration of a Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat application for Section 1 of Stapleton Place Subdivision a 15.2-acre tract containing twenty-six single-family lots located across the street from Linda Lane off NC Hwy 117 zoned R-7 –CZ1 and further identified as part of Parcel Identification Number 3239-01-1907-0000.
- Consideration of a Preliminary Plat for Section 2 of Stapleton Place Subdivision a 49.63-acre tract containing one hundred and two lots located across the street from Linda Lane off NC Hwy 117 zoned R-7 –CZ1 and further identified as part of Parcel Identification Number 3239-01-1907-0000.

Ivey Hayes Depot Prints For Sale

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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. Position open until filled. Visit our website for more information.

Patrol Officer – Must be BLET certified and possess good public relation skills. Starting salary $37,829. A current notarized F-3 from NC Criminal Justice Training and Standard Division should be submitted along with the town employment application. Job closing date is November 20, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Visit our website for more information.

Police Department’s R U Okay Program

We would like to remind the Town of Burgaw residents and family members of the RU Okay? program established by the Burgaw Police Department. The program calls individuals weekly to check their safety and security. The program is open to Burgaw residents who are elderly, shut ins, or just could use someone to check in on them throughout the week. Those individuals are also notified during inclement weather conditions such as hurricanes or ice storms of safety concerns. If you or a family member are interested in being added to the program, please contact the Burgaw Police Department at 910-259-4924.

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The Town of Burgaw offers an 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 the town website at www.burgawnc.gov. Completed applications and resumes should be submitted to Kimberly Rivenbark at 109 N. Walker Street, Burgaw, NC 28425 or krivenbark@burgawnc.gov.
DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Public Works Department

- Christmas decorating is wrapping up this week. Willis and Lucas have been working on hanging the remaining string lights on the greenery around town.
- John, Ben H and Robert worked on the ditches along a section of East Taylor Street Monday and Tuesday.
- The broken fence at Town Hall has been fixed.
- The Veteran’s Memorial in the cemetery received fresh mulch for Veteran’s Day.
- Roland and Ben P were the grapple truck team this week.
- Everyone was on rain detail Thursday to make sure drains and ditches were flowing properly during the heavy rains.

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.

Planning Department

- Worked diligently with the Manager, Finance Director, Clerk and Public Works Director on preparing items the CDBG – I Grant requesting rehabilitation of 12,829 feet of sewer line near the Bus Garage Lift Station. This project will improve sewer infrastructure to W. Bridgers St. /Penderlea Highway, Cypress St., Pine St., Basden St. and N. Smith Street if funded.
- Worked most of the week preparing the Planning Board Agenda and Packets.
- Attended the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Friday morning remotely.
- Assisted the public with permits including; zoning certification and answered questions on permitted uses and the zoning of property.
- Worked with the Permit Technician getting complaints resolved and staying diligent on the notification process and follow up of complaints.

Fire Department

- We ran 8 calls on Thursday associated with the rain from Tropical Storm Eta. Although much of the flash flooding has subsided, please be careful when driving, as many of the creeks and rivers in the area have not crested.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Christina Abbood
Public Works Administrative Assistant

Job Duties: Process work orders, oversees beacon leaks, handles office duties, handles software for utilities

How long have you worked for the Town? 4 years

What do you love most about working with the Town? I enjoy my co-workers

Fun Fact about me: I enjoy relaxing and I am currently learning Japanese

OPEN BURNING NOTICE

Reminder
Open burning of trash and yard debris is prohibited in town. Trash collection and yard debris pickup is available to all town residents.

If you have any questions regarding open burning, please contact the Burgaw Fire Department (910) 259-7494.
Parks & Recreation Department

- Make sure to mark your calendars for the Holiday Market taking place on December 12th at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot. This event will feature craft vendors available for purchase just in time for the holiday season. When you finish shopping make sure to visit Santa Claus on the Depot dock in a very unique fashion this year. The event will be from 9:00am-1:00pm, Santa will be visiting from 10:00am-1:00pm. Make sure to bring your mask and enjoy the spirit of Christmas with the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority.

- Make sure to join us on November 27th for our 13th Annual Burgaw Christmas Tree Lighting. This year’s event will be hosted as a drive-thru in order to comply with safety guidelines. Parking spaces will be limited, so ensure that you arrive early to claim your spot. FM transmitters will be present at the event so families can enjoy the live music from the comfort of their vehicle. Stay tuned for more information in the coming days.

- Are you planning to host a holiday event in one of our rental facilities? If so, please be sure to contact our department regarding the current COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Governor’s office. We will be happy to assist in order to assure that you and your guests are remaining safe during your event.

Police Department

- Officer Farren completed a week long Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) through Trillium Health. CIT is a 40-hour training designed to assist law enforcement officers who respond to incidents involving individuals with a mental health or substance use crisis, and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are working towards getting all of the Burgaw Police Officers into this training.

- Corporal Padgett attended a K-9 Hard Surface training seminar at Ventos Kennels. While at the training, Kane and Cpl. Padgett completed a recertification course.

- Officers Bogan and Kling attended Standard Field Sobriety Training (SFST) through Cape Fear Community College. SFST is the series of tests given to a suspected impaired driver. This training is important for the enforcement of impaired driving offenses.

- The department’s yearly In-Service Firearms Training was conducted this week. Thursday afternoon range qualifications was postponed due to the severe weather incident.

- The November Community, Policing, and Race Relations meeting was held at the Hampstead United Methodist Church on Thursday night. Although the attendance was low due to the inclement weather, we had great discussions and continued our desire to have open communications with the community. The next meeting will be held in January 2021.

- Thank you to all of those who have served and are currently serving in our armed forces. As we observed Veteran’s Day on Wednesday, let us not forget those who have provided the security to our country.
Where was he headed? Where did he think he was going at such a young age and by himself? Just what was he running from? And why did he think stealing was way to get him to wherever he was going?

It was a humid summer morning when Peter, age 15, made the decision to run. But how was he going to run with no money? Not a penny to his name or in his pocket. On that early Monday morning, Peter made the decision that would affect the rest of his life. He snuck into Ms. Bunting’s house and then into a bedroom in Rocky Point and quietly removed a gold watch with chain valued at $75.00. Once the watch was in his pocket, he quietly snuck back out of the house and proceeded through the woods to the Rocky Point Depot and boarded the train headed north. He tried to keep out of sight. He sat in the back, low in the seat and avoided making eye contact with the train conductor.

Captain Cutts was the train conductor on the Wilmington to Weldon Rail Road that day. He was one of the nicest individuals one could meet and hardly ever missed a day of work. As he walked up and down the aisle, he noticed the young man, sitting nervously by himself and could tell that he was doing everything he could to avoid eye contact. As Capt. Cutts approached him, Peter began to squirm in his seat. Capt. Cutts asked him for his payment. Peter, knowing he had no money, showed Capt. Cutts the watch and hoped that would suffice as payment. Capt. Cutts thinking something was afoul, placed Peter in the care of the constable, I. H. Brown and he was removed from the train once they arrived in Burgaw.

Peter was tried for larceny before Justice McQuigg. He confessed his guilt and placed in jail under a $200 bail until his next appearance before the Superior Court. His trial took place in October 1869 and judgement suspended.
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

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