

# RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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## **River Bend, Through the Eyes of a Visitor**

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

Those of us who call River Bend home generally see the community differently than a visitor might. The day before our July Fourth celebration, a visitor stopped at Town Hall and asked if I could help him locate the home of a friend whom he had not seen in years. Unfortunately, his friend was not listed in the River Bend directory.

We chatted briefly, and the visitor shared with me his observations of our Town. He said that he had already driven several of our streets and was very impressed by the appearance of River Bend and with the pride homeowners demonstrated by maintaining their lawns and homes. He specifically mentioned the good condition of the Town streets.

I thanked the visitor from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for his unsolicited compliments. He told me that we should be proud of this community we enjoy every day.

It is useful, from time to time, to receive this type of spontaneous evaluation of our efforts to maintain and improve River Bend. Residents of any given city or town often do not consider what their hometown's appearance might present to visitors. We tend to take our everyday surroundings for granted, while visitors are quite likely to compare our town with their own or others they have visited.

The Town staff—with the ongoing involvement of the Town Council—performs a multitude of tasks each day that contribute to the quality of life in River Bend. While the visitor happened to comment specifically on the condition of our streets, we have the responsibility to maintain all elements of infrastructure because that is the foundation upon which everything is dependent. The pride of citizens in sharing

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the role of appearance and vitality of the municipality cannot be overstated as being a major contributing factor to the appearance of any municipality. The visitor noted the preparations already made for the July Fourth celebration, and I was pleased to tell him that our annual celebrations are successful because a large number of citizens are enthusiastically involved in the preparation and execution of the event.

We collectively work to support the Town as we know it today and as we envision it to be in future years. This will be our legacy to those who follow us.

Let us continue to work to not only maintain the present status of the Town but also to meet the challenge of continuing improvement. I extend my thanks to everyone who works hard to maintain individual property and as well as to the Town staff and Council who make the effort every day to serve the common good of our River Bend. ●

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**TOWN MANAGER'S  
REPORT**

BY TOWN MANAGER DREW HAVENS

I am pleased to report that many of our major projects in the fiscal year 2011-12 budget are complete. The annual roadway paving project was completed in July, and the major stormwater improvement project wrapped up in August. The two significant projects that are under contract but not complete are the purchase and connection of the water systems serving Springdale and Piner Estates, and the improvements in back-up power for our wastewater treatment plant and police/public works building. We expect these projects to be complete before the end of the calendar year.

As we get deeper into hurricane season, I would like to remind all to remain vigilant in monitoring weather and ensuring that you have thought through your plans for a large storm. Our web site has links to many sources of information to guide your thinking and planning. You can also help with the control of storm-

water in your neighborhood by ensuring that the swale on your property remains clear and the pipe under your driveway is free of obstructions. Our staff continues to maintain the swales and pipes for which we are responsible. If we all take care of our areas of responsibility, the system will work well and will allow us to identify areas in need of further attention.

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Some may have received a call from the City of New Bern within the past month regarding their “Code Red” telephone alert system. We have had a similar service in River Bend for over two years and only recently changed vendors for this ser-

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vice. Our new vendor, Delt Alert, is the same provider used by Craven County. Included in our contact database are the 911 listings for the properties in Town as provided by the telephone company. We also have many numbers from other Town databases. If you are unsure if you are in the database, please either visit our web site and click the link to sign

up, or contact the Town Hall and we can take care of it for you. We use this system for significant weather events and for other more routine notification as needed.

Please remember to visit our web site often for notices of upcoming events. We are also very pleased to work with Janey Anderson, the editor of the River Bender, to get these notices in that publication, and we post notices at Town Hall. Some recent notices include information about an upcoming flu shot clinic, a driver safety course, and our annual shred event. We realize that not all have

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As always, many thanks to the volunteers that serve River Bend, whether in an official or non-official capacity. Your efforts make this town a community. I also want to acknowledge the dedication of the members of the staff with whom I am privileged to work. Their efforts,

while sometimes unnoticed, are a primary reason that River Bend remains a safe, active, and attractive community. It is truly our pleasure to serve this town. ●



**WRD/PW  
July REPORT**

BY CHRISTINA M. MASSENGILL  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

I hope everyone had a great Independence Day. July is when the 2011-2012 budget begins, which means new projects begin. Public Works and Water Resources have been busy preparing for newly budgeted projects while keeping up with their daily duties. I would like to congratulate Brandon Mills, Lead Water Utility Operator on his new job title. He is now Field Supervisor for Water Resources and Public Works. This title allows Brandon to oversee and assist in all field operations for

both departments. Brandon is a very hard worker, and I see him doing well in this position making it a great benefit for the Town as work orders are being completed faster than ever.

