THE WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

New Rental Reservation System Now Available Online

The Parks & Recreation also officially launched the new CivicRec platform this week. Residents can now make online reservations for Town facilities by visiting the Town of Burgaw website. The link to this webpage is listed on the facility rental tab under the residents portion of the page. Please note we will no longer accept paper applications for facility rentals. If renters have any questions regarding a reservation, they are encouraged to contact our Parks & Recreation Director Cody Suggs, at 910-300-6401.

A Message from the Manager - James Gantt

Halloween at the Park: This event, held last Saturday, was a huge success. I would like to thank the hard work of Cody Suggs, our Parks & Recreation Director, in organizing this event. I would also like to thank all the other staff members and volunteers that assisted Cody and the town in making sure this event was successful.

Storm Drainage Projects: Since we are near completion of the Osgood Canal Project, we are reviewing additional areas to improve our storm drainage system. In 2015, the Town of Burgaw completed a Stormwater Master Plan. This plan contains a review of our stormwater system areas and addresses storm drainage issues. The Osgood Canal Project that is being completed now was the number one priority contained in this plan. We are working to establish our next phase of storm drainage projects. As we review this plan and additional areas, we will determine the greatest need and begin working towards the best possible solution.
Clerk’s Corner - Kristin Wells

- Kim & I received a request from a former resident of town to help locate a family burial plot from 40 years ago. After some research, we were able to find the location and go out to the site with the family. We were happy to be able to assist them during their visit to town.
- Plans are under way for our annual Christmas Luncheon for staff and elected officials. Look for an invitation in the coming weeks.

Parks & Recreation - Cody Suggs, Director

- The Parks & Recreation Department worked this week to fill the vacant Recreation Leader position. We welcome Christina Hoffman to the team to lead our “Dance to Fit” program, which will begin sometime in November. This class is looking to occur on Monday evenings inside the Burgaw Community House.
- We also worked this week to make repairs to Hankins Park and the Burgaw Incubator Kitchen. Hankins Park received pressure washing and is set to be painted next week by the Public Works Department. We thank Public Works for their hard work and continuing effort to keep our parks clean. The Burgaw Incubator Kitchen received repairs for the overhead structures and new freezer parts.

Don't Forget!
MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 5

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Sign up today to receive information from us!
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- Agendas
- Routine and Emergency Notices

Submit your email address and requests to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov

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DANCE 2FIT
Police Department - Jim Hock, Police Chief

- Pender High School’s Homecoming Parade is this Friday, October 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. The streets on the route will be closed from approximately 4:15 p.m. until the conclusion of the parade. The parade begins at the middle school and heads north on Wright Street. It will turn left onto Fremont street and then turn left again on Dickerson Street. The route will then conclude at the middle school. Parts of Wright, Fremont, and Dickerson Streets will be closed during the event. Please be aware of those street closures and the increase of pedestrian traffic.

- We had the Domestic Preparedness Region 3 conference call on Thursday to discuss Fiscal year 2020 projects that are being requested. The DPR3 determines how to distribute federal monies allotted for emergency services during times of need.

- Next Thursday, October 31st is Halloween. Please be aware of an increase of slow moving vehicle traffic and pedestrians in Burgaw. Please be patient and alert for our little ones. Remember, they are dressed up and might not have the best viability due to costumes/masks. Slow down and be aware.

Fire Department - Jim Taylor, Fire Chief

- The FD responded to 15 incidents in the past week including a structure fire on Stag Park road in Pender County.

- We had a crew standby for the homecoming bonfire on the October 21st.

- We had a crew provide a public education visit to Burgaw Presbyterian Church.

Not every hero wears a cape.

PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!

firepreventionweek.org

Halloween Safety Tips

Carry a flashlight so children can be seen by cars and other people.

Always accompany your children when they are trick or treating.

Always check candy before letting your child eat it. Avoid homemade treats from strangers.

Make sure your child's costume is properly sized to avoid trips and falls.

Always walk together on the sidewalk, and cross at the crosswalk.
Public Works Department - Alan Moore, Director

- Public Works made a major dent in the I&I (inflow and infiltration) problems at Tealbriar Lift Station this week when we found and repaired a 4” broken sewer lateral in the bottom of a ditch. We also found two I&I issues at the main pump station. They are leaking REP (reinforced concrete pipe) and two old brick manholes that are around 60 years old. We have been in contact with a contractor who specializes in these types of repairs to come assess the damage and give Public Works a quote on the fix. This will be on the top of our priority list in the upcoming weeks.
- Green team this week focused on sprucing up the signs around town by trimming and weeding and pressure washed both Hankins and Rotary Parks. Mark and Jeremy also cleaned up stumps in the cemetery and on McNeil Street.
- John and Robert worked on locating I&I issues at PS1 and repaired two water leaks on West Wilmington Street.
- Brian and Jeremy were on grapple truck pick-up duty this week, finishing leftover white good pick-ups on Monday and starting again Thursday.

Utility Bill Reminders

- All utility payments are due by the 10th of the month.
- The Town allows a grace period until the 15th of the month.
- Late fees are imposed on all delinquent accounts on the 16th of the month.
- Disconnects occur on the 21st of the month for delinquent accounts.

We’re hiring! Come join our team!

**Current Employment Opportunities:**
- Patrol Officer
- Maintenance Worker I

For more information, please visit our website or contact our Human Resources Department at 663-3444.
**Halloween “HEY” Ride**

**A Burgaw Bike Party**  
**Saturday October 26th**  
**4PM - 6PM**

Join us for a leisurely party ride through the Beautiful Town of Burgaw! We will meet at Rotary Park @ Cape Fear Community College and ride as a group through parts of the Osgood Trail and Historic Downtown.

Costumes, bike decorations, music, bells, horns and whistles are encouraged!

*FREE TO RIDE*  
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Skateboards, wheelchairs and scooters are welcome!

*Check our Facebook page for updates.  
Facebook.com/BurgawBikeParty*

This is a family friendly event.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult and wear a helmet.

**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

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Bill George  
Vernon Harrell

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