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

Don't forget to join us this Monday, March 15th, for a special meeting hosted by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. The meeting will focus on the results of our capital improvement survey that was launched in January 2021. Residents will be given the opportunity to speak and share ideas on what new capital improvements they would like to see here in Town. The meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot and will begin at 5:30 PM. For more information, please contact our office at (910)-300-6401.

March 19th proclaimed as Arbor Day in the Town of Burgaw

Mayor Cowan proclaimed March 19, 2021 as Arbor Day during the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. Not only do trees give us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires, they also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify the community.

The Town of Burgaw encourages citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; furthermore, we urge citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.
Looking to join in on the fun? Don’t forget to register for one of our exciting camps scheduled for the months of May and July. Tennis camp will occur every Thursday in the month of May and will be open to boys and girls between the ages of 7-12. Registration will be $40 for the month and will include a T-Shirt, 4 Lessons, and a pizza party at the end of the week. Summer Camp will be hosted for ages 7-12 and will be offered for two weeks, July 12th-23rd. We have lots of field trips and activities scheduled for this camp, so you don’t want to miss out on the fun. Space will be limited so be sure to register as soon as possible. You may register for one or both weeks. Registration links for each camp will go active at 8:00 AM on March 29th. For more information on camp, contact our department at recreation@burgawnc.gov or by calling (910)-300-6401.

Fire & Police personnel participate in local events

On Tuesday, March 9th, Burgaw Firefighter Earl Brown met with the children at CFCC Pre-K for Community Helpers Week. Firefighter Brown discussed what the fire department does and how we help the community. The children seemed to have enjoyed their visit with Firefighter Brown.

On Saturday, March 6th, the Burgaw Fire Department participated in a drive-by parade for a local couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Burgaw Police Department has continued its relationship with C.F. Pope Elementary School this week with our mentoring group. Captain Fuller also took a police car for the smaller children to experience the sights and sounds of the vehicle.
Ways to Protect Our Waterways from Polluted Stormwater Runoff

1. **Never dump, blow or put anything** into a storm drain, ditch or waterway.
2. **Always** clean up after your pet!
3. **Put litter in the trash.** Reduce, reuse, recycle.
4. **Use fertilizers/pesticides sparingly,** if at all.
5. **Install native plants,** they are drought, disease and pest-resistant naturally.
6. **Keep yard waste,** like leaves and grass clippings, out of storm drains, ditches and streets.
7. **Prevent dirt and soil** from washing away.
8. **Wash your vehicle/boat** on the grass or take it to a commercial carwash.
9. **Repair vehicle leaks** immediately and properly dispose of vehicle fluids.
10. **Properly dispose of** hazardous household chemicals, cleaners, paint and medicines.

CHECK THIS OUT!

A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

**VISIT DOWNTOWN**

Be sure to stop in Downtown Burgaw this weekend! Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board suggests spending a day downtown to enjoy the wonderful stores and restaurants! You will be sure to find great things!
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.

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.

We welcome new businesses, but visit us first!

We are always excited for new businesses coming to Burgaw! Please remember to contact our Planning Department before opening your new business. New businesses need to fill out a Change of Use Permit Application and a Sign Permit Application is required before signs can be placed on the property. Each permit is $30. 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.

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.

REMINDERS

WELCOME to Our Town!

NOTE: Temporary signs are limited to a total of 32 square feet and are not allowed off premises.
They thought they could make a getaway...

Chester A. Dixon, a school teacher in Maple Hill, had a few errands to run on the afternoon of Saturday October 5, 1946. He came to Burgaw, and parked his car on the side of the street and proceeded to shop the numerous shops that were located on Wright and Fremont Streets. When he had concluded his shopping trip, he proceeded to where he had parked his car—only to find that it was not there. It had been stolen.

PFC US Army WWII Veteran Raymond Blackburn Garner, of Warsaw, was employed as a taxi cab driver. His passenger that afternoon was a Marine from Camp Lejeune, Dunie W. Smith, who left his post on October 3, 1946 and was considered AWOL. As they traveled through downtown Burgaw, they spotted a car, a car they wanted. Garner parked the car he was driving and they walked up to Dixon’s car while Smith acted as the lookout. Garner got the car started and they took off down the road heading south on Highway 117.

Out patrolling Highway 117 that afternoon, was NC Highway Patrolman Riddick. He noticed that the car that Garner was driving was moving erratically. Patrolman Riddick pulled the car over and questioned Garner. Being suspicious of the answers that Garner was providing, Patrolman Riddick contacted Sheriff Brown and ascertained that the car he had pulled over had in fact been stolen.

Patrolman Riddick placed 23 year old Raymond Garner under arrest and charged him with reckless driving and possession of a stolen vehicle. He also arrested and charged Dunie Smith for possession of a stolen vehicle.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CAN YOU BE FOUND?

Reflective Address Signs CAN SAVE LIVES!

Get yours today for only $10

See Customer Service or call the Burgaw Fire Department at 259-7494 to place your order. Ready for pick up within 1-2 days.
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.

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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