Public Works has taken care of some minor roadway pothole patching throughout Town this month. The larger patching and paving was completed by Barnhill Paving Company. Barnhill also did the striping in the Town Hall parking lot. Precision Safe Sidewalks, Inc. repaired all the trip hazards along the

sidewalks at the Town Hall and Park area. Brandon and Allen also did some roadway shoulder work in several areas of Town that needed attention. Allen pressure washed the docks at the Town Hall Park after repairs were made to make them safer and more aesthetically appealing. Public works will be water sealing them

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soon. Brandon and Mike cleared some overgrown shrubbery in several rights-of-way around Town for increased sight distance at the intersections. They have also been inspecting and cleaning some troublesome stormwater drainage areas. Some of these areas just needed cleaning and others will need more work, such as filling with rock or digging out to grade to allow for proper stormwater flow.

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In Water Resources, Brandon and Lamar continue to smoke test sewer lines. The entire system should be completed by the end of August. So far there has only been one problem found in the Channel Run area that has to be repaired. A locate has been called in and repairs will begin in early August. W.O. White, LLC was in Town to make two sewer repairs on Commander Circle and Channel Run. A contracted service was used for these repairs because of the depth and concrete work that was needed after the repairs were made. Brandon attended a short hydrant repair class in late July in Have-

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lock that was hosted by Ferguson’s Waterworks Inc. Brandon is already practicing his newly learned skills by breaking down the hydrant in Quarterdeck I. In August Water Resources will install a new hydrant and begin to rebuild the old one to be

installed in another area.

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Water Resources received the new spectrophotometer for the lab. We contacted Hach several months ago to have the old spectrophotometer re-conditioned and found out that parts were no longer available for that model and could not be under a maintenance contract. The new spectrophotometer is under a maintenance contract that allows for yearly re-conditioning and calibration allowing for

extremely accurate results that keeps us in compliance of the Town’s wastewater permits.

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

## **TOWN WATER ISSUES**

Probably due to the unusually hot and dry conditions this summer, a few residents have raised issues concerning Town water. Because these issues may affect most (or all) of us in one fashion or another, a brief explanation for all may be worthwhile.

### **ISSUE ONE: I AM ON TOWN WATER BUT AM ABSENT FROM MY HOME FOR PROTRACTED PERIODS OF TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. WHY DO I HAVE TO STILL PAY THE "BASE CHARGE" EVEN THOUGH I AM NOT PRESENT?**

**ANSWER:** Obviously, while absent from your home you will not (absent a leak somewhere in your system — a not uncommon situation) incur any “use” charges for Town water. You will, however, still be required to pay the base charge along with virtually every other homeowner who is on Town water (residents who are not on Town water but draw their water from their own wells still are assessed the exact same amount as the “base charge” for those connected to Town water, though it is designated a “hydrant fee” versus “water base charge”).

### **WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?**

Several years ago (back in the 1996–97 time frame) the Town purchased the water and wastewater system from a “for profit” company that then owned and ran this utility. As it was a for profit enterprise, it could set the water and wastewater rates as it saw fit, factoring in a healthy profit in the process. It also was responsible (or irresponsible) for the maintenance of these two utility systems and, frankly, they were not being maintained adequately at all. Hence, the decision to acquire both systems for the benefit of our residents. At the time this was considered a sound decision and it is still considered a major benefit for our residents today as well. I’d be happy to discuss with any resident the alternatives to a municipality’s ownership of their utility system, using local examples to prove the point that we are in fact fortunate to own our utility system!

