

# RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL [www.riverbendnc.org](http://www.riverbendnc.org)



## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER  
DELANE JACKSON

Recently, construction crews began installing fiber lines in River Bend for Brightspeed. Brightspeed is a private business. They are not working for the Town of River Bend. The town is not paying them and they are not paying the town. We did not request this project. They alone decided to pursue this project in order to expand their business footprint in River Bend. The town does not endorse or recommend Brightspeed in any way. We did issue them an encroachment permit to install their system within the town's streets, as is required by law. The town has not granted them permission to install anything on or to go upon private property. The town does not have that authority. You, the property owner, gets to control access to your property.

Often, during projects like this, some residents are unclear about what they own. The easy answer to that question is- You only own what is described by the metes and bounds in the deed to your property. Some residents assume their property goes to the edge of the pavement on their street. That is not the case. The streets are owned by the town. By definition the street is not just the paved area. It also includes a strip of land on either side of the pavement. As an example, I have provided a map below showing a random lot in River Bend. The map comes from the Craven County GIS site. The blue box shows the land that is in private ownership. The town does not own any part of the blue box. The green box indicates the portion of the street adjacent to the property which is owned by the town. The resident does not own any part of the green box.

In this particular location, the street is Knollwood Court. It is 50 feet wide. Only a survey from a professional can identify the exact property lines. However, a resident on Knollwood Court could measure 25 feet from the center of the pavement and get a pretty good idea of where their property begins. Be aware that not

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all streets in River Bend are the same width. Many streets are 60 feet wide. We even have a few that are only 25 feet wide. A typical 60 feet wide street will include a 20 feet wide paved area and a 20 feet wide strip of land on either side. This unpaved area is often called the “shoulder of the road”. It is where water lines, sewer lines, other utilities, mailboxes, street lights, fire hydrants, drainage features, etc. are located.

If you have a problem with the contractor during construction, please call them at 631-314-2649. If the contractor injures your property, call the same number. As long as the contractor operates within the town’s streets and follows the terms of the encroachment agreement, we cannot control their actions on your land, and the town is not responsible for their actions on your land. If you are aware of any issues on town property/streets as a result of this project, call town hall.





## **WRD/PW REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

During this month, the Public Works department continued routine mowing operations throughout town. This included maintenance around parks, town owned buildings, and designated street rights-of-way to help maintain the appearance and safety of the public areas. Public Works also repaired several storm drains catch basins by remortaring the interior structures to help prevent soil intrusion in the drainage system. These repairs will improve stormwater flow and reduce future maintenance issues. Several street signs were replaced this month. Replacing these signs improves public safety and assists residents and visitors with navigation throughout the community.

On the Water Resources side of things, our operators have been busy locating our utilities due to the Brightspeed cable project. We locate our lines to help prevent damage to our utility system. This project will be ongoing for several months. Several sanitary sewer cleanout caps were replaced. We often find these caps cut by lawn maintenance. This is a primary source of inflow/infiltration in a sanitary sewer system. We stay on top of repairing these to prevent any problems associated with excess water during heavy rain events at our Wastewater Treatment Facility. As a reminder to our residents, when mowing lawns and if you see a pipe coming from the ground, do your best not to run it over. I would also like to say that Stage 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Enhancement Project is staying on schedule, and real progress is being made. State Utilities are doing a great job thus far and I have all expectations they will continue doing a stellar job.

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 towns 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 ext. 1, and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

### **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.

# COMING EVENTS

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

*\*Canceled\** Planning Board  
Meeting  
May 7  
6:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building

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

Fun Run Sponsored by  
Parks & Recreation  
May 16  
10:00 a.m.  
Meet @Town Commons

CAC Meeting  
May 20  
4:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building

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

Yin Yoga Sponsored by  
Parks & Recreation  
May 23  
10:00 a.m.  
Must RSVP  
Municipal Building

RBCOG Meeting  
June 1  
1:30 p.m.  
Municipal Building

EWAB Meeting  
June 1  
7:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building

Parks & Recreation  
Advisory Board Meeting  
June 3  
6:30 p.m.  
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting  
June 4  
6:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building

Budget Public Hearing  
June 11  
5:00 p.m.  
Town Hall  
Council Work Session to follow



## 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](http://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 11
- Budget Session .....May 14
- Budget Session (If Needed) .....May 19

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](http://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.