Our Town Weekly Update

There’s still time to share your ideas with us!

The survey is still available for you to share your thoughts and ideas for the design of Courthouse Avenue. We ask everyone to take a moment to fill out the survey by visiting the link below. The survey will close at the end of November. Please encourage your family and friends to participate as well. 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.

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 wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving!
Upcoming Planning Department Public Hearings

The following Public Hearing items from the Planning Department will be held at the next regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM (or thereabout). A full meeting agenda will be available on the town’s website beginning Wednesday, December 2, 2020. All interested parties are invited to attend, written and oral comments are welcome.

Public Hearing #1  Consideration of a Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment recommended by the Planning Board on November 19, 2020, requested by Little Town Learning Center owner 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.

Public Hearing #2  Consideration of a major subdivision preliminary plat application for Section 1 of Stapleton Place Subdivision, a 15.2-acre tract containing twenty-six lots located across the street from Linda Lane, off of NC Hwy 117, zoned R-7 –CZ1 and further identified as part of parcel identification number 3239-01-1907-0000. The Planning Board recommended approval of the request on November 19, 2020. The request is to develop twenty-six single-family lots. The Burgaw Town Board of Commissioners will render a quasi-judicial decision whether to approve or deny the preliminary plat based on the requirements of the Town Unified Development Ordinance and evidence presented at the hearing.

Public Hearing #3  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 of NC Hwy 117, zoned R-7 –CZ1 and further identified as part of parcel identification number 3239-01-1907-0000. The Planning Board recommended approval of the request on November 19, 2020. The request is to develop one hundred and two single-family lots. The Burgaw Town Board of Commissioners will render a quasi-judicial decision whether to approve or deny the preliminary plat based on the requirements of the Town Unified Development Ordinance and evidence presented at the hearing.

Ivey Hayes Depot Prints For Sale

We have the perfect Christmas gift for all of your local friends and family - a beautiful Ivey Hayes print of the Historic Train Depot. The prints are size 12” x 16”, and are numbered and signed renowned artist Ivey Hayes. Stop by Town Hall any time between 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday to purchase one (or two!) for just $20 each.

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

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.

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

- It was looking a lot like Christmas – until the film crew in Burgaw didn’t need all those decorations up! So John, Robert and Ben H worked with the crew on Monday and Wednesday to take down and then replace decorations around town.

- Green team this week tackled town signs and parks including Hankins and Harrell Parks. They also started litter pick-up around town.

- Matt, Alan, Willis, Ben P, Brian and Jeremy all worked on re-reads from Town Hall on Monday.

- The exposed water lines that were part of the Ashe Street drainage project were buried on Tuesday. John, Robert and Ben H also cleaned up the debris site Tuesday as well.

- A water leak on Giles Marshburn Road was fixed Wednesday.

- Alan and Matt continued their wastewater collections class this week.

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 preparing the Planning Board presentation for the November 19th agenda.

- Completed the second Technical Review Committee sketch plan review of a small subdivision containing eight lots.

- Worked with the Town Clerk preparing the public hearing items for the legal advertisement for the December 8th Board of Commissioners Meeting.

- Worked on further refining the new Unified Development Ordinance.

- Worked on the extensive Tree City annual application due December 1, 2020.

- Worked with a developer looking for a site in Burgaw for multi-family.

- Worked with engineers and surveyors reviewing projects submitted which included a recombination plat and a subdivision this week.

- Worked with medical staff on expanding an existing parking lot at an existing medical practice.

- Assisted the public with permits including; zoning certification and answered questions on permitted uses and the zoning of property.

- Worked with the Permit Technician on resolving complaints and staying diligent on the notification process and follow up of complaints.

Fire Department

- We will have a crew standing by for some of the filming at Hankins Park next week for the show, This Country.

- The BFD had a barn fire Sunday in the Pender Central Fire District. Our crew did an amazing job on this fire. We had 13 members respond for this call and we were assisted by Penderlea and Shiloh.

- We had 17 incidents this past week, including the barn fire, and two water rescues due to flooding on the Northeast Cape Fear where we worked with Pender EMS & Fire and Pender County Emergency Management.

- We are excited to say we have added two more volunteer members this week. Former member Frank Crisafulli returned and new member Chuck Wease.

WELCOME TO THE BURGAW FIRE DEPARTMENT!

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Planning Board agenda items for the December 17th meeting are due by 12 noon on November 30th.
Parks & Recreation Department

- Make sure to tune in on New Years Eve for the 3rd Annual New Years Eve Blueberry Drop. The event will be featured virtually this year due to COVID-19 regulations. Advertisement for the virtual event will be posted next week on the Town’s website and social media. Special thanks to Pender County Tourism and Pender County Parks & Recreation for assisting with the event. We would also like to thank this years sponsors, W.O Grubb Crane Service and the North Carolina Blueberry Festival.

- Join us and Pender County Parks & Recreation for a Christmas Drive In movie at Pender Memorial Park on December 11th featuring *The Grinch*. Preregistration is required. You can register online at https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program.

