



**A CELEBRATION
(SOMEDAY)**
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

The Town of River Bend has two new facilities that will be open for residents to tour, but not until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

It is appropriate to recognize those who worked to bring these facilities to completion. The facilities are

- The Municipal building which houses the Police Department and Community meeting rooms.
- The expanded Town Hall building
 - o The first project has been needed for some time and the second will provide ADA compliant restrooms and improved public access to Town Hall.

These construction projects were discussed during a number of the regular meetings of the Town Council. The Council authorized Manager Jackson to proceed with developing plans and soliciting bids to build the above mentioned facilities. The architectural firm of The Walker Group was selected for the project. The Council instructed the Manager to design both projects and to bid with the Town Hall expansion as an add-on to the base bid depending on availability of funds.

The Manager worked with the architect and provided the Council review of the project plans as they developed. When project bids were opened the low bid was from “Bruin Builders.” The Council was pleased that the total construction price would allow the construction of both projects.

A number of persons and organizations deserve recognition for their role in achieving the completion of construction. These individuals and

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groups are

1. The members of the Town Council exercising vision in looking to present and future Town needs and boldly opting to execute the plan.
2. To Manager Jackson who worked with the Council and architect in development of plans and the construction contractor in working through the day to day questions associated with the construction period.
3. To The Walker Group for the strong professional effort in development of project plans and specifications for the contract work of building.
4. To the Bruin Builders team and their sub-contractors who took the project from paper plans to finished structures.
5. To the Town Staff who lived through the disruption of normal work space as the Town Hall building saw major modification.

All of these individuals deserve recognition for this major accomplishment in the history of River Bend. Thank you all.

With the completion of these two projects, the Staff will be better able to accomplish the work of serving their duties associated with Town governance while we wait for lifting of restrictions. We look forward to an open house event soon after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.●



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

In December, the Public Works Department continued with their normal duties. This month, Public Works has been trimming along roadsides and at intersections to improve roadway visibility. If there are, any areas that need our attention please feel free to call the Water Resources/Public Works office. Public Works also repaired a water leak that was by the outdoor bathrooms near Town Hall. This leak was

at the connection where the water piping connects to the plumbing at the building.

We had one Town wide power outage in December. The outage lasted several hours. All of our facilities continued to function via our backup generators. As a reminder, our Water Resources staff run all of our generators once per week underload. Running underload is necessary to make sure the actual power generator is functioning properly. The worst thing for a generator is to run the engine and not the generator. We run them weekly to make sure they will work when power outages do occur. We had two state inspectors come this month to inspect our systems. Our water system was inspected, as well as our collection system. I am happy to report that both inspections went well.

If you have any questions about the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 638-3540, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. After-hours water and sewer

emergencies can be reported by dialing Town Hall at 638-3870. You will be instructed to then dial “9” and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator. You will 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 operator will return your call. If you do not receive a call back within ten minutes, please notify the Police Department at 638-1108. ●

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COMING EVENTS

Work Session
February 11
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

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

Planning Board Meeting
March 4
6:00 p.m.
River Bend
Municipal Building

Work Session
March 11
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

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

Planning Board Meeting
April 1
6:00 p.m.
River Bend
Municipal Building



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2020-2021

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

July 6, 2020
July 1, 2020
September 7, 2020
September 2, 2020
November 2, 2020
October 28, 2020
January 11, 2021
(includes Christmas trees)
January 6, 2021
March 8, 2021
March 3, 2021
May 10, 2021
May 5, 2021

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 13, 2020
July 8, 2020
September 14, 2020
September 9, 2020
November 9, 2020
November 4, 2020
January 18, 2021
(includes Christmas trees)
January 13, 2021
March 15, 2021
March 10, 2021
May 17, 2021
May 12, 2021

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 2021 Meeting Dates

Work Session.....January 14
Regular Meeting.....January 21
Work Session.....February 11
Regular Meeting.....February 18

Work Session.....March 11
Regular Meeting.....March 18
Work Session.....April 8
Regular Meeting.....April 15

Work Session.....May 13
Regular Meeting.....May 20
Work Session.....June 10
Regular Meeting.....June 17

Work Session.....July 8
Regular Meeting.....July 15
Work Session.....August 12
Regular Meeting.....August 19

Work Session.....September 9
Regular Meeting.....September 16
Work Session.....October 14
Regular Meeting.....October 21

Work Session.....November 10
Regular Meeting.....November 18
Work Session.....December 9
Regular Meeting.....December 16

Budget Meetings

Budget Session.....April 27
Budget Session.....May 4
Budget Session.....May 11
Budget Session.....May 13
Budget Session.....May 18
Budget Session.....May 20

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.

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 2021 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

River Bend Animal Registrations for 2021 are due by March 31, 2021. All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Registration is \$10.00 per pet, and may be placed in our payment drop box while Town Hall is under construction.

Owners must present proof of rabies vaccination at the time of registration. Please include documentation with payment.



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 riverbendnc.org

this service provided by the Town of River Bend through
**Blackboard
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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, Corporal Brandon Rohrs and/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 638-3870.



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.