



**THE REAL CONDITION OF
TOWN TRANSPARENCY
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND**

We are in a season when much is said about transparency in the conduct of River Bend Town business. Some of the statements present facts and other statements do not produce facts. I ask those who will read my October submission to read the attached document which Manager Jackson posted on the town's website. That document is attached [HERE](#) for the convenience of the reader.

The heart of Manager Jackson's document is that the River Bend Web Page has copies of official documents that cover many aspects of the Town Council actions and it records how Council decisions were reached. The detail of material contained in the River Bend web page far exceeds what other municipalities post on their counterpart web pages.

It is apparent that most misinformation about Town official actions is spread by posting on the social media sites. It is also testimony that the fact that persons using the social media have access to a computer and could access the Town web page and read how the action in question was debated and acted on in open sessions by the Town Council.

I ask all who would desire to advance accurate information on actions taken by the Council to take time to look at the issue reported on the Town's web page. If this request is followed we will avoid much of the spread of misinformation.

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**WRD / PW
REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works replaced and cleaned several street signs around town. There are several more that need to be replaced and they have been ordered. We will install ASAP. The town parks have been sprayed to remove unwanted vegetation growing up through the mulch layer. We generally do this several times per year. We have it on our schedule to add more mulch to several playgrounds. This is done on a routine basis to make sure it has sufficient depth

to cushion any falls. Public Works also removed several dead and dying shrubs around our lift station fence in the Lochbridge area. We will be going back to pressure wash the fence to give it a more attractive look.

Water Resources continued doing a good job operating and maintaining our utility systems. The clarifier chain drives on both treatment units were serviced at the Wastewater Treatment facility. This service includes replacing or lubricating the chains, greasing bearings, and replacing the oil in the chain drives gearbox. We do this maintenance several times a year to keep the drives in good working order. In addition, several air diffusers were replaced inside the small plant aeration basin. As a reminder, the microorganisms that treat the waste are aerobic bacteria and need sufficient oxygen levels to survive and multiply.

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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 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 638-1108 (option 1), 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

RBCOG Meeting
October 3
1:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

National Night Out
October 4
5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Municipal Building
Area

Parks & Rec
Meeting
October 5
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Library Board
Meeting
October 6
2:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

~Canceled~
Planning Board Meeting
October 6
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Habitat For Humanity
“Stuff The Truck”
October 8
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Basketball Court
[Click HERE](#)

Council Work
Session
October 13
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Household Hazardous
Waste Event @ Craven
Community College
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
[Click HERE](#)

Community Watch
Meeting
October 19
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Meeting
October 20
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Parks & Rec
Community Yard Sale
October 22
7 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
[Click HERE](#)

CERT Meeting
October 26
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Trunk or Treat
sponsored by Parks &
Rec
October 29
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Yoga:
Mon/Wed 7:30 a.m. &
9:00 a.m [Click HERE](#)
Friday 9:00 a.m. [Click
HERE](#)

Zumba:
Thursdays 6 p.m
[Click HERE](#)



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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 2022 Meeting Dates

- ~~Work Session January 13~~
- Regular Meeting January 20
- Work Session February 10
- Regular Meeting February 17
- Work Session March 10
- Regular Meeting March 17
- Work Session April 14
- Regular Meeting April 21
- Work Session May 12
- Regular Meeting May 19
- Work Session June 9
- Regular Meeting June 16
- Work Session July 14
- Regular Meeting July 21
- Work Session August 11
- Regular Meeting August 18
- Work Session September 8
- Regular Meeting September 15
- Work Session October 13
- Regular Meeting October 20
- Work Session November 10
- Regular Meeting November 17
- Work Session December 8
- Regular Meeting December 15

Budget Meetings

All Budget Meetings have been completed. To review budget material, please visit our website: www.riverbendnc.org/finance/fy2022-2023-town-budget

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.

**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 2022 registration decal. Decals for 2022 were available beginning December 2, 2021.

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 2022 are due by March 31, 2022. All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Office hours are Monday- Friday, 8 AM-4 PM.

Registration is \$10 per pet.

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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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.