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

March 9 | 4:30 PM
Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 12 | 6:30 PM
Drive-In Movie Night

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

March 18 | 5:30 PM
Board of Adjustment Meeting

March 19 | 5:00 PM
Arbor Day Tree Giveaway

March 27 | 1:00 PM
Easter Eggstravaganza

March 30 | 10 AM-3 PM
Community Blood Drive

Town Calendar

It’s National Employee Appreciation Day!
I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of each one of our employees. Our team truly makes a difference in our community. They work days, nights, weekends, holidays, through storms, and any emergency to make sure our town and its residents are safe. Again, a sincere thank you to each Town of Burgaw employee. You make our great Town even better.

- James Gantt, Town Manager

Town staff participates in Read Across America

On Tuesday, March 2nd, Burgaw Firefighter Shack Humphrey and Burgaw Police Chief Jim Hock participated in the annual Read Across America event with Malpass Corner Elementary School. Town officials have participated in this event for a couple years now, but this year was a bit different with a virtual reading event. Firefighter Humphrey and Chief Hock read to elementary school children to help motivate kids to read and bring the joys of reading to students of all ages.

Register today for our drive-in movie on March 12

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 5:30 PM. Participants must pre-register 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.

Register now for our annual tree giveaway!
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Osgood Canal Greenway & Urban Trail Project underway

This week, our department continued to make improvements to the Osgood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail. New stencils were placed along the walking trail to make navigating the trail more efficient for our residents and visitors. We will continue improvements next week by touching up paint at the crosswalks and bollards. For more information on the Osgood Canal Greenway & Urban Trail, visit burgawnc.gov or contact our department at (910)-300-6401.

Temporary Signs are regulated by the provision of the Unified Development Ordinance

Temporary signs, including banners, shall be allowed for no longer than fifteen (15) days, and no time extensions shall be granted. No temporary signs shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in total area and must be located on the lot where the business, residence or the institution is located. Only special event signs are allowed off-premise.

Signs, whether temporary or permanent, shall not be allowed within any street or highway right-of-way except as expressly permitted by this ordinance under an encroachment agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation or the Town of Burgaw.

For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 910-663-3451.

Monthly Board of Commissioners Meeting set for Tuesday, March 9

The next regular Board of Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 4:30 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).

Below are key items on the agenda. A full meeting agenda can be found on the town’s website at www.burgawnc.gov.

- 2021 Arbor Day Proclamation
- Consideration to amend Chapter 24 of the Town Code of Ordinances
- Golf Cart Regulations
- Consideration to add Mobile Food Service to the Town Code of Ordinances
- Trash Receptacle Discussion
- Update of current town projects

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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Cameron Smith
Patrol Officer, Burgaw Police Department

Job Duties
Traffic control, calls for service, reports, assists public

How long have you worked for the Town?
Recently sworn in on March 3

What do you love most about working with the Town?
Serving the people and establishing peace

Fun Fact about me:
I enjoy outdoor activities, such as baseball, hunting and fishing
Applications still being accepted for the 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. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 26, 2021, to the Town Clerk at 109 N. Walker Street, Burgaw NC 28425, or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

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

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 5:30 PM. For more information, please contact our office at (910)-300-6401.

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.

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 10:00 AM -3:00 PM. Contact the Burgaw Parks & Recreation Department at 910-300-6401 to schedule your appointment today.
Important reminders before you start your spring cleaning

With Spring Cleaning just around the corner, Public Works would like to remind all residents of what the town does and does not pick up by the curb:

**What we DO pick up:**

- Bulky item collection is intended for the occasional disposal of large items that will not fit into a roll cart but is not intended for a whole house clean out.
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Appliances
- Electronics

**What we DO NOT pick up:**

- Extra trash that will not fit inside the roll cart
- Cardboard
- Whole house cleanouts

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**Cardboard Recycling:**

Cardboard must be broken down for recycling. Waste Industries will pick-up large boxes that do not fit inside roll carts. Please break them down and set them in between your trash and recycling carts for easy pick-up.

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**Remember!**

All trash outside your trash cart needs to be bagged!

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**CHECK THIS OUT!**

A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

**Osgood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail**

Have you taken a walk on the Town’s trail? Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board loves the Osgood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail! This trail is a 2.2 mile loop around the central portion of the town limits. The trail follows the Osgood Canal through town and offers walks through wooded areas along the canal, through urban areas in the downtown, connects to the schools located in town and offers the convenience of both passive parks and playground parks along the way.
THREE POST OFFICES ROBBED

William White had the perfect job. He worked as the train hand on the local freight train that traveled between Goldsboro and Wilmington. The train traveled at night, giving him the cover of darkness to perfect his burglary skills. His newest crime spree began on Monday July 3, 1899. As the train approached Willard, William got himself ready. He was going to have to work quick in order to do the job he was hired to do and still have time to sneak off without getting caught. When time presented itself, he headed to the locked door of the Willard Post Office. He knew how to get into the locked door, and he knew where the money was kept since he had just broken into the same Post Office 10 days earlier. He used his chisel and pried the door open and crept to where the money was stored. $40.00 dollars in cash was on hand, mostly coins. He placed the coins in his shoes and crept back out and boarded the train before the train departed for the next station in South Washington.

The train slowed and stopped in South Washington and William got to work, not only for his hired job but his side gig as well. He crept out of sight and, using his chisel, broke into the South Washington Post Office. This time he found $10.00 in cash which he promptly placed into his shoes and boarded the train for Burgaw. Little did William know that Bruce Williams boarded the train in South Washington. Bruce was hired to investigate the robbery of the Willard Post Office from 10 days earlier and he had a suspect. Bruce was going to keep his eye on William.

When the train stopped in Burgaw, Bruce stayed in the shadows and followed William to the warehouse in Burgaw. Bruce had pre-arranged six officers to hide around the warehouse and Post Office to also keep watch. William entered the warehouse unknowing he was being watched and plundered through a number of express packages and attempted to break into the express agent’s iron safe. When he could not get into the safe, he left the warehouse and headed for the Post Office. Once in the Post Office, William found $20.00. Once the money was in William’s possession, Bruce and the six officers presented themselves and placed William under arrest. William was transported to Wilmington to be held in jail until his court date.
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 cancellations 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.

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.

RU Okay?

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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Stay IN THE KNOW

Sign up with “Notify Me” on our website to receive the weekly newsletter and other important information directly to your email and/or via text message!

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8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Utilities
663-3445

Parks & Town Events
300-6401

Human Resources
663-3444

Permitting & Inspections
663-3452

Public Works Department
259-2901

Police Department
Non-Emergency
259-4924

Fire Department
Non-Emergency
259-7494

Elected & Appointed Officials

Mayor
Kenneth T. Cowan

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