

RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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Integrity and the World We Live In

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

As the November National Election approaches, a quality that should be expected of any candidate is that of integrity. Following are a number of quotes from individuals who have gone on record providing insight to the power of ethics in leadership.

Robert S. Palmer of Deloitte, Dean of Wharton School from 1983-1990:

“We need to stress that personal integrity is as important as executive skill in business dealings.... Setting an example from the top has a ripple effect through a business school or a corporation. After nearly three decades in business, 10 years as chief executive of a Big Eight accounting firm, I have learned that the standards set at the top filter throughout a company.... [Quoting Professor Thomas Dunfee of the Wharton School:] ‘A company that fails to take steps to produce a climate conducive to positive work-related ethical attitudes may create a vacuum in which employees so predisposed may foster a frontier-style, everyone for themselves mentality.’”

Mahatma Gandhi states,

“There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principal; Science without humanity; Business without ethics.”

Dan Bryan wrote in his May 14, 2012 article entitled, After Yorktown: The Integrity of George Washington as Published in American History USA,

“George Washington, as much as he is lionized, is often not given the full credit due to him for his efforts at holding the United States together as a republic in the aftermath of the victory at Yorktown.

The famous defeat of Cornwallis did not immediately end the war. For

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a time, it was unclear whether the British would relent, or whether they would send another army to North America and continue to press the conflict. During this interval, most of the Continental Army remained mobilized and camped at Newburgh, New York. Many of them had not been paid in years. They were ill-clothed, poorly fed, and gradually slid into various degrees of distemper.

It took remarkable skill and leadership by George Washington to prevent this situation from escalating into a rebellion against the Congressional government. Had he been of a different mindset, he probably could have exploited the situation to his personal gain, installing himself as leader of the new country. His refusal to do so is a centerpiece of his long legacy.

The Nicola Letter

The first incident of note occurred in 1782, in the form of a long, handwritten letter. A colonel named Lewis Nicola gave his own impression of the political situation to General Washington. He pointed out that many officers and soldiers had agreed not to disperse until their grievances were met. He used several pages to point out the shortcomings of republican government when it came to compensation of the military. He pointed out all of the threats to social order that this entailed.

Then, at the end, Nicola revealed his proposal – the United States as a monarchy. Only a government of this type, he argued, could ensure proper compensation to the Continental Army and prevent a future rebellion. The obvious implication, of course, would be George Washington as king.

Washington may or may not have had the support to implement such an idea, but he certainly could have tried. Instead his response was brief and severe:

‘I am much at a loss to conceive what part of my conduct could have given encouragement to an address which to me seems big with the greatest mischiefs that can befall my Country... Let me conjure you then, if you have any regard for your Country, concern for yourself or posterity, or respect for me, to banish these thoughts from your Mind, and never communicate, as from yourself, or any one else, a sentiment of the like Nature.’”

The ethical leadership of George Washington is widely recognized. Immediately presented above is a written exchange with one of George Washington’s officers which is a perfect example of ethical leadership.

The present time cries for strong ethical leadership. We need to insist that leaders in every organization act with a committed personal code of ethics that is free of destructive traits that will ultimately ruin the organization that they are charged to lead. The need for this trait is the case in government, the military and in every facet of business and commerce. And the change needs to start with each of us as individuals.

Excerpts from After Yorktown: The Integrity of George Washington as Published in American History USA, by Dan Bryan are reprinted with his express permission. ●



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER DELANE JACKSON

If you have lived in North Carolina for more than two summer days, you know that mosquitoes can be a real problem. Not only can they ruin a picnic or pool party, but they can also transmit viruses. This year, as we all have heard, there is an added threat from mosquitoes due to their potential role in spreading the Zika virus.

Unfortunately, mosquitoes are a natural part of the environment in our area. They are just as natural as pine pollen, bees and poison ivy, which can also be very harmful to certain individuals. We cannot eradicate mosquitoes but we can take steps to lessen their impact on our lives. However, many of those steps are the responsibility of the private citizen, not the local government. Mosquitoes do not have a large range. If you have mosquitoes in your yard, there is a very good chance that they came from your yard or your neighbor's yard. Mosquito science can be very technical and complicated. My limited space here will not allow me to go into great detail, but I can hit a few basic principles.

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To better fight the war against mosquitoes, we need to better understand their habits, likes and dislikes. For example, deer hunters know that deer are more active in the early morning and late evening hours. That is why you typically see deer hunters on the prowl at dawn and dusk, not at high noon. Likewise, extensive mosquito research has taught us some things about mosquitoes that we can use against them.

