

RIVER BEND NEWS

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WRD/PW REPORT

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During the month, the PW department focused heavily on preventative maintenance and equipment reliability. We completed routine service and maintenance on many types of equipment to ensure all our equipment is in good order. This includes oil changes, fluid checks, inspections and general upkeep of all our equipment. Staying ahead on maintenance allows us to quickly and effectively respond to any of the town's needs without unexpected downtime. We also dedicated time to preparation and response efforts for the recent snowstorm. Crews ensured all equipment was ready prior to the event, and once conditions deteriorated, we implemented our snow mitigation plan. With one truck plow, two tractors, and a backhoe, the team successfully kept all designated streets clear and passable. After the main streets on our snow mitigation plan were cleared, we cleared all side streets. The town remained drivable, and emergency vehicles maintained access throughout the snow event. I would like to personally thank our crew for the hard work, long hours, and commitment to public safety. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and reflect well on our department.

On the Water Resources side of things, plant operations have continued to run smoothly. Daily monitoring, testing and process control adjustments have kept the system performing efficiently and in compliance. Our operators have remained proactive in addressing minor issues before they develop into larger concerns. Progress continues in stage one of the wastewater treatment plant remediation project. State Utilities are doing a great job at the wastewater treatment plant staying on schedule and doing quality work. These improvements will enhance system reliability, efficiency, and long-term performance for the Town of River Bend and its citizens. Overall, the department remains focused on preventative maintenance, infrastructure reliability, and responsive service to the community. We will continue prioritizing safety, compliance, and operation efficiency.

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REPORTING AFTER HOURS WATER-SEWER EMERGENCIES

- ◆ Page the on-call duty operator by dialing 252-474-4328.
- ◆ Enter your phone number at the sound of the tone.
- ◆ The automated system will inform you that your page has been sent.
- ◆ Our utility 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). They will get in touch with the on-call utility system operator.

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 paging the on-call duty operator at 252-464-4328. 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 252-638-1108 (option 1), and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

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COMING EVENTS

Preschool Story Hour
Every Friday
10:00 a.m.
115 Wildwood Dr.
Red Caboose Community
Library

Community Watch
Meeting
February 18
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Regular Council Meeting
February 19
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile
February 20
(third Friday of each
month)
2p.m.-4p.m.
Tech Class 4p.m.-5 p.m.
115 Wildwood Dr

EWAB Special Meeting
March 2
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall
Small Conference Room

Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
March 4
6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
March 5
6:00 p.m.
Town Hall

RBCOG Special Meeting
March 9
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
March 12
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Community Appearance
Commission Meeting
March 18
4:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Regular Council Meeting
March 19
4:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Arbor Day Celebration
Event
March 21
*See Website Calendar
for time*



Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for FY2025-2026

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

July 14, 2025
(July 9, 2025)
September 8, 2025
(September 3, 2025)
November 10, 2025
(November 5, 2025)
December 8, 2025
(December 3 2025)
January 12, 2026
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 7, 2026)
March 9, 2026
(March 4, 2026)
May 11, 2026
(May 6, 2026)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 21, 2025
(July 16, 2025)
September 15, 2025
(September 10, 2025)
November 17, 2025
(November 12, 2025)
December 15, 2025
(December 10, 2025)
January 19, 2026
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 14, 2026)
March 16, 2026
(March 11, 2026)
May 18, 2026
(May 13, 2026)

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 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

Budget Meetings

Budget Session April 28
Budget Session April 30
Budget Session May 12
Budget Session May 14
Budget Session (If Needed) May 19
Budget Session May 21

Click [HERE](#) for FY26-27 Budget Preparation

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 5:00 p.m.

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

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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 2025 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 2025 are due by March 31, 2025. 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.

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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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.