

RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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The Red Caboose Library

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

River Bend is fortunate to have several volunteer organizations that provide important services to our residents, and I hope to devote an article to each of them in coming months. The subject of this article is the Red Caboose Library.

I've been told that the Library had its origin in the trunk of Mr. Ed Nittoli's car, and that his love of reading kindled the development of the River Bend Red Caboose Library. The Library was destined to be located in the caboose. This space was provided by the owner of the Wildwood Drive storage structures. Despite the caboose's state of disrepair, it offered the luxury of a larger space, so the Library was moved out of Mr. Nittoli's trunk into the caboose and became the Red Caboose Library. When the Town acquired the Wildwood buildings and land in 2000, the caboose was situated behind the Public Works building, and that also became Town property. At the time the Library moved into the caboose, Mrs.

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Audrey Muller accepted responsibility for running it. A large group of volunteers—including her husband, Frank—assisted her in the endeavor. A World War II Army veteran, Frank, once told me, "John, I want you to know that I was drafted into this library position."

When the Town acquired this property, the caboose was in poor condition, sitting on timber blocks just at ground level. Because the caboose wasn't weather-tight and had limited space, Mr. Nittoli, Mrs. Muller and the Library Board petitioned the Town Council to grant the Library a room in the newly acquired Wildwood barn and further requested that the Town provide water and electric service to the Library

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without charge. After deliberation, the Council agreed to this arrangement, and the Red Caboose Library relocated from the caboose to its present location.

In 2004, a group of River Benders, in appreciation of Mr. Nittoli's founding of the Library, dedicated a plaque in his memory. It is located on the wall the just outside the Library entrance. When Mrs. Muller moved away from River Bend a few years ago, Ms. Luci Avery succeeded her as Library Board Chair.



The Library uses annual membership dues to fund contracts for the rotating collection of books available to its members. The Red Caboose Library, in one form or another, has served River Bend for most of the years since River Bend has been a town.

I offer a special thanks to Ms. Avery, Mrs. Muller, Mr. Nittoli and all the volunteers who have served with them through the years. You are appreciated, and the entire Town benefits from your dedicated service. ●



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER DREW HAVENS

As I write this brief report, the images of River Bend's Fourth of July Celebration are still fresh in my mind. This event continues to be a model of a traditional small town Independence Day celebration and each year it continues to improve. The presence of our Marine neighbors leading our parade is a poignant reminder of the countless men and women who fought to secure and preserve our independence and continue

to do so today. From the selfless volunteers who work to organize and operate this event, to all those who participated in the parade, brought food to share, or just watched the parade; this community can be proud of their celebration.

Now that we are in our new fiscal year, work is underway to implement the projects funded in this year's budget. Work will begin in July on our annual street paving projects. This year we will pave Masters Court, Knollwood Court, a small loop off Gangplank Road, and do some patching work on Anchor Way. Work

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will also be completed in July on a project to repair trip hazards on the sidewalks in Town Hall park. Our major stormwater project on Efir Boulevard is under contract and will also be completed soon. We will issue a change order on this project to have

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the contractor replace a failed drainage pipe under Bowline Drive that caused a part of the roadway to fail. Many of our other smaller, but important, projects are underway under the direction of our Director of Public Works and Chief of

Police. Our Finance Department is busy closing out the last fiscal year and ensuring a smooth transition to the new one. They are also compiling information for our independent auditors who will be on-site early in August.

The new leaf and limb schedule was distributed in the most recent water bill and is available on-line and at Town Hall. Our Police Department continues its effort to “educate” residents on the appropriate time to place debris at the roadside, and enforce many other regulations that maintain the appearance of the Town. They do their best to see all violations, but they, and our Assistant Zoning Administrator, certainly appreciate hearing from residents who have concerns. Remember that all bagged yard waste must be in clear bags or have a label on it showing the name and address of the source of the debris.

