



Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, October 2016



Remnants of the batting cage behind the old Bridgeton Elementary School ready for removal.

Vernon Blades Park Work Starts!

On Friday, September 16, work officially began on the Vernon E. Blades Park on the river between Hickory and Academy Streets.

The project started with removal of the rusty and dangerous batting cage and waterfront fencing which had been deemed an eyesore and public nuisance.

The park ground has several low spots that impede drainage so the water issues will be addressed by installing drain fields and re-contouring the property to stop rain from pooling which keeps areas of the park sodden.

The shoreline fence is to be replaced with a bulkhead to contain the erosion caused by the river and later a boardwalk and railing which should make the river's edge a beautiful spot for residents and visitors to enjoy.

It is planned to allow residents to sponsor "Memory Benches" in honor of family members no longer with us or notable residents of Bridgeton so these names will live on. These benches are planned to line the boardwalk so that visitors to the park can sit and rest on these benches while watching the most beautiful sunsets in the county. ■

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 about Bridgeton.

This webpage 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/>

Police Report



The Bridgeton Police Department investigated several theft cases in the month of August. Our local motel had a theft of a compressor and a home owner had a small boat stolen from his yard. The small boat, a dingy, was actually stolen from just outside of our town limits. We took out warrants on two subjects, a father and son who broke into the motel. Both have drug issues.

We investigated a vicious attack by two dogs that resulted in the killing of at least three cats in town. The owner had been previously warned about the dogs running at large and being aggressive as required by law. That owner of the dogs was criminally charged with 3 criminal charges with a court date set.

We are working with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office, the Craven County Sheriff's Office and New Bern Police Department on drug investigations as they relate to violations in our areas. ■

TRUNK OR TREAT

Bridgeton United Methodist Church will hold the annual Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration at the church 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm October 31, 2016. ■

Town Hall Schedule

The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm.

The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting is October 26, 2016. ■

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Weed Clearing Of New Town Entrance

Everyone loved the beautification on Hwy 17 and the D Street cut off . . . until the weeds exploded. Clearance of the unexpected weed infestation has started and maintenance of the site is now in place. The weed issue was caused by uncleaned mulch used by the contractor. The next step will be lighting of the area at night. ■

New Housing Starts On B St.

The Chittick brothers are building two new homes in Bridgeton on "B" St. Both homes are being built for resale. This is a good sign of things to come. We hope this will spur additional construction on the multiple empty lots in the Bridgeton city limits.

509 B St. is a two bedroom and one

BCW Appreciation

On September 12th, BCW recognized each of our First Responders, (Bridgeton Police Department, Tri-Community Fire Department and Bridgeton EMS), with a card of thanks and a specially decorated cake in grateful appreciation for all their dedication and commitment to our Town. ■

bathroom with a large covered deck on the side and uncovered deck on the back of the house. The home is situated over a two car garage.

511 B St. is a two bedroom and one bathroom upstairs and one bathroom in the garage/storage area on the first floor. Both houses give a fine view of the river. ■

Rotary Windup

The club was very much present at the recent Bridgeton Blueberry Festival and the Bridgeton National Night Out.

We also purchased about \$52.00 in flowers and a small tree and invested about 25 hours of work to make the landscaping around the Bridgeton Town Hall look great and welcoming.

The next endeavor is the club's award winning Bridgeton Elementary and other Craven County schools outreach program in October with Dictionaries for all 3rd Graders.

To help finance these programs the club and their invaluable partner, the United Methodist Church (BUMC), 501—B Street, will host a Charity Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on 15 October, from 4-8PM at BUMC. Prices will be \$8 for adults ; \$4 for kids from 4-11, with under 4 free! Take outs encouraged. Mark your calendars and support this great fundraiser for your town projects. Chip invites those interested to contact him at 252-636-2961 or www.chipandlindac@suddenlink.net ■

Names To Know

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| 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> |

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| 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. ■