



**EASTER EGG HUNT RIVER
BEND 2022**
BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

The Parks and Recreation advisory board assisted by several boards planned and conducted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. I was pleased to be the person performing the countdown to launch each of the four age groups of children. The day was mild and free from rain and certainly made for a fun time for the children.

The format

of the event

was divided into four age groups 1-4, 5-8, 9-12 and special needs. Each group started 15 minutes apart and in different areas of the Town Commons.

Observations of the crowd in attendance:

1. There were many families in

attendance most with mothers and fathers and some with grandparents. There was diversity among those attending.

2. Each of the four age groups was well populated.

3. The Community Watch assisted the Town Police in directing parking and direction to the several venues.

4. The interaction of the children and the adults was cordial.

5. As P&R Chair Janet Nawojski greeted those assembled for each of the venues she asked for visitors to Town to raise their hand and welcomed those persons.

6. Members of the Red Caboose Library assisted in the event.

Clearly the format that has developed over several years works well.

The pictures attached are those taken by Town Manager Delane Jackson.

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As I was leaving a young man probably in Middle school approached me a said he wished to thank the Town for the event. I told him that I would thank the persons who made the event possible.

Thanks to all who made the event a success and thanks to the many families and children that participated in what I believe was an enjoyable way to start the Easter Celebration.





WRD/PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works added playground mulch to the small kiddie playground. We are going to add more at the kiddie park and to our other park areas as soon as possible. Mulch is installed on the playing surfaces to soften (cushion) falls that may occur while playing on the playground. Several road edge potholes were also repaired. We use crusher run rock, as it compacts better in the areas that are prone to washing out near the road edge. Compacting

the rock prevents the edge of the roadway from cracking which in turn extends its life expectancy. Also, two potholes in the roadway were repaired. We use a product that is referred to as a cold patch. This is compacted with gas-powered compactors to prevent roadbed damage.

Water Resources repaired a leaky water main located on Efird Boulevard. To repair this leak the water distribution system had to be shut down and depressurized along Efird Boulevard and Barbara Drive. Any time a distribution main has to be depressurized, we have to issue a boil water advisory only to the areas affected, and we have to take a bacteriological sample after the distribution piping is put back into service. We followed all rules & regulations, and our sample came back negative for any contamination. Once the sample came back negative, we rescinded the advisory to all the customers affected. I would like to thank the Public Works staff 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

- ◆ Dial Town Hall at 638-3870.
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COMING EVENTS

RBCOG Meeting
May 2
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

EWAB Meeting
May 2
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Library Board
Special Meeting
May 4
2:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Parks & Rec Advisory
Board Meeting
May 4
7 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
May 5
7 p.m.
Municipal Building

CAC Special Meeting
May 10
2:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Budget Meeting
May 10
4 p.m.
Town Hall

Budget Meeting
4 p.m.
Council Work Session
5 p.m.
May 12
Town Hall

Sunday In The Park
Sponsored by Parks & Rec
May 15
4 p.m.
Town Hall

Budget Meeting
4 p.m.
Council Meeting
7 p.m.
May 19
Town Hall

Buddy Sheffield as
Mark Twain
May 20 & 21
7:30 p.m.
Town Hall
Reservations Required

CERT Meeting
May 25
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022, in observance of Memorial Day



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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, 2021
(June 30, 2021)
September 6, 2021
(September 1, 2021)
November 1, 2021
(October 27, 2021)
January 10, 2022
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 5, 2022)
March 7, 2022
(March 2, 2022)
May 9, 2022
(May 4, 2022)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 12, 2021
(July 7, 2021)
September 13, 2021
(September 8, 2021)
November 8, 2021
(November 3, 2021)
January 17, 2022
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 12, 2022)
March 14, 2022
(March 9, 2022)
May 16, 2022
(May 11, 2022)

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 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

Budget Session.....April 26
Budget SessionMay 3
Budget Session.....May 10
Budget Session.....May 12
Budget Session.....May 19

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 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

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, 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.