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This July I celebrate my 10th anniversary in local government administration. While I enjoyed my time working in the private sector and working in law enforcement, I have found my chosen career field to be far more fulfilling. In the same month, I celebrate the end of my fourth year serving the Town of

River Bend. The opportunity to work with dedicated folks who chose to take on the burden of elected office, and with those who chose a career working in the public sector, continues to be a reminder of why I entered this field. It is truly a pleasure to serve all who call this fine community home. ●

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011

OFFICE HOURS
FOR

ASSISTANT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
Chris Harmon

ARE AS FOLLOW:

MONDAY — THURSDAY
8:00 — 3:30
FRIDAY
8:00 — 3:00



ZONING REPORT

BY CHRIS HARMON
ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
AND FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER

My position as Assistant Zoning Administrator and Flood Plain Administrator for River Bend involves several duties. My primary responsibility includes issuing zoning permits for our residents. For the month of July, 4 permits have been issued in the zoning and floodplain development department. These permits include permits for a bulkhead, masonry work, and a fence. Permit fees totaled \$324.40.

Even though we are in a level 2 drought, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone that hurricane season started June 1st and there is plenty to be done to prepare for what the experts are predicting to be a very busy year with 12 to 18 named storms of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher). This could mean many cases or chances of flooding. Should you have concerns about flooding, or if you would like

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information on techniques to make your home more resistant to flooding, please contact me immediately to schedule an appointment. Flooding causes enormous amounts of damage each year and, while we can't always prevent floods from happening, there are many things we can do to help alleviate and mitigate damages

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should such an event occur. Should you not have flood insurance on your home and personal belongings, please feel free to contact me to discuss flood insurance and your options. Please know that the sooner you do, the better as there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance for it to become effective. I strongly urge everyone in our community to get flood insurance; even if you don't live in the 100-year flood zone. As we all know, flooding can happen anywhere.

For all of our residents, please know that residents or contractors must secure a permit before beginning any construction project. Our most typical projects include new construction, garages, driveways, utility buildings, porches, decks, pools,

fences, and drainage structures, but these are not the only items that require a permit. Please call Town Hall before starting work on any project. The Town of River Bend works closely with the Craven County Planning and Inspections Department on all construction projects; Craven County will not issue a building permit until a contractor or resident provides a River Bend Permit. They also will not issue a Certificate of Occupancy until you present a Certificate of Zoning Compliance from River Bend for your completed project. All areas of River Bend, including our extraterritorial jurisdictions, must comply with our Land Use Ordinance. If you, or someone you know, are thinking about doing any work to your property, please contact me at 638-3870 ext. 216 so that all necessary paperwork can be completed. Please, also, share this information with your neighbors and, most especially, new residents if you should learn that they are about to begin any type of construction project.

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Enforcement of the Town Code and Land Use Ordinances are essential to the well being of the Town and its residents. If you are aware of a violation, please contact me immediately at 638-3870 ext. 216. If I am unavailable to help you, the Police Department is an essential tool in helping to enforce Town Ordinances; feel free to contact them at 638-1108. ●



**WRD/PW
JUNE REPORT**
BY CHRISTINA M. MASSENGILL
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works and Water Resources have been busy this month preparing for the Independence Day celebration while keeping up with their regular duties.

Public Works completed the installation of the fitness equipment and drinking water fountain along the walking trail in Ritter Field and Town Commons. They also installed Park Rules signs and instruction signs at each fitness station. Mike continues on the construction of trash/recycle holders for the Town Hall and Town parks. Mike and Allen made several minor stormwater piping repairs at 207 Shoreline Drive and 407 Plantation Drive. Stormwater work will continue into July on Norbury Drive, Clipper Court, and Quarterdeck. Public Works will also be doing some minor patching and sealing of various roadways beginning in July. The Town’s paving contractor will also begin their work in Town. We have experienced some minor vandalism in the Town parks and public facilities. Some of the new

park signs have been destroyed and the Park restrooms that were just renovated have been vandalized. If anyone notices people in or around the Town facilities after hours Please, contact the River Bend Police at 638-1108 as soon as possible.

