

RIVER BEND NEWS

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RIVER BEND 1981-2022
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

The Town was incorporated in 1981 after the original development was completed. The original boundary of the incorporated Town did not include the land area that Lakemere, Canebreak, and Lockbridge were built on. This area was developed and then petitioned to be annexed into the Town's boundary.

The present developer's request for rezoning of a parcel of presently undeveloped land in the Town limits points to an issue that the Planning Board and the Town Council had not needed to deal with a project of this magnitude before. This look at the history of the Town is not offered as criticism of the earlier Town Administrations. The local regional area housing needs lead to increased interest in the development of the area most often referred to as the River Bend northwest quadrant. This development will almost certainly result in future issues that will come from the increase traffic and the increase in the population of the Town. It is not possible to accurately predict the specifics of what the expansion issues will be before the added homes are built and the new needs develop.

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At the same time we need to remember that there are certainly positive features of expanded population and real estate. Some of those positives are:

1. The original water, sewer, stormwater drainage and street and development will be borne by the developer. The added streets and population will increase the funding that the Town receives for State "Powell Bill" funds for street maintenance.

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2. The new homes appraised value will be added to the Town's tax base and this will add to the annual taxes collected for the Town's general fund.

Both 1 and 2 above are positive and will be recurring.

In conclusion, River Bend today is not the Town that came from the 1981 incorporation effort. The persons who worked to ratify incorporation more than forty years ago were individuals with vision. In 2022 we need the same vision to take the Town forward for the next forty years.

Every member of the Town Council is committed to acting in a fashion that will keep the Town an attractive and prospering municipality that present and future residents are proud to call home.



WRD / PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public works sprayed our wetland areas with an approved aquatic herbicide. We do this to control unwanted vegetative growth. This not only helps with the general appearance of the wetland area, but also keeps dissolved oxygen levels at preferred levels in the water. Low dissolved oxygen levels can lead to fishkills and foul smelling water. Our steering hydraulic cylinder on our ford tractor sprung a leak and needed to be repaired. I would like to thank

Doug Becker of our team for a job well done. Doug used his mechanical skills to repair the fords hydraulic steering cylinder. Fresh sand was also added to the volleyball court. We hope to see more citizens utilizing the court.

Water Resources had to pull one of our lift station pumps at Masters Court lift station. The pump was starting to draw high amps, which told us something was wrong. Once the pump was pulled, we found cloth like material had jammed up the impeller. Once this material was removed from the pump, it was reinstalled and put back into service. As a reminder to all citizens, please refrain from flushing any materials that are non-biodegradable into the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. This can lead to unnecessary sanitary sewer overflows and violations from the state. As a reminder, there is information on how to properly dispose of FOG (fats, oils, grease, etc.) on the Town's website.

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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

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

The Red Caboose Libray Presents:
The Private Life of a Lifelong Freelance Writer
Phil Bowie
Award-Winning New Bern Author
August 1
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Canceled- EWAB Meeting
August 1
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Canceled- Parks &
Recreation Advisory
Board Meeting
August 3
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

Council Work Session
5:00 p.m.
August 11
Town Hall

Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
August 18
Town Hall

Red Caboose Library
Children's Program
August 20
9:00 a.m.
Municipal Building

Canceled- CERT Meeting
August 24
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building



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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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at www.riverbendnc.org

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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 Eric Gonzalez 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.