

RIVER BEND NEWS

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER DELANE JACKSON

The Town Council has passed the budget for the new fiscal year, which began on July 1st. The total operating budget for the Town for Fiscal Year 2025-26 is \$4,390,684. The Council discussed the proposed budget over the course of four budget workshops during April and May. A public hearing on the proposed budget, as is required by law, was conducted on June 12. As always, all of the budget workshop documents were available on the town's webpage, and they are

still posted if you would like to look at them. In fact, several years of budget documents are available on our web page, as well as a handy 5-year budget comparison.

With the new budget, the town's tax rate will increase from 24¢ to 28¢. For the average homeowner, that will increase your tax bill by \$103 per year. There is also a new, annual \$10 per vehicle license fee which will be assessed on every registered vehicle in River Bend. You will see this fee when you receive your vehicle registration bill from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles. The rates for water and sewer service will remain unchanged. The average home in River Bend is valued at \$246,722 and the average utility customer uses 3,225 gallons of water/sewer per month. Therefore, the average resident will pay \$691 in town tax and \$960 in utility fees in FY25-26, which is \$4.52 per day. For \$4.52 per day, the average resident will receive potable water, wastewater treatment, 24/7 police protection, stormwater management, animal control, planning, zoning, code enforcement, parks, recreational events, street lights, street maintenance, leaf & limb removal, and a host of other services. Last year, the daily cost was \$4.24 per day. Our goal is to continue to deliver high quality services at a reasonable price to all who make River Bend their home. Many people spend more than \$4.52 per day on coffee alone. Hurricane season is here. If you have not seen it, please visit our webpage and review the "Hurricanes.... Are you ready?" bulletin.

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WRD/PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

REPORTING AFTER HOURS WATER-SEWER EMERGENCIES

- ◆ Dial Town Hall at 638-3870.
- ◆ Dial "9" and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator.
- ◆ 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

The Public Works Department conducted herbicide spraying around the Town Hall area to control unwanted vegetation growth. In addition, similar spraying was performed in the town parks and along fence lines. This work reduces the need for extensive weed eating, improving efficiency and overall appearance. All chemicals were approved and applied according to label directions and safety guidelines. Also, several damaged or weathered street signs were replaced. This work enhances visibility and supports public safety.

Water Resources utilized our sewer Jetter to clean several sections of a sanitary sewer system. This work is part of our routine maintenance program and is necessary to meet permit requirements. Regular jetting helps keep down on odor complaints and helps prevent blockages and sanitary sewer overflows. Down at the Wastewater Treatment plant several air diffusers were pulled and cleaned. These diffusers are essential for mixing and aerating the wastewater, creating ideal conditions for beneficial microorganisms to break down organic material and maintain system performance.

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 dialing the Town Hall at 252-638-3870. 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 252-638-1108 (option 1), and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

July 17- August 21

COMING EVENTS

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

Regular Council Meeting
July 17
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile
July 17
2p.m.-4p.m.
Tech Class 4p.m.-5 p.m.
115 Wildwood Dr

Weekly Fun Run
Beginning on July 19
Click **HERE** for more
details

CAC Special Meeting
July 30
4:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Water Fun Day
Sponsored by the River
Bend Police Dept.
August 2
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

RBCOG Meeting
August 4
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

EWAB Meeting
August 4
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Parks & Rec Advisory
Board Meeting
August 6
6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
August 7
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
August 14
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Regular Council Meeting
August 21
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

For more information, please visit our website at www.riverbendnc.org



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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 impor-
tant information about River Bend's
Leaf & Limb collection program, please
see our updated Ordinance online at
www.riverbendnc.org.

Town Council 2025 Meeting Dates

Work Session January 9
Regular Meeting January 16
Work Session February 13
Regular Meeting February 20
Work Session March 13
Regular Meeting March 20
Work Session April 10
Regular Meeting April 17
Work Session May 8
Regular Meeting May 15
Work Session June 12
Regular Meeting June 19

~~Work Session July 10~~ Canceled
Regular Meeting July 17
Work Session August 14
Regular Meeting August 21

Work Session September 11
Regular Meeting September 18
Work Session October 9
Regular Meeting October 16

Work Session November 13
Regular Meeting November 20

Work Session December 4***
Regular Meeting December 11***

***Changed due to holiday

Budget Meetings

Budget Session April 28
Budget Session May 1
Budget Session May 6
Budget Session May 8
Budget Session (if needed)..... May 13
Budget Session..... May 15

Click [HERE](#) for FY25-26 Budget Preparation

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 7:00 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 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.



Sign up for our

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.



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.