



BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

Halloween in River Bend

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board sponsored “Pumpkin Palooza” on the evening of 21 October. This event was aimed at providing costumed children a fun encounter with the Halloween tradition of receiving candy from the adults that they visit. I was privileged to shadow my Great granddaughter and Great grandson as they made their visit to all the well decorated adults manning equally decorated individual stations. There was a large number of children making their way down the candy reward line. Those children came in a range of ages, some so young that parents were accompanying or providing stroller transport.

The evening was pleasant and the soccer field the perfect setting. Thanks P&R for your work in giving the Town’s many children a memorable event of River Bend at Halloween 2023.

Recognizing the Town’s early developer on 26 October

The Town Council approved the acquisition of a marker to honor Mr. Frank Efird who was the original developer of the Town in the 1960s and the 1970s. This inscribed marker is now located along the sidewalk that surrounds the gazebo and Garden Club Memorial Garden at the pond side of Town Hall.

We are pleased that Mr. Efird and his son were able to attend the dedication of the marker and meet with residents Mr. Lou Columbo and Mrs. Joyce Frazier who assisted Mr. Efird during the period of early Town development.

See photos below

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Memorial Stone dedicated to Mr. Frank Efird, Developer & Visionary Father of River Bend



Pictured left to right: Lou Colombo, Mayor John Kirkland, & Frank Efird.



Frank Efird, Visionary Father of River Bend



**WRD / PW
REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works repaired a couple of storm water drains that had pipe joint issues. The repairs were executed efficiently to ensure proper functioning of the storm drainage system. Our team also kept up with our maintained areas we are responsible for by mowing the right of ways, and trimming overhanging limbs. This action not only improves the aesthetics of our community but also ensures the safe and unobstructed passage of pedestrians, and vehicles. There still are several areas where we need to trim, and we will do so as time allows.

Water Resources has also continued utilizing our smoke machine to conduct an inspection of our sewer system. We are trying to identify sources of inflow & infiltration. Several cleanouts were discovered broken during this process and were promptly repaired by our staff. We will also continue to do more smoke testing in areas around town as time allows. Our team also replaced two faulty backwash & rinse valves in our water treatment plant. This was part of routine maintenance, as these valves were not completely shutting off all the way and needed to be replaced. I would like to thank the staff 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 (option 1), and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

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EMERGENCIES**

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COMING EVENTS

Parks & Rec Advisory
Board Meeting
November 1
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

*****Canceled*****
Planning Board Meeting
November 2
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

CAC Christmas
Globe Workshop
November 2
9:00 a.m.- Noon
Municipal Building

CAC Christmas
Globe Workshop
November 4
9:00 a.m.- Noon
Municipal Building

Annual Shred Event
November 4
8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Basketball Court
Wildwood Drive

RBCOG Meeting
1:30 p.m.
November 6
Municipal Building

Council
Work Session
November 9
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

November 10th
Veteran's Day
Observed
Town Hall Closed

Veteran's Day
Celebration
Sponsored by
Parks & Rec
November 11
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Community
Appearance
Commission Meeting
November 15
4:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council
Regular Meeting
November 16
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile
@ River Bend
Municipal Building
November 17
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

River Bend
Community
Friendsgiving
sponsored by
Parks & Rec
November 18
Municipal Building

Town Hall closed to
observe
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November
23 & Friday,
November 24

**Leaf and Limb
Zone 1
Placement date:
November 8th**

**Leaf and Limb
Zone 2
Placement date:
November 15th**

Community Tree
Lighting & Santa's
Arrival
December 1
6:00 p.m.
51 Shoreline Drive

Book/Tech Mobile
@ River Bend
Municipal Building
November 17
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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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 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

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.

2024 Pet Tags will be available December 1st.

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.