

RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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BEWARE AS YOU DIG IN YOUR YARD

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

This article is written to alert all River Bend residents that modern utilities that serve us every day are buried in our street rights-of-way. Service to your residence runs under your lawn to the point where the individual utility service enters the home. The utilities include electric (generally buried throughout Town), natural gas (soon the entire Town will have this buried service), water (service throughout Town), sewer (service in approximately 50% of Town) and cable (Suddenlink currently is installing a conduit system throughout Town and will then provide fiber-optic service through that conduit system). Telephone service lines also are buried.

All of these utility systems are vulnerable to damage by close excavation or drilling. Furthermore, electric and gas lines can be very dangerous if severed during excavation or driving of stakes.

When planning an excavation for any purpose, residents need to request marking of location of utilities so damage can be avoided.

Before you dig, contact North Carolina 811 (www.nc811.org) or simply dial 811. It is likely that power, water, telephone, sewer, gas and cable television service lines are buried close to the surface on your property, making digging dangerous. By dialing 811, you can find out where utility owned lines are located on your property. Following your call, NC811 will notify their member utility companies of your excavation needs and they will locate their buried utility lines at no charge to you.

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Please visit the North Carolina 811 website at www.nc811.org for in-depth information.

POST HURRICANE FLORENCE RECOVERY

We are now eight months past the devastating effects of Hurricane Florence. Many homeowners have experienced significant damage to homes and loss of furnishings. The recovery has been slow and frustrating since professional contracting assistance remains in short supply. The Town will return to “normal,” but at a date still unknown. I hope that residents who are new to the Town and the area will have attended the June 1st CERT Severe Weather Safety Fair. The CERT volunteers work hard to inform residents of the dangers that will be encountered during hurricanes or other storms that make landfall in our area of the North Carolina Coast. Hurricane Florence may have been categorized as a 500-year storm, but there is no guarantee that a Florence twin will not make landfall in a much shorter time frame.

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We seldom consider the total regional extent of hurricane damage. In the Hurricane Florence aftermath the Coastal Environmental Partnership landfill (Tuscarora) was the location where all the debris generated by hurricane destruction in Craven,

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Pamlico and Carteret Counties was taken for disposal. This resulted in filling the current landfill cell much faster than had been planned. The Coastal Environmental Partnership Management team has moved to accelerate the construction of the next landfill cell. This project will take an extended construction time and will cost in excess of \$11,000,000.

The Partnership has the necessary funds available for this construction without borrowing. Funds are available because of visionary planning of the Board when setting the rate structure for operations. ■



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

BY TOWN MANAGER DELANE JACKSON

For several years the Town Council has been working on its Building Utilization Strategy (BUS). During that time, the Council considered multiple plans and multiple sites. After conducting nine BUS meetings, receiving considerable public comment, having years of discussions, including recommendations and reports from engineers and architects, in March the Council unanimously decided to move forward on a 3,900 square foot, multi-purpose building plan and on

a designated building site. The proposed new building will be the home of the River Bend Police Department. The proposed building site is where the basketball court is currently located in Town Commons, near the Red Caboose. The plan is to move the basketball court to the site of the former barn, on Wildwood Drive.

The Town Council awarded a contract to The Walker Architectural Group of New Bern to produce a set of plans and specifications for the building and a site plan. They are currently working on the plan. Once that has been completed, the Town will solicit bids on the construction project. We hope to have that

process complete and ready for Council consideration by mid-July. Currently, the estimated cost of the building is \$764,350. Once bids are received, the Town will know the actual costs of construction. At that time, the Council will be equipped to make a final decision on whether or not to proceed.

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The BUS plan also includes changes to the current Town Hall. The Council previously solicited bids for a new addition to Town Hall. The bids came in higher than expected, and that project was tabled so that we could focus on the new building. During the bidding process for the multi-purpose building, we will also receive bids for the Town

Hall modifications. Again, based on the bids received for the Town Hall, the Council will be equipped to decide whether or not to proceed with that addition

as planned. The plan for Town Hall includes converting the existing bathrooms into office space and building new ADA-compliant bathrooms on the front of the building, along with some other minor modifications.

