Burgaw Celebrates Arbor Day

Town of Burgaw Board of Commissioners, staff, volunteers, and members of the Rotary Club celebrated Arbor Day on March 19th by planting Live Oaks in Rotary Park. Mayor Cowan opened the celebration and thanked everyone for attending.

Fifty one-gallon Live Oak trees were given out to Burgaw citizens at the Historic Train Depot later that evening. Many thanks to Parks & Recreation Director, Cody Suggs, for a great job organizing the events to celebrate Arbor Day 2021.

Camp registrations open Monday, 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 month. Visit burgawnc.gov/tennis to register.

Summer Camp will be hosted for ages 7-12 and will occur 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. Camp will be $70 per week. Visit burgawnc.gov/camp for more information on summer camp.
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.

Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) has been in the Burgaw area assisting citizens with repairs to their homes. WARM is a non-profit organization with a mission to repair, rebuild, and make homes accessible for individuals in need. They rely on volunteers to provide the skills and abilities to work on the projects. This past Saturday, Captain Fuller (and family), Officer Kennedy (and son), and Fire Fighter Brown, donated their time and skills to help replace flooring and build a small deck and stairs. It was a good time, and it is always good to see coworkers outside of the work environment, especially doing good for our citizens.

Burgaw Sergeant nominated for “Tin Man Award”

Congratulations to Sergeant Lee Williams for being nominated for the “Tin Man Award” through the Carousel Center in Wilmington, NC. The Carousel Center supports healing, promotes justice, and fosters resilience in children victimized by physical or sexual abuse. The nomination for Sergeant Williams is because he is an advocate for the victims of abuse and is an asset to the Burgaw Police Department and our community.

Shred & E-Recycle Day scheduled for April 23

The Town of Burgaw will be hosting a Shred & Electronics Recycling Day on Friday, April 23 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The event will take place in the Town Hall parking lot located at 109 North Walker Street. Shredding will be done on-site and electronics will be collected and disposed of properly by the Public Works Department. No appointment is necessary; available to Burgaw residents. For questions, please visit our website at burgawnc.gov or contact Town Clerk Kristin Wells at 663-3441.

Take a stroll through beautiful Burgaw with our Historical Downtown self-guided Walking Tour!

Stop by Town Hall to pick yours up today!
A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

Spring Projects

Do you have a spring project you are working on? Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board encourages residents to shop local for their project needs. There are multiple stores throughout town that would love to have help!

Peeps Rice Krispies Treats

You Will Need

- 4 Cups of Rice Krispies
- 16-20 Peeps (some packs and sizes vary, just don’t worry, you can’t go wrong with 16-20!)
- 6 TBS Butter, sliced thinly
- 9”x13” inch aluminum baking pan (note: any 9”x13” baking dish will work if you don’t have a disposable one)
- Non-stick spray
- Mixing Spoon/spatula

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375°
2. Prepare baking dish AND stirring spatula with non-stick spray
3. Separate 16-20 Peeps and arrange them as desired into a baking dish
4. Pour Rice Krispies over the peeps
5. Place the butter in thin slices evenly throughout the baking dish
6. Bake for 8 mins.
7. Let cool.
8. Cut and enjoy (they can be enjoyed while still warm for more fun!)

Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your community? Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in Our Town! Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or drop off at Town Hall.

Did you know?

There are two little libraries in your local parks!

Visit Harrell Memorial Park and Rotary Park to read a book and take a book from the little libraries donated by the Burgaw Rotary Club.
Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. An increasingly common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

Where does grease come from?
Most of us know grease as a byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Cooking Oil
- Shortening
- Butter and margarine
- Food scraps
- Baking goods
- Sauces
- Dairy products

Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the sides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system.

These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain. Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease, may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

The result can be:
- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor’s home.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by the homeowner.
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, and streets.
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms.
- An increase in operation and maintenance cost for local public works departments, which causes higher sewer bills for customers.

What can you do to help?
The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system in the first

- Never our grease down sinks drains or into toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Do not put grease down garbage disposals. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers for disposal.

Visit deq.nc.gov for more information on FOGs and the Grease Goblin!
Atwood James was having a bad week, and it was about to get worse. The 29-year-old from Goldsboro had made some bad decisions in his life that had landed him in prison, and he had just finished a term and was released just two weeks prior. Tuesday night May 29, 1951, Atwood started drinking heavily. He decided to leave the house but needed a vehicle. He spotted a 1941 Chevrolet just down the road and hopped in and took off towards Maple Hill. He managed to not be spotted as the car ran out of gas the following evening, he abandoned it at the Cowan Store in Maple Hill and found a truck belonging to Bruce Lanier. He then headed towards Burgaw, but that too ran out of gas once he entered town. He then found and stole a truck belonging to Williams Lumber Company.

Still drinking heavily and in a town he was unfamiliar with, he saw Burgaw’s Police Chief Ward sitting in his car across Highway 117. He crossed the highway and turned around, parked the truck, and walked to ask the Chief for directions to Goldsboro. Chief Ward thought it odd that a man he had never seen before was driving a truck belonging to Williams Lumber Company and noticing that he appeared intoxicated, he asked him for his driver’s license. Realizing the mistake Atwood had just made, he quickly turned around and started walking back to the truck. Atwood jumped into the cab of the truck with the Chief right on this tail. Atwood put the truck in drive and started down the dirt road that ran along side Holland Motor Co. The Chief jumped on the running board of the truck and demanded Atwood stop the vehicle. The Chief managed to pull Atwood from the moving truck and wrestled with him on the ground. Pulling his gun as they scrambled on the ground, a shot was fired but deflected by Atwood’s arm sending the bullet astray. Atwood got himself free, ran back to the truck and jumped back into the cab. The Chief fired another shot. This time the bullet entered the back the cab near the driver’s seat and landed in the dashboard. The Chief then turned back to his car and a vehicle pursuit ensued. The Chief caught up with Atwood about 2 miles outside of town and seeing that he was not going to outrun the Chief, Atwood pulled over and turned himself in. Once again, Atwood found himself in those familiar walls of prison.
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

2021 RECYCLING Schedule

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

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.

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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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

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Utilities
663-3445

Parks & Town Events
300-6401

Human Resources
663-3444

Permitting & Inspections
663-3452

Public Works Department
259-2901

Police Department
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