Join us this Saturday for the Burgaw Police Department’s annual Bike Rodeo

The Burgaw Police Department will be hosting their annual Bike Rodeo this Saturday, April 10th from 10 AM to 1 PM. Event activities will be located behind the Police Department at Town Hall, 109 North Walker Street. Burgaw Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department and the Pender County Health Department will also be assisting with the event. Lots of fun and educational opportunities available, including bike registration, traffic safety awareness, bike safety check, an obstacle course challenge, and the best part of all, PT’s Food Truck will be there serving food starting at 11 AM. Don’t forget to bring your bike and helmet and join in on the fun!

Shred & E-Recycle Day scheduled for April 23

Mark your calendars now for our Shred & Electronics Recycling Day to be held on Friday, April 23 from 10 AM to 12 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.
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Join us on April 24th for a community walk, run, & bike to help raise awareness on child abuse prevention. The event will begin at Rotary Park starting at 10:00 AM. Any local organizations that would like to set up a tent to distribute information, please contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office at (910)-300-6401 or email at recreation@burgawnc.gov.

Family Art Night coming in May

The Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department is excited to partner with Art of Eden for a Family Art Night! Space will be limited so mark your calendars for this event on May 21st. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Filling a swimming pool soon?

The weather is getting warmer and pools are popping up all over town. Be sure to contact us before you start filling your swimming pool. Each year, we like to remind our residents that an adjustment can be made to the sewer portion of their utility bill when filling a pool—only if accurate meter readings are on file! So, before you turn the water on, call us so we can obtain an accurate reading before and after filling your pool. For questions regarding pool fills, please contact our Customer Service Representative at 663-3445.

NO CHICKENS ALLOWED!

Town of Burgaw Ordinances do not enable the keeping of chickens on property not zoned Agricultural Residential. Please do not invest in poultry without checking to see what your property is zoned.

Contact the Planning Department at 910-663-3451 for more information.

Monthly Board of Commissioners Meeting set for Tuesday, April 13

The next regular Board of Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, April 13, 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.

- Courthouse Avenue Improvement Project
- Golf Cart Regulations
- Consideration to adopt the Southeastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Police Advisory Board Appointments
- 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

Kristin Wells
TOWN CLERK

Job Duties:
Serves as Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, maintains all public and official records, transcribes minutes for all Board of Commissioners meetings

How long have you worked for the Town?
5 years part-time; 11 years full-time

What do you love most about working with the Town?
I enjoy being able to serve the citizens of the community by providing requested information, and assisting the public, Board of Commissioners and my co-workers on a daily basis.

Fun Fact about me:
I love to shop, have a 6 year old daughter and 3 year old identical twin boys.

CHECK THIS OUT!
A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

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.

https://eyeonwater.com/signup

For assistance, call Public Works at 259-2901.

TRAIN CARS

Be sure to stop by the Historic Train Depot to visit the train cars! The train cars are located along the path of the former Wilmington to Weldon railroad. This railroad line was the longest in the world, 161½ miles at the time of its completion in 1840. Burgaw Tourism Development Authority Board encourages residents to get outside and visit the train cars!
Apple Slice Cookies

You Will Need
- 1 Red Delicious apple
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 to 2 tablespoons unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped walnut pieces
- 1 to 2 tablespoons mini chocolate chips
- Lemon juice (optional)

Directions
1. Cut the core from the apple.
2. Slice the apple into 1/4 inch slices using a large knife.
3. Optional: If you’re worried about the apples turning brown, place the slices in a zip lock bag and toss with a squirt of lemon juice.
4. Set each of the apple slices onto a sheet of paper towel and blot the tops dry with another paper towel.
5. Spread a layer of peanut butter on each apple slice.
6. Top with a generous amount of coconut flakes, some walnuts and mini chocolate chips.
7. Enjoy!

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.

From the Office of Planning & Zoning...

- The regular Planning & Zoning Board meeting has been canceled for April 15, 2021.
- The Board of Adjustment will hold a special meeting on April 15, 2021 at 5:30 PM at the Historic Train Depot located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw. The purpose of this meeting is to have appeals training. All interested parties are invited to attend.
- The regular Planning & Zoning Board meeting for the month of May will be held on May 27, 2021 at 5:30 PM, instead of the usual third Thursday.
Town of Burgaw Sewer Smoke Testing Project

The Town of Burgaw will be performing smoke testing on its sewer system beginning in April. This project will help us to identify any areas of inflow and infiltration into our sewer system and will take approximately a month to complete. A schedule will become available closer to the testing time and door hangers will be placed at every house and business in the testing locations. Please review this fact sheet for more information about the smoke testing process.

Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing Fact Sheet

Why is the Town smoke testing?
Smoke testing is one of several techniques that can identify cracks and illicit connections to the sanitary sewer system. They might come from:

- Actual cracks in the sewer line
- Defective sewer connections
- Illicit cross-connections with storm drains
- Building connections without proper traps or plumbing

These problems can lead to public health and safety concerns:

- Cracks, defective connections, and illicit cross-connections can allow rain water to enter sewer lines and can overfill sewer pipes after a heavy rain. This can lead to sanitary sewer overflows.
- Improper building connections like missing traps can allow sewer gases into buildings. This can cause an unsafe build-up of these sewer gases.

Smoke testing is an efficient, cost-effective way to rapidly identify trouble spots in a portion of the sewer line. It has been endorsed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a good way to identify sewer problems for over 20 years. It is one of several techniques the Town uses to identify where a sewer line is in need of repair or replacement.

Is the smoke harmful to people?
No. The "smoke" is not really smoke. It is a non-toxic, non-staining, and odorless mist. Smoke testing using this mist has been endorsed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for more than 20 years as a good way of identifying sewer problems in need of repair.

For most people and pets, this smoke may make you cough but should pose no other hazards. However, individuals with respiratory problems like asthma, emphysema, or other respiratory conditions should avoid direct exposure to the smoke. If someone in your household has a respiratory condition, contact the number on the door hanger to discuss your situation in further detail.

What about pets?
If your pets stay inside during the day, and you are concerned about smoke entering your home, you may want to open your windows. If your pets have a respiratory condition, you may want to make other arrangements for their boarding while the smoke testing occurs.

Is the smoke a fire hazard? Will it set off my fire alarm?
The "smoke" is not a fire hazard. However, it can set off your fire alarm. To dissipate the smoke, open your doors and windows.

**If you believe the smoke in your building is from a fire, call 911 immediately.**
How does smoke testing work?

A section of sewer line is blocked off, and a blower pumps the special smoke into a manhole. Crews look for smoke coming out of the ground, buildings, manholes, storm drains, and any other places that might indicate a problem with the sewer line. These areas are flagged for further examination and repair.

If the sewer line is in good condition and there are no problems to be fixed, the only places smoke should exit are sewer vent pipes. Any other places that smoke escapes indicate a problem with the sewer system in that area.

Because the pipe is blocked off at both ends, smoke will only flow into the section of pipe being tested and the plumbing from any buildings hooked into that section. No other sections of the sewer system or connected plumbing will be affected.

What should I expect with the smoke test?

If your plumbing is in good condition and there is water in all of your traps, you should not have smoke enter your house. It may come out of your roof vent.

Sometimes sink traps on faucets that have not been used in a while will allow smoke to enter a building. To prevent this, make sure to run water through all of your faucets for at least 30 seconds before the smoke testing starts.

I filled all my drain traps, but smoke still entered my building. What should I do?

If you believe the smoke in your building is from a fire, call 911 immediately.

If you believe it is from the smoke testing, this means there is a problem with your plumbing somewhere that could be letting sewer gases inside. This can be caused by:

- A leak in your plumbing
- A sewer vent that vents to your attic or inside your building
- A faulty seal like in your toilet's wax ring
- A missing sink or drain trap

If this happens:

- Open your windows and turn on any ventilation. The smoke should clear within a few minutes.
- Call the number listed on the door hanger you received notifying you of the smoke testing. The Town will address any problems with Town lines that may have caused this.
- You may also want to have someone you trust look at your plumbing. The Town is not responsible for problems with private sewer lines that may have caused this.

Does the Town notify people in an area before doing a smoke test?

Yes. The Town or its contractor notifies residents and businesses that sanitary sewer work will be going on in their area at least 24 hours before work starts.

Can I get a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet?

Yes. Visit our website at BurgawNC.gov/smoketesting to obtain a copy of the MSDS. Contact the numbers below if you have any additional questions.

I have more questions not answered here.

Visit BurgawNC.gov/smoketesting for more information. You may also contact the contractor at (727) 902-4071 or if you need additional help, contact Burgaw Town Hall at (910) 663-3445.
Learn to Fly at Burgaw Municipal Airport

Burgaw Municipal Airport was in operation from 1944 to 1953

Spring cleaning? Take note before placing items by the curb!

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

**REMINDERS:**

Keep yard debris and white good **piles separated** for pick-up. They will not be collected if they are mixed!

Place items for pick-up on **your property only**. Do not place items in the ditch, on town property or on the railroad right of way.

**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.
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

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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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**Town Hall**

109 N. Walker St.  
Burgaw, NC 28425  
910-259-2151  
mail@burgawnc.gov  
www.burgawnc.gov

**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