Shred & E-Recycle Day set for next Friday

Have papers to shred or electronics to toss out? Join us next Friday for a Shred & Electronics Recycling Day! The event will take place in the Town Hall parking lot on Friday, April 23 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. 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.

Items you can shred:
- Tax information
- Financial documents
- Personal documents
- Any type papers
- NO binders, metal or media materials!

Electronics you can recycle:
- Computers
- Printers
- TVs/DVD players
- Copiers/Fax machines
- Phones
- Cameras
- Microwaves
- Other small appliances

Join us April 24 to help raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention

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.

TOWN-WIDE SMOKE TESTING UNDERWAY DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL
The Town of Burgaw will be performing smoke testing on its sewer system during the month of April. See pages 6-7 for more information.
SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
Budget Work Session

April 27, 2021 | 3:00 PM
Historic Train Depot
115 S Dickerson Street, Burgaw

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming FY 21-22 Budget. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Registration for Family Art Night opens April 26

Bring your family to our Family Art Night on May 21st! Art of Eden, a local artist, will be helping us learn to paint! The event will be located at the Historic Burgaw Train Depot and will begin at 6:00 pm. All supplies will be provided. The cost is $15 per person painting. This event is recommended for ages 6 and up! Registration opens on April 26th at 8:00 am.

CHECK THIS OUT!

A Message from your Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

Visit your favorite park!

Have you visited all of our parks? Burgaw has 9 different parks, greenways, facilities, and open spaces that help promote health and the enjoyment of outdoor activity right here in Burgaw. Harrell Memorial Park, Hankins Park, Rotary Park, Johnson Park, Ashe Street Park, Pecan Park, Osgood Canal Greenway and Urban Trail, Burgaw Entry Peninsula and Wilmington Street Park.

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.
**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.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

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.

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**TIP FROM BURGAW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Over half of all home electrical fires involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring.

- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, space heater, or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.
- Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.
- Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.
- Don’t overload extension cords or wall outlets.
- Check your electrical cords. If they are cracked or damaged, replace them. Don’t try to repair them.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture.
- Electrical work should only be done by a qualified electrician.

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**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

**Kim Rivenbark**

Human Resources Director/Deputy Town Clerk

**Job Duties:**
Handles enrollment of new employees, maintains personnel records, and assists the Town Clerk as needed

**How long have you worked for the Town?**
8.5 years

**What do you love most about working with the Town?**
My co-workers.

**Fun Fact about me:** I have been Scuba certified for 20 years.
You Will Need
- 10 flour taco shells
- 2–3 cups cooked, shredded chicken*
- 2 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 3 Tbsp butter
- 3 Tbsp flour
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 can (4oz) diced green chilies

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9×14 pan.
2. Mix shredded chicken and 1 cup of cheese in a bowl. Roll up the chicken into the 10 tortillas and place seam down in the prepared pan.
3. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Stir in the flour and stir while cooking for 2 minutes.
4. Add in the broth and whisk until smooth. Heat over medium heat until thick and bubbly. This will take about 15 minutes.
5. Turn off the heat on the saucepan and stir in the sour cream and green chilies. Stir well and remove from heat so your sour cream won’t curdle. When it is mixed well, pour your sauce over the enchiladas in the pan.
6. Top with the remaining 1 1/2 cup cheese.
7. Bake for 22 minutes and then broil on high for 3 minutes at the end to get the cheese bubbly.

*To make my shredded chicken, I use 4 frozen chicken breasts and sprinkle with 2 tsp cumin, 2 tsp garlic powder, and ground black pepper (just a bit) and cook on low in my slow cooker all day. Then they easily shred up when you are ready to make dinner.
HISTORICAL FEATURE OF THE WEEK

1964 Burgaw Progress

DOWNTOWN BURGAW — The town’s changed in Burgaw. Mayor Baker and name was instilled for manhole, but Puryear view the progressive downtown scene like this proves the meaning has town area.

REMEMBERS FIRST LIGHTS — Mrs. Jeanette Faison recalls that the Gurneyburg Manufacturing Company introduced electricity to Burgaw after it set up business here between 1905 and 1910. She stands beside an old well at her back porch, now serving mainly as a conversation piece.

TOWN’S OLDEST — Steve Blake, who was 52 years old on October 20, is recognized as Pender’s second oldest citizen. He has lived in Burgaw since 1917 and recalls the laying of the cornerstone for the county courthouse in 1926.

VETERAN ATTORNEY — Attorney John Best, veteran Burgaw attorney, has witnessed much of the town’s growth and recalls the days of exurban community. He was instrumental in a move to prevent New Hanover County reclamining Pender.

DISCUS WATER — Burgaw Mayor W. B. Baker, left, and Clifton Puryear, Carolina Power & Light Company representative, discuss Burgaw’s expanding water system. Behind there is one of the town’s water storage tanks.
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 doorknobs 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.

Smoke Testing For Leaks
Non-toxic fog is blown into the sewer system to locate unintended entry points.

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.
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.

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.

2021 RECYCLING Schedule

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