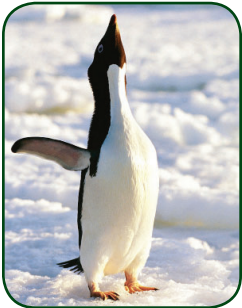


# RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL [www.riverbendnc.org](http://www.riverbendnc.org)



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR



**JANUARY 2021**  
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

We leave 2020 and say a prayer that 2021 will be very different than the year 2020. A listing of some of the things that will change, or we all wish will change, follows:

1) That the recently developed vaccines will significantly reduce the incidence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2) As we wait on this reduction may we all be willing to follow medical professional advice for the wearing of masks and other practices that will impede the spread of the virus.

3) Everyone on the North Carolina Atlantic Coast needs to pray that 2021 will not bring a major hurricane to this shore. Living in the Coastal Plain of North Carolina is a near perfect environment except when a natural disaster strikes. With the training experienced following Florence, the Town and Region will be prepared to cope with future disasters.

The River Bend Staff members that serve the Town, and staff of the entire Craven County area have performed extremely well following Hurricane Florence and also during the yearlong disruption caused by the COVID-19 virus. They deserve our thanks for their loyal and professional service.

Following the Hurricane Florence event the State and Federal Agencies representatives have worked very professionally with the River Bend Town Staff. Their assistance has made recovery more rapid and they have assisted the Town in securing Federal Assistance Funding.

The homeowners in every section of Town have worked diligently to restore their property. It is now two years after the passage of the hurricane and the appearance of the Town has largely been restored. This

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restoration represents a major commitment on the part of homeowners.

It is evident that presenting any municipality in a positive fashion before or after a natural disaster takes a major effort by the municipal administration and by property owners. It also becomes apparent that the uniform enforcement of zoning ordinances is critical to the proper appearance of a municipality both following the natural disaster but equally at all times.

The municipal staff also must deal with damage to the Town owned infrastructure. Streets, stormwater drainage, utilities and public buildings must be repaired as soon as possible. Without these services homeowners would not be able to begin their repairs.

It has been a pleasure to observe every member of the River Bend Staff interface with homeowners seeking direction as to how best proceed with necessary restoration projects following the hurricane flooding. These Staff members addressed citizens and provided information as it became available from State and Federal emergency planning agencies. This service was all the more impressive when one considers that certain Staff members had suffered the same loss in their own homes.●

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**WRD/PW**  
**NOVEMBER REPORT**  
BY BRANDON MILLS  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works finished the right-of-way mowing that we are responsible for the year. There are several areas around town that we mow that is not part of the mowing contract. The dredging project in the section of Anchor Way Canal has been completed. Public Works removed the old day markers in this canal, and new ones are being made. We hope to have these installed at the latest by the first week in

December. These day markers mark the center of the channel and are necessary for navigating Anchor Way Canal.

Water Resources repaired one steel walkway brace under the walking platform on the Large Wastewater Treatment Plant. This was completed in house with our welder, and I would like to thank Doug Becker for a job well done. We have also been painting as time and weather allows at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Routinely we paint all the plants to protect their steel structures from the corrosive environment. Piedmont Natural Gas/DUKE has created a program to camera sewer systems in areas where gas lines have been installed. River Bend is taking part in the program at no cost to us. Camera crews will be around town checking sewer mains and service

laterals to make sure there are no cross bores. I expect this process to take months to complete and will begin sometime in December. 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

Pet Registration  
begins  
January 5th

Council Work Session  
January 14  
5:00 p.m.  
River Bend Municipal  
Building

Council Meeting  
January 21  
7:00 p.m.  
River Bend Municipal  
Building

Council Work Session  
February 11  
5:00 p.m.  
River Bend Municipal  
Building

2021 Golf Cart  
Registration

January 1-  
December 31



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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](http://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.....TBD  
Budget Session.....TBD  
Budget Session.....TBD  
Budget Session.....TBD  
Budget Session.....TBD  
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**The January Work Session and Regular Council  
Meeting will be held in the River Bend  
Municipal Building.**

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](http://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](http://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, Police Officer Bran-



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