Water Resources spent the month of June smoke testing sewerlines in Canebrake, Lakemere, Mulberry, and other parts of Town. They found several minor problems with broken sewer cleanouts, most likely damaged by lawn maintenance crews. If you notice damage to any utility, please report it to River Bend Water Resources in order for it to get repaired in a timely manner. Brandon, Tommy, and Lamar completed the installation of 100 back flow preventers on water meters. This project will continue at 100 per year until all water meters in Town are outfitted with back flow protection. Using the sewer camera Brandon has located two sewer repairs that will need contracted servic-

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es to repair because of the depth and location of the problems. We are in the process of acquiring pricing for these repairs and plan to have them completed in July to allow for the paving contractor to repair the pavement cut required to make repairs. As soon as permitting is secure, W.O. White will be connecting Sprindale and Piner Estates to the Town’s Water System. This will offer residents in these areas water a little cheaper, as the City of New Bern charges “out of town” rates. Residents in these areas will no longer be charged these rates which will decrease their costs.

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If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Departments, please call us at 638-3540, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by dialing the 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 then 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. ●



**What's Happen'n
(around River Bend)**
BY COUNCILMAN PHIL SEYMOUR

COUNCIL DEPARTURES AND ADDITIONS

If you attended our recent work or regular Council sessions recently or watched the replay of the regular session on CATV - 10, you are aware that two of our councilmen have left the Council. Charlie Sharpe, a long-time Council member, came to the difficult decision that for personal reasons he could not continue in his role as councilman any longer. Charlie has held the council liaison position to the Planning Board for several years and has ushered through innumerable ordinance/zoning amendments and additions in this capacity. He, along with the Town's Mayor, also served as the "corporate memory" for the Council, a vital function for those of us who joined the Council more recently. The Town owes Charlie and his wife, Bonnie, a debt of gratitude for his long years of dedicated service. We wish them both many blessings and good health!

We also lost Bertram Linkonis this same month (June). Bert, a retired Marine Corps officer, joined the Council about three and a half years ago. You may recall his rather unique election campaign during which he roamed the streets of our Town on his riding lawn mower displaying his "Vote for Linkonis" sign. His imaginative method of getting his name out (as he had only arrived in River Bend a few months before) reflected his warm humor that he carried into the Council chambers for the duration of his tenure. Since his election, Bert served first as liaison to the Environmental and Waterways Advisory Board (EWAB) and later as liaison to Public Safety (police) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He has been an active and thoughtful member of our Council and will also be sorely missed. He and his wife, Suzanne, are moving to Chester, Virginia, just outside of Richmond, in order to be closer to their children and grandchildren. We wish them the very best as well!

Replacing Charlie will be former Councilwoman Brenda Garvey. It's good to have her back! And I understand that there are a couple of interested residents for Bert's seat as well.

DETERIORATING BULKHEADS

This applies particularly to the folks living along Plantation Canal. The bulkheads fronting Plantation Canal (other than those that have already been replaced) were all installed in the same general time-frame (around 1978 or so). The significance of this is that they are all beginning to fail at about the same time as well. I would

recommend that residents in this area take a look at your bulkheads while the water is low and see just what condition they are in. You may want to start thinking of having these repaired or replaced (as necessary) before they fail altogether. Many of your neighbors have already done so and can likely provide you with valuable information about this process.

ANTI-LITTER PROCLAMATION

July was Anti-litter Month. The mayor signed a proclamation to that effect for the purpose of making our residents more aware of the adverse effect litter has on our fine Town. Homeowners - if you see litter on your property, that of a neighbor, or on the street, please take a moment and pick it up. Walkers - please do the same. Everyone - if you see anyone throw litter on our streets, please contact our Police (638-1108) and they will handle it from there. Littering or allowing litter to remain where it was discarded is the ultimate showing of a lack of respect for our Town. I think we all want to be proud of our individual properties and the Town as a whole.