Back to the issue at hand. Any major acquisition such as the Town’s water and wastewater systems require major capital expenditures. This normally is accomplished via the “floating of a bond,” another term for simply long-term borrowing of the necessary capital. It’s analogous to the purchase of your home where you may have to enter into a long term-borrowing arrangement (a mortgage). This results in an obligation on your part to submit your mortgage payment monthly, regardless of

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whether or not you are actually living in that residence. So too with the Town and its financial obligations. Unlike “use” charges where one only pays for the commodity used, e.g., water, sewer, electricity, etc., the “debt service” payments are required even if no “commodity” is utilized.

The Town’s “debt service” represents a major portion of the Town’s fixed obligations – payments on the bonds used to acquire the water and wastewater infrastructure or to lay the miles of water and wastewater lines that service our respective homes or fire hydrants situated throughout our Town. Similarly, there are certain other “fixed costs” to providing water and wastewater treatment. Even if no one used any water at all (and, by extension, utilized the wastewater treatment plant), those physical assets still require both routine and unanticipated maintenance and upkeep. Both the fixed costs associated with the debt service and the fixed maintenance expenses of our utility infrastructure result in an obligation that applies to each of us as residents. It’s included in your water bill as a “base charge” or, for those not on Town water, as a “hydrant charge.” The amount is the same, regardless. As such, each of us pays the same amount, whether we’re on Town water or well water. And, again, it applies whether or not we are present in our homes and whether or not we actually use any water/wastewater treatment. One additional thought on this matter, were the Town to attempt to suspend that obligation when residents are absent for whatever period of time (or do not “use” the utility for whatever reason), the costs discussed above would have to be shifted to the other residents, thereby increasing the financial burden on them, hardly an equitable undertaking.

**ISSUE TWO: I WATER MY LAWN AND DO NOT FEEL THAT I SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR THE WATER USED IN IRRIGATION THAT IS NOW REFLECTED IN MY WASTEWATER “USE” CHARGES.**

**ANSWER:** The only way to determine how much wastewater treatment a particular home is responsible for (please forgive the dangling participle), is to measure the amount of Town water that is provided to that house for the period in question. Based on the water “usage,” the amount of wastewater “treated” can then be determined. Obviously, if some of that water is diverted to an irrigation system, a garden hose for watering the bushes or washing the car, boat, etc., or if it’s used to fill a hot tub, or for any other purpose than actual used in the house, that water would not be headed down one’s drain pipes toward the waste treatment plant. The problem is that there is no real means of measuring the amount of Town water so diverted.

Presently, the water meter out by the street measures the amount of water provided by the Town to the homeowners own water pipes leading to the house. Were the homeowner to purchase a second water meter and have it installed and run a

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parallel set of water lines to his or her irrigation system, etc., that might satisfy this dilemma. Being a dedicated and isolated line from that supplying the house, its water meter would show the actual water used for irrigation (for billing purposes), thereby avoiding the associated wastewater treatment charges on the single line that's now servicing the house. But, again, installation of any second line would be at the owner's expense (though it may be necessary for the Town to actually tap in and install the second water meter to the Town's water line).

Another possible solution would be to have a well drilled in one's yard for the purpose of connecting to one's irrigation system. As with the alternative discussed above, any such well water used for irrigation would not incur any wastewater treatment costs.

**ISSUE THREE: I AM ON WELL WATER AND THEREBY AM CHARGED A "HYDRANT FEE." I DO NOT FEEL THAT I SHOULD HAVE TO PAY THIS FEE. OR, IF I MUST PAY THIS FEE, I FEEL THE AMOUNT IS TOO HIGH.**

**ANSWER:** As discussed above, several years ago, the Town contracted to have waterlines installed, thereby providing Town water for those residents wishing to connect up, vice remaining on their own well water systems. Most all of our residents have elected to connect to the Town's water system, though a few residents have chosen to utilize their own well water. As discussed above, these few homes would not pay the "base" water charge per se, but would still incur the "hydrant fee" (the same water lines that provide water to those homes connected to Town water also provides the water to the hydrants throughout our Town). And, as stated above, the amount for both water base charge and for the hydrant fee is exactly the same. Accordingly, all Town residents are paying the same fixed costs associated with the Town's water supply. And, again, this covers both the debt service and maintenance and upkeep of the water system (the wastewater base charge is necessary for those utilizing it for the same reasons as for the water system).