During Hurricane Florence, the building that housed the Public Works and the Police Departments was flooded. The \$45,000 contract to repair that building and another that was flooded, was awarded to Tyson Construction and Restoration. That project is complete, and we are in the process of moving back into that space. The plan is for that building to be used solely by Public Works. The Police Department remains in a temporary location on Highway 17 as we await a final decision on BUS. ■



WRD/PW
APRIL REPORT
BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

In April, Public Works added gravel to rutted areas along some of the Town's roadways. The purpose of this is to protect the road edge from crumbling and breaking off. We also made a few minor asphalt repairs. Public Works also replaced the dog park drinking water fountain valve. It is great to see our nice dog park being used as it is. There are always citizens and their canine companions enjoying it. We also pressure washed the kiddy playground by Town Hall.

Occasionally we have to pressure wash it to remove grime/dust.

Water Resources finished flushing the Town's water distribution system. The whole process went smoothly and all hydrants were checked for proper function. No hydrants were reported as not working properly. An alarm system control board went bad on one of the Town's collection system lift stations. A member of our team replaced the board. We also had to pull a lift station pump due to a bad seal. We replaced the seal the same day, and reinstalled the pump back into service.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 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

**CERT
SEVERE WEATHER
FAIR**

Saturday, June 1
9:30 - 3:00
Town Hall

Work Session
June 13
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

COMMUNITY WATCH
June 19
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

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

CERT
June 26
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

**July 4th
Parade & Celebration**
Thursday, July 4
10:30 a.m. - 2:00
Town Hall



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2018-2019

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

July 9, 2018
July 4, 2018
September 10, 2018
September 5, 2018
November 12, 2018
November 7, 2018
January 7, 2019
(includes Christmas trees)
January 2, 2019
March 11, 2019
March 6, 2019
May 13, 2019
May 8, 2019

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 16, 2018
July 11, 2018
September 17, 2018
September 12, 2018
November 5, 2018
October 31, 2018
January 14, 2019
(includes Christmas trees)
January 9, 2019
March 18, 2019
March 13, 2019
May 20, 2019
May 15, 2019

Pinecones, pine straw and
leaves must be bagged. For
additional important informa-
tion about River Bend's Leaf
& Limb collection program,
please see our Ordinance online
at www.riverbendnc.org. ■

Town Council 2019 Meeting Dates

Work Session January 10
Regular Meeting January 17
Work Session February 14
Regular Meeting February 21
Work Session March 14
Regular Meeting March 21

Work Session April 11
Regular Meeting April 18

Work Session May 9
Regular Meeting May 16

Work Session June 13
Regular Meeting June 20

Work Session July 11
Regular Meeting July 18

Work Session August 8
Regular Meeting August 15

Work Session September 12
Regular Meeting September 19

Work Session October 10
Regular Meeting October 17

Work Session November 14
Regular Meeting November 21

Work Session December 5
Regular Meeting December 12

Budget Meetings

Budget Session March 19
Budget Session March 26
Budget Session April 2
Budget Session April 9
Budget Session April 16
~~Budget Session April 23~~

*April 23, 2019 Budget Session was rescheduled to the May 9, 2019
Council Work Session.*

*All Council Work Sessions and 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 2018 registration decal.

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

All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00 per pet.

Owners must present proof of rabies vaccination at the time of registration.



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 Town Hall for a brochure or view details on our web site at www.riverbendnc.org. Dog park rules are also posted at the entrance to the park.



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Emergency Notification System

and receive timely notifications by phone, e-mail, text messages and more.

SIGN UP NOW
at www.riverbendnc.org

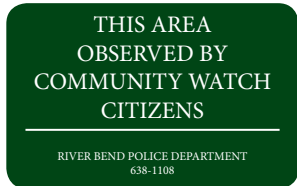
this service provided by the Town of River Bend through
**Blackboard
connect**



River Bend has a functional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). For more information about this group, or to volunteer, please contact the Police Department or visit our web site.



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.