RESIDENT ANIMALS

Just a word of warning—many of our Town’s animal population will be out and about these days and nights. You might want to watch for them on the roads (particularly at dusk and before daybreak). Foxes will have had their kits by now and will be out searching for food both during the day and the night. Deer will be foraging for food as well, and turtles may still be crossing roads to lay their eggs (though most will have done so already). Just be alert for the unexpected!

JULY FOURTH

The July 4th parade and post-parade festivities went off without any major glitches and apparently a good time was “had by all.” Participants came from as far as Raleigh to participate. Kudos to all of our residents who came together to make this event the success that it was. Pats on the back as well to our many, many residents who came out to enjoy our nation’s 235th birthday celebration—you all helped make it special! Have a great summer!!! ●

COMING EVENTS

*Work Session
August 11, 2011
7:00 P.M.
Town Hall*

*Council Meeting
August 18
7:00 P.M.
Town Hall*

*Zone 1
Leaf & Limb Pick Up
Begins
September 17
begin placing debris at street on
July 13*

*Zone 2
Leaf & Limb Pick Up
Begins
September 26
begin placing debris at street on
July 20*

*Notice
Animal Registration Fees
were increased to
\$10.00 per pet
beginning
July 1, 2011*

*Notice
New Zoning Hours
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*



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**Leaf & Limb
Collection
Schedule for
2011-2012**

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

- July 18, 2011
(July 13, 2011)
- September 19, 2011
(September 14, 2011)
- November 7, 2011
(November 2, 2011)
- January 9, 2012
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 4, 2012)
- March 19, 2012
(March 14, 2012)
- May 14, 2012
May 9, 2012

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

- July 25, 2011
(July 20, 2011)
- September 26, 2011
(September 21, 2011)
- November 14, 2011
November 9, 2011
- January 16, 2012
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 11, 2012)
- March 26, 2012
(March 21, 2012)
- May 21, 2012
(May 16, 2012)

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

**Town Council
2011 Meeting Dates**

- Work Session January 13
- Regular Meeting January 20
- Council Retreat February 1
- Work Session February 10
- Regular Meeting February 17
- Budget Meeting..... March 8
- Work Session March 10
- Budget Meeting..... March 15
- 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
- Regular Meeting April 21
- Council Retreat May 10
- Work Session May 12
- Regular Meeting May 19
- Work Session June 9
- Regular Meeting June 16
- Work Session July 14
- Regular Meeting July 21
- Council Retreat August 2
- Work Session August 11
- Regular Meeting August 18
- Work Session September 8
- Regular Meeting September 15
- Work Session October 13
- Regular Meeting October 20
- Council Retreat November 1
- Work Session November 10
- Regular Meeting November 17
- Work Session December 8
- Regular Meeting December 15

