Mayor Dawson proclaims March 18 as Arbor Day

Mayor Dawson proclaimed March 18, 2022 as Arbor Day during the Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. Not only do trees give us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires, they also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify the community.

The Town of Burgaw encourages citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; furthermore, we urge citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Make sure to register to receive your free three-gallon live oak tree during our Arbor Day tree giveaway. You must be a Burgaw Town resident to register and must present a copy of your current water bill to receive the tree on the day of pick-up, which will be March 18th between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM on the Courthouse Square. Residents can register for trees by visiting burgawnc.gov/trees. Contact the Parks, Recreation & Tourism office for more details at 910-300-9011.

Shred & E-Recycling event scheduled for March 29

Have sensitive documents that need to be shredded or an old TV laying around that needs to be tossed? If so, now is your chance to dispose of them properly!

Come by Tuesday, March 29th between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to have your documents shredded on-site and/or drop off any electronics you need to dispose of. This service is free to town residents and will be held in the Town Hall parking lot, located at 109 N. Walker Street. The next Shred & E-Recycle Event will be held in the fall.

For questions, contact Kristin Wells, Town Clerk, at 910-663-3441 or by email at kwells@burgawnc.gov.
Seeking applicants for newly created Beautification Committee

Have an interest in the beautification of our charming town? If so, we have a volunteer position just for you! During the March 8th board meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved the creation of a Beautification Committee which will consist of two board members, two staff members, two residents, and one member from the town’s Tourism Development Authority.

We are currently seeking two town residents to serve on the committee. Applications can be picked up at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street, or online at burgawnc.gov. Applicants must reside within the corporate limits of town. Applications should be submitted by 5:00 PM on April 1, 2022, to the Town Clerk by email at kwells@burgawnc.gov, or drop off at Town Hall, located at 109 N. Walker Street.

Don’t forget about our Internet Purchase Exchange location

Town staff would like to remind everyone of our internet purchase exchange location! This offers a safe environment with cameras for people to meet after purchasing something off of the internet. We encourage all citizens to utilize the meetup spot in front of the Burgaw Police Department/Town Hall, located at 109 N. Walker Street, when meeting someone you do not know for an item purchased online.

BURGAW FARMERS MARKET

First Saturday of every month starting April 2022
Downtown Burgaw  |  8 AM – 12 PM

Vendor Information: burgawnc.gov/market
**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Just because something says it’s “flushable” doesn’t mean it’s true!**

Many of these items can cause clogs in sewer lines that can damage property and the environment. They can also lead to potential back-ups in public or private sewer lines, including the one in your own home. Even if these items say they are biodegradable it takes much longer for them to break down than normal toilet paper. They might break down eventually, but not soon enough to not pose a concern for clogging a system.

To help prevent clogs and backflow issues at home or in the town’s sewer lines, here are a few items for example that you should never flush down a toilet or drain:

- Diapers, sanitary napkins, tissues, napkins, paper towels, wipes, etc.
- Clothing, wash cloths, towels, etc.
- Dental floss, medicines, syringes, etc.
- Fats, oils, greases, foods containing seeds or peelings, etc.
- Plastic, cans, bottles, glass, wood, etc.

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**SCAM ALERT: Important information from the Burgaw Police Department**

The Burgaw Police Department has been made aware of a few "Financial Scams" that are soliciting information from our citizens. Financial Exploitation can come in many forms. Please 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.

- **Confirmation to Debit Account** - "We are confirming with you to debit your account. Contact our telephone number below to authorize." If you did not make the purchase documented, contact your financial institution by the appropriate numbers, not the one on the scam letter.

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 just 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.
Classes, Events & Senior Activities

**Senior Lunch & Learn**
Join us for our next Lunch and Learn on March 16th at the Burgaw Community House. Lunch will begin at 12:00 pm and will feature a presentation from the North Carolina Blueberry Festival. Be sure to register to ensure we have enough food for you! Register by calling 910-661-3100. This event is for ages 55+ and is free.

