

RIVER BEND NEWS

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RIVER BEND: THE RESULT OF VISION

BY MAYOR JOHN KIRKLAND

The Town council in 2002 unanimously voted to hold a referendum proposing to petition the NC General Assembly to change the Town's Charter to recognize the form of governance as Council-Manager. This referendum was approved by the Town vote about two for to one against.

The Council selected Mr. Eric Pearson as the first Manager. Eric served for 2 years. The Council next selected Mr. Randy Beeman as the second Manager and he served for 3 years in that position. The next Manager was Mr. Drew Havens and he served in the position for seven years. The Town's present Manager is Mr. Delane Jackson who has served 8 years to date. The total years with the Council-Manager Form of Town Government is 20 years.

I served on the Council that opted to conduct the referendum to change the form of governance. I have been privileged to have been mayor and to have served with the four Managers named above. They all served the Town well and each departure was to accept a posi-

tion with more responsibility. In Drew Haven's case he went to the Town of Apex population 30,000+.

The Council and Mayor Findley in 2002 recognized that River Bend needed this change if it was going to reach a future status worthy of its potential. Clearly the Mayor and Council possessed a sense of vision in making this move. Each of the Managers named above likewise exercised vision and built a solid foundation the

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succeeding Managers have built upon.

The new residents inherit the Town that they have joined recently. Long term residents can easily recognize the positive progress that has taken place while the Town has operated under the Council-Manager form of governance. I believe that the word “vision” best describes the motivation of all the individuals who have served as elected members of Council and also the hired Manager working with the Council. The result of this effort is the attractive community that we call River Bend today. Each of the four Managers and the members of Council serving during those 20 years has contributed to the River Bend we can take pride in today. The present Council and Manager Jackson carry forward the strong sense of vision that will continue to make visionary progress.



WRD / PW REPORT

BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

I hope that everyone enjoyed the July 4 parade. Every year it amazes me of the turnout of citizens, and the amount of joy these festivities bring to all. I would like to thank the Town employees and the volunteers that plan and organize this event.

Everyone always has a great time. In July, we continued trimming limbs that are overhanging in the roadways. These limbs were hitting the top of larger vehicles such as RV's. There are still some areas we have not trimmed yet but it is on our schedule. We will get these areas cut as time allows.

Water Resources have continued to do a good job with routine maintenance of both the water/wastewater systems. This maintenance consists of weekly checking of all emergency generators and lift station operation. By checking the emergency generators weekly, we can insure that they will be operational in the event of a power outage. We check amperage draws on all lift station pumps, float control operation, and for grease build up weekly in all of the towns lift stations. I check daily runtimes on all pumps to look for abnormalities. By completing this maintenance we minimize downtime of all equipment by identifying problems quickly.

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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 (option 1), and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

REPORTING AFTER HOURS WATER-SEWER EMERGENCIES

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COMING

Library Board Meeting
September 1
2:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
September 1
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

~CANCELED~
RBCOG Meeting
1:30-4:00 p.m.
August 11
Town Hall

EWAB Meeting
September 5
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

Council Work Session &
Public Hearing
September 8
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
September 15
Town Hall

The Art of Loose Leaf Tea:
Sponsored by Parks &
Recreation
September 17
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Municipal Building
Click [HERE](#) for details

Trivia Night:
Sponsored by Parks &
Rec
September 21
Time TBD
Municipal Building
Click [HERE](#) for details

CAC Meeting
4:00 p.m.
September 21
Municipal Building

~CANCELED~
CERT Meeting
September 28
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2022-2023

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
information about River Bend's Leaf &
Limb collection program, please see our
updated 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 Andrew Borner 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.