

# RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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## RIVER BEND AND HURRICANE IRENE

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

Despite the large number of downed trees and the huge piles of storm debris throughout our Town, River Bend actually fared better during Hurricane Irene than many communities along the eastern seaboard. The unusually slow-moving storm prevented any remediation response until early Saturday evening. Fortunately, because there was ample warning that this would be a major storm and that the surge tide was expected to cause flooding in flood-prone areas during hurricanes, Town staff and residents had ample time to prepare.

This article will consider both pre- and post-storm actions taken by the Town.

### PRE-STORM ACTION:

Two days before the storm the Town Manager met with staff and specified actions to be taken to secure Town assets and ensure, as much as possible, the proper functioning of Town emergency equipment. Particular attention was given to the status of the emergency

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generators that support the operation of the Town’s water and wastewater utilities. The generators were fueled to capacity and were given an extra test run. Water Resources employees Lamar Trowell and Brandon Mills remained on duty during the storm to keep the water and wastewater utilities operational, and the equipment functioned well throughout a nearly two-day power interruption. Staff secured all loose items, and the Mayor made a “reverse 911” call to all residents to convey information provided to the Town by Craven County Emergency Services Director Stanley Kite.

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Progress Energy representatives called and emailed the Town Manager and the Mayor to provide emergency contact information.

**STORM EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

Power failed early Saturday morning. Town Hall shifted to emergency power using the generator that also runs one of the Town's water wells and one wastewater lift station. When normal telephone service and internet connections were lost, staff communicated by cell phone and radio. Police protection

continued with Sgt. Riegelsperger and Officers Fulk and Nelson carrying out their regular shift duties plus the added demands of hurricane response. The Town can be proud of our Police Department at all times, but these officers performed extremely well during this weather emergency. Of special note was Officer Nelson's outstand-

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Recovery from any emergency demands a plan and a single director to execute it. Without this approach, response will only minimal recovery and will, in fact, squander resources. On Sunday morning Manager Havens had the recovery plan in place and moved quickly to execute it. Briefly stated, the plan called for opening all streets to near normal traffic with main connector streets being the first priority and then moving to neighborhood streets.

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ing professional performance because she had joined the Police Department as a full-time officer earlier that week.

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The activated CERT team, under the direction of Mr. Gary Novak, surveyed the Town for damage and recorded the information in compliance with FEMA requirements. CERT Members Dana Donahue and Mike Chase assisted Manager Havens and Mike Steffa to clear streets with chain saws. By early Sunday afternoon, the streets were clear.

### **BUSINESS LICENSES**

Due to the widespread damage from Hurricane Irene, the Council decided to require temporary business licenses for contractors planning to do business in River Bend in the six weeks immediately following the storm. The business licenses are required to prevent unscrupulous contractors from taking advantage of residents. Years ago, residents in Charleston, South Carolina were victimized by such contractors in the wake of Hurricane Hugo. They descended on the area and collected money for poor quality work or collected money up front and then did no work. To obtain a temporary business license a contractor must provide identification, an address, and proof of liability insurance. The permit is issued without a fee. The single intent of this process is to protect our citizens. Early Sunday morning, we posted signs directing all contractors to secure temporary business licenses at Town Hall. Town Clerk Ann Katsuyoshi developed the licensing program, and by late Sunday afternoon, she had issued several temporary business licenses.

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On Sunday morning Governor Perdue’s husband and DENR Secretary Dee Freeman visited Town Hall. They were pleased to learn that the utilities were operating normally, and they commented positively on the recovery efforts already underway. Town staff reported for work on Monday morning and began tackling storm related issues in addition to their regular duties. The Red Caboose Library building suffered roof damage. The Town’s engineer visited the site on Sunday afternoon, and identified needed repairs and arranged for a vendor to make emergency repairs which were completed by Tuesday.

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## LEAF & LIMB COLLECTION

The Town's Leaf and Limb collection contractor, K. A. Jones, is obligated contractually to respond to the Town's need for storm debris removal immediately following a major weather event. Prior to the storm Manager Havens notified Mr. Keven Jones to mobilize his equipment and crew. K. A. Jones began the massive clean-up effort on Sunday and modified the usual collection method by utilizing larger trucks and heavy loading equipment. Having the immediate response clause in our contract—in addition to meeting other specific criteria—allows us to qualify for FEMA assistance following the storm.

