The Town of Burgaw wishes everyone a very

Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year

Christmas gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us - a time when we can look back on the year that has passed and prepare for the year ahead.

-David Cameron

New Town Website Goes Live

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website, BurgawNC.gov. Pending no delays, it is scheduled to be available online on the afternoon of Monday, December 23, 2019. This new website, provided by CivicPlus, offers a robust design and feature set giving town staff the ability to provide information and resources to any website visitor. We suggest citizens register for the Notify Me Feature. This allows for citizens to subscribe to receive notifications by text and/or email on topics they choose. This newsletter is one of the items that will move to the Notify Me Subscription Service. We hope that you will take advantage of our new website and look for even more added features soon.

Christmas Holiday

I would like to personally wish all town staff and residents a very merry and safe Christmas. Town offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25th through Friday, December 27th for the Christmas holiday.
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Weekly Update

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Police Department – Jim Hock, Police Chief

- The Burgaw Christmas Parade went well last Saturday night. The PD assisted with road closures and safety/security duties. Thank you to the Pender County Sheriff's Office, Wallace Police Department, and the Burgaw Public Works Department for their assistance in road closures.
- The monthly meeting of the Pender and New Hanover Police Chiefs and Sheriffs was held on Tuesday. The Wilmington Police Chief provided a tour of their new training facility. The building houses an indoor firing range, driving simulator, a shoot/don't shoot simulator, K-9 training areas, a mat room for defensive tactics, classrooms and administrative offices. They are working towards making the training facility available to surrounding law enforcement agencies when not in use by WPD.
- On Thursday, the Police Department held its annual Shop with a Cop festivities. Officers were paired with 7 families with children who could utilize a little extra care the Christmas season. After breakfast and a visit from Santa, the children were taken to Walmart to shop for their families. This helps the children to feel the pride of giving to others. The presents were then wrapped, pizza was eaten, and bingo was played before taking the children back to their homes. Thank you to all of our supporter for your time, effort, and financial donations.

Fire Department – Jim Taylor, Fire Chief

- The Fire Department members lit up the Ladder 15 and safely ushered Santa through the Burgaw Christmas Parade!
- The holiday season has continued to be a busy time for the Department as we have had two more structure fires in the last two weeks.
- Three of our members were on hand to assist those attending the community choir event hosted at the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association on December 13th.
- This past Monday the Fire Department hosted 30 special needs adults and staff from Lindley Habilitation from Wilmington. Those attending were able to see the new engine as well as a quick fire safety lesson from FF Watkins.

Parks & Recreation Department – Cody Suggs, Director

- The Parks & Recreation would like to thank everyone that participated in Santa’s Workshop this past Saturday at the Burgaw Train Depot. This event was a great success and could not have been ran without the help of the Pentecostals of Burgaw and the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to the event next year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas!
- We worked this week to make preparations for the 2nd Annual Blueberry Drop taking place on December 31st from 5:00pm to 7:30pm on Fremont Street next to Courthouse Square. On Thursday, the Town of Burgaw and Pender County Parks & Recreation were featured on WWAY to speak about the event. The band for this year’s event will feature Rivermist Band out of Fayetteville, NC. Rivermist is sure to ring in the new year with their variety of classic rock selections and modern day favorites. Make sure to come celebrate the fun with the Town of Burgaw, Pender County, and the North Carolina Blueberry Festival. Food Trucks and kids activities will be on site the night of the event.
- The Parks & Recreation also worked this week to prepare the new webpage for the Town. The new website will be consolidated to make browsing easier for residents to navigate facility rentals, park locations, specials events, and much more. Make sure to check out our new site at the end of the month!
Merry Christmas

We wish a very special Merry Christmas to those in our military and those serving our great nation abroad. We must always remember the men and women who cannot be with their families this Christmas season because they’re protecting our freedoms around the globe. May God bless our military and citizens who keep us safe, and a very Merry Christmas to them and their families.

– Joe Manchin

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be a Weekly Newsletter for the week of December 23-27

2020 Recycling Schedule is now available at Town Hall and on our website!

Inspections Department - Louis Hesse

- Creekside development has 5 new permits for new single family homes this week with about 20 currently under construction.
- Two additional single family dwellings were permitted this week. One on Vann Ct. and one on Progress Drive.
- O’Reilly Auto Parts has requested final building inspections while they wait for their storm water approvals.
- Happy Tooth Dentist has passed floor upgrades for new point loads for their renovations.
- Burgaw Now has their permits for up-fits for Fat Daddy’s Pizza on Fremont Street.
- Cape Fear Community College has a new permit for their Science Lab up-fits.
- Our new I-WORQ software is working out well and we hope to incorporate more of the contractor interaction capabilities in January 2020. Currently, contractors love the instant inspection report for real time updates on their jobs.
- Stephanie Moore is our new Permitting Tech and has been doing an awesome job. She has been very quick at learning our software and getting to know all of our contractors. Many of our regular contractors have been very complimentary of her extreme organization skills and the special care they receive. We are very excited to have her on board.

Public Works Department - Alan Moore, Director

- We repaired several issues around town this week including two water leaks, one on Johnson Street and the other on South Walker. Both of these were due to aging infrastructure. Some of our I&I issues were fixed along North Cowan with the repair and replacement of pipe called orangeburg. This pipe most likely dated back to the 1940’s.
- Public Works inspected the air relief valves on the sewer force main going toward Wallace, this is part of our routine maintenance of the line. We also assisted the Fire Department with a gasoline leak at the GoGas on HWY 53.
- Green team has been working on cleaning up the parks and downtown areas, picking up litter and leaves ahead of the upcoming holiday.
Facility Rental Reservations Now Submitted Online
Visit our website for more information!
If you need assistance, or do not have access to a computer, please come by Town Hall and our Parks & Recreation Director will be happy to assist you with your reservation!

Trash Pick-Up Holiday Schedule

Week of Christmas
Trash pick-up and west side recycling will occur on
Thursday, December 26th

Week of New Year’s
Trash pick-up and east side recycling will occur on
Thursday, January 2nd

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Phone Number: (910) 470-0457

Public Works 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.

2nd ANNUAL New Year’s Eve BLUEBERRY DROP 2019

Save the Date!
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