



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER
DELANE JACKSON

Here are 10 things that you need to know about signs in River Bend:

1. Certain signs (for example- campaign signs and real estate signs) are allowed without a permit, but even for these types of signs, there are guidelines that must be followed.
2. For the most part, signs can only be placed on private property by the property owner. Signs cannot be placed within the public right-of-way* (R/W) or on town-owned property or on town buildings. There is one exception which allows a resident to place a sign within the town's R/W, but only on property within the R/W which is adjacent to their property. For example, if you live at 315 Main Street, you can only place a sign in the R/W that is adjacent to your property at 315 Main Street. However, all signs must be placed at least 15 feet away from the edge of the street pavement. This area is commonly referred to as the "shoulder" of the road. You cannot place signs in the "shoulder" anywhere else in town without the consent of the adjacent private property owner. If your signs are closer to the pavement than 15 feet, you are in violation.
3. Signs can never be attached to utility poles, traffic control devices, street signs, guardrails, bridges or any other safety barrier within the public right-of-way.
4. During campaign season, which is defined as beginning 45 days prior to the start of early voting and ending 10 days after Election Day, the number of signs allowed to be placed on your property is not regulated. During any other time of the year, only 2 signs may be displayed on your property.
5. This year, early voting begins on October 15, 2026 and Election Day is November 3, 2026. Therefore, for the November 3, 2026 election, more than 2 signs may be displayed on your property between August 31, 2026 and November 13, 2026 only.
6. Signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area and shall not be placed more than forty-two (42) inches above the ground.
7. For the purpose of determining the total number of signs on a property, sign

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content is not a consideration. Except during the timeframe described above in # 4, the maximum number of signs on a single property is 2, regardless of the sign's content. For example: 1 Save the Whales sign + 1 Smith for Governor sign = 2 total signs. If you add 1 more sign to that example, regardless of its content, the total number of signs is 3 and is therefore a violation.

8. Signs cannot be placed on private property without the consent of the property owner.

9. This list is not an all-inclusive list of our regulations. Read our sign ordinance [here](#).

10. Violations of this Ordinance could subject the offender to a per day penalty of up to \$500. Also, any signs placed on any town property are subject to be immediately removed and discarded by town staff.

*By definition the street R/W line is where private property and the edge of the street R/W (not pavement) join. As a general rule, the public right of way includes the land between the edge of the street pavement and the backslope of the drainage swale and runs parallel to the street, aka "shoulder". Very frequently it is the line where utility poles, fire hydrants, phone pedestals and water meters are installed. For the purpose of compliance with this section of the sign ordinance, you do not need to know exactly where the R/W line is. You simply need to be sure your sign is located at least 15 feet away from the edge of the street pavement.



WRD/PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

REPORTING AFTER HOURS WATER-SEWER EMERGENCIES

- ◆ Call the Town Hall number at 252-638-3870.
- ◆ Press Option 9 for water and sewer emergencies to get in touch with our on-call operator.
- ◆ If your call is not answered leave your name, number, address, and a brief message about the nature of the emergency.
- ◆ If you do not receive a call back within 15 minutes, please notify the Police Department at 638-1108 (option 1). They will get in touch with the on-call operator.
- ◆ If the police department does not answer, leave a message.

Public Works staff continued routine maintenance and upkeep throughout the Town. We performed mowing, trimming, and general grounds maintenance throughout the town's parks and properties. Herbicide was applied around the town parks to control unwanted vegetation and to improve the appearance of these areas. We also applied an aquatic herbicide to the front entrance pond to remove unwanted aquatic vegetative growth. Routine maintenance was performed on clogged drainage tiles, roadside ditches, and street signs. Staff also completed various miscellaneous repairs and maintenance on Town facilities and our equipment.

Water Resources continued routine operation of the town's water/sewer system. Daily monitoring of water quality parameters is a big part of this routine operation. We also check all lift station pump amps, floats, electrical connections, and grease buildup weekly at each of our 8 lift stations. Another part of routine maintenance is running our generators every two weeks under load. This ensures that our generators will work during emergencies. Also, one water line service leak was repaired this past month by the team. I would like to thank them for quick response time, and a job well done.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 252-638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by calling the Town Hall number (252-638-3870), press option 9 for water and sewer emergencies to get in touch with our on-call operator. If your call is not answered leave your name, number, address, and a brief message about the nature of the emergency. If you do not receive a call back within 15 minutes, please call the Police Department at 252-638-1108 ext. 1, and they will get in contact with the on-call operator. If the police department does not answer, leave a message.

COMING EVENTS

The Market at River Bend
Farmers Market
Every Friday Beginning
July 31
115 Wildwood Dr/Town
Commons

Digital Skills
Information Session
August 12 & 19
10 a.m.-Noon
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
August 13
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Community Watch
Special Meeting
August 19
4:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Regular Council Meeting
August 20
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Hurricane Preparedness
Workshop
August 31
3:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
September 2
6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
September 3
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

RBCOG Meeting
September 7
CANCELED

EWAB Meeting
September 7
CANCELED

RBCOG Special Meeting
September 8
2:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
September 10
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for FY2026-2027

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

July 13, 2026
(July 8, 2026)
September 7, 2026
(September 2, 2026)
November 9, 2026
(November 4, 2026)
December 7, 2026
(December 2, 2026)
January 11, 2027
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 6, 2027)
March 8, 2027
(March 3, 2027)
May 10, 2027
(May 5, 2027)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 20, 2026
(July 15, 2026)
September 14, 2026
(September 9, 2026)
November 16, 2026
(November 11, 2026)
December 14, 2026
(December 9, 2026)
January 18, 2027
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 13, 2027)
March 15, 2027
(March 10, 2027)
May 17, 2027
(May 12, 2027)

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

Town Council 2026 Meeting Dates

Work Session January 8
Regular Meeting January 15
Work Session February 12
Regular Meeting February 19
Work Session March 12
Regular Meeting March 19
Work Session April 9
Regular Meeting April 16
Work Session May 14
Regular Meeting May 21
Work Session June 11
Regular Meeting June 18
~~Work Session July 9~~
Regular Meeting July 16
Work Session August 13
Regular Meeting August 20
Work Session September 10
Regular Meeting September 17
Work Session October 8
Regular Meeting October 15
Work Session November 12
Regular Meeting November 19
Work Session December 3***
Regular Meeting December 10***

***Changed due to holiday

All Council Work Sessions will be held in the
River Bend Town Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meetings will be held in the
River Bend Town Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m.



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 2026 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.



Registration is Required for all Dogs and Cats

River Bend Animal Registrations for 2026 were due by March 31, 2026. 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. Please visit our website for more information.

Registration is \$10.00 per pet.



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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Emergency Notification System

and receive timely notifications by phone, e-mail, text messages and more.

SIGN UP NOW
at www.riverbendnc.org

this service provided by the Town of River Bend through
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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.

**THIS AREA
OBSERVED BY
COMMUNITY WATCH
CITIZENS**

RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT
638-1108

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.