

RIVER BEND NEWS

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WRD/PW REPORT
BY BRANDON MILLS
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

This month, Public Works focused on clearing tree limbs and debris resulting from the recent ice storms. The team did an excellent job ensuring that streets remained free of obstruction and safe for travel. Additionally, crews have been performing routine maintenance, including oil changes on lawnmowers and tractors, in preparation for warmer weather and the upcoming grass mowing season.

Water Resources is scheduled to begin the water media change-out in March. This project involves replacing older media in our water filters, which is expected to reduce iron and manganese levels in our finished water, ultimately improving water quality. In addition, the department completed the repair of a ¾ inch water service line that was leaking near the road edge. Both departments have been actively working to maintain the infrastructure and prepare for seasonal changes to ensure continued service and safety for the community.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 252-638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by dialing the 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 252-638-1108 (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 EVENTS

Arbor Day Event
March 22
9:00 a.m.-Noon
Town Commons

New Bern Author Les
Pendleton Presentaition
& Discussion
March 26
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Parks & Recreating
Advisory Board Meeting
April 2
6:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

Planning Board Meeting
April 3
6:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

RBCOG Meeting
April 7
1:30 p.m.
Municipal Building

EWAB Meeting
April 7
7:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

Council Work Session
April 10
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Council Regular Session
April 17
5:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Book/Tech Mobile
March 21
2p.m.-4p.m.
Tech Class 4p.m.-5 p.m.
115 Wildwood Dr

Budget Workshop
April 28
4:00 p.m.
Town Hall

Budget Workshop
May 1
4:00 p.m.
Town Hall



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Leaf & Limb Collection Schedule for 2024-2025

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

Zone 1 Pick Up Begins

- July 15, 2024
(July 10, 2024)
- September 9, 2024
(September 4, 2024)
- November 11, 2024
(November 6, 2024)
- December 11, 2024
(December 4, 2024)
- January 13, 2025
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 8, 2025)
- March 10, 2025
(March 5, 2025)
- May 12, 2025
(May 7, 2025)

Zone 2 Pick Up Begins

- July 22, 2024
(July 17, 2024)
- September 16, 2024
(September 11, 2024)
- November 18, 2024
(November 13, 2024)
- December 16, 2024
(December 11, 2024)
- January 20, 2025
(includes Christmas trees)
(January 15, 2025)
- March 17, 2025
(March 12, 2025)
- May 19, 2025
(May 14, 2025)

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 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
- 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

Budget Meetings

- Budget Session April 28
- Budget Session May 1
- Budget Session May 6
- Budget Session May 8
- Budget Session (if needed)..... May 13
- Budget Session..... May 15

Click [HERE](#) for FY25-26 Budget Preparation

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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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.