



CIVILITY IN PUBLIC FORUM
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

We live in a time when children now witness adults in local public meetings and in national television programming using expressions that can only be described as (crude, vulgar, profane, and uncivil and an even longer list of negative expressions could be listed.)

Children are growing up with this seemingly public acceptance of such language. This acceptance sets an extremely poor model for young persons to imitate.

Yes, they do imitate how we adults act. A sad side effect of the common use of such profane language is to engage in bullying and this trait is very common during the published proceedings of many elected bodies starting with the U S Congress, the State Legislative Government and local formal meetings.

Is it any wonder that there is a significant rise in teen age bullying? I believe that the teens have examples to follow and they do. So my plea is PLEASE act in a civil fashion in both written and face to face verbal communication. And perhaps the most important PLEASE abandon bullying dilague on the social media. Remember “little ears are listening” all the time.

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**WRD/PW
REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works cleaned up the leaves in the median at Plantation Drive that we are responsible for cleaning up. We do this annually after all the leaves have fallen. Several storm water drainage pipes were cleaned at the invert of the pipe. This helps with the flow of storm water through these pipes. Rain events are the perfect time to ride around and note issues throughout the system, to schedule repairs. In addition, several storm water pipes were cleaned out with the town's water jet to remove blockages.

Water Resources has continued to do a good job at operating the town's water and wastewater systems. From the daily monitoring and testing, to weekly generator testing and lift station checks. Our team does a great job, and I would like to thank them for a job well done. A couple water service line leaks were repaired in January by our staff. Both leaks were located near or at the water meter box. We also had two collection system lateral blockages. Both were cleared with the town's water jet.

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 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

CAC Meeting
March 15
4:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Meeting
March 16
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Dementia LIVE Presented
by ECC Area Agency on
Aging March 17
11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

ARBOR DAY Celebration
March 17
2:00 p.m.
River Bend Town Hall
Picnic Area
Sponsored by CAC

Book/Tech Mobile @ River
Bend Municipal Building
March 17
2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

CERT Meeting
March 22
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Household Hazardous Waste
Event @ Craven Community
College
March 25
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored
by Parks & Recreation
April 1
Staggered Times Starting at
10:00 a.m.
River Bend Municipal
Building

RBCOG Meeting
April 3
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

EWAB Meeting
April 3
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board
April 5
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
April 6
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Town Hall Will Be
CLOSED
on Friday, April 8, 2023,
in observance of
Good Friday



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2022-2023

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

July 5, 2022
(June 29, 2022)
September 6, 2022
(August 31, 2022)
October 31, 2022
(October 26, 2022)
January 9, 2023
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 4, 2023)
March 6, 2023
(March 1, 2023)
May 8, 2023
(May 3, 2023)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 11, 2022
(July 6, 2022)
September 12, 2022
(September 7, 2022)
November 7, 2022
(November 2, 2022)
January 16, 2023
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 11, 2023)
March 13, 2023
(March 8, 2023)
May 15, 2023
(May 10, 2023)

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 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
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

Budget Meetings

Budget Session May 2
Budget Session May 4
Budget Session May 9
Budget Session May 11
Budget Session..... May 16
Budget Session.....May 18

All Council Work Sessions will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meetings will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 7:00 p.m.

All Council Budget Sessions will be held in the River Bend Town Hall beginning at 4:00 p.m.

**Green type indicates a completed leaf & limb collection*



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 are 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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at www.riverbendnc.org

this service provided by the Town of River Bend through
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River Bend has a functional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). For more information about this group, or to volunteer, please contact the CERT Liaison, Officer Andrew Borner and/or visit our web site at www.riverbendnc.org.



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.