Stay Alert with CodeRED®

We encourage our citizens to follow us on Facebook and our website for important updates. Town staff also urges citizens to sign up with CodeRED Emergency Notifications. This program is free and easy to sign up. You have the options to enter your phone numbers and/or email address to receive critical notifications from the town, such as severe weather alerts, important information, boil water advisories, etc. Sign up today by visiting BurgawNC.gov and click “Code Red Signup” at the bottom of the homepage. You may contact Town Hall at 259-2151 for questions or assistance.

Registration now open for Family Art Night

Make plans now to join us for a fun Family Art Night at the Historic Train Depot on Friday, May 21st. Space is limited, so be sure to register before it’s too late! This event is recommended for ages 6 and up. Participants can register at burgawnc.gov/art.

Summer Concerts set to return this year

The Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department and Pender County Parks & Recreation are excited to announce the return of the summer concert series planned for June and July. The concerts will take place at the Historic Train Depot in Burgaw on June 17th, July 15th and July 29th. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Burgaw Police Department now has a Police Advisory Board!

Membership Applications are now being accepted!

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, May 28, 2021, to the Town Clerk at 109 N. Walker Street, Burgaw NC 28425, or kwells@burgawnc.gov.
Financial Exploitation tips from Burgaw Police Department

Financial Exploitation can come in many forms. The Burgaw Police Department would like for everyone to be aware of some of the most used scams:

- **Lottery or Sweepstakes** - "You have won money, just send us processing fees to collect your winnings." If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is. Don't send any money.

- **Grandparent Scam** - "Your grandson/daughter has been arrested, send money to bail them out." Verify with other family members and law enforcement if an arrest has been made. Bail cannot be posted over the phone or utilizing gift/money cards.

- **Missed jury duty** - "You have failed to report for jury duty, and you must pay the fine or be arrested." Contact the Clerk of Court to verify jury duty obligation. The courts will not ask for fees to be paid for jury duty violations.

- **House repair/Traveling repair** - "We have left over materials from another job and are willing to pave your drive or replace your roof cheap." Be aware of poor workmanship and don't give payment/money prior to work being completed and inspected.

- **Bank Fraud** - "I am from your bank/financial institution, and we need to verify information." Financial Institutions will not call and attempt to get personal information over the phone.

- **IRS Scam** - "Someone has used your Social Security number to file their taxes, we need to verify who you are." The IRS/NC Department of Revenue will not call and verify your information. They will contact citizens by mail with a request for you to contact a local office.

These are just a few examples of Financial Exploitation. Keep these tips in mind; never give out personal or financial information over the phone, online, or to strangers. If you receive phone calls about financial questions, don't give out information and hang up. Call and report scams or suspicious inquiries to your local law enforcement. We monitor and investigate the types of scams and notify the appropriate state and federal authorities as well.

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Help us keep drainage clear!

You can help Public Works keep drainage and ditches clear by being careful and preventing yard waste, sediment, trash, and debris from entering our ditches and drainageways.

**DO:**

- Blow yard waste back onto a landscaped area, not into the street or storm drain.
- Collect and contain yard waste for yard debris pick-ups.
- Grasscycle! Grass clippings can stay on the lawn to provide nutrients and moisture to the soil and reduce the need for fertilizer.
- Compost yard waste and use material in landscape beds.
- Keel all drains, drainage ditches and drainage ways free of obstructions.

**DONT’:**

- Do not blow, sweep, dump, direct or place yard debris, sediment, or trash into any street, storm drain, ditch, creek, or waterway.
- Do not put yard waste in the regular trash; it is not allowed in NC landfills.

Public Works would like to remind everyone to keep your yard debris for pickup on the right-of-way, not in the road. If it is in the road, small sticks and branches can end up in our storm drains, causing flooding or may get stuck in our street sweeper brushes. Please be mindful of where you put your yard debris!
Detective Sergeant Williams completes CICP

Detective Sergeant Williams has completed the Criminal Investigation Certificate Program through the North Carolina Justice Academy. The Criminal Investigation Certificate Program (CICP) recognizes law enforcement personnel who have completed investigative training to better prepare themselves for the rigors and challenges of criminal investigations. The best practices in investigative techniques and the practical application of detectives constantly change due to technological advances and legal changes and challenges. An investigator must stay up to date and receive instruction from dedicated and professional instructors. Professional investigators who seek out the best training stand out from the rest, and the North Carolina Justice Academy recognizes their dedication to the Criminal Investigation Certificate Program. There are over 400 credit hours in required and elective courses. Congratulations and thank you to Sergeant Williams for dedication to your profession and community.

Song Written by Burgaw Mayor, Coleman O’Neal to Be Recorded

Mayor WM Baker wrote a song in 1967 and with the help of Coleman O’Neal, the song was recorded and became a hit. The song was titled “Six Rooms of Sadness”. The heartbreak song tells a story about a wife who has left her husband and a once happy home is now filled with sadness.

WM Baker was Mayor of the Town of Burgaw from 1959 to 1969.

The song can be found at https://youtu.be/GtJBsc5sZy4. Six Rooms of Sadness was recorded with Heartbreak Express (not written by Mayor Baker) and begins at the 2:20 mark.
STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KEVIN ROBERTSON
PATROL CORPORAL
BURGAW POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

How long have you worked for the Town?
5.5 years

What do you love most about working with the Town?
Traffic enforcement, training new officers, having positive influence on the community

Fun Fact about me:
I love to spend time with my family.

METTING 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.
The Board of Adjustment will also meet on May 27, 2021 to discuss an appeal received regarding chickens in town.

Adopt-a-Park Program

Is your organization looking to become involved within the community? Sign-up today for our newly formed Adopt-A-Park program in order to better serve our local parks and greenspaces. This program is designed as a yearlong commitment to the Burgaw Parks & Recreation Department in order to assist with upkeep and beautification of our town parks. More information about the program and the application can be found by visiting burgawnc.gov.

what’s cooking in Our Town

Ham & Cheese Pasta Salad

You Will Need

Salad:
- 3 cups macaroni, cooked and cooled
- 1.5 cups cooked ham, cubed
- 1.5 cups gouda cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup spring onions, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped

Dressing:
- 3 TB mayonnaise
- 2 TB olive oil, extra virgin
- 1 TB lemon juice, freshly squeezed
- 1/2 t. salt
- 1/4 t. black pepper

Directions
1. Salad: Combine the pasta, ham, cheese, spring onions and red bell pepper in a large mixing bowl.
2. Dressing: Whisk together the mayonnaise, oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper - pour over the pasta mixture and stir through - cover and chill for at least 2 hours.

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.
Help prevent outdoor cooking fires!

Below are safety tips and statistics to share with community members about grill fires and outdoor cooking fire safety.

GRILLING FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

- Only use grills outdoors, away from siding and deck railings.
- Clean grills often and remove grease or fat build-up.
- Make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting.
- Have a 3-foot safe-zone around grills and campfires. Keep kids and pets away from the area.
- Dispose of coals after they have cooled in a metal can.
- Never leave grills, fire pits and patio torches unattended.

GRILLING FIRE STATISTICS:

Grill fires cause an estimated $37 million in property loss each year.

- Almost half of home grill fires happen between 5 and 8 p.m.
- Fifty-seven percent of home grill fires occur during the months of May, June, July and August.
- Patios, terraces, screened-in porches and courtyards are leading home locations for grill fires.
- Seventy-nine percent of all home grill fires involve gas grills.

“Mechanical failure, malfunction” is the leading factor in the start of grill fires. Leaks or breaks of containers or pipes are often to blame.
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

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