Town Calendar

February 16 | 9:00 AM
Commissioners’ Strategic Thinking Retreat, Day 1

February 17 | 2:00 PM
Commissioners’ Strategic Thinking Retreat, Day 2

February 18 | 5:30 PM
Board of Adjustment Meeting

March 8 | 5:30 PM
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

March 9 | 4:30 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 15 | 5:30 PM
Special Parks & Recreation Community Meeting

March 18 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board Meeting

Board of Commissioners will meet to discuss upcoming budget

The Town of Burgaw Board of Commissioners will hold a Commissioners’ Strategic Thinking Retreat on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The special meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the upcoming FY 2021-2022 annual operating budget. 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. For questions or assistance, please contact Town Clerk Kristin Wells at 663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

K9 Kane turns 5!

Join us in wishing K9 Kane a Happy 3rd Birthday on February 12th! K9 Kane has also reached his one year anniversary with the Burgaw Police Department as of February 5th.

K9 Kane is a great asset to the department with assistance in searching for persons, either missing or those suspected of a crime, searching for articles, and narcotics detection.

There’s still time to get in your Letters of Love

Write a special letter of encouragement for our local senior citizens this Valentine’s. Be sure to drop your letters off at our special valentine’s mailbox located in front of Town Hall by 9:00 AM on Friday, February 26.
The Burgaw Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee will be holding a special community meeting on March 15th to discuss future capital improvements in Town. The meeting is planned around the results of our Capital Improvement Survey and will focus on collecting further information regarding how our department should pursue funding. The meeting will be held at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot and will begin at 5:30pm. For more information, please contact our office at (910)-300-6401.

There’s still time to take our survey for a chance to win!

We want to hear from you! Take our 30 second survey to tell us what you’re interested in seeing in town! The Burgaw Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee would like to hear your opinion on future capital improvements here in Town. This survey is an extension of previous information sent out in years past. Data will be used to plan future public meetings to discuss possibilities and funding sources. Three (3) random drawings will be completed for a chance to win a $20.00 gift card for participating. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department for further information. Paper copies of the survey are also available at Town Hall.

Letters of Love to our local Senior Citizens

This week our department dropped off over 200 letters and 110 gift baskets for our local senior citizens. Special thanks to the Laurels of Pender, Ashe Gardens, and Pender Memorial Hospital for participating. We will continue to collect letters until the end of the month if anyone is still interested in participating. The Letters of Love mailbox is located in front of Town Hall. Contact Riley Jordan at rjordan@burgawnc.gov for more information.

Special Board of Adjustment Meeting - Special Use Permit Training

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 5:30 PM

This meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street. The purpose of this meeting is to hold training on Special Use Permits. All interested parties are invited to attend.

MEETING CANCELLATION

The regular Planning & Zoning Board Meeting scheduled for February 18, 2021 has been cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2021.
With warmer weather hopefully on the horizon spring cleaning is around the corner! Thinking of putting up a shed, digging a new sprinkler system or setting up a fence around the yard? Before you dig, call NC811! Today, more and more of the utility companies that supply your home or business with power, heat, water, telephone, sewer, gas, and cable television service are delivering those services underground. Fortunately, you can find out where public utility-owned lines are buried on your property by contacting 811 either by phone or online. NC811 will notify our member utility companies of your excavation needs and those utilities will have professional locators mark their buried lines, free of charge.

See lines and flags on your property? Use the colors codes to see what facilities have marked their utility lines. You can find out more information about NC811 at https://nc811.org/.

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For all locate requests, call 811 or 1-800-632-4949

Need the status of a locate? 1-877-632-5050

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**Sign up for Eye on Water**

Leak alerts can be set up to send via text or email so you will know be the first to know when a potential leak has started. The system flags consistent usage over a 24-hour period as a ‘leak’, so make sure to check daily for spikes in usage. You can access Eye on Water via a web browser or mobile app.

There are also step-by-step instructions on our website to guide you through signing up, setting leaks alerts and learning how to read the graphs on the home screen.

For assistance, call Public Works at 259-2901.

