Burgaw Police Department continues to seek applicants for newly formed Police Advisory Board

We continue to seek 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.

Drive-In Movie scheduled for March 12th

Make sure to join the Town of Burgaw and Pender County Parks & Recreation for a drive-in movie on March 12th at Pender Memorial Park. The movie will feature The Secret Life of Pets 2 and will begin at sundown that evening. The parking lot will open to participants at 5:30pm. Participants must pre-register for this event by visiting burgawnc.gov/movie. The cost for this event is $5.00 per car. For further questions, please contact (910)-300-6401 or (910)-259-1330.

It's the last week 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.
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 one-gallon Live Oak. Contact the Burgaw Parks & Recreation for more details.

Join the fun at our Easter Eggstravaganza!

Make sure to join us at our Easter Eggstravaganza on March 27th at Rotary Park. Due to COVID-19, participants must pre-register for this event as we will only be taking a limited number of participants per time slot. Register today by visiting burgawnc.gov/easter. Further instructions will be emailed to participants upon registration. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation at recreation@burgawnc.gov or call (910)-300-6401.

Fire Department Awards presented at Board meeting

Burgaw Fire Department annual awards for 2020 were presented during the Town of Burgaw’s Commissioner meeting on February 9, 2021. Receiving these awards were (L-R) Rookie of the Year, Shack Humphrey, Officer of the Year, Captain Sam George, and 35 years of service award Tommy Garriss. The 2020 Firefighter of the Year was presented to Ned Roper (not pictured). Congratulations to these members and we thank them for their time and dedication to the department.

Don’t forget to 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.
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.

Stay safe and participate in the 9 PM Routine

The Burgaw Police Department would like all citizens to take a little extra time every evening to help deter criminal activities around town. Call family and friends and ask them to join you by participating in the “9 PM Routine.” We encourage everyone to make it a habit to do these following actions each evening.

1. Turn on outside lights,
2. Ensure your windows and doors are closed and locked,
3. Close and secure garage and/or shed doors,
4. Remove any valuables from your vehicles and make sure they are locked, and
5. Report any suspicious activities or vehicles.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee to hold Community Meeting March 15th

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Help us keep drainage clear!

You can help Public Works keep drainage and ditches clear by being careful and preventing yard waste, sediment, trash, and debris from entering our ditches and drainageways.

**DO:**

- Blow yard waste back onto a landscaped area, not into the street or storm drain.
- Collect and contain yard waste for yard debris pick-ups.
- Grasscycle! Grass clippings can stay on the lawn to provide nutrients and moisture to the soil and reduce the need for fertilizer.
- Compost yard waste and use material in landscape beds.
- Keel all drains, drainage ditches and drainage ways free of obstructions.

**DON’T:**

- Do not blow, sweep, dump, direct or place yard debris, sediment, or trash into any street, storm drain, ditch, creek, or waterway.
- Do not put yard waste in the regular trash; it is not allowed in NC landfills.

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**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

**Wendy Pope**  
Finance Officer

**Job Duties:** Responsible for making sure all finances are in order for the town, supervises all financial staff

**How long have you worked for the Town?** 5 years

**What do you love most about working with the Town?** Loves working with numbers, making sure everything adds up correctly, and enjoys the family of office staff

**Fun Fact about me:** Loves everything Disney!

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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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Pender Memorial Hospital Opens

The Pender Memorial Hospital officially opened to the public on May 1, 1951 with a formal Grand Opening held on May 30, 1951. The hospital was built using Federal, State and local dollars to the tune of $200,000. The building was built with a fire proof modern design and equipped with new furnishings and consisted of 25 beds, 2 waiting rooms, business and administrative offices, public toilets, employees, doctors and nurses locker rooms, kitchen, dining and storage facilities, medical supply and incinerator room, emergency room, X-ray room, operating room, 2 nurses work rooms and a laboratory. The first 10 days of operation saw 33 patients seeing 5 babies born and 19 surgeries.

The hospital, at the time that it opened, only employed 15 people:

- Mr. L U Chandler, Hospital Administrator
- Dr. A Henry Dunn, Chief surgeon,
- Dr. N C Wolfe
- Dr. W I Taylor, Jr.
- Dr. W I Taylor Sr.
- Dr. Beard
- Mrs. Viola Wilson, Chief Nurse
- Mrs. Harvey Blake, Registered Nurse
- Mrs. Norma Garriss, Registered Nurse
- Mrs. Margaret Dillard, Registered Nurse
- Mrs. K B Jones, Practical Nurse
- Mrs. Alice E Cain, Nurse Aid
- Mrs. Mildred Wells, Nurse Aid
- Miss Frances Bass, Laboratory/X-ray Technician
- Mrs. Howard James, Secretary/Bookkeeper/Receptionist
- 2 Orderlies and 2 Cooks hired at a later time

Special Thanks to our Healthcare Heroes

Burgaw has a variety of wonderful healthcare centers for our residents! The Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board thanks all of our healthcare workers for their hard work, especially during the pandemic!

Thank you

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.
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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