The amount to be assessed to each home for the respective "base charge/hydrant fee" is set by the Town Council during the annual budget sessions. That amount is based on (no pun intended) the actual projected needs for the coming fiscal year. We do not run a "for profit" utility service as had been the case before the Town's acquisition almost a decade and a half ago. We do have to ensure that the amounts we assess (the revenues) cover the known and reasonably anticipated costs (the expenses).

I would point out two factors for consideration: First, the hydrants placed throughout the Town have greatly added to the safety of both the homes within our

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community and the persons residing within those homes. That fact alone should convince us all of their benefit. Second, whether or not one has a hydrant within a prescribed distance from one's home (a thousand feet, normally) is a question routinely asked when applying for homeowner's insurance and the fact that one exists normally results in a substantial reduction in premium for that insurance. As such, if it's any consolation, the cost of one's hydrant fee (for those on well water) is normally at least partially (and maybe entirely) off-set by the savings on one's home insurance.

Hopefully, one will never need to utilize that nearby fire hydrant - but one never knows; it could be necessary tomorrow, or next week, or next year. We may never need to rely on your insurance policy to reimburse you for the loss of your house to a fire, but most of us willingly submit our premiums nevertheless. And we may never need the police to save us from someone breaking into our home at night, but we willingly pay for their 24/7 coverage. And so it goes—you get the picture! An ounce of prevention...

I hope this sheds some light on worthwhile issues that have been raised by some of our residents (and may have been on the minds of other residents at some point). Summer's about over – finally! Happy Autumn!! ●

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## **EMERGENCY Leaf & Limb Removal**

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### **Rules and Regulations**

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*The following rules apply to the emergency leaf & limb pickup which has been initiated in response to Hurricane Irene.*

- ◆ The Town's contractor will make at least two passes through River Bend to pick up yard debris.
- ◆ Bagging of leaves, pinecones and pine straw is not required during this emergency collection. Place leaves and small debris in a separate pile; do not place on top of your limbs.  
The collection equipment will not be able to completely pick up all the leaves and small debris; therefore, the small amount of remaining material will need to be placed in bags before the final collection.
- ◆ Commercial contractors may place your yard debris at the street for collection by the Town's contractor.
- ◆ During this collection, our contractor will accept tree limbs and trunks with a diameter of three (3) inches or larger provided that they are cut into lengths no longer than six (6) feet.
- ◆ Limbs with a diameter smaller than three (3) inches also are restricted to a length no longer than six (6) feet.
- ◆ Construction material is prohibited.

*All future regularly-scheduled leaf & limb pickups will be subject to the Town's standard rules and regulations.*

# COMING EVENTS

*Work Session  
September 8, 2011  
7:00 P.M.  
Town Hall*

*Council Meeting  
September 15, 2011  
7:00 P.M.  
Town Hall*

*Leaf & Limb Pick Up  
for Hurricane Irene Debris  
is underway now*

*Notice  
The September 19 and 26  
regularly scheduled  
Leaf & Limb Pick Ups  
are cancelled due to the on-going  
emergency storm debris pickup*

*Community Watch Meeting  
Town Hall  
Wednesday  
September 21, 2011  
7:00 p.m.*

*Flu Shot Clinic  
Town Hall  
September 14, 2011  
9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.*



**RIVER BEND  
NEWS**

FROM TOWN HALL  
is published monthly by the  
River Bend Town Council for  
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River Bend.

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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
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- Work Session ..... December 8
- Regular Meeting ..... December 15

\*This requirement is waived for the special Hurricane Irene collection currently underway..