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## PROGRESS ENERGY

Beginning the day before the hurricane, Progress Energy representatives contacted Manager Havens and me at least twice daily until all power was restored. During those contacts, we reported which areas of Town were without service. Progress Energy has an emergency plan, and they worked their plan. The electric service to Town is an internal grid and it has many individual legs each served by a trans-

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former. It is understandable for customers to feel frustrated when they can see lights in a nearby neighborhood yet their homes remain dark; however, Progress Energy was working to restore all service as quickly as possible. In fairness, their response was massive and problems were resolved with as much speed as safety allowed.

In conclusion, River Bend was blessed in that there were no serious injuries and many neighbors immediately began helping others with recovery.

Some readers may disagree with my assessment of the events that occurred during Hurricane Irene, but this article is based on my personal observation. The Town staff deserves this expression of appreciation. They not only work hard each day but they also care about the residents of our Town. ●



**TOWN MANAGER'S  
REPORT**

BY TOWN MANAGER DREW HAVENS

Our Town was well prepared for Hurricane Irene, and your professional staff did an outstanding job to make these preparations, respond during the storm, and throughout the storm recovery process. It is important to know that all of your roads had at least one lane opened the night the storm passed, and all your roads had two lanes open the next day. Even more important is the fact that due to preparation, and diligent operation, we had no interruptions in water service and no

sewer overflows or malfunctions. This was no small feat, and one that was accomplished with a staff that was flexible, and able to respond quickly to changing conditions, all in weather that makes one want to remain sheltered.

As we transitioned to the recovery phase of our response to Hurricane Irene, we were assisted by an able group of volunteers from your River Bend CERT. These folks were called in early on Sunday morning and worked with Town staff throughout the day to assess

damage, remove trees from roadways, and speak with residents about the recovery efforts. This group trains hard for events such as this and their selfless dedication to their community is to be commended. If you want to join CERT, you can find information on our website, or contact the Police Department for more information.

Although well out of our control, there were residents who remained without

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power for three days after the storm. While inconvenient, the fact that Progress Energy was able to get the entire town back up and running within three days after an event such as this is truly worthy of our appreciation. We remained in contact with them and they with us to keep us informed and to listen

to our reports of outages. As I write this message, on September 1, there are still thousands of people in this and adjoining counties who do not have power. We should all consider ourselves fortunate to have all our services restored so quickly.

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and we all need to learn from our successes and failures during this event in order to be better prepared for the next one. We are doing that from our perspective and know that there were some areas in which we need to improve for the next event. Similarly, I looked at my personal storm preparations and see where I need to make some changes in how I am prepared. As we all process our response and recovery related to Irene, keep in mind that the next storm could be worse. If you see changes you need to make in how you respond and recover, now is the time to make plans for these changes. That is what I will do individually, and what your town staff will do as an organization.

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As summer ends and we transition to fall, we continue our work of maintaining our infrastructure and implementing projects outlined in the current budget. We were very pleased to see how well the completed drainage improvements on Efirid Boulevard worked during the heavy rains associated with Hurricane Irene. Contracts for two more projects, one stormwater and one water system related,

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will be issued this month. I encourage you to read Public Works Director Massengill’s report in the River Bender and this on-line newsletter to learn more about the work she and her team does to maintain and improve our water and wastewater systems, stormwater drain-

age, and buildings and grounds. In addition to what you read in her report, they also remain proactive in identifying needs for substantial planned maintenance and improvement that can be considered in future budget processes.

As always, many thanks to the members of all our advisory boards and the countless other volunteers who do so much for this community. Thank you also to the many kind and considerate people who take the time to lend a hand or kind word to their neighbors or to those of us who are fortunate enough to work for this outstanding town. This community is better because you serve. It is truly my pleasure to serve you and serve with you. ●



**WRD/PW  
AUGUST REPORT**

BY CHRISTINA M. MASSENGILL  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Preparation for Hurricane Irene has made August a very busy month for Public Works and Water Resources. I have to hand it to the Public Works and Water Resources teams: they worked before, during, and after the storm to keep the Town operational. I am happy to say that the water and wastewater systems were operational throughout the entire event. Due the diligence of the staff, we did not issue a “Boil Water” notice or report any sewer overflows during the storm. Even though some team members suffered damage at their own properties, they were able to come in to begin the clean up process. Please, take the time to thank them for all their hard work for the residents of River Bend. Thanks guys, job well done.

