Town of Burgaw appoints first Assistant Town Manager

The Town of Burgaw is pleased to announce that Jim Hock has been appointed as the Town's first Assistant Town Manager, effective April 12, 2022. He is no stranger to local government and our community. For the past 6 years, he has served the citizens of Burgaw as the Police Chief. This selection was based on Chief Hock’s education, training, experience, and credentials, coupled with his willingness to constantly and consistently go above and beyond his ordinary responsibilities. He has been a great asset to the Town of Burgaw for the past 6 years and will continue to serve our citizens and community well through this new role in the future. Chief Hock will continue the supervision of the Police Department as the Chief and, with this added role, will be providing additional leadership and allow for the continued progression of our team and community. As Assistant Manager, Chief Hock will assist in overseeing day-to-day operations and direct staff to continue the development and implementation of the progressive vision and direction for the Town which has been set by the Board of Commissioners.

Chief Hock has over 25 years of experience in Law Enforcement in Pender County. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and a Masters in Justice Administration from Methodist University. Chief Hock graduated from the 257 Session of the FBI National Academy, is a state-certified Law Enforcement Instructor, and has received his Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the North Carolina Sheriff’s Education and Training Standards Commission. In 2021, Chief Hock graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Government’s Municipal Administration program where he gained additional knowledge and training in aspects of municipal management.

The Town of Burgaw is very fortunate to have many great department heads and employees that strive everyday to make sure we meet and exceed the mission and vision of our town. With Chief Hock’s outgoing and approachable personality coupled with his extensive work experience, he is the right person to assist existing staff, the Board of Commissioners, and this community in charting the course for what Burgaw has to offer to its citizens and those moving to our community for years to come.

Please join us in congratulating Chief Jim Hock as the new Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Burgaw!
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting on April 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM for the purpose of discussing the FY 2022-2023 annual budget. The meeting will be held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Public Input Session to be held Monday evening at Burgaw Fire Department

The Burgaw Fire Department is requesting that Pender County approve a tax rate increase in the Pender Central Fire District from $0.09 to $0.11. The increase in tax revenue, approximately $63,000, can then be used to help us offset our increased personnel costs, as well as potentially increasing our staffing. We will be holding a public input session at the Burgaw Fire Station at 109 N. Walker Street on April 25, 2022, from 6 to 7 pm. For more information, visit https://burgawnc.gov/firetax or contact the Burgaw Fire Chief at (910)259-7494.

Police Captain completes Instructor Certification training

Captain Fuller completed General Instructor Certification training through Cape Fear Community College. The training provides the information necessary to competently research, plan, prepare, present, and evaluate a block of instruction in accordance with the NC Training and Education Standards. With the completion of 102 credit hours and passing the state test, certified instructors can teach mandated in-service classes, Basic Law Enforcement Training, as well as numerous other emergency services curriculums. Congratulations to Captain Fuller for hard work and dedication.

What's COOKING IN OUR TOWN

Strawberry S’mores Dip Foil Pack

You Will Need

- 1 c. mini marshmallows
- 1 c. semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 c. strawberries, hulled and quartered
- Graham crackers

Directions

2. Layer marshmallows, chocolate chips, then strawberries in an even layer about 4 inches wide in center of one piece of foil. Place second sheet of foil on top and fold sides over 4 times to seal tightly.
3. Grill, covered, 4 minutes. Immediately cut open and serve with graham crackers for dipping.

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.

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April is National Safe Digging Month

The weather is absolutely perfect for outdoor landscaping and we’d like to remind all residents to call NC811 if you plan on digging. NC811 is a free service that transmits information about where you are planning on digging to local facilities, not just Public Works, and the facilities then mark where their lines are prior to you digging.

Did you know every nine minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811. Beyond the devastating risks of death or injury, consider the costs of repair, fines and even inconvenience. From putting in a fence, planting a tree or building a deck, knowing where the power and water lines are before you dig will save a lot of time, money and pain later.

Police Department’s RU Okay Program

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.

Open burning is prohibited in town

Please remember open burning of trash and yard debris is not allowed in town limits, pursuant to NC Administrative Code 02D.1903(b)(1)(B). Trash collection and yard debris pickup is available to all town residents. For questions regarding open burning, contact the Burgaw Fire Department at 910-259-7494. For questions regarding trash/yard debris pickup, please call the Burgaw Public Works Department at 910-259-2901.

It’s that time of year!

You may have noticed that the Burgaw Fire Department has been testing our hose. During the day, we have been testing our fire attack lines at the Fire Station. At night, we have been testing our large diameter hose at Burgaw Middle School.
BURGAW PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Classes, Events & Senior Activities

TENNIS CAMP UPDATE

Due to low registration, Tennis Camp is being postponed until July! Tennis Camp will run Saturday mornings during the month of July (2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd). Camp will last from 10:00 am until 11:30 am and will be located at Harrell Memorial Park. Registration is available at burgawnc.gov/register.

NOTICE

Hankins Park and Rotary Park restroom facilities are closed until further notice due to renovations. Temporary restrooms are available on site.

FARMERS MARKET FUN!

Our first farmers market on April 2nd turned out great! Visit us at our next monthly market on May 7th. Vendors will be set up on Fremont Street between 9 AM and 1 PM. Vendor registration is available at burgawnc.gov/market.

COME GET FIT WITH US!

Join us for our fitness classes by registering online at burgawnc.gov/register!

LINE DANCING
Mondays at 6:00 PM
Historic Train Depot

YOGA CLASS
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM
Community House

ZUMBA CLASS
Thursdays at 5:30 PM
Community House

Filling a swimming pool soon?
Contact us first!

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.
Spring into ACTION in Our Town!

Get Involved
Have fun with our Parks & Recreation Department by volunteering your time to help with special events, activities, and sports. Becoming a volunteer firefighter with the Burgaw Fire Department is a rewarding opportunity, too!

Support Local Businesses
Spend more time in the town you love, shop local, and take advantage of convenient services right at your doorstep.

Attend Public Meetings
Whether it’s a Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting or a Board of Commissioners Meeting, we welcome everyone to attend and stay informed. Check our website for meeting schedules.

Share Your Ideas
We love to hear from our citizens and visitors. Written and oral comments are always welcome on ways we can serve our community better. Applying for a vacancy on our advisory committees is a great way to show your interest in becoming more involved as well.

Help Keep Our Town Clean
Dispose of trash properly, keep your property clean and tidy, and notify Town Hall for any areas that need attention.

Planning a birthday party or family gathering?
The weather is warmer and one of our parks is the perfect place for your next gathering!

Consider reserving your own outdoor space at one of our park pavilions!

Visit us online at burgawnc.gov/rentals to check availability and to make your reservation today!

Harrell Park, 108 E. Ashe Street
Rotary Park, 102 Industrial Drive
Hankins Park, 310 N. Walker Street

Our Town!
Meeting Schedule

**Board of Commissioners Meetings**  
Second Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM  
**Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM**  

**Planning & Zoning Board Meetings**  
Third Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM  

**Tourism Development Authority Meetings**  
First Thursday of every month at 8:30 AM  

**Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meetings**  
Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November at 5:30 PM  

**Police Advisory Board Meetings**  
Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November at 5:30 PM  

**Beautification Committee Meetings**  
First and Third Wednesday of every month at 8:30 AM  

All meetings listed above are open to the public; oral and written comments always welcome. The 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.  

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**2022 RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

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

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**NC BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL**  
June 17-18  
Downtown Burgaw

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**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.