

RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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INTEGRITY AND THE WORLD WE LIVE IN REVISITED

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

Almost three years ago I wrote an article for the RIVER BENDER entitled, “Integrity and the World We Live In.” My hope was that the citizens of our nation would arrive at an understanding that individual integrity is important to our national well-being and that we each would accept a personal commitment to act with integrity in all aspects of daily life. That hope has not been achieved, and we seem to drift further from shore and safety.

In the article mentioned above I quoted Mahatma Gandhi who stated, “There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principal; Science without humanity; Business without ethics.”

If we examine the Mahatma’s statement, it is clear he believed ethics to be critical in every field of human endeavor. Today we can read newspaper reports of corporations that work with no regard to ethical operation. The same statement can be made of universities, pharmaceutical developers and governmental operations at the national, state and local levels. Each of these named organizations employ many persons who should act ethically and each of those individuals has a role in the overall ethical makeup of their company or governing body.

I mention that we, in times past, read newspapers, but today people often refer to social media to obtain information on which they will make decisions. How often is the posted social media inaccurate or even an outright lie? The individual posting

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the inaccurate or intentionally misleading information has not followed an ethical approach.

Each of the commercial organizations mentioned above have senior management positions that sanction the information presented to the public. That level of management should know whether it meets the test of being an ethical response to the question being advanced by a citizen or an organization.

Each of us has a responsibility to act ethically and to not misrepresent as fact a position that is not truthful. Social media is a very powerful tool for communication, and we should not

abuse how it is used to form or sway public opinion. Our digital age affords us the ability to communicate with large audiences nearly instantaneously. Past generations would marvel at our capabilities. Let us resolve to communicate responsibly and ethically. ■

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REPORTING AFTER HOURS WATER-SEWER EMERGENCIES

- ◆ Dial Town Hall at 638-3870.
- ◆ Dial “9” and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator.
- ◆ 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. They will get in touch with the on-call utility system operator.



WRD/PW MARCH REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

In March, Public Works began mowing the rights-of-way areas of Town that are not part of our mowing contract. During the warmer months, we routinely mow these areas throughout Town. We sprayed the walking trail path with its first application of herbicide for the year. We do these to keep a well-defined gravel walking trail. If we did not apply any herbicide, the grass/weeds would just grow over the path. Also, Public Works sprayed the front entrance pond to remove unwanted aquatic weeds. This not only makes the front entrance pond look better, but also helps with the dissolved oxygen levels throughout the pond.

Water Resources has scheduled its annual flushing for the week of April 15. As a reminder, we flush the water distribution system to remove any iron and manganese buildup that may be present in the system. During the flushing process, we also flow test all of the Town’s fire

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hydrants. We flush at night to minimize any inconvenience to our customers. Our staff has continued doing a good job at locating our water/wastewater utility piping ahead of the natural gas piping and fiber optic conduit that is getting installed throughout Town. So far, we have not had any major damage to our utilities, and we will continue doing the best we can at marking our piping.

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. ■

COMING EVENTS

FREE
CONCERT IN THE PARK
Sunday, May 5
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Town Commons

Work Session
May 9
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Mothers' Day Concert
Sunday, May 12
3:00 p.m.
River Bend
Baptist Church

Five Questions
for a Better Garden
Gardening Workshop
Tuesday, May 14
6:30 p.m.
Town Hall

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

CERT
May 22
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

CERT
SEVERE WEATHER FAIR
Saturday, June 1
9:30 - 3:00
Town Hall

Did You Remember to
Register Your Pet for
2019?

Rabies Vaccination
Proof Required
\$ 10.00 per pet





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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*

etc.



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.



Sign up for our

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.