- Join the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority on December 12th for some Christmas Shopping at the Burgaw Train Depot. Local vendors can register at burgawnc.gov/rentals. Direct market sales and craft vendors only; no household items. Santa will be present at the event; however, we will be following COVID-19 regulations to keep everyone safe. Masks are required at this event. Contact the Parks & Recreation for more details at (910)-300-6401.

- As a reminder, W. Ross Harrell Memorial Park & Hankins Park will be closed Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th for filming. Please visit Rotary Park for the time being. If you have questions regarding closures, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910)-300-6401 or by emailing recreation@burgawnc.gov.

Police Department

- Officer Kennedy and Officer Newton attended a two day class that addressed interviews and conversations with victims of crimes. They found the First Call Investigative Interview class extremely helpful and informational.

- Officer Bogan attended Intoximeter training this week. The Intoximeter instrument allows officers to process individuals that are suspected of DWI.

- Burgaw Officers have been working traffic control for the filming of *This Country*. So far, everything has been going pretty well in regards to the intermittent traffic control and we would like to thank the citizens for your understanding and cooperation.

RU 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.

Staff Spotlight

Derek Leagan

PATROL OFFICER, BURGAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

**Job Duties:** Protect the citizens of Burgaw, traffic control, police reports, court appearance and patrol

**How long have you worked for the Town?** 1.5 years

**What do you love most about working with the Town?** There is something new everyday

**Fun Fact about me:** I enjoy lifting weights and spending time with family
HISTORICAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

The Knock at the Door

Isaac Henry Lamb was known by those living in Burgaw as a quiet, true and noble type of southern gentleman. The kind of neighbor you would want and could count on in times of need. In his youth, he served in the Civil War under Col. John Douglas Taylor. He was known by the men in his battery as a brave and faithful soldier who was always at his post. Although most never knew it, he was met with several difficulties throughout his life, and the night of Friday January 10, 1902 would be one of those at the top of the list.

Isaac was a hard working farmer throughout his life but he found himself starting to slow down in his 60’s and 70’s. January 10th was just like any other Friday night. Isaac finished up on the farm and headed inside to fix some supper and was going to be off to bed. Around 8 in the evening, he heard a rapid knock at his door followed with out-of-breath voices. As he approached the door, he asked for the knocker to identify himself. The knocker yelled through the door that he had been sent to him and had a letter regarding his nephew Duncan Robinson who was about to die. Out of concern for his nephew, Isaac opened the door and was met with two pistols pointed directly at his face.

Two masked men pushed their way into Isaac’s home, forcing him to the ground and demanding money or his life. The three men struggled and Isaac received multiple bruises to the face. Once secured on the floor, two other masked men entered the home and searched every corner of the house looking for money while two others kept watch outside. After an hour of searching the home, the six men were satisfied that they found everything they were going to find and started to leave the home telling Isaac that if he informed law enforcement of the robbery before Saturday evening, they would return to kill him and burn his home to the ground. Isaac, scared for his life, closed and locked the door and stayed hidden in his home the rest of the evening – telling no one of the events that just took place. Waiting until 9am the next morning, he headed for town to inform the authorities that he had been robbed. The Pender County Sherriff immediately sent for the bloodhound in Goldsboro to assist in the search of the men who robbed Isaac, but no one was ever caught for his heinous crime. The robbers made off with approximately $200 to $300 that evening (today’s equivalent of $5,000 to $8,000).

Shortly after being robbed, Isaac decided he was done with the farming life and living alone. He sold his farm and his home and lived out his life with his nephew W. T. Bordeaux. Isaac died on May 9, 1905 at 74 years of age and is buried in the Lamb Family Cemetery in Pender County.
Upcoming Recycling Pick-up Schedule

- November 25
  West Side
- December 2
  East Side
- December 9
  West Side
- December 16
  East Side
- December 23
  West Side
- December 30
  East Side
- January 6
  West Side
- January 13
  East Side
- January 20
  West Side
- January 27
  East Side
- February 3
  West Side
- February 10
  East Side
- February 17
  West Side
- February 24
  East Side

Visit our website to reserve one of our facilities today!
BurgawNC.gov/rentals

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!

Mark your calendars!

19th Annual Burgaw CHRISTMAS TREE Lighting

Drive-In Only

Wright Street
November 27th | 6 PM
- Must remain in vehicle
- No gathering on courthouse grounds
- Limited parking

BURGAW’S BRIGHTEST CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

Help us make Burgaw Christmas Town of Eastern NC. Nominate your home for prizes and bragging rights!

Register by visiting burgawnc.gov/rentals
by Dec. 14th

Participants must be within Town Limits. Judging will occur after 5pm on Dec. 17th.

For More Info call Burgaw Parks and Recreation at 910-300-6401.

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Mayor Pro Tem
Wilfred Robbins

Commissioners
Jan Dawson
James Murphy
Bill George
Vernon Harrell

Town Manager
James H. Gantt

Town Clerk
Kristin J. Wells

Town Attorney
Zachary Rivenbark

Looking for the perfect venue for your holiday gathering?

Look no further! We’ve got you covered.

Visit our website to reserve one of our facilities today!

BurgawNC.gov/rentals

Reserve your date, before it’s too late!