



THESE ARE SPECIAL TIMES
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

Government at the National, State and Local levels are now linked in a time where the nature of laws and regulations are often more complex than at any previous time in the Nation’s history. Both the Federal and State agencies prepare regulations that implement new laws/acts conforming to the mandates of their “administrative procedures act.” Compliance with the “law/act” can make the issuing of final rules for public guidance a more lengthy process.

The public is often not aware that the implementation of new direction given by the legislature will require one or more of the U S or State departments to issue regulations that are developed in compliance with the “administrative procedures act” before the legislative mandate can be implemented. The result is that local government cannot act as quickly as the public would prefer. Unhappy citizens may go to “social media”(SM) post that the personnel of local government are “dragging their feet” and those who read the post may accept this as truth.

The above is an example of fact misrepresented in a SM post, but accepted as truth. This is representative of how SM posts have impacted the operation of local governments across the nation.

Your Town Staff works very hard to comply with all Federal and State regulations and accomplish this compliance in a timely fashion. Please seek factual information rather than automatically accepting SM posting of a position that may be short of fact.

Thank you for reading and thanks for considering the intent of this article as you evaluate the accuracy of what may be posted on SM.

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Mayor Kirkland and the Easter Bunny at the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the River Bend Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. A great time was had by all!



WRD/PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works sprayed several areas in our parks to remove unwanted vegetative growth. We typically do this throughout the year. With the warm weather, it was a perfect time to stay ahead and control these weeds. It is on our schedule to add more mulch to the playground area, and swing set area of the park. We add mulch not just for looks but also as a cushion in case someone falls while playing. This is normally done twice a year, but more is added

as needed throughout the year. Several stops signs also were replaced that had become faded. Public works also jetted out a couple clogged storm water pipes. They had become partially clogged with debris and were slow draining.

Water Resources repaired two water main leaks this month. The first one was located at the cross section of Bowline/Channel Run Drive. This leak was at a six-inch tee, and water had to be shutoff to the Channel Run area for repair. Any time water lines have to be depressurized, a boil water advisory is recommended until testing confirms no contamination. The testing came back negative, and the advisory was rescinded. A new valve was installed during repair to limit the number of customers that would be effected if a leak occurred in this general area again. The second leak was on a 2 inch main on Boatswain Drive. Water did not have to be turned off to repair this leak. We were able to repair it under pressure with a repair band. I would like to think the Public Works employees for a job well done.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After-Hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by dialing the Town Hall at 638-3870. You will be instructed to dial "9" and follow the directions to contact the on call duty operator. You will then 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 systems operator will return your call. If you do not receive a call back within ten minutes, please notify the Police Department at 638-1108, and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

REPORTING AFTER HOURS WATER-SEWER EMERGENCIES

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COMING EVENTS

Planning Board Meeting
April 6
6 p.m.
Municipal Building

Town Hall
CLOSED
April 7

Library Board Meeting
April 13
1 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
April 13
7 p.m.
Town Hall

CAC Special Meeting
April 19
4 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Regular Session
April 20
7 p.m.
Town Hall

CERT Meeting
April 26
7 p.m.
Municipal Building



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**Leaf & Limb
Collection
Schedule for
2022-2023**

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

- July 5, 2022
(June 29, 2022)
- September 6, 2022
(August 31, 2022)
- October 31, 2022
(October 26, 2022)
- January 9, 2023
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 4, 2023)
- March 6, 2023
(March 1, 2023)
- May 8, 2023
(May 3, 2023)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

- July 11, 2022
(July 6, 2022)
- September 12, 2022
(September 7, 2022)
- November 7, 2022
(November 2, 2022)
- January 16, 2023
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 11, 2023)
- March 13, 2023
(March 8, 2023)
- May 15, 2023
(May 10, 2023)

Pinecones, pine straw and leaves must **NOT** be bagged. For additional important information about River Bend’s Leaf & Limb collection program, please see our updated Ordinance online at www.riverbendnc.org.

**Town Council
2023 Meeting Dates**

- Work Session January 12
- Regular Meeting January 19
- Work SessionFebruary 9
- Regular MeetingFebruary 16
- Work Session March 9
- Regular Meeting March 16
- Work SessionApril 13
- Regular MeetingApril 20
- Work Session May 11
- Regular Meeting May 18
- Work Session June 8
- Regular Meeting June 15
- Work SessionJuly 13
- Regular MeetingJuly 20
- Work SessionAugust 10
- Regular MeetingAugust 17
- Work Session September 14
- Regular Meeting September 21
- Work Session October 12
- Regular Meeting October 19
- Work Session November 9
- Regular Meeting November 16
- Work Session December 7
- Regular Meeting December 14

Budget Meetings

- Budget SessionMay 2
- Budget Session May 4
- Budget Session May 9
- Budget Session May 11
- Budget Session May 16
- Budget Session.....May18

All budget meetings will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m.

All Council Work Sessions will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meetings will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**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 current year registration decal. Decals for 2023 are available now.

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. Click [HERE](#) for more information



Registration is Required for all Dogs and Cats

River Bend Animal Registrations for 2023 are due by March 31, 2023. All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4 PM.

Owners must present proof of rabies vaccination at the time of registration. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



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 our web site at www.riverbendnc.org. Dog park rules are also posted at the entrance to the park.



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at www.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, Officer Andrew Borner and/or visit our web site at www.riverbendnc.org.



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 638-1108.



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.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.