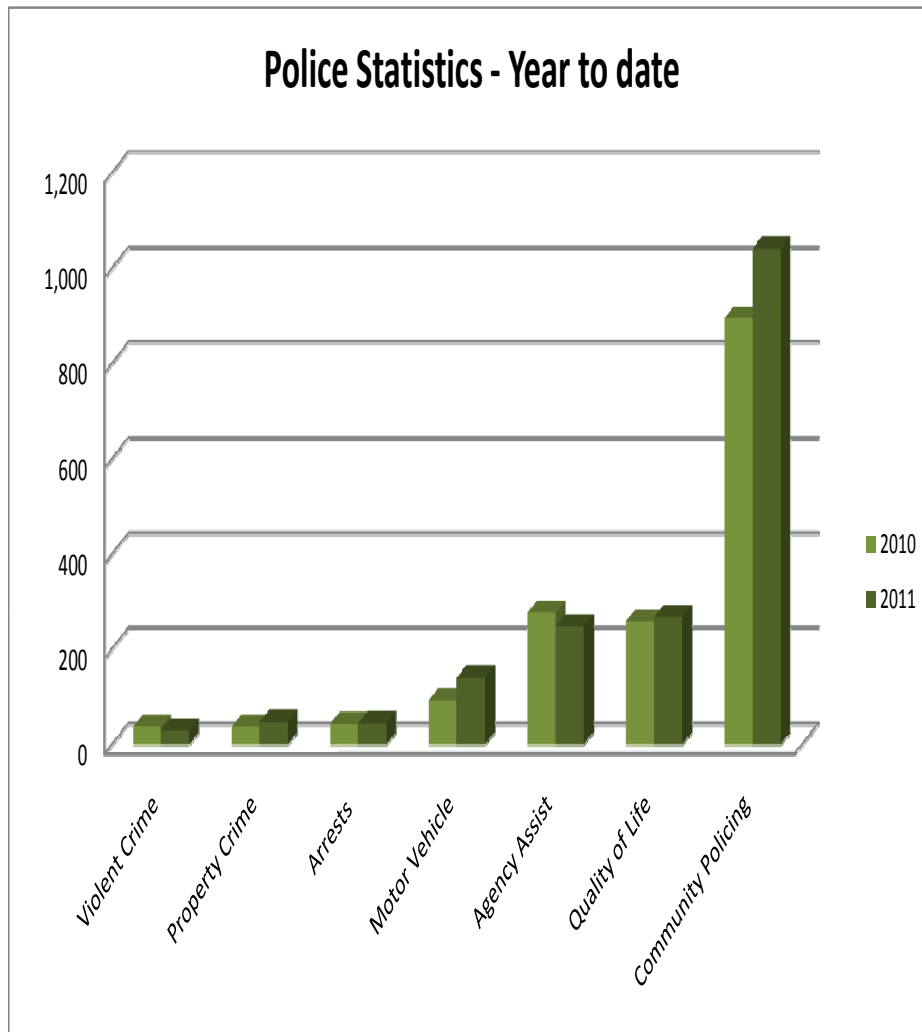


POLICE REPORT

EARL "DUKE" PRATT
CHIEF OF POLICE

CYTD REPORT as of June 2011

	2010	2011
Violent Crime	36	28
Property Crime	36	47
Arrests	43	44
Motor Vehicle	92	140
Agency Assist	276	246
Quality of Life	258	267
Community Policing	895	1,041
Total Activity	1,636	1,813



- Violent Crime: Includes Assault, Robbery, and Domestic
- Property Crime: Includes B&E, Identity Theft, Larcenies, Property Damage
- Arrests: Includes Summonses, Subpoena, and Involuntary Commitments
- Motor Vehicle: Includes Crashes, Warnings, Citations, and Complaints
- Agency Assist: Includes other Law Enforcement, EMS/First Responders, and Fire
- Quality of Life: Animal Complaints, Littering, Loud Music/Noise, Soliciting, Town Ordinance Citations and Warnings
- Community Policing: Includes Alarms, Assist Citizens, Assist Motorists, Juvenile Complaints, Missing Persons, Residential Checks, Roadway Debris, Suspicious Persons, Trespassing, Weapons & Hunting Violations, Welfare Checks



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.

Inspection and registration are required annually. Registration for 2011 will begin in December. 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.



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.

Morning Call in River Bend

an important new service for our residents



Morning Call is an automated telephone calling service provided by the River Bend Police Department in its mission to ensure the safety and well being of all town residents. Please call 638-3870 for details.



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.



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.



Animal Registration Fee Increase Notice

Beginning July 1, 2011, the fee for registering pets will increase to \$10.00 per pet.

Town ordinances require pet owners to register their dogs and cats annually.

This may be done at Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.

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

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.



This spring, the Arbor Day Foundation awarded the Town of River Bend the Tree City USA designation for a second consecutive year. We are one of only 76 communities in North Carolina to achieve this designation. To learn more about Tree City USA, visit our web site.



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



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.