Town Calendar

December 8 | 4:00 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

December 11 | 5:30 PM
Drive-In Movie Night

December 12 | 9:00 AM
Holiday Market

December 12 | 3:30 PM
Annual Burgaw Christmas Parade

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

December 24, 25, 28
Christmas Holiday
Town offices closed

December 31 | 6:00 PM
New Years Eve Blueberry Drop (Virtual event)

Santa’s MAILBOX

OFFICIAL DROPOFF LOCATION FOR YOUR LETTER TO SANTA!

Children can mail their letters to Santa in the mailbox located outside of Town Hall now through December 17th. Be sure to include your name and address with your wish list so Santa can send a letter back!

Board of Commissioners Meeting & Notice of Public Hearings

The next regular Board of Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street. Public Forum will begin at 5:30 PM (or thereabout), followed by the public hearings, as listed below. A full meeting agenda can be found on the town’s website at www.burgawnc.gov. All interested parties are invited to attend in person or by phone (dial 1.910.705.3534, enter ID 159400681#). Oral and written comments 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 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 Works Department

- All the wreaths were finally hung as December came around. Even the one wreath that fell down (due to high winds)! By Thursday all wreaths were hung, the last ones going up on HWY 53. Public Works wants to thank everyone for their patience and diligence driving around town as our crews worked to decorate again this year. Unfortunately the boom lift doesn’t go any faster, we wish it did too.

- The stage for the Christmas Tree lighting was disassembled Monday by John, Ben H., Brian, Willis and Lucas.

- Four County EMC’s master meter was replaced by John and Ben H. due to a dead battery.

- Signs this week were cleaned and repaired including the Burgaw City Limits sign on HWY 53 and the handicap warning on the walking trail along Johnson Park. Street signs and stop signs were also washed and cleaned.

- A water leak on North McNeil was fixed.

- Roland and Jeremy are the grapple truck crew this week.

- Ben P. and Lucas fixed a sinkhole by the sidewalk on South Walker Street.

- The ditch bank on McKoy Road was mowed as well as the ditch on West Satchwell Street.

Police Department

- The new Body Worn Cameras and operating system has been installed and issued to the police officers. The cameras have been a great asset to law enforcement, and we welcome the updated technology.

- Last week, we participated in the regional social justice task force meeting hosted by Mount Calvary University and Dr. Jimmy Tate.

- The police department continues to provide intermittent traffic control for the filming of This Country. The sheriff’s office will begin assisting to cover vacant shifts (movie work only) over the next few weeks.

- The Christmas parade is scheduled for December 12, 2020. Please be aware of road closures and modifications to travel routes around town.

Reminder from the Fire Department

Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires

Did you know?

A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes 1 in every 4 winter fires.

As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Read manufacturer’s instructions for the number of light strands to connect.

Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and space heaters.

Donald Byrd
Patrol Sergeant, Burgaw Police Department

Job Duties: Oversee day-to-day operations with patrol officers.

How long have you worked for the Town? 9 years

What do you love most about working with the Town? Ability to work in a small community and make a positive impact when it is needed most.

Fun Fact about me: I enjoy hunting and field training.
Parks & Recreation Department

- Our department would like to thank everyone that attended the tree lighting ceremony last Friday night. The event was successful as we had over 700 views for our virtual event and around 30 cars that attended in person. We apologize again for not having in person attendance but look forward to being back to normal next year. We wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

- This week our department worked with the Pender County Health Department to onboard new tenants at the Burgaw Incubator Kitchen. If you have a passion for food and would like to become a tenant inside our facility, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (910)-300-6401 or by email at recreation@burgawnc.gov.

- Make sure to tune in on New Year’s Eve for the 3rd Annual New Year’s 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 year’s sponsors, W.O. Grubb Crane Service and the North Carolina Blueberry Festival.

Planning Department

- Worked preparing the PowerPoint presentation for three public hearings for the BOC December 8th meeting.

- Worked with TRC on review of a small lot subdivision.

- Worked on further refining the new Unified Development Ordinance.

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

- Worked with engineers and surveyors reviewing projects.

- 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.

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.

HISTORICAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

THE NARROW ESCAPE

It was a cold Sunday morning in December 1881 when Mr. Everett of Burgaw set off for Wilmington with his horse and buggy. As he traveled south, he came to ferry crossing of the Northeast Cape Fear River on the border of New Hanover and Pender counties. He brought his horse and buggy to a stop and purchased passage to cross the river on the ferry flatboat from the ferry operators, Jackson Wood and nephew, John E Wood. The horse and buggy were loaded up on the flatboat and the ferry operators proceeded to cross the river with Mr. Everette still in the buggy at the reigns of his horse. As they crossed the river, the horse suddenly became spooked and lunged forward. Mr. Everette made every effort to settle the horse but seeing that his attempts were failing, he jumped from the buggy to the flatboat just as the horse and buggy plunged into the river. The buggy, being loaded down with materials bound for the journey, instantly sank to the bottom of the river unfortunately dragging the horse down with it. The buggy was never recovered.
Christmas in Burgaw

Spent time with us this holiday season!

**Dec 12**

**Holiday Market**  Historic Train Depot | 9 AM - 1 PM
Shop local craft vendors and homemade goodies! Have a special visit with Santa between 10 AM - 1 PM and take a look inside the North Pole!
Spend the day in town, do some Christmas shopping and grab lunch at your favorite restaurant!

**Christmas Parade**  South Dickerson Street | 3:30 PM
Join us for the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual parade with a twist this year! Drive by to view lots of decked out floats!

**Now Thru Dec 17**

**Letters to Santa**  Town Hall | 109 North Walker Street
Don’t forget to send your letter to Santa before it’s too late! Children can mail their letters to Santa by dropping it off at the official mailbox in the Town Hall parking lot!
Be sure to include your name and address so Santa can send a letter back!

**Burgaw’s Brightest Christmas Decorating Contest**
Submit your decorated home and show us your creativity! Must be a resident within the corporate limits of Burgaw to enter. Visit www.burgawnc.gov/rentals to submit your home.

**Now Thru Dec 24**

**Elf on the Shelf Scavenger Hunt**
Visit businesses within the Town of Burgaw to find an elf on their shelf! Take a picture with the elf, tag the business, use hashtag #ShopBurgaw, and post on social media.

**Christmas Shopping in Burgaw**
As always, show your support for our local businesses and do your Christmas shopping in town this year! They are sure to have the perfect gifts for your loved ones!

**Dec 31**

**3rd Annual New Years Eve Blueberry Drop**
Lights, camera, action! Save the date for a night in, grab the popcorn and get ready to watch our virtual Blueberry Drop show! The event will feature a band, giveaways, and of course, the dropping of the blueberry - all from the comfort of your home!
Upcoming Recycling Pick-up Schedule

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Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Presents

THE HOLIDAY MARKET
EAT, SHOP, & BUY LOCAL

- Shop local vendors 9am-1pm
- Meet Santa from 10am-1pm

Merchants can register at burgawnc.gov/rentals
Direct market sales and craft vendors only. No household items.

A FREE EVENT FOR THE FAMILY!
HISTORIC BURGAW TRAIN DEPOT
115 S. DICKERSON ST
STARTS AT 9AM-1PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 910-300-6401

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

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!

Reserve your date, before it’s too late!