**Easter Brunch and Paint**
We are so excited to host an Easter event for our Seniors, ages 55+! This event will be on Thursday, April 14th and will begin at 10:00 am at the Burgaw Community House. The cost is $15 per person. This includes brunch and all your painting supplies! You might even see the Easter Bunny. Register online at burgawnc.gov/register or by calling 910-661-3100.

**Zumba Class**
Registration for the month of April is now open! Visit burgawnc.gov/register to sign up. Zumba is on Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Burgaw Community House.

**Line Dancing**
Join us for a fun time line dancing! Line Dancing class is on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Space is limited, so register by visiting burgawnc.gov/dance. The cost is $3 for Burgaw residents, $5 for non-residents, and free to ages 55+.

**Yoga Class**
Registration for the month of April is now open! Visit burgawnc.gov/register to sign up. Yoga is on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Burgaw Community House.

**Senior Fitness Class**
Our Senior Fitness classes on Monday mornings are still happening! Join our group at the Burgaw Community House at 8:15 am on Monday mornings. Class is led by David Populus. Call 910-661-3100 for more information.
Upcoming Children Events

**SUMMER CAMP**

Summer Camp registration is full, but if you wish to be added to the wait list, please contact Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism at 910-300-6401.

**TENNIS CAMP**

Tennis Camp will be at Harrell Memorial Park, 108 East Ashe Street, every Thursday night in May from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Camp is open to ages 7 to 12. Cost is $40 per person for the entire program.

Register at burgawnc.gov/register.
Upcoming Children Events

BIKE Rodeo

MARCH 26TH
10 AM-1 PM

BURGAW POLICE DEPARTMENT - 109 N. Walker St. Parking Lot

BIKE REGISTRATION WITH PD • TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS
BIKE SAFETY CHECK • OBSTACLE COURSE CHALLENGE

BRING BIKE, HELMET, AND PARENT

Partners: Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism and Pender County Health Department
Contact 910-259-4924 for more info

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Do you need assistance paying your water bill?

Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) can help!

LIHWAP is a temporary emergency program that will help eligible households and families afford water and wastewater services, providing a one-time payment for eligible low-income households paid directly to the utility company. LIHWAP runs through September 2023 or until the funds are exhausted.

How Do I Know if I Qualify for LIHWAP?
If your water or wastewater services have been cut off or if you have received notice that your services are in danger of being cut off because your bill is past due, or you simply need help paying your water bill, you may be eligible!

Who is eligible to receive LIHWAP?
To be eligible for the LIHWAP program, a household must have at least one U.S. citizen or eligible legal permanent resident and:
- Have income equal to or less than 150% of the federal poverty level,
- Have water or wastewater services that are disconnected, in jeopardy of being disconnected or have a current outstanding bill, and
- Is responsible for paying the water bill.

Households that currently receive Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Work First services, or those that received Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) services between Oct. 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2021, are automatically eligible to receive this benefit. Please contact your local county Department of Social Services for more information.

How do I apply?
If you need assistance paying your water bill you can apply online at https://epass.nc.gov/. You can also apply over the phone by calling your local county Department of Social Services, printing out a paper application at https://epass.nc.gov/ and drop it off or fax it to your local county Department of Social Services, or by apply in person at your local county Department of Social Services office.

LIHWAP runs through September 30, 2023 or until funds are exhausted. Applicants can receive assistance more than once.

For more information on this program and eligibility, visit the LIHWAP website www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/energy-assistance/low-income-household-water-assistance-program-lihwap.
Meeting Schedule

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

Police Advisory Board
Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November | 5:30 PM

2022 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

**EAST side of Railroad Right-of-way**
January 12
January 26
February 9
February 23
March 9
March 23
April 6
April 20
May 4
May 18
June 1
June 15
June 29

**WEST side of Railroad Right-of-way**
January 5
January 19
February 2
February 16
March 2
March 16
March 30
April 13
April 27
May 11
May 25
June 8
June 22

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

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!

Visit BurgawNC.gov to sign up today!

BURGAW, NC

T-Shirts & License Tags

Stop by today to purchase a Burgaw, NC t-shirt and a license tag for just $10 each. Available for purchase Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street.

Provided by the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority

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.