Standing water is a perfect place for mosquitoes to breed. Therefore, if possible, you should eliminate standing water from around your home. Standing water in a bird bath, planter, tree hole, bucket, tire or ditch is a very good place for mosquitoes to congregate and lay eggs. It is your responsibility to keep your ditch and pipes free of obstructions that will create standing water. In the case of a bird bath, you can simply change the water every 7-10 days because that is how long it takes mosquito eggs to hatch. That way, the birds still have water to drink but the eggs do not have time to hatch.

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Mosquitoes like dark, humid areas. This time of year, most every area outside is humid, and we cannot control that. However, you can use an outdoor mosquito spray in shaded areas such as under patio furniture, around garages, car ports, gazebos and storage sheds. While outdoors, use insect repellent on yourself when possible. Squirrels, deer and coyotes do not want to live in your home with you, but a mosquito will be glad to move in. Take steps to keep them out. Cover your windows with screens. Keep doors closed. Use an indoor fogger to kill mosquitoes where they rest, such as in closets, under the sink and in the laundry room.

Visit the Town’s website for much more information about mosquitoes and what

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you can do to help prevent them. There is a link on our home page that will take you to many publications from the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The town has recently reactivated our mosquito spraying program. We use a chemical called BIOMIST 3+15 ULV.

It is labeled for control of adult mosquitoes. Typically, we will spray in the late evening hours. You do not need to run and hide when you see us spraying. Normal contact with that chemical, through our Ultra Low Volume (ULV) spraying program, poses very little harm to humans. ●



**WRD/PW
JULY REPORT**
BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Fourth of July parade and festivities were a great success again this year. My team and I enjoy the Fourth of July every year. It's a great time to get together and celebrate our country's history. This month Public Works repaired a couple of stormwater drainage pipes. These pipes had small breaks that were allowing soil to run into them during rain events. This was creating sinkholes around the broken areas in the pipe. The pipes were repaired and sinkholes filled in with rock

and soil. There was a storm in July that blew down some trees and limbs in certain areas of Town. I thank the Fire Department and members of our team for the job they did to clear the roadways in a timely manner.

This month Water Resources finished our water system flushing. This went well and every area in Town was flushed. During the flushing process, we also flow test the fire hydrants as well as check them for proper operation. Any abnormal operation is noted, and checked/repared in-house as time allows. There was one water service tap

made on the 8" water main that runs from Lochbridge Drive across Ritter Field to Plantation Drive. Water service was extended to the dog park, and a watering station was installed inside the fence. We had two wastewater lift station pumps break down this month. We have installed our back up pumps in place of these two pumps. The pumps that were pulled are getting evaluated for repair by a motor rewind shop.

If you have any questions about the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 638-3540, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by dialing Town Hall at 638-3870. You will be instructed to then dial "9" and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator. You will be asked to enter your phone number at the sound of the tone. After entering your phone number, the automated system will inform you that your page has been sent. Please, be patient and our utility operator will return your call. If you do not receive a call back within ten minutes, please notify the Police Department at 638-1108. ●

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COMING EVENTS

Council Work Session
September 8
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Council Meeting
September 15
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Games Day
BUNCO!
September 22
12:30 — 4:00
Town Hall

Community Watch
Meeting
October 19
7:00
Town Hall

Community Day
Yard Sales &
Library Book Sale
October 22
Contact
Peggi Robinson
514-0244
psrobinson97@coastalnet.com

Community Watch
Meeting
October 19
7:00
Town Hall

Shredding Event
November 5
9:00 — 1:00
Town Commons



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2016-2017

Residents may begin placing their yard debris street side on the dates indicated in parentheses

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

- July 11, 2016
July 6, 2016
- September 12, 2016
September 7, 2016
- November 7, 2016
November 2, 2016
- January 9, 2017
(includes Christmas trees)
January 4, 2017
- March 13, 2017
March 8, 2017
- May 8, 2017
May 3, 2017

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

- July 18, 2016
July 13, 2016
- September 19, 2016
September 14, 2016
- November 14, 2016
November 9, 2016
- January 16, 2017
(includes Christmas trees)
January 11, 2017
- March 20, 2017
March 15, 2017
- May 15, 2017
May 10, 2017

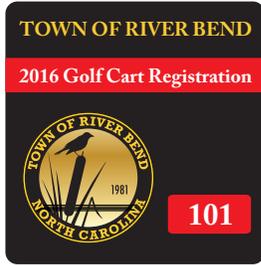
Pinecones, pine straw and leaves must be bagged. For additional important information about River Bend's Leaf & Limb collection program, please see our Ordinance online at www.riverbendnc.org. ●