Public Works staff worked very hard securing all Town facilities and grounds before Irene hit. Currently the Town Hall Park is closed because of a tree

down that damaged the sidewalk. We are waiting on A-1 Tree to come in and take care of several fallen or leaning trees throughout Town. At the present time A-1 Tree is dealing with emergency tree removals and plans to be caught up by the week

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of September 19th. We are looking for most of the Town’s fallen trees to be taken care of by the end of September. The Leaf and Limb contractor is making his first pass through Town and will be making at least one more pass before the debris pick up will be complete. Mike and Allen will be spending the rest of September and most likely October to complete all storm related clean up, while keeping up with their regular duties. Even though River Bend saw some damage, we are all very fortunate. I know folks in Craven and Pamlico counties who lost everything they have worked for all their lives due to the flooding. These people are in desperate need of donations of clothes, cleaning supplies, and hygiene items. Please donate any of the items listed to the Red Cross in Craven or Pamlico County or any local church to help these families.

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Water Resources Operators also prepared the water and sewer facilities for Irene. As I said before, all water and wastewater facilities were operational during the entire storm event. All Operators will be assisting Public Works with the debris clean

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up over the next couple of months.

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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. ●



**ZONING REPORT**

BY CHRIS SANTOS  
ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
AND FLOOD PLAIN MANAGER

If your property has sustained damage due to Hurricane Irene and/or flooding as a result of Hurricane Irene and is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area, please contact me at Town Hall before starting or contracting to have any work done to your property. The Town of River Bend must issue a permit before any work is to be commenced. There will be no charge for permits due to repairs for 30 days.

For all of our residents, please know that residents or contractors must secure a permit before beginning any construction project. 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,

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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 or repair project.

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 Chris Harmon immediately at 638-3870 ext. 216. Also, the Police Department is an essential tool in helping to enforce Town Ordinances; feel free to contact them at 638-1108.



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

#### **HURRICANE IRENE ISSUES**

Hurricane Irene has now passed and the Town is on the road to recovery (though much leaf and limb material still remains to be collected as of today's writing). Several issues warrant comment, just for everyone's current and future interest.

#### **BRAVO ZULU (THANKS)**

Mayor John Kirkland and Town Manager Drew Havens both took up residence in the Town Hall the night before, the day of, and the night after Hurricane Irene. They slept on the floor those two nights and did this to ensure that neither of them would be prevented by high winds or flooding from responding to any hurricane related emergencies as they arose. Both, I'm sure, would have much preferred to wait out the storm in the comfort of their own homes, rather than by sleeping on cots in the Town Hall. For this, I believe both the Mayor and Manager deserve our profound thanks! In addition, the Manager was among those intrepid souls who ventured out in the height of the storm when the high winds blew down a large pine tree across Shoreline Drive opposite from Riverbend Market. Drew was out in the driving rain and howling wind (not to mention falling tree limbs, etc.) with a chain saw to clear the road for any emergency vehicles that might attempt to answer a call. Incidentally, he is also a volunteer fireman at the Rhems-Tuscarora station. Again, well done to them both!

#### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Residents need to be aware that emergency personnel (police, First Responders, fire, etc.) may not be able to respond to a call during storms when the high winds, flooding, downed trees, etc. prevent them from doing so. Anyone with special needs

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(oxygen, medication, etc.) may want to consider stocking up on anything they may need for the duration of the storm and several days thereafter. Or, they may wish to consider leaving the area and moving in with family or friends. Even for someone without special needs, it may be impossible or impractical for emergency personnel to respond if one suffers an injury during the storm. Keep in mind that most of us live on the Trent River side of the bridge near the Town Hall and that this area is typically flooded and vehicles, emergency or other, cannot safely cross to the other side.

