

Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, July, 2016

Two New Businesses!!

We are excited since not one but two businesses are opening doors in Bridgeton. This is great news not only for Bridgeton but for the entire area.

A & T Vape shop is already open and offering significantly more choices in e-cigarettes and other types of non-smoking pleasure. Their location is in the strip center next door to Pizza Toscano and Chasin' Tails.

Decks and Docks Lumber Company has committed to opening a new outlet in the old Big M location also fronting on Hwy 17. This large concern out of Florida with outlets mainly on the east coast will be bringing wood and hardware tailored to outdoor living and marine projects to town. Decks and Docks is already servicing existing customers in the area and will be open full service by the middle of July. It will be a large economic impact on town and the news is certainly welcome. ■

Parks Update

The first phase of the Vernon Blades Park is slowly forming. Plans include erosion control, a small boardwalk and a canoe/kayak launch. ■

Town Hall Schedule

The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm.

The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting is July 27, 2016

All are welcome to come see what what issues are affecting our home town. ■

IT'S DONE AND PEOPLE LOVED IT!



It was the first Bridgeton Blueberry Festival in 12 years and was it worth all the hubbub and hoopla?

-photo via John Steady

Well, according to all who were there, **YES!** While the day's weather was spotty that gave you the opportunity to either complain about the sun and the heat or comment on how the cloud cover made the day a joyful comfort depending on when you toured the festival.

As for the vaunted main event, the calorie-laden **Blueberry Bake-Off** was a resounding success and even though the judging *had* to be horrifically difficult the panel finally did come to a decision.

1st. Nancy Hawley

for her Blueberry-Lime Salsa

2nd. Dawn Heller

for her Blueberry-Apple Pie

3rd. Marie Tingle

for her Blueberry Pie

Added to this was the fact that both Nelson's as well as the Morris fields sold completely out of blueberries during the event so it seems a definite fact that blueberries are back!!

Festival producer, Sherri LeFever is already looking forward to next year's event and working in conjunction with the newly-named festival icon, "**Blubert**".

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary was pleased to talk to an estimated 300 people regarding boat inspections, classes and membership info.

Bridgeton United Methodist Church held a blueberry pancake breakfast that was a tremendous success with almost 400 people being served a delicious breakfast.

Most vendors reported good sales from the unexpectedly heavy crowds that attended. And several area churches bake sales were also cleaned out.

The Bridgeton Police Department estimated at least 1,800 guests visited the event, which is a pretty credible result for a first time, one day affair. ■

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Winning Recipes Directly from Saturday's Blueberry Bake-Off

Blueberry Lime Salsa –

Blue-Ribbon Recipe by Nancy Hawley

Ingredients:

2 cups fresh blueberries
10 medium strawberries
½ red onion
2 tablespoons lime zest
Juice of four limes
1 avocado (chopped)
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Combine above ingredients, except avocado, in a food processor; add chopped avocado before serving. The consistency is up to you. Yields about three cups. Tastes great on chicken, fish, or on chips.

Blueberry Apple Pie -

Second Place Recipe by: Dawn Heller

Ingredients

Pastry for 1 crust 9" deep dish or 10" pie plate
1 can (21 oz.) Blueberry Pie Filling
1 1/2 cup fresh blueberries
2 cups diced tart apples
Topping:
1 cup flour

1 cup granulated sugar
4 Tablespoons butter softened
1/2 Teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 Teaspoon nutmeg

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine Blueberry Pie Filling with fresh blueberries and apples, mix well. Turn into pastry shell. In a separate bowl mix topping, combining flour, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cut in butter till crumbly. Sprinkle ¾ of the topping over top of pie. Bake 35-40 minutes. Sprinkle remaining ¼ of the topping and continue baking 5 minutes. Serve with vanilla ice cream if desired.
NOTE: Rhubarb, when available, can be substituted for the apples.

Blueberry Pie

Third-Place recipe by Marie Tingle

1 graham cracker pie crust
1 regular sized container of Cool Whip,
1 can of Eaglebrand Sweetened Condensed Milk,
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 cups of fresh blueberries.

Directions

Combine all ingredients and put in prepared pie shell then refrigerate until firm. Garnish with blueberries, strawberries, lemon slices.

Police Report

Bridgeton Police Chief Rick Barney reports that the Bridgeton Police Department needs to remind citizens of our leash law and town speed limits. We have several complaints of dogs running at large and cars traveling too fast on our town streets. Please keep your pets under your control and drive at a safe speed. Bridgeton Police Officers will enforce town ordinances.

Bridgeton is a beautiful safe town. Please do your part to keep our citizens safe. Remember to report any unusual activity to the Bridgeton Police Department. ■

BIC: Helping Our Town

The flagpole has been installed and Old Glory now proudly welcomes drivers into Bridgeton. What's next for our revamped entrance?

BIC is currently pricing free standing letters to spell out the name of our town in front of the flagpole. BIC president George Burens is considering several more improvements to the site so stay tuned for more info. ■

Names To Know

Rodman Williams	<i>Mayor</i>
Elizabeth "Boots" Parker	<i>Mayor Pro-Tem</i>
John R. Chittick	<i>Commissioner (Abatement Concerns)</i>
Keith L. Tyndall	<i>Commissioner (Police Commissioner)</i>
Alan Welch	<i>Commissioner (Parks & Recreation)</i>

Rick Barney	<i>Police Chief</i>
Elaine Bryan	<i>Town Clerk/Finance Officer</i>
Melba Banks	<i>Assistant Clerk</i>
Alton Wilson	<i>Building Inspector</i>
David Fort	<i>Zoning Administrator</i>
Kevin Mullineaux	<i>Sewer Plant Operator</i>
Henry Watson	<i>Fire Inspector</i>

Police Department:

308 Bridge St.
252-637-2033 (office)
252-670-8379 (cell)
911 (emergency)

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If you have any civic events you wish to be publicized contact Elaine Bryan at Town Hall or go directly to our website: <http://www.bridgetonnc.net/> and follow the link there. Let the citizens know what they can become involved with. ■