

RIVER BEND NEWS

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER
DELANE JACKSON

The Atlantic Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 each year. Historically, Fall is the most active part of hurricane season for our region. August, September and October are usually the busiest months for hurricanes along North Carolina's coast. However, a hurricane could develop outside of the official hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is [predicting](#) a below-normal Atlantic hurricane season for 2026 (and I hope they are right). NOAA's National Weather Service Director, Ken Graham said "...it's essential to review your hurricane preparedness plan now. It only takes one storm to make for a very bad season." I agree with Ken. Our proximity to the Atlantic coast, combined with the low elevation above sea level for large parts of our town, makes River Bend vulnerable to impacts from hurricanes. A tropical system does not need to develop into a hurricane to cause damage in River Bend, particularly in the flood zone. We invite you to view our [flood zone maps](#), which were developed by FEMA. Enter your address (street, city, state, zip) then click on GO for the map. For this site, enter New Bern as your city.

Based on our history and geography, if you live in River Bend, you may want to consider purchasing flood insurance. You can obtain a policy from a local agent, through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town of River Bend is a participant in the Community Rating System (CRS) of the NFIP. In short, that means that the town maintains records and files on flood zone properties, has and enforces a local flood damage prevention ordinance and meets other annual minimum requirements to be a CRS participant. Our CRS status means that River Bend residents who live in a special flood hazard area (SFHA) are eligible for a 10% discount on annual flood insurance policy premiums. Those living in other areas could be eligible for a 5% discount. Typically, regular homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damages from rising waters (flooding). If you are uncertain about your insurance coverage, you should contact your agent now. Do not wait un-

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til after the storm to learn that you are not covered. Most insurance companies require flood insurance to be purchased at least 30 days prior to a named storm that impacts a customer. That means that you cannot buy coverage at the last minute when a storm is already headed in our direction.

Although it has been almost 8 years ago, Hurricane Florence is still in the memory of many River Bend residents. Our records show that 503 homes in River Bend were flooded by Hurricane Florence. There about 500 homes in the SFHA in River Bend. According to data from the NFIP, just before Hurricane Florence made landfall on September 14, 2018, there were 443 flood insurance policies in effect in River Bend. As of this week, there are now 547 flood insurance policies in effect in River Bend. That's good, but down 23 policies compared to this time last year.

Now, and throughout the summer, is a good time for you to assess your property and see if you are ready for a hurricane or even a smaller magnitude tropical storm. There are many things that you can do now so that you will be better prepared if a storm does impact us. Please review these [helpful tips](#).



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.

During the month, Public Works staff added mulch to the swing set area and portions of the kiddie playground. This mulch provides a softer surface to help reduce the risk of injury in the event of a fall. Additional mulch is scheduled to be added to the kiddie playground as time allows. Our guys also did some shrub and bush pruning around various town owned areas. Regular pruning helps maintain the appearance of these areas and prevents vegetation from becoming overgrown. In addition, one damaged piece of fascia board was replaced on the Well 1 generator building. Replacing the damaged board helps maintain the condition and the appearance of the building and protects it from further deterioration.

On the Water Resources side, staff responded to and repaired a water main break and one force main failure. Both repairs were completed in a timely and efficient manner, minimizing disruption to residents and maintaining system reliability. Water Resources also pulled and cleaned two lift station pumps that had become clogged with debris. The work was completed quickly and effectively, preventing sanitary sewer overflow and ensuring continued operation of this area of the collection system. I would like to thank my team for their hard work, dedication, and professionalism. Their efforts continue to keep Town services operating efficiently and reliably for our residents.

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

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

Regular Council Meeting
June 18
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Caregiver Education Class
Sponsored by Parks &
Recreation-Every Friday
2:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
Municipal Building
June 12-July 24

Community Watch
Meeting
June 24
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

B-I-N-G-O
Sponsored by Parks &
Recreation Advisory
Board
June 26
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Canceled
Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
July 1
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
July 2
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

EWAB Meeting
July 6
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Canceled-Work Session
July 9
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Canceled
CAC Meeting
July 15

Regular Council Meeting
July 16
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall



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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 2026 Meeting Dates

Work SessionJanuary 8
Regular MeetingJanuary 15
Work SessionFebruary 12
Regular MeetingFebruary 19
Work SessionMarch 12
Regular MeetingMarch 19
Work SessionApril 9
Regular MeetingApril 16
Work SessionMay 14
Regular MeetingMay 21
Work SessionJune 11
Regular MeetingJune 18
Work SessionJuly 9
Regular MeetingJuly 16
Work SessionAugust 13
Regular MeetingAugust 20
Work SessionSeptember 10
Regular MeetingSeptember 17
Work SessionOctober 8
Regular MeetingOctober 15
Work SessionNovember 12
Regular MeetingNovember 19
Work SessionDecember 3***
Regular MeetingDecember 10***

***Changed due to holiday

Budget Meetings

Budget SessionApril 28
Budget SessionApril 30
Budget SessionMay 11
Budget SessionMay 14
Budget Session (If Needed)May 19
Budget Session.....May 21

The FY26-27 Budget Preparation is posted on
our webpage.

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



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.



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. 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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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.