



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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We are on the cusp of the prime leaf raking season. While we provide year-round leaf and limb (L&L) collection, the next few months will be the primary season for leaf collection. The Town provides L&L collection through a contractor. Chapter 9.02.030 of the Town Code of Ordinances governs L&L collection. This service is provided seven times per year. Please familiarize yourself with and follow

the town's L&L schedule and rules. Click [here](#) for the schedule, map and rules.

Each year, there are violations of our L&L 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.

L&L is defined as: leaves, pinecones 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. We do not collect L&L debris that is generated by the work of a hired contractor at your home. Also, we do not collect brown goods (furniture, lumber) or white goods (appliances, metal, electronics, etc.).

Why the need for these rules? Every pound of L&L debris that we collect is delivered to the local landfill. Last fiscal year we collected 564 tons of L&L debris at a total cost of \$93,476. Our L&L is carried to a specific area of the landfill

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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 (option 1). They will get in touch with the on-call utility system

and goes through a grinding process where it is turned into compost. Obviously, household trash is not allowed in that process. Did you know that you can purchase STA-certified, organic compost at the [Tuscarora](#) landfill for \$40 per ton? They will load your truck or trailer. You do not have to buy a ton. You can literally buy as little as you like, but the minimum fee is \$2. The compost you buy may be made from L&L material that came from your yard.

If a violation is found in your L&L 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. The contractor is paid for every ton collected. It is not financially beneficial for him to skip L&L debris. He would prefer to collect the L&L rather than flag it. If your debris is not collected due to it being in violation of the rules, neither the contractor, nor the town, will go back and collect it, even if you remedy the violation. The contractor is only required to make a single pass of all streets to collect L&L. He is not required to make another pass to collect all "fixed" piles or late piles that were added after collection started for that street. The contract's fee is based on the expectation that residents will follow the rules. He is not paid to remedy violations. As the saying goes, "time is money." It is not the responsibility of the contractor to separate your trash. The maximum 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.

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 do not 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.

August 29-September 27

COMING EVENTS

Preschool Story Hour
Every Friday
10:00 a.m.
115 Wildwood Dr
Red Caboose Community Library

Weekly Fun Run
Beginning on July 19
Click [HERE](#) for more
details

Blood Drive Sponsored by Parks
& Rec
August 29
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

CANCELED
RBCOG Meeting
September 1
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

CANCELED
EWAB Meeting
September 1
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

RBCOG ***Special Meeting***
September 2
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Parks & Rec Advisory
Board Meeting
September 3
6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

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

Council Work Session
September 11
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

CANCELED
Community Appearance
Commission Meeting
September 17
4:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting
September 18
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile
September 19
2p.m.-4p.m.
Tech Class 4p.m.-5 p.m.
115 Wildwood Dr

River Bend Community Yard Sale
September 27
7:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Deadline to be included on the participation map is
9/25/25.
For more details, click [HERE](#)

For more information, please visit our website at www.riverbendnc.org



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for FY2025-2026

Residents may begin
placing their yard debris
street side on the dates
indicated in parentheses

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

July 14, 2025
(July 9, 2025)
September 8, 2025
(September 3, 2025)
November 10, 2025
(November 5, 2025)
December 8, 2025
(December 3, 2025)
January 12, 2026
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 7, 2026)
March 9, 2026
(March 4, 2026)
May 11, 2026
(May 6, 2026)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

July 21, 2025
(July 16, 2025)
September 15, 2025
(September 10, 2025)
November 17, 2025
(November 12, 2025)
December 15, 2025
(December 10, 2025)
January 19, 2026
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 14, 2026)
March 16, 2026
(March 11, 2026)
May 18, 2026
(May 13, 2026)

Pinecones, pine straw and leaves must
NOT be bagged. For additional impor-
tant information about River Bend's
Leaf & Limb collection program, please
see our updated Ordinance online at
www.riverbendnc.org.

Town Council 2025 Meeting Dates

Work Session January 9
Regular Meeting January 16
Work Session February 13
Regular Meeting February 20
Work Session March 13
Regular Meeting March 20
Work Session April 10
Regular Meeting April 17
Work Session May 8
Regular Meeting May 15
Work Session June 12
Regular Meeting June 19

~~Work Session July 10~~ Canceled
Regular Meeting July 17
Work Session August 14
Regular Meeting August 21

Work Session September 11
Regular Meeting September 18
Work Session October 9
Regular Meeting October 16

Work Session November 13
Regular Meeting November 20

Work Session December 4***
Regular Meeting December 11***

***Changed due to holiday

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.



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 current year registration decal. Decals for 2025 are available now. 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 2025 are due by March 31, 2025. All River Bend dogs and cats must be registered annually.

Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4 PM.

Owners must present proof of rabies vaccination at the time of registration. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Registration is \$10.00 per pet.



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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Emergency Notification System

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

SIGN UP NOW
at www.riverbendnc.org

this service provided by the Town of River Bend through
**Blackboard
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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.