Police Advisory Board Applications accepted through March 26

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.

Only a week left to register for our Easter Eggstravaganza!

Make sure to join us at our Easter Eggstravaganza on March 27th at Rotary Park. 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.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board holds well-attended Community Meeting

This week the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board held a community meeting to discuss capital improvements to get a better gage on what the community would like to see here in Town. The meeting was well attended, and a lot of community feedback was gathered. We appreciate all that participated and look forward to what the future has to hold here in Burgaw.

Registration for Tennis & Summer Camp opens March 29

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.

Community Blood Drive scheduled for March 30

The Town of Burgaw has partnered with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on March 30th starting at 10:00am. The event will take place at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot. Contact the Parks & Recreation at 300-6401 to schedule an appointment today.

Bike Rodeo set for April 10

The Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department is excited to help the Burgaw Police Department host the annual Bike Rodeo on Saturday April 10th. The event will be from 10am-1pm. Event activities will be located behind the Police Department at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker St. Lots of fun and educational opportunities available including bike registration, traffic safety awareness, bike safety check, and the obstacle course challenge. And best part of all, PT's Food Truck will be there serving food starting at 11am.
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 the 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.

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.

NOTE:
Temporary signs are limited to a total of 32 square feet and are not allowed off premises.

Historic Burgaw Train Depot
Prints by Ivey Hayes For Sale
Available for purchase at Town Hall
Get yours today for only $20!

Burgaw Fire Department completed our five year site visit from NC OSFM for our direct delivery agency. This delivery agency provides us with the ability to conduct training classes in house. The site visit went well and all documentation provided was correct and accepted.

Officer Bridgers with the Burgaw Police Department attended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) through Cape Fear Community College. SFST is a series of tests given to a suspected impaired driver. This training is important for the enforcement of impaired driving offenses.

Burgaw Public Works Director Alan Moore, Assistant Director Matt Myslow and Utility Technician Charles Hall attended a water and wastewater safety class this week.
Quick Tips for Saving Water

When we wake up in the morning half-asleep one of the last things on our mind is “How much water am I using while I brush my teeth?” Forming good water habits can help save water and save you money!

**Turn off the Tap**

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth. You can save up to 8 gallons of water just by turning it off while you brush, about 200 gallons a month. The same goes for washing dishes.

**Fix that Leak**

Most of us know about toilet leaks. That one toilet that you have to giggle the handle after use because sometimes it gets stuck? It could be costing you a lot more than you think. Signing up for Eye on Water will also help you monitor any leaks in your home!

**Landscape like a Pro**

With the warm days around the corner it’s a good idea to practice good landscaping habits. Water in the morning or in the evening to give plants time to drink before the water evaporates. Remember if you step on grass and it springs back, it doesn’t need to be watered yet.

**Break out the Bucket**

When washing your vehicles try to use a bucket with soap instead of leaving the hose on. A hose can waste 6 gallons a minute if left on, while a bucket can only hold a few gallons at a time.

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CHECK THIS OUT!

A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

**Celebrate Arbor Day!**

Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board encourages you to take a walk on the Town of Burgaw’s Walking Trail to celebrate NC Arbor Day! Take a few pictures of the trees along the trail to celebrate with us!

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Christina Kling**
Patrol Officer, Burgaw Police Department

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

**How long have you worked for the Town?** 1 year and 3 months

**What do you love most about working with the Town?** Interacting with the citizens.

**Fun Fact about me:** I am a welder.
Downtown Fire Narrowly Avoided
HISTORICAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

It was a close call on the night of Monday June 26, 1950. It was the late hours and most of Burgaw’s citizens were at home in bed. That night, as the freight train approached Burgaw, there was a glow that lit up the sky. The train had a hot box with flames shooting 3 to 4 feet in the air. Normally, this would not cause too much alarm, but this particular hot box was running on a tank car loaded with gasoline. Police Chief Norwood Boone sounded the alarm and many residents who lived near by ran out to assist in putting water on the fire and quickly extinguishing it. Thanks to Chief Boone’s quick thinking, the town avoided devastation.

A hot box is an overheated journal caused by excessive friction between bearing and journals due to lack of lubricant or presence of foreign matter. Resource: Railroad Dictionary at CSX.com

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.

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

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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.

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2021 RECYCLING Schedule

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“Railroad Right-of-way” is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street

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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!

For Assistance: 910-663-3441

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Office Hours
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