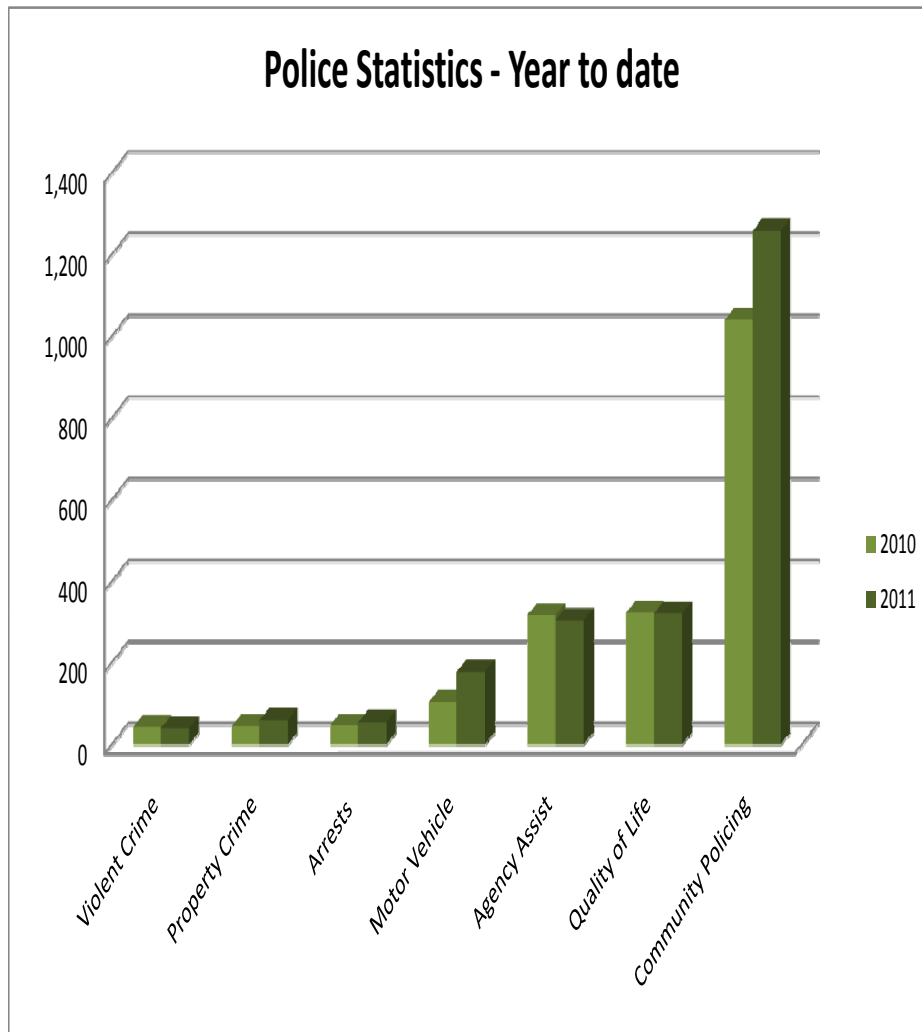


**POLICE REPORT**

EARL "DUKE" PRATT  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**CYTD REPORT as of July 2011**

	2010	2011
Violent Crime	41	38
Property Crime	43	59
Arrests	46	54
Motor Vehicle	103	177
Agency Assist	316	303
Quality of Life	322	320
Community Policing	1,039	1,257
<b>Total Activity</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>2,208</b>



- 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.



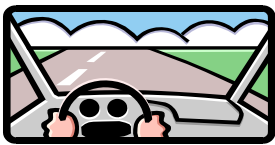
Our Wildwood Storage Facility offers a variety of indoor and outdoor storage areas to meet all of your storage needs, including parking spaces for RVs and boats. For more information, call 638-3870, ext 216.



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*

## Driver Safety Program

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011  
 10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.  
 RIVER BEND TOWN HALL

SPONSORED BY  
 RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AARP

This one-day, four-hour driver refresher classroom course helps drivers refine existing driving skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques. Even though it is designed for motorists ages 50 and older, it is open to all motorists. The cost for the class is \$14 but AARP members pay only \$12. There are no tests!

### TO REGISTER:

Send your check/money order  
 (payable to AARP) to:

River Bend Town Clerk  
 45 Shoreline Drive  
 River Bend, NC 28562

For Information, call: 252-638-3870



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  
10:00 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.



## Flu Shot Clinic

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011  
9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

The Town of River Bend, in association with REALO Discount Drugs will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Wednesday, September 14th, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

- ◆ Cost: \$25 per injection. The injection will be free for Medicare, Tri-Care and most Blue Cross members. You must bring your insurance card.
- ◆ Must be 18 years old or older to receive the vaccine.
- ◆ Clinic will be held on Wednesday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Please notify your neighbors about this opportunity.

Please call Town Clerk Ann Katsuyoshi at 638-3870, ext. 202 if you have any questions.



## 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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