### **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

While natural disasters sometimes bring out the worst in people, it also brings out the best in others. And in River Bend, it appears that many, many of our residents fall into the latter category. One neighbor that I know of came down and cleaned up the front and back yard of an elderly couple (among others that he helped) who were away in upstate New York. Another good friend spent three days cleaning both the inside and outside of another neighbor's home. And these are only two of the many who came out to assist their neighbors. To all of you who contributed to your neighbors' wellbeing by helping out in this time of strife - many thanks! It's greatly appreciated! ●

**ELECTIONS  
2011**

Election Day  
Tuesday, November 8

## **Candidates Forum**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17  
7:00 P.M. — TOWN HALL

During election years, the Town traditionally conducts a "Candidates' Night" Forum, and this year it will take place at Town Hall on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor is running unopposed. There are two Town Council positions on the ballot, with three candidates—listed below alphabetically—running for office:

Brenda Garvey • Egon Lippert • Barbara Maurer

The format of the forum will be the same as in past years, with a moderator who resides outside River Bend. A drawing will be held to determine the order in which candidates will be asked questions. Each candidate will make opening remarks to be followed by questions that representatives from the [Sun Journal](#) and the [River Bender](#) have prepared in advance. After a break, the moderator will ask candidates questions submitted by citizens in attendance. All remarks by the candidates will be timed so that each will have an equal opportunity to state a position on questions asked. The work of the Town Council is critical to every citizen in the community.

Please show your interest in electing the Town's Governing Body by participating in this event. ●

# COMING EVENTS

*Work Session  
October 8, 2011  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall*

*Council Meeting  
October 15, 2011  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall*

*Candidates Night  
Monday, October 17  
7:00 p.m.  
Town Hall*

*Community Day  
Town-Wide Yard Sales  
Saturday,  
October 29, 2011*

*Shredding Event  
Saturday, November 5  
Town Commons  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

*Games Night  
Town Hall  
Wednesday, November 9  
6:30 p.m.*



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NEWS**

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**MAYOR**  
John Kirkland

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Egon Lippert  
Brenda Garvey  
Phil Seymour  
Irving "Bud" Van Slyke, Jr.  
Karl Wolfer

**TOWN MANAGER**  
Drew Havens

**TOWN CLERK**  
Ann Katsuyoshi

**FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR**  
Margaret Marshburn

**POLICE CHIEF**  
Earl "Duke" Pratt

**DIRECTOR OF  
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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 informa-  
tion about River Bend's Leaf  
& Limb collection program,  
please see our Ordinance online  
at [www.riverbendnc.org](http://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

