



**LESS THAN FACTUAL SOCIAL MEDIA
POSTS DAMAGE A MUNICIPAL
REPUTATION**
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

The less than factual discussions placed on the various social media pages do damage to our Town. Many media posts are not fact based and the originator should be aware of this shortcoming.

I am frequently approached by friends in the New Bern area with comments about the “media” comments originating in River Bend. These non-River Bend people cannot have the background to determine the truth to the posted detail. It is only fair to say that the less than factual exchange that is taking place is damaging to our Town.

My plea to all is PLEASE seek facts and make certain that what you post is true.

The product of government at federal, state, and local is certainly not instantaneous. The slow character of output can be frustrating. Most often the slowness is related to the need to produce a record of decision that will be a legal contract.

In the fashion of Churchill, what I state above is stated without prejudice.

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**WRD/PW
REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works has replaced several street signs this month. We replace signs as needed and try our best to replace them before they become too faded to be legible. Limbs and brush have been trimmed away from several intersections around town to improve visibility for motorists. We also routinely keep all intersections, and right of ways trimmed. Public Works has also begun adding mulch to the kiddy playground.

I have ordered enough to add to all the playgrounds around town. This mulch not only beautifies the playgrounds, but also acts as a buffer from the hard ground in the event someone falls while playing.

Water Resources has been busy with utility locates for the installation of Metronet system. Locating our utilities is essential to prevent damage to our systems and minimize service interruptions. As a reminder if you see paint marks in your yard, yellow is for gas, blue for water, green for wastewater, orange for telephone/cable, and red for power. We had to pull one lift station pump from Lochbridge Drive due to it burning up. A back up pump was installed, and parts to rebuild the burnt-up pump have been ordered. We will repair the pump and reinstall it when the parts come in.

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

****Canceled****
RBCOG Meeting
July 3
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

****Canceled****
EWAB Meeting
July 3
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Annual Fourth of July
Parade & Picnic
Parade Line up starts
at Town Hall at 9:45
a.m. Parade STARTS @
10:30 a.m.

****Canceled****
Parks & Rec Meeting
July 5
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

****CANCELED****
Planning Board Meeting
July 6
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Red Caboose Library
Board Meeting
July 13
1:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

****Canceled****
Council Work Session
July 13
7 p.m.
Town Hall

CAC Meeting
July 19
4:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Meeting
July 20
7 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile @
Municipal Building
July 21
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



RIVER BEND NEWS

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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2023-2024

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

- July 10, 2023
(July 5, 2023)
- September 11, 2023
(September 6, 2023)
- November 13, 2023
(November 8, 2023)
- December 11, 2023
(December 6, 2023)
- January 15, 2024
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 10, 2024)
- March 11, 2024
(March 8, 2024)
- May 13, 2024
(May 8, 2024)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

- July 17, 2023
(July 12, 2023)
- September 18, 2023
(September 13, 2023)
- November 20, 2023
(November 15, 2023)
- December 18, 2023
(December 13, 2023)
- January 22, 2024
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 17, 2024)
- March 18, 2024
(March 13, 2024)
- May 20, 2024
(May 15, 2024)

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. ●

**Green type indicates a completed leaf & limb collection*

Town Council 2023 Meeting Dates

Work Session January 12
 Regular Meeting January 19
 Work Session February 9
 Regular Meeting February 16

Work Session March 9
 Regular Meeting March 16
 Work Session April 13
 Regular Meeting April 20

Work Session May 11
 Regular Meeting May 18
 Work Session June 8
 Regular Meeting June 15

~~Work Session July 13~~ **Canceled**
 Regular Meeting July 20
 Work Session August 10
 Regular Meeting August 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

All Council Work Sessions will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

Budget Meetings

All Budget Meetings have been completed.



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 were 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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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.