



# Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, August, 2016



## **BIC President George Burens presents check to Mayor Rodman Willaims and Councilman Alan Welch**

**-photo Rosemary Osterhus**

Recently, BIC, (Bridgeton Improvement Committee), made another contribution to our town, this time in money and a rather large one. President George Burens presented Mayor Rodman Williams a check for \$10,000 to help fund development of the Vernon Blades Park on land between the old Bridgeton Elementary School and the Neuse River. The initial phase of construction is slated to start next month.

## **Bridgeton Clean Sweep**

The Bridgeton Community Watch will be participating in *Craven County Clean Sweep* in our Town. We have scheduled ours at 9:00 am, Saturday, August 13th. We will be meeting by the Town Hall to start cleaning town. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated. For information call **252-636-3749**. ■

August will see the permit from CAMA obtained freeing the contractor to begin work on the seawall and kayak/canoe launch area. The rusty waterfront fence and decrepit softball backstop will also be pulled out. Drain installations and re-contouring of the field's grade for better water run off will also be done. This should result in a dryer, more usable park surface for all to enjoy as well as in-town access to the river for paddle enthusiasts. ■

## **Town Hall Schedule**

The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm.

The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting is August 24, 2016.

All Bridgeton residents and visitors are welcome to come and see what what issues are affecting our home town. ■

## **National Night Out**

Come out and meet the Bridgeton Police Department in the best possible way. Now is your opportunity to meet and get to know our fine officers better.

In conjunction with the Craven County Sheriff's Department and New Bern Police Department, the Bridgeton Police Department invites you to share free drinks and hot dogs, kid's prizes & safety kits, cupcakes and photo opportunities with the officers who keep us safe.

There will be fun activities for the youngsters and safety vehicles and equipment on display. The Bridgeton Community Watch is the driving force behind this effort ably coordinated by Sherri LeFever. The event happens August 2nd from 5:00 - 9:30 pm at the Bridgeton Harbor Marina parking lot off Hwy 17 at Pine Street. ■

## **Civic Projects**

City maintenance has been busy with normal, routine maintenance as well as cleaning out storm drains and mapping them with direction of water flow.

Summer insect infestations are also a concern with a huge scary bee or wasp swarm at corner of A and Washington streets and eradicating dangerous fire ant mounds. Bridgeton advises you to use caution around these pests.

Streets also took tending with holes in the asphalt being patched and filling holes in dirt driveways with gravel. We are also looking at replacing old and weathered street signs so keep a watch for that improvement in the near future. ■

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## Police Report

The Bridgeton Police Department has received more complaints about speeding in town and violations of the leash law. Bridgeton Officers have written citations for traffic violations on B Street and on C Street in the past few weeks. Officers have also noted leash law violations.

Our Officers have made several arrests for drug violations and several larceny charges.

Bridgeton is a quiet laid back kind of place. The Police Department reminds citizens to drive safely and remember, "If you see it, tell it". Call the police Department with any concerns you have.

Bridgeton Officers will be out on August 2 for the National Night Out. We hope to see you then..... ■

## Why We Choose To Live In Bridgeton



Sunset over the Neuse from our very own CAMA Park, one of the few parks on *our* side of the river

-photo by Sue Williams

## Bridgeton Businesses

Bridgeton has a website that is attempting to be a full listing of all the businesses in town. It is an ongoing effort to educate people that Bridgeton is more than a wide place in Hwy 17.

This webpage is an initiative by BIC and is free of charge to any business operating in the town limits. If your business is not listed follow the link below. ■  
<http://www.bridgetonbiz.com/>

## Bridgeton Quiz

Just how much do we know about our home town? Let's start with some basic information.

What year was Bridgeton incorporated as a town? Was it,

- 1913                       1907  
 1888                       1797

The answer will appear in next month's newsletter ■

## 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 &amp; 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)

## Join The Newsletter

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 . ■