THE WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

Meet K-9 Kane

Kane, an eighteen month old German Shepard is the police department’s new K-9 in training. According to the trainers at Ventosa Kennels, Kane is progressing well. They advised in an update last week that "K-9 Kane is continuing to do great. His tracking has taken off excellent and he is a natural tracker that keeps his nose to the ground. Odor recognition is also going great. Obedience is shaping up very well. Kane is strong on environmental, has good nerves, and is very social."

Kane is being trained to be utilized in searching for persons, either missing or those suspected of a crime, searching for articles, and narcotics detection. Corporal Padgett will be attending K-9 Handler training, with Kane, beginning in November and will be partnered on patrol after the completion of the course. We look forward to the addition to the police department and the resources that Kane will bring to our citizens.

Osgood Canal Project – We have received the final change order for the Osgood Canal Project that will address additional erosion control measures and complete the guardrail system on Fremont St. This should complete the project and we can close out our grant with Golden Leaf.

McKim & Creed was awarded a project to study the water and sewer capacity on the US Hwy 117 corridor from NC Hwy 53 to Walker St. This study has been completed and will be presented at the Commissioner’s meeting on November 12th.

The Town of Burgaw is exploring different processes to preserve our street infrastructure. A new product will be tested on S McRae St between W Satchwell St and W Hayes St. The contractors will be applying the product today and we will observe and review the product over the next year.

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Clerk’s Corner – Kristin Wells

I will be attending my last session of the Clerk Academy at the School of Government October 21-25. I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge during the course and have met a lot of great fellow clerks from around the state. Graduation will be held at 11:30 AM on Friday, October 25th at the School of Government.

Parks & Recreation – Cody Suggs, Director

- The Parks & Recreation Department worked with the Pender County Health Department to discuss future rules and regulations regarding the Burgaw Incubator Kitchen. The health department updated us on the proper process of permitting individuals to use the kitchen and discussed what documentation we needed to look for moving forward. This meeting was a great refresher for the Parks & Recreation due to the always changing regulations set forth for cooking products inside our incubator kitchen.

- We also attended our last CivicRec training to finalize details for our launch on October 17th. CivicRec will be a great platform for the Town of Burgaw in regards to facility/event registration. This week we worked with CivicRec to set up all transaction methods and to finalize the look of the public page. This page will be operated in conjunction with the Town’s new website, which is set to launch in late December.

- We have been working hard in preparation of the upcoming holiday events. Check out the back of the newsletter for a list of fun activities you don’t want to miss.

Reserve our facilities & register for events online!

Coming Soon!

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Public Works Department - Alan Moore, Director

Weekly Happenings:
- We repaired several water leaks this week, one on West Wilmington Street, one of West Hayes and one on South Smith.
- Robert, John and JD also worked on a drainage issue by Dudley and Satchwell Streets and helped to clear out a sewer blockage on Fremont Street.
- Public Works worked with the O’Reilly’s crew to have their two new water meters installed on Tuesday, the second meter was for their irrigation system.
- Our green team focused on our own buildings this week, mowing our wells, near lift stations and pump stations as well as several right-of-ways around town. Yard debris pick-up started Thursday.

Emergency Response
Phone Number:
(910) 470-0457

Our on-call person this week is: Charles Hall

REMINDER!
This phone is only answered after hours, 4:30PM - 7:30AM and is for water and sewer emergencies only. Unless Public Works has been giving prior notice we cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off.

October is FIRE PREVENTION Month

Install smoke alarms in every room and regularly test them once a month.

Draw a map of your home showing all windows and doors and discuss an exit strategy.

Know at least two ways out of every room and make sure all windows and doors open easily.

Close doors behind you as you leave to slow the spread of smoke or fire.

Designate a meeting place outside that is a safe distance away.

Practice your home fire drill twice a year and make sure to teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.

For more fire safety tips go to www.nfpa.org
Police Department - Jim Hock, Police Chief

- Officer Bogan was sworn in as a Patrol Officer on Tuesday, October 1st. He is progressing well and has moved on to his second phase of training with a new Field Training officer.
- Officer Kennedy has attended and complete the week long Field Training Officer class at the North Carolina Justice Academy. Officer Kennedy will assist with the training of new officers.
- The North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police held the Region 8 meeting in Wrightsville Beach, last Friday. These meetings are opportunities for local law enforcement leaders to discuss topics such as Human Resource issues, Emergency Management Domestic Preparedness, and updates for the Criminal Justice Standards Division. These types of meetings are important to keep up with changing policies and protocols for law enforcement.
- The Ghost Walk in Burgaw is this weekend on Friday and Saturday nights. Please be aware of street closures around courthouse square and the train depot. Also, be advised there will be an increased number of pedestrians. This event has been well attended in years past, and we look forward to this weekends event.

Please be aware of our children as they board and unload from our public school buses.

North Carolina General Statute states "When a school bus is displaying its mechanical stop signal or flashing red lights and the bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, the driver of any other vehicle that approaches the school bus from any direction on the same street, highway, or public vehicular area shall bring that other vehicle to a full stop and shall remain stopped. The driver of the other vehicle shall not proceed to move, pass, or attempt to pass the school bus until after the mechanical stop signal has been withdrawn, the flashing red stoplights have been turned off, and the bus has started to move." The statute continues to say "the driver of a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction from the school bus, upon any road, highway or city street that has been divided into two roadways, so constructed as to separate vehicular traffic between the two roadways by an intervening space (including a center lane for left turns if the roadway consists of at least four more lanes) or by a physical barrier, need not stop upon meeting and passing any school bus that has stopped in the roadway across the dividing space or physical barrier." (§ 20-217).
Upcoming Recycling Schedule

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Save the dates to celebrate Christmas with us!

We are looking forward to a festive holiday season in the Town of Burgaw! Don’t miss out on the fun - mark your calendars for these upcoming Christmas events. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and website for more information.

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting  Friday, November 29
Christmas Movie at the Depot   Friday, December 13
Santa’s Workshop                Saturday, December 14
Burgaw Christmas Parade        Saturday, December 14
New Year’s Eve Blueberry Drop  Tuesday, December 31