\*Green type indicates a completed leaf & limb collection

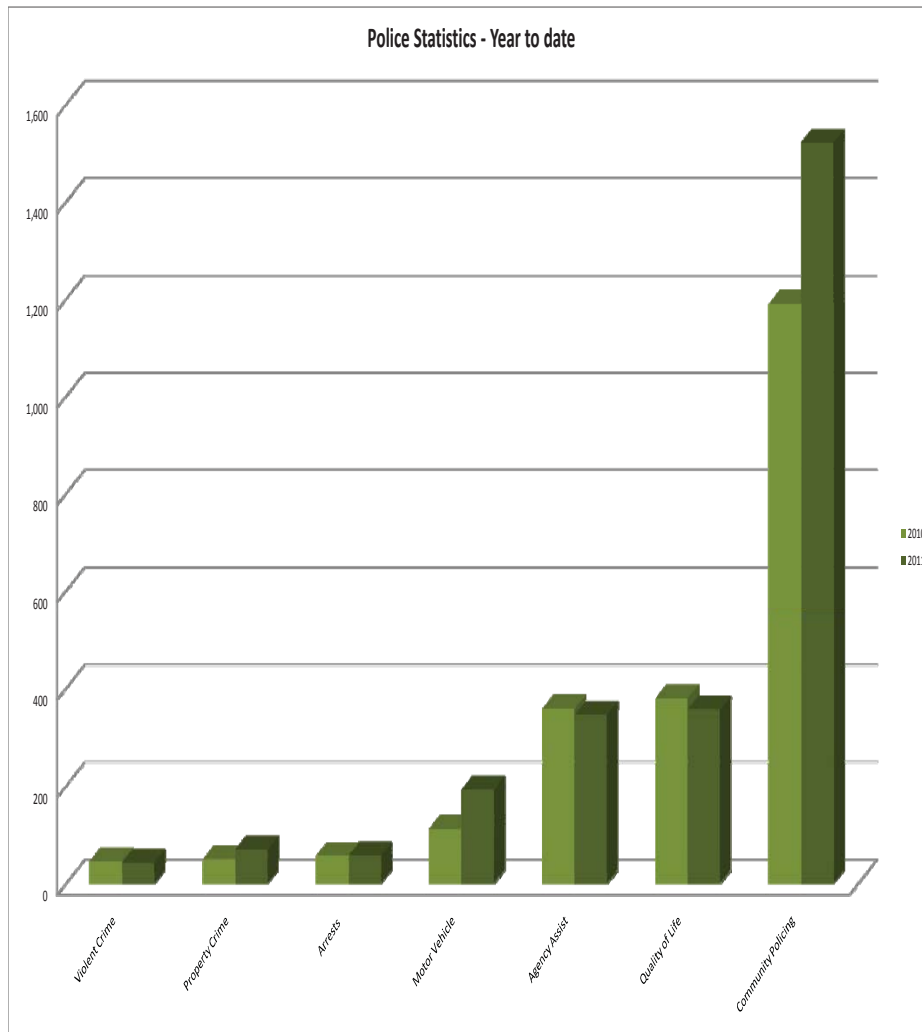


## CYTD REPORT as of August 2011

	2010	2011
Violent Crime	46	43
Property Crime	50	70
Arrests	57	58
Motor Vehicle	113	193
Agency Assist	359	346
Quality of Life	380	357
Community Policing	1,190	1,522
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>2,589</b>

### POLICE REPORT

EARL "DUKE" PRATT  
CHIEF OF POLICE



**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.



Sign up for our  
**Emergency Notification System**  
 and receive timely emergency notifications by telephone, cell phone and e-mail.

**SIGN UP NOW**  
 at [riverbendnc.org](http://riverbendnc.org)

*this service provided by the  
 Town of River Bend through*




### Games Night

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9  
6:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL

*River Bend Parks & Recreation  
presents  
Old Fashioned Board Game Night*

Parks & Recreation will supply card tables, some board games and light refreshments.

Bring yourself, bring a friend and bring your favorite board game.

Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Hall



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.



## Shredding Event

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011  
9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
TOWN COMMONS PARKING LOT

On Saturday, November 5th, the Town of River Bend will hold a Shredding Event from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Town Commons parking lot. A large shredder will be brought in on a truck. This event is open to all River Bend residents at no charge; however, there will be some rules:

- ◆ Household paper only
- ◆ Staples and paperclips allowed—remove binder clips and notebooks
- ◆ Individual CDs and DVDs can be shredded (remove jewel cases)
- ◆ Boxes must be able to be carried by hand by the individual
- ◆ Vehicles are to enter the lot from Plantation Drive and will exit to Wildwood Drive
- ◆ Town staff/volunteers will direct and assist with traffic flow and other logistics

Please notify your neighbors about this event. If you have any questions, please call Town Clerk Ann Katsuyoshi at 638-3870, ext. 202.



## Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Collection

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011  
8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
800 COLLEGE COURT  
NEW BERN, NC

Once annually, the Coastal Environmental Partnership sponsors a series of Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Days in Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties.

Materials accepted: latex and oil paints, used motor oil, lawn and garden fertilizer and pesticides, farm pesticides, gasoline, drain openers, paint thinners, cooking oil, anti-freeze and batteries.

The Coastal Environmental Partnership also will accept computers, CRTs, printers, televisions, used cell phones and other electronic waste for recycling from HOUSEHOLDS ONLY.

**Not Accepted:** Gas Cylinders; Explosives; Ammunition; infectious, biological or radioactive wastes; commercial waste (except farm pesticides) commercial or institutional electronics; no mystery cans (everything must be labeled or easily identified)

**STATE LAW FORBIDS THEM FROM ACCEPTING MATERIALS FROM COMMERCIAL SOURCES!**



## 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](http://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.



### Animal Registration Fee Increase Notice

**Effective July 1, 2011, the animal registration fee increased 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.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011**

OFFICE HOURS FOR

ASSISTANT ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
Chris Harmon

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