



**RIVER BEND JULY FOURTH
CELEBRATION 2022**
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

The Town's first July fourth celebration in three years was a great success as evaluated by people in attendance. The weather certainly cooperated in that a hard rain fell during the night but skies cleared and the sun shown during the entire celebration period. The elements of the celebration included a parade, the assembly for picnic lunch in the Town Hall parking lot, remarks by Craven

County Commissioner Mitchell and County Sheriff Hughes and Grand Marshall George Halyak, respect to the U S flag was rendered by the Pledge of Allegiance and by Allison McCollum singing the National Anthem.

This year the Color Guard was the West Craven High School Air Force Junior ROTC team. The Color Guard remained for the entire program and enjoyed the picnic lunch with us.

During lunch and for a period after lunch music was provided by the "THE BEARS." This music was enjoyed by all present.

The entire day's program was made possible by the planning and participation of many citizen volunteers. The Town's Parks and Recreation Committee plays an integral role in the planning and execution of the event. The work of the Town Staff led by Town Manager Jackson was a strong contributor to the day's success both lead up preparation and support on July Fourth.

We entered the planning and execution of the celebration uncertain what the outcome would be after a two year break caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. All involved were appreciative of the positive response of Town and area residents.

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Please take time to thank those who contributed to the success of this event celebrating the 246th Anniversary of U.S. Independence in River Bend.



**WRD/PW
REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public works has continued to do a good job around town. Duck crossing signs were installed on Shoreline where the storm water pipes cross under the road by Mulberry pond to the Lakemere pond. Geese as well as ducks normally cross along this area and it was an ideal spot to install these signs. We have also trimmed more areas where tree limbs were hanging low over the roadway. This is routine for us and we

have many more areas around town on our list to trim. Several blue hydrant reflectors were also replaced along our roadways. These reflectors are necessary for the fire department in the event of a fire to easily and quickly locate our hydrants day and night. We also use them to help us locate the hydrants when we do our yearly system flushing.

Water Resources replaced a small section of raw water piping for Well #2-treatment unit where the chemical feed systems connect before treatment. This pipe had become restricted with mineral buildup and had cut the amount of water we could treat for that unit in half. Our water operator James Jones on his daily water testing duties quickly noticed this decrease in flow. I would like to thank James for noticing this problem quickly. We replaced this pipe quickly with our team, and I would like to thank all of them for a job well done.

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, 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

Presentation:
Preparedness and
Mitigation for Storms
July 9
10 a.m.-12 Noon
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
Time Change
July 14
6:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Meet & Greet
Sponsored by
Parks & Rec
July 16
9 a.m.-12 Noon
River Brew Wine &
Creamery

CAC Meeting
July 4
1:30-4 p.m.
Municipal Building

Canceled-CERT Meeting
July 20
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Meeting
July 21
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Rezoning Hearing
July 28
6:00 p.m.
Town Hall

RBCOG Meeting
August 1
1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

Parks & Recreation
Advisory Board Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Library Board Meeting
August 4
2:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

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



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2021-2022

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 infor-
mation about River Bend's Leaf
& Limb collection program,
please see our 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 com-
pleted. To review budget material, please
visit our website: [www.riverbendnc.org/
finance/fy2022-2023-town-budget](http://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.