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**CHECK THIS OUT!**

A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

**Eat your hearts out this Valentine’s weekend!**

Treat the special ones in your life to a meal they will love this Valentine’s weekend! Seafood, Sandwiches, Chicken, BBQ, Authentic Mexican and so much more. Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board encourages you to visit one of the many restaurants in Burgaw as a way to show how much you care!
Police Department continues to seek applicants for newly formed Police Advisory Board

We are currently seeking applicants to fill the seven (7) member vacancies on the newly formed Police Advisory Board, which will be appointed by the Town of Burgaw Board of Commissioners. Members must reside within the corporate limits of town. The advisory board will meet quarterly and serve a two (2) year term. Interested citizens can visit burgawnc.gov/pab for more information and to download the membership application. All applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021, to the Town Clerk at 109 N. Walker Street, Burgaw NC 28425, or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Community Blood Drive set for March 30

The Town of Burgaw has partnered with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on March 30th. The event will be held at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot from 10:00am-3:00pm. Contact the Burgaw Parks & Recreation Department at 910-300-6401 to schedule your appointment today.

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming our newest town employees!

Joseph Talarico | Mechanic
Cameron Smith | Patrol Officer
Jay Paluck | Full-time Firefighter
Ivy Floyd | Part-time Firefighter

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Jeremy Tant
Equipment Operator
Public Works Department

Job Duties: Operate equipment, assist with water leaks, maintain town facilities, and other duties as assigned.

How long have you worked for the Town? Almost 2 years

What do you love most about working with the Town? Enjoy all the people I work with.

Fun Fact about me: I like to hunt and fish

On Friday, Burgaw Fire Department personnel assisted Scotchman in replacing their American Flag in front of their store
Last Train Day

The Town of Burgaw owes its existence to the railroad. It was the Wilmington to Weldon Railroad engineers who laid out the streets and gave land for the town, courthouse, churches and cemetery in the late 1800’s. It was the railroad that kept this town thriving by shipping lumber and produce, such as strawberries, beans and cucumbers, grown in the area to markets in Washington, Philadelphia and New York in the early to mid 1900’s. It was the railroad that left the everlasting historical mark that we see every day. From the streets we drive on named after some of the railroad engineers to the town being home to the oldest depot in the State of North Carolina that is still standing.

The Wilmington to Raleigh Railroad was commissioned in 1834 to build a rail line from Wilmington to Raleigh, but because of a lack of support the route changed to head north through Goldsboro, Rocky Mount and Weldon. The Wilmington to Weldon Railroad was completed with the last spike driven on March 7, 1840 and that line became the longest continuous railroad in the world at 161 ½ miles long.

The railroad was the lifeline of Burgaw. It was the largest taxpayer in the county and the main source of transportation for people, produce, and lumber. January 30, 1986 was declared “Last Train Day” to mark an end to an era as the last train left Pender County.
If you are looking at building a fence or adding a tool shed on your property, there are several steps you need to take before getting started. Always contact the Burgaw Planning Department to get the permits you need before starting work. You can find the permit application on our website.

For further questions, please contact the Planning Department at 663-3452.

Arbor Day Tree Registration starts March 1st

The Burgaw Parks & Recreation Department will be holding our annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway on March 19th between the hours of 5:00pm-6:30pm. Trees are limited this year and participants will be required to register. Registration will begin on March 1st at 8:00am. Trees will only be made available to Burgaw residents. Participants will receive a one gallon Live Oak. Contact the Burgaw Parks & Recreation for more details.

**Arbor Day Tree Giveaway**

**Friday March 19th**

5:00pm-6:30pm

**Town Hall Parking Lot**

Burgaw Parks and Recreation & Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board

1. Must register in advance: burgawnc.gov/rentals
2. Must be a town resident
3. Must show current water bill to claim tree
4. Only one tree per household

*limited trees available

For more information, please call (910) 300-6401

For further questions, please contact the Planning Department at 663-3452.
2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town’s website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town’s website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Board of Commissioners Meetings
Second Tuesday of every month | 4:30 PM
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings
Third Thursday of every month | 5:30 PM

Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority
First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM

RU Okay?
The Burgaw Police Department would like to remind residents and family members of the RU Okay? Program. 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.

Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer emergencies only. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off.

2021 RECYCLING Schedule

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