



**WHERE DO WE STAND ON
CLIMATE CHANGE AND
SEA LEVEL RISE?**

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

Where do we stand on climate change and sea level rise? There is a considerable discussion printed each day on this subject. The well-defined answers to what has happened and what will happen relative to global climate will not be known until sometime in the future. Living in Eastern North Carolina we should all be concerned about the related rise in sea level as well as the other aspects of global warming. The sea level rise is supported by recorded measurements that cover more than 30 years of recorded observations from positions around the globe (Lee and Wang). The article cited here is from a NASA release of March 17, 2023. A copy of that article is linked below.

It is a fact that sea level is rising based on observations made by NASA. The article also links the rise in CO² to the global warming that contributes to the increase of sea level.

This information is important to all of us who live in the coastal plain of North Carolina. This material is not made available to alarm the reader but as an awareness that we need to follow what NASA will continue to research and publish and to monitor what action the State and Federal agencies are taking to cope with the change.

[Lee, Jane, and Andrew Wang. "NASA Uses 30-Year Satellite Record to Track and Project Rising Seas." NASA, 17 Mar. 2023, www.nasa.gov/feature/jpl/nasa-uses-30-year-satellite-record-to-track-and-project-rising-seas.](https://www.nasa.gov/feature/jpl/nasa-uses-30-year-satellite-record-to-track-and-project-rising-seas)

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WRD/PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works has completed installing mulch in all the town's playgrounds. As a reminder, this mulch not only makes the parks look tidier, but it also acts as a buffer in the event someone falls. We add mulch as needed and monitor it weekly. Public Works has continued to do a good job around town trimming limbs from the edge of roadways, and at intersections. This is also done as needed, and many more areas are on our work order list to complete.

Our staff cleaned out several storm drains catch basins. During rainstorms we routinely ride around looking for any issues in the drainage system that needs cleaning/repair.

Water Resources had a major water leak on the Plantation Drive/Gang-plank Rd area of town. Our six-inch water main was his hit while Metronet was doing an under road bore. We quickly shut off the water service in this general area so that we could begin repairing this water main. It took roughly five hours to repair the broken section of the water main. I would like to thank all Public Works employees for a job well done. Water Resources also cleaned around 1000 feet of collection system piping this month. Per our permit, we must clean around 10 percent of our system annually. We routinely clean over 15 percent of our collection system piping.

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 the 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

Parks & Rec Meeting
August 2
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

RBCOG Meeting
August 7
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

EWAB Meeting
August 7
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

Canceled
Red Caboose Library
Board Meeting
August 10
1:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
August 10
7 p.m.
Town Hall

Council Meeting
August 17
7 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile @
Municipal Building
August 18
2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Yoga & Zumba
Schedules
can be found
[HERE.](#)



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 7:00 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.