Christmas is coming!

The Town of Burgaw has been transformed for the Christmas season. Staff has been diligently working to decorate and prepare for our upcoming events. This is always an exciting time of year and, in the Town of Burgaw, we are eager to bring some magnificent events for the enjoyment of everyone. Check out the events section to see everything that is going on in Burgaw this season.
Public Works Department - Alan Moore, Director

- Public Works continued with Christmas decorations this week despite the cold weather. We are nearly done stringing lights, setting up trees and hanging wreaths around town. We want to thank everyone again for being courteous and careful around our lift and men working.
- We worked with our wonderful IT department head Erik Harvey on Tuesday who helped us purchase upgrades for our guys out in the field doing daily rounds. The upgrades will make the daily checks on our equipment faster and much easier.
- Ten new meters were installed in Creekside on Wednesday for new construction, with several more on the way awaiting the final paperwork.

Clerk’s Corner - Kristin Wells

- I will be on vacation November 21st and 22nd. Kim will see the newsletter is sent out as usual on Friday, November 22nd.
- Save the dates:
  - Elected Officials & Employee Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Depot this year on December 20th at 12 noon. The meal will be catered by MeMa’s Chick’n & Ribs.
  - The Cape Fear Council of Governments 47th Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at The Brunswick Center in Supply. Invitations with details will be sent at a later date.

We would like to welcome our newest hire, Stephanie Moore, to the Town of Burgaw! We are excited to have her join us as the Permitting Technician in the Planning & Inspections Office.

 LOCK YOUR DOORS!

As we approach the Christmas Holiday, please remember to lock your doors. Vehicles and buildings that are unsecured are more likely to be targeted by thieves. Easily removable items such as money, cellular telephones, GPS systems, and satellite radios left in plain view, may attract the attention of others who intend to steal. The best way to secure valuables is not to leave them in your car. However, if you must leave property in the vehicle, place the items out of view, preferably in a secured compartment like a glove box or trunk. Most importantly, don’t leave your vehicle open or unlocked. Make sure all doors and windows are secured each time you leave your vehicle, even when parked at your home or in a garage. Also, stay alert to your surroundings. When entering and exiting your vehicle, park in well-lit areas and look for suspicious persons.
On Tuesday, Investigator Elwell, from the Department of Justice, came to the PD to confirm that we are in compliance with the "Stand Up for Rape Victims (SURVIVOR) Act of 2019. The SURVIVOR Act is legislation to make sure there is timely testing for DNA in order to identify unknown suspects, create case linkages, connect crimes to known perpetrators, and exonerate the innocent. Investigator Elwell left knowing that all of our collected rape kits are properly documented and reported to the North Carolina State Crime Lab and the DOJ per statute.

We attended a meeting with the Pender County Sheriff's Office on Thursday in reference to the implementation of their new computer system. The new records management system will go live next month. The meeting was to discuss how their new system will impact the local municipal police departments. The Sheriff's Office has been great with keeping us up to date and working with compatibility of the local law enforcement agencies.

Corporal Padgett and Kane have completed week 2 of their training together. It is going well, other than the tracking training that has to be done in the cold and raining weather.

On Friday, the police department participated with the 3rd grade Thanksgiving lunch as Burgaw Elementary School. We appreciated the invitation from Counselor Thompson and our 3rd grade group.

Fire Department - Jim Taylor, Fire Chief

- The Department responded to 18 incidents this week including a structure fire in the Pender Central Fire District which displaced three people.
- We participated in the Burgaw Elementary Fall Festival Thursday evening from 5pm to 8pm.
- The Department had its biannual elections Thursday evening and the slate of new officers will be presented to the Board of Commissioner’s at their December meeting.

SLOW DOWN IN OUR TOWN!
Help us alert drivers to slow down in our town! Yard signs are available free to town residents and can be picked up anytime between Monday-Friday 8am-5pm at the Police Department, 109 N. Walker Street.

NOW HIRING
FULL-TIME
FIREFIGHTER.APPARATUS OPERATOR
SALARY RANGE: 31,983-$44,776 DOQ
VISIT BURGAWNC.GOV FOR MORE INFORMATION
Hometown Christmas Celebrations

Our Parks & Recreation Department, along with the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce, Pender County Parks & Recreation and Tourism staff, have been busy preparing for our upcoming Christmas events in town. We are looking forward to a fun and festive holiday season with you, so mark your calendars now so you don’t miss out on the Christmas fun!

Town of Burgaw
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
At the Square
November 29th | 6 PM
Choirs, Food Vendors, Santa Claus

Santa’s WORKSHOP
HISTORIC BURGAW TRAIN DEPOT
December 14th
3:00-5:00 PM

Lighted Annual
CHRISTMAS PARADE
DECEMBER 14 @ 6:30 PM

2nd ANNUAL New Year’s Eve BLUEBERRY DROP 2019
Save the Date!
DEC 31ST DOWNTOWN BURGAW

Christmas MOVIE at the DEPOT
Friday, December 6th
Showing of “ELF”
Will begin at 6:30 PM
Door open at 6:15 PM

Holiday Lights Ride
A Burgaw Bike Party
Friday
November 29th
3-5 PM
Join us before the Annual Tree Lighting for a leisurely ride through the Osgood Trail and Historic Downtown. Decorate your bike & meet at Rotary Park at 3pm. Skateboards, wheelchairs and scooters are invited. FREE TO RIDE

MUSIC, BELLS, HORNS & WHISTLES ENCOURAGED
Rotary Park is located on Industrial Drive between Dickerson Street and Progress Drive
LIKE our Facebook Page for updates
Facebook.com/BurgawBikeParty
This is a family friendly event. Children must be accompanied by an adult & wear a helmet.
We're hiring!
Come join our team! GREAT Benefits!

Current Employment Opportunities:
- Firefighter/Apparatus Operator
- Patrol Officer
- Maintenance Worker I

For more information, please visit our website or contact our Human Resources Department at 663-3444.

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