

RIVER BEND NEWS

FROM TOWN HALL

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INTEGRITY AND THE WORLD WE LIVE IN

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

"We need to stress that personal integrity is as important as executive skill in business dealings.... Setting an example from the top has a ripple effect through a business school or a corporation. After nearly three decades in business, 10 years as chief executive of a Big Eight accounting firm, I have learned that the standards set at the top filter throughout a company.... [Quoting Professor Thomas Dunfee of the Wharton School:] 'A company that fails to take steps to produce a climate conducive to positive work-related ethical attitudes may create a vacuum in which employees so predisposed may foster a frontier-style, everyone for themselves mentality.'"

Mahatma Gandhi states,

"There are seven things that will destroy us: Wealth without work; Pleasure without conscience; Knowledge without character; Religion without sacrifice; Politics without principal; Science without humanity; Business without ethics."

Dan Bryan wrote in his May 14, 2012 article entitled, After Yorktown: The Integrity of George Washington as Published in American History USA,

"George Washington, as much as he is lionized, is often not given the full credit

"As the November National Election approaches, a quality that should be expected of any candidate is that of integrity."

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due to him for his efforts at holding the United States together as a republic in the aftermath of the victory at Yorktown.

The famous defeat of Cornwallis did not immediately end the war. For a time, it was unclear whether the British would relent, or whether they would send another army to North America and continue to press the conflict. During this interval, most of the Continental Army remained mobilized and camped at Newburgh, New York. Many of them had not been paid in years. They were ill-clothed, poorly fed, and gradually slid into various degrees of distemper.

It took remarkable skill and leadership by George Washington to prevent this situation from escalating into a rebellion against the Congressional government. Had he been of a different mindset, he probably could have exploited the situation to his personal gain, installing himself as leader of the new country. His refusal to do so is a centerpiece of his long legacy.

The Nicola Letter

The first incident of note occurred in 1782, in the form of a long, hand-written letter. A colonel named Lewis Nicola gave his own impression of the political situation to General Washington. He pointed out that many officers and soldiers had agreed not to disperse until their grievances were met. He used several pages to point out the shortcomings of republican government when it came to compensation of the military. He pointed out all of the threats to social order that this entailed.

Then, at the end, Nicola revealed his proposal – the United States as a monarchy. Only a government of this type, he argued, could ensure proper compensation to the Continental Army and prevent a future rebellion. The obvious implication, of course, would be George Washington as king.

Washington may or may not have had the support to implement such an idea, but he certainly could have tried. Instead his response was brief and severe:

“I am much at a loss to conceive what part of my conduct could have given encouragement to an address which to me seems big with the greatest mischiefs that can befall my Country... Let me conjure you then, if you have any regard for your Country, concern for yourself or posterity, or respect for me, to banish these thoughts from your Mind, and never communicate, as from yourself, or any one else, a sentiment of the like Nature.”

The ethical leadership of George Washington is widely recognized. Immediately presented above is a written exchange with one of George Washington’s officers which is a perfect example of ethical leadership.

The present time cries for strong ethical leadership. We need to insist that leaders

in every organization act with a committed personal code of ethics that is free of destructive traits that will ultimately ruin the organization that they are charged to lead. The need for this trait is the case in government, the military and in every facet of business and commerce. And the change needs to start with each of us as individuals.

Excerpts from After Yorktown: The Integrity of George Washington as Published in American History USA, by Dan Bryan are reprinted with his express permission.



**TOWN MANAGER'S
REPORT**

BY TOWN MANAGER DELANE JACKSON

We are on the cusp of the prime leaf raking season. While we provide year-round leaf and limb collection, the next few months will be the primary season for leaf collection. The Town provides leaf and limb collection through a contractor. Chapter 9.02.030 of the Town Code of Ordinances governs leaf and limb collection. This service is provided six times per year in accordance with the Town's schedule. The schedule, map and rules are available on the Town's web site by clicking on "Departments", then selecting "Solid Waste" from the drop-down box, then "Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule".

Each year, there are violations of our leaf and limb ordinance. Now is a good time to remind residents of the rules and their responsibility. The following is not an all-inclusive list but it addresses the most common violations. The town is divided into Zone 1 and Zone 2 for collection. The schedule clearly indicates the dates when debris must be placed by the road for collection in each zone and when collection will begin in each zone. Debris cannot be placed by the roadside for collection before the specified date on the schedule. Limbs cannot be more than 3 inches in diameter or 6 feet in length and the butt end must be street side. If they are larger than the limit, they will not be collected by our contractor or by town staff.

Leaf and limb is defined as: leaves, pine cones and small tree and shrub limbs. The definition does NOT include construction material of any kind, household trash, tree trunks, lot-clearing debris or debris left from commercial contractors. Leaves and pine cones must be bagged in either a clear bag or in a bag with a label that clearly shows the name and address of the producer of the debris. Limbs are not to be placed in bags. You cannot place household garbage in the bag. Pet waste, plastic bottles, newspapers, food scraps, and any other manmade items cannot be placed in the bag.