Town Council 2016 Meeting Dates

- Work Session January 14
- Council Retreat January 21**
- Regular Meeting January 21
- Work Session February 11
- Regular Meeting February 18
- Budget Meeting..... March 8
- Work Session March 10
- ~~Budget Meeting..... March 15~~ Canceled due to Election Primary
- Regular Meeting March 17
- Budget Meeting..... March 22
- Budget Meeting..... March 29
- Budget Meeting..... April 5
- Budget Meeting..... April 12
- Work Session April 14
- ~~Budget Meeting..... April 19~~ Canceled
- Regular Meeting April 21
- Budget Meeting April 26
- Council Retreat May 12
- Work Session May 12
- Regular Meeting May 19
- Work Session June 9
- Regular Meeting June 16
- Work Session July 14
- Regular Meeting July 24
- Work Session August 11
- Regular Meeting August 18
- Work Session September 8
- Regular Meeting September 15
- Work Session October 13
- Regular Meeting October 20
- Work Session November 10
- Regular Meeting November 17
- Work Session December 8
- Regular Meeting December 15

All Council Work Sessions and Regular Meetings will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. All Council Retreats will be held at the Offices of Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks and Hart, PA, 416 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC beginning at 5:00 p.m. All Council Budget Sessions will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m. **3:00 PM at Town Hall.

*Green type indicates a completed leaf & limb collection



Golf Cart Registration

Town ordinances allow for residents to drive their properly equipped golf carts on River Bend streets provided that they are inspected by and registered with our Police Department. If you plan to drive your golf cart on the roadways, you must display the 2016 registration decal.

Inspection and registration are required annually. The registration fee for each golf cart is \$10.

For additional information and to make your inspection reservation, please call the River Bend Police Department at 638-1108.



Registration is Required for all Dogs and Cats

All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00 per pet.

Owners must present proof of rabies vaccination at the time of registration.



Pet I. D. Photos Now Available

The Town of River Bend is now offering residents the opportunity to link a digital photo of their registered pets to our Animal Registration database. When you register your pet this year, you may submit a photo by e-mail, or staff can scan a photo for you if you prefer. This photo database will help reunite lost pets with their owners more quickly in the event a pet becomes lost.

The service is voluntary and free of charge.

DOG PARK AT RIVER BEND



River Bend dogs have their own exercise area where they can play with other canines. Situated between the Town Park and Ritter Field, the dog park gives dogs a chance to run while their owners socialize.

The park is open from sunrise to sunset for dogs with proof of current vaccinations. Separate exercise areas accommodate large and small dogs.

For complete list of rules applicable to dog park use, please visit Town Hall for a brochure or view details on our web site at www.riverbendnc.org. Dog park rules are also posted at the entrance to the park.



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 at riverbendnc.org

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River Bend has a functional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). For more information about this group, or to volunteer, please contact the CERT liaison, Police Officer Brandon Rohrs and/or visit our web site.



If you have a medical condition for which you require any type of special medical care during a disaster or if your medical condition requires assistance to evacuate during a disaster, you may wish to apply to Craven County for their Special Needs Registry. The River Bend Police Department can provide you with the appropriate form and provide some basic information about the County's program.



River Bend has a very active Community Watch program, supported by our Police Department. If you are interested in volunteering, call the River Bend Police Department at 638-3870.



River Bend has a skateboard park to meet the needs of some of our more athletic residents.

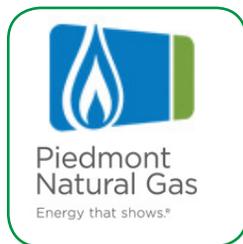
A signed parental approval form is required and helmet use is strictly enforced. For more information about the skateboard park, visit our web site or call the River Bend Police Department at 638-1108.



Our Wildwood Storage Facility offers a variety of indoor and outdoor storage areas to meet all of your storage needs, including parking spaces for RVs and boats. For more information, call 638-3870, ext 216.



The Arbor Day Foundation awarded the Town of River Bend the Tree City USA designation for a seventh consecutive year. River Bend is one of only 86 communities in North Carolina to achieve this designation. To learn more about Tree City USA, visit our web site.



INTERESTED IN NATURAL GAS?

As Piedmont Natural Gas plans expansion of their system, they take into account requests for new customer service. If you are interested in Natural Gas Service, let them know you want their service. Like any other business, they need to invest where there is a higher likelihood of some return on the investment. You can express your interest by calling Piedmont's customer service number and telling them your address and telling them that you would like Piedmont Natural Gas to serve River Bend. The number to call is: 1-800-752-7504.



Solicitation List Update

In accordance with the Town of River Bend Code of Ordinances, § 13.01.006, "Regulation of Solicitors," the Town is currently updating its lists of residents who would like to receive solicitations at their door.

Door-to-door solicitation will be permitted only at those addresses on the list. To add your name to the list of those wishing to receive solicitations please call the Town Clerk at 638-3870, ext. 202 or e-mail her at townclerk@riverbendnc.org. Residents who do not wish to receive solicitations need do nothing.