



Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, April, 2017

Bridgeton Blueberry Festival Update

by Sherri LeFever

Ideas have been flowing for the 2017 Bridgeton BlueberryFest since the festival in 2016 finished! Pieces are coming together, contracts are being written, and schedules are being made to make the 2017 Bridgeton BlueberryFest bigger with more sights and sounds of vendors, more aromas of food, more interactive water activities, more fun and squeals and lights of kids' rides, and more luscious blueberries!

We will have a prequel to the BlueberryFest on Friday night with smooth sounds and dance music of karaoke & DJ services from **TCB Entertainment**, followed by street music, dancing, and the glistening hot **Pamlico Sound Machine**. Food will be available for purchase from **Flounder's Seafood Shack, Sam's Funnel Cakes, Lora's Funnel Cakes, Nest Café, La Cocina Del Coqui, and Mawmaw's Crab Cakes and Seafood**.

To round out the evening, a pirate flotilla will ignite a display of lights and music on the Neuse River as the breeze kicks back on the crowd! Kids' rides will open with screams, giggles, and grins Friday night and continue through Saturday.

Saturday will kick off with the first Blueberry 5000 (5k run/walk) with proceeds from the race going to the **Children's Miracle Network (CMN)**. We will have

a special appearance by the 2015 CMN Ambassador, 12 year old Kennedy Dean, who will share her near-death experience at age seven. The race will end at the Bridgeton United Methodist Church where runners and hungry people will gather for the warm, delicate, fluffiness of the blueberry pancakes within an array of breakfast aromas. All proceeds go to the BUMC VBS soccer camp.

Then the crowd will disperse to the Marina for the official kick off at 10:00 with the National Anthem and the furl of the red, white, and blue from the early morning river
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HARDWARE IS BACK!!!

Some of you may remember the GRAND OPENING for the Decks & Docks lumber yard a few months ago. That was the good news. The BETTER news is that April 1st, they are having a GRAND OPENING for their hardware store!

YES, hardware has come back to Bridgeton and Scott and Jeff have stocked their store with all manner of goods to help you whether a home handyman or a general contractor.

Manager Scott Boelman says come in whatever your needs, if we don't have it in stock we'll order it for you. Now Bridgeton residents won't have to make that arduous drive across the river, just stop at 607 Hwy17 and say hello . ■

The Rotary Circle

To do "good in the world" you need time, talent and funding. Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton)



RC is very good at all three but particularly good at planning and executing fundraisers. We do about 3 or 4 small fundraisers and one larger signature event per year. Three elements are always present in a small Rotary club fundraiser: 1) they must support a great charity; 2) Have partners to be successful; and 3) have fun doing it! This is one of our busiest times of the year with two fundraisers: The CCRC Train Show, March 3-5 and our signature fundraiser, the "Jack & Jill Flight/Women Only Flight Scholarship Golf Tournament", May 13.

One of New Bern's staring attraction is the annual Coastal Carolina Railroaders Club (CCRC) Train Show, March 4-5. All kids, ages 2-102, have eyes aglow when they see the many miniature trains and working displays at this wondrous event—real "eye candy." Yes, Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) Rotary Club was there doing a fundraiser to support our many projects in Bridgeton and the world. Thanks to the hard work of the Rotarians and support of the community it was a success. Yes, we had fun doing it and watched the eyes glow and trains whistle by.

The proceeds of the golf tournament, held at the River Bend Country Club, go to a Craven Community College scholarship for a women's education that is returning to the work place. More likely an older women, or perhaps a single mom going for a medical degree in nursing. So come on out and play golf. Support these courageous women.

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Police Report

Eric Griffin, our newly hired officer has begun working and has completed some basic training.



Our Bridgeton Police Officers started off the month working on investigations from January and February. We have criminal cases pending in District Court, Superior Court and in the Grand Jury. This month Bridgeton and the Craven County Sheriff's Office were involved in an arrest on East Bridge Street involving a gun and heroin. We also responded to a heroin overdose in the Food Lion Parking lot.

A prostitution investigation resulted in our Officers assisting the Onslow County Sheriff's Office in Criminal Charges there.

We assisted Probation in several home searches which resulted in drug charges.

Bridgeton Officers seized a counterfeit one hundred bill from an individual.

We investigated our normal traffic accidents on highway 17. ■

Festival Update

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breeze. The scrumptious Blueberry Bake-Off starts at 11:00 with past winners vying for top honors with their delicacies. There will be the warmth and solitude of Stand Up Paddling and cruise tours of the Neuse River throughout the day and appearances by celebrities in the afternoon (we just can't say who yet, as we have to have contracts and confirmations). The evening will conclude with 2 hours of beach music from **The Breeze Band** at 6:00. Bring your shagging shoes and come dance! Food vendors will remain until the concert is done, so you won't go hungry!. ■

Town Hall Schedule

Bridgeton Town Hall will be closed April 14 for Good Friday. The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 pm.

The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 pm.

The public is invited so please consider becoming involved.

Bridgeton is your town. ■

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Maybe you want to sponsor a sign at a hole or have a team golf? Give Chip or Linda Chagnon, 636-2961, a call for more info or look us up on our website for details. We may be small, but we're the Best Small Club in Rotary for 12 years in ENC!



Check out our Facebook Page and website WWW.neusesunriserotary.org for more information on membership and what we do in the community and the world. Be a part of the best small Rotary Club in NC, the Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) RC. Ask us about our new Corporate Membership Plan. Call Chip Chagnon @ 636-2961 for more info. ■

Bridgeton Businesses

Bridgeton has a website that is attempting to be a full listing of all the businesses in town. It is an effort to promote 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/>

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. ■