Why the need for these rules? Every bag of yard debris and every limb that we collect is delivered to the local landfill. They are carried to a specific area and go through a grinding process where they are turned into either mulch or compost. Obviously, household trash is not allowed in this process. Before grinding, every bag that is collected from the curbside is opened and emptied by our contractor. Once opened, any illegal debris is easily noticed by the contractor. If the contractor places illegal debris in the grinding area of the landfill, he can be fined. Any illegal debris such as household trash, slows down the process because it must be separated and removed.

If a violation is found in your debris pile, it will not be collected from the roadside. A yellow flag will be placed by your pile indicating why it was not collected. It then becomes your responsibility to remove the pile. If a violation is found in your bag, the bag will be returned to you and you will be warned of the violation. The next violation will result in a fine being levied against you. The fine for violations of this ordinance is \$500.

The town certainly does not want to fine anyone \$500 for violation of these simple rules. That can only be avoided if you follow the rules. Currently, the town does not charge a collection fee for this service. It is included in the services that you receive for taxes. Our contractor charges us a fee based on every ton that he collects. His contract

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price is partially based on the expectation that residents will follow the rules. Violations of the rules slow down his process and increase his costs. If his costs increase, ours may also. As the saying goes, “time is money”. It is not the responsibility of the contractor to separate your trash. If your debris is not collected due to it being out of compliance with the rules, the contractor will not go back and collect it even if you remedy the violation.

Finally, you cannot place your debris on the property of another person without their permission. That includes town owned property and vacant lots. If you do not own it or have specific permission to use it, do not place your debris there. If you want to help speed up the entire collection process, it would be ideal if multiple neighbors worked together and placed their debris in a single location. Obviously, the fewer stops that are required, the quicker the process can be completed for

everyone. Thank you for following these simple rules, which will make all of River Bend better looking for everyone.

Due to construction at Town Hall, all Town Council meetings will be held in the Municipal Building at 51 Shoreline Drive beginning on October 8 and continuing through December 17.



**WRD/PW
REPORT**

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works repaired a couple of stormwater catch basin grates that needed to be replaced. We were able to fabricate both grates in house with our welder. The purpose of these grates are to catch any large debris that could clog the stormwater drainage pipes. Several potholes in the roadways were also repaired. We use a product called cold asphalt patch, and it works well on these smaller asphalt repairs.

The pot-
holes are cut out square, then we add cold patch, and compact with our gas-powered compactor until the patch is level with the existing roadway surface.

Water resources pulled two lift station pumps that had clogged up, and had tripped the electrical breaker. These pumps were quickly pulled and repaired before any problems occurred. I would like to encourage that everyone on our wastewater collection system go to the Town website and check out our link on fats, oils, and grease. This will give you a better understanding on how to properly dispose of household garbage and waste. This link is also informative for residents that have septic systems also, and will save you trouble with your septic system down the road. If you do not have internet, then call the number below, and I will be more than willing to get you one of our brochures.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After hour's water and sewer, emergencies can be reported by dialing the Town Hall at 638-3870. You will be instructed to the 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

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**REPORTING
AFTER HOURS
WATER-SEWER
EMERGENCIES**

- ◆ Dial Town Hall at 638-3870.
- ◆ Dial "9" and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator.
- ◆ Enter your phone number at the sound of the tone.
- ◆ The automated system will inform you that your page has been sent.
- ◆ 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. They will get in touch with the on-call utility system operator.

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.

COMING EVENTS

<p>PWAB Meeting October 6th 3:00 p.m. Municipal Building</p>	<p>Work Session October 8th 5:00 p.m. Municipal Building</p>
<p>Council Meeting October 15th 7:00 p.m. Municipal Building</p>	<p>Habitat For Humanity Stuff The Truck October 17th 8:00 a.m.-11 a.m. Basketball Court</p>
<p>Hazardous Household Waste Collection October 17th 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Craven Commity College 800 College Court</p>	<p>CAC Meeting October 21st 1:30 p.m. Town Hall Picnic Shelter</p>



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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 information about River Bend's Leaf & Limb collection program, please see our Ordinance online at www.riverbendnc.org. ●

Town Council 2020 Meeting Dates

Work Session January 9

Regular Meeting January 16

Work Session February 13

Regular Meeting February 20

Work Session March 12

Regular Meeting March 19

Work Session April 9

Regular Meeting April 16

Work Session May 14

Regular Meeting May 21

Work Session June 11

Regular Meeting June 18

Work Session July 9

Regular Meeting July 16

Work Session August 13

Regular Meeting August 20

Work Session September 10

Regular Meeting September 17

Work Session October 8

Regular Meeting October 15

Work Session November 12

Regular Meeting November 19

Work Session December 10

Regular Meeting December 17

Due to Town Hall Construction, All Council Work Sessions and Regular Council Meetings will be held in the River Bend Municipal Building beginning October 8th-December 17th 2020.

Council Work Sessions will be held in the River Bend Municipal Building beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meetings will be held in the River Bend Municipal Building 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 2020 registration decal. Decals for 2020 were available beginning December 2, 2019.

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

All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00 per pet.

Owners must present proof of rabies vaccination at the time of registration.



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.



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 and receive timely notifications by phone, e-mail, text messages and more.

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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 Police Department or visit our web site. CERT meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.



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.