W. Ross Harrell Memorial Park
Grand Re-Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

This week the Parks & Recreation Department celebrated the grand re-opening & ribbon cutting of W. Ross Harrell Memorial Park. We would like to thank everyone that joined us on Tuesday and we look forward to residents using the new playground. Special thanks again to all that were involved with the project!

February 18, 2020

Strategic Planning Retreat

On Thursday and Friday of this coming week, the Board of Commissioners and Town Staff will meet to discuss budget priorities for FY 2020-21 at the Board’s Strategic Planning Retreat. Each year we face challenges during the budgeting process and this year will be no different. During the budget retreat, we will review our financial position and focus on how to maintain the increase of services required by a growing and evolving community. Department Heads will be presenting their goals and objectives for their departments and, through this process, we will establish a list of priorities and a plan for the future in Burgaw.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Commissioners’ Strategic Thinking Retreat

Thursday, February 27, 2020 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Friday, February 28, 2020 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Burgaw Municipal Building, 109 N. Walker Street

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the FY 2020-2021 budget. All interested parties are invited to attend.
Important Information about Meeting Locations

On February 11, 2020, the board voted to convert the board room into office space and sleeping quarters for the Fire Department, which would require meetings to be held at a different location beginning in March. As mentioned by Mr. Gantt in the last newsletter, meeting locations would be moved temporarily until the former EMS Building is renovated. Once the facility is completed, town meetings will be held at this location permanently. Until then, various town meetings will be held in the Train Depot and Community House. The transition of the board room would also require a different location for the Board of Elections’ polling place. I am currently working along side the Director with the Board of Elections to accommodate their needs in the future.

I have listed below the upcoming meetings that are currently scheduled, along with meeting locations, so this will help eliminate any confusion. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

UPCOMING meetings

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
*Rescheduled from February 20, 2020
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
5:30 PM
Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street

Commissioners’ Strategic Thinking Retreat
Thursday, February 27, 2020 and Friday, February 28, 2020
9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street

Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020
10:00 AM
Burgaw Community House, 102 E. Wilmington Street

Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
4:00 PM
Burgaw Train Depot, 115 S. Dickerson Street

Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2020
5:30 PM
Burgaw Community House, 102 E. Wilmington Street

All future Board of Commissioners Meetings will be held at the Burgaw Train Depot unless otherwise posted.

Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Meetings will be held in the Burgaw Community House unless otherwise posted.

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings will be held at the Burgaw Train Depot beginning in April. Due to a prior rental at the Train Depot, the March 19th meeting will be held at the Burgaw Community House.
Police Department - Jim Hock, Police Chief

- Saturday, February 22, 2020 is the annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast being held at the Burgaw Fire Department. Please be aware of an increase of traffic and parking around Town Hall. Please be mindful of the increased pedestrian traffic as well.

- We met with Enterprise Leasing about vehicle options for the upcoming budget process. We discussed the pros and cons of different vehicles and our options presented by manufacturers for police rated vehicles.

- Pender County will have two new Assistant District Attorneys assigned to the local office. Sean Speiring and Rosetta Royster came by the police department to meet and greet and we look forward to working with them.

Fire Department - Jim Taylor, Fire Chief

- The Department held our annual awards banquet at the Depot on February 8th. Captain Nick Smith was awarded Officer of the Year and Firefighter Tommy Lindsay was selected as Firefighter of the Year. Captain Scott Rivenbark from Wilmington Fire Department was our keynote speaker and left us with the message “be nice” in whatever way you are serving the public.

- Deputy Chief Jasper attended the incident management course “Planning Section Chief” in Jacksonville the first week of the month. His knowledge gained during this course will help the Town of Burgaw in future large scale incidents.

- Our new full time Firefighter / Apparatus Operator Brian Williamson started on February 10th and is now on shift.

R U OKAY?
Let the Burgaw Police Department check on your loved one!

We would like to remind the Town of Burgaw residents and family members of the RU Okay? program established by the Burgaw Police Department. The program calls individuals weekly to check their safety and security. The program is open to Burgaw residences 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.

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See Customer Service to place your order. Ready for pick up within 1-2 days.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

Burgaw Fire Department is seeking community members to become volunteer firefighters. Excellent training and benefits!

Please come by the fire station or call 259-7494 for more information.
Parks & Recreation Department—Cody Suggs, Director

- On Wednesday of this week, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board released a capital improvement survey to the community. This survey is intended to engage the community in order to get a better understanding of the capital improvements residents would like to see here in town. All information collected will be used to compile data in order to pursue projects based on need/priorities of the community. We thank everyone for taking the survey in advance.

- Make sure to join us on March 20th from 3:00pm-6:00pm for our annual Arbor Day Tree Seedling Giveaway. The event will take place this year on the Depot Dock and will be open to all Burgaw & Pender County Residents. This event is partnered in conjunction with the Pender County Parks & Recreation Department. Make sure to come see us on the 20th to get some trees for your property.

Celebrate ARBOR DAY 2020

Save the date!
EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE
Sunday, March 29th
Stay tuned for more information!

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 we will be happy to assist you with your reservation!

Cody Suggs, Parks & Recreation Director, 300-6401

Tree Seedling Giveaway
Friday, March 20, 2020
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Burgaw Train Depot

Open to Burgaw & Pender County Residents

Spring is coming!
Reserve one of our parks for your next outdoor gathering!
Make your reservation online today!
Public Works Department - Alan Moore, Director

- John, Robert, Roland, Brian and Jeremy all worked on the re-read list from Town Hall Monday. Willis and Lucas started their downtown clean-up.
- Willis and Lucas moved supplies and grills to the Fire Department Tuesday for the upcoming Blueberry Festival Pancake Breakfast this Saturday.
- John, Robert and Ben worked on restoring the high overflow in the canal between McCoy Road and International Drive. They also inspected manholes on that side of town for infiltration and inflow issues. Roland and Ben inspected manholes on the opposite side of town and continued to do so throughout the week.
- Willis and Lucas worked to clean storm drains and ditches ahead of the rain Thursday. Mark and Jeremy helped on Thursday as well.

REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF BURGAW REGARDING CURBSIDE VEGETATIVE DEBRIS COLLECTION

Please be advised of these requirements prior to placing vegetative debris at the street for pickup:
- The Town does not pick up vegetative debris generated by contractors for non-residential and multi-family development customers.
- Do not mix vegetative debris with other materials.
- Do not place vegetative debris in the street. All debris must be a minimum of two feet from the edge of pavement.
- Do not place vegetative debris in front of a fire hydrant.
- Do not place vegetative debris within twenty feet of an intersection or in a manner that will impair the ability of the traveling public to see oncoming traffic.
- Residents should place all debris on their property. Please do not place vegetative debris on town parks, the railroad right of way, or undeveloped/unoccupied property.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in the debris not being collected and/or fines assessed by the Town of Burgaw.

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.

NOTE: If you plan to pay around the 15th or 21st, we encourage you to make your payment by phone, visit Town Hall, or utilize the drop box. Online payments take 24-48 hours to reflect on your account in the utility billing system.