



# Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, December 2017 - **Merry Christmas!**

## Cat Fight at the November Town Council Meeting

Bridgeton has a feral cat problem and the issue spilled over into the town council meeting in November. The problem is simply too many street cats but the solution is not so clear cut.

Everyone agrees something has to be done but proponents of a “quick fix” and those supporting a more rational approach differed and the fur flew at the November meeting.

Regulations, and conscious prohibit the wholesale killing of large numbers of cats. A slaughter of numerous street cats would also open the town to litigation from pet owners whose beloved house cats might also be inadvertently terminated.

The bottom line is there is no quick and easy solution. Removing excess cats from the streets of Bridgeton will take time, and commitment from citizens as well as Town Hall.

Fortunately, Bridgeton has the start of a citizens initiative to remove cats from the streets and we hope this effort will be just a

*catalyst* for more people to become involved with working for a better town for us all.

Peggie Wilson has formed a citizens task force to deal with this. The group also hopes to relocate some of the strays as pets to homes outside of the town. Volunteers are needed to work with this group but individual private citizens must also get behind this effort.

Wild cats will go where there is a steady food supply. Feeding the street cats may seem like a humane act, but it actually attracts more cats in addition to supporting the too many cats we already have. Citizens are asked to stop feeding cats on the streets. Cats *will* find food and if there is no food to eat here in town they will find other areas to eat in and some will be forced to relocate naturally.

At the November meeting the town council voted to allocate a starting fund of \$500 to aid Peggie and the KCSS group in hopes this initiative will help avert a

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## The Rotary Circle

It has been a very busy month at Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) Rotary Club. We conducted two highly successful



fund raising projects in the last few weeks. “Wings Over Bridgeton” parking involved our friends at Bridgeton Improvement Committee (BIC); New Bern Interact Club; and the newly formed Interact Community Club. The second event was our Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner, at the United Methodist Church with lots of help from this great church’s membership. A hardy “Service Above Self” thanks to all these organizations, and our Rotary friends and concerned citizens of Bridgeton.

Certainly a “well done” goes to each Rotarian that helped and particularly in these fund raisers and to our President Linda Chagnon, Secretary Joe Hofmann and Treasurer Patti Mason for their leadership. Thanks to this wonderful team effort our club can do more for Bridgeton and our Global Community. Thanks to the outpouring of assistance the club made a donation to BIC and the Salvation Army. Surly other wonderful charities

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## Santa is ON HIS WAY!!!



Its that time of year again, Santa comes to Bridgeton again. Grab your kids and friends and come to the house of Dr. and Susan Luper, on A Street, Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm. Look for the lights.

Cookies, hot chocolate and other refreshments will be served and the Bridgeton Elementary Childrens Choir will provide Christmas music favorites.

## Public Hearing Announcement

There will be a public hearing before the december 12th meeting of the Bridgeton Town Council in Bridgeton Town Hall. This Hearing will begin at 6:15 pm and the proposed opening of an **ABC store** in Bridgeton will be the subject. The public is invited to this and the normal council meeting beginning at 7:00 pm following the hearing.

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## Police Report



The major news was a home invasion on Purifoy Street in New Bern just across from Bridgeton Boatworks. A resident was attacked as a subject, later identifies as Jimmy Dunn, Jr., a 42 year old white male, forced his way into the resident's home. Purifoy Street is in the jurisdiction of New Bern and the New Bern Police Department responded to the call. Bridgeton PD and Craven County Sheriff's Department were also involved in the investigation. The homeowner and the perpetrator were both injured. Dunn was arrested and placed in jail under a *one million dollar* bail. A female accomplice was also arrested.

Two bicycles from Bridgeton Harbor Marina and one from the KOA campsite were stolen. All three were recovered.

B.P.D. worked with the Pamlico County Sheriff on several drug busts resulting in two arrests in our area.

We also assisted N.B.P.D with an investigation into the death of a 42

## Rotary

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will also soon be blessed.

This month we installed a new Rotarian, MS Donna Rouse, a Craven County born and bred lady who recently retired after 32 years of service to our Craven County ABC Board. It did not take Donna long to work the fund raisers and make a difference in the world and Bridgeton. Christmas is just around the corner and as always it comes with service opportunities. Interested in joining us for breakfast at the United Methodist Church, and discover our club? 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 Rotary Club of Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton). Ask us about our new Corporate Membership Plan. Call Chip Chagnon @ 636-2961 for more info. ■

year old woman apparently from a drug overdose and an assault on a juvenile by two older young men.

B.P.D. also assisted with Wings Over Bridgeton and the CommunityWatch. ■

## Cats

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catastrophe but citizens are urged to cooperate and join together to minimise a catalogue of health and safety issues.

Peggie Wilson describes the newly formed group as follows. This first citizen's meeting was held to kick start the newly formed committee. We call it the K2C2... Kitty Kat Control Committee. At this time we are developing a Facebook page, email address which is k2c2nc@gmail.com and drawing up a draft letter for alerting residents of our upcoming survey. The survey will allow us to assess how many cats we are dealing with; pets and strays. We will also be gathering photos of the Bridgeton cats to create a database. This will allow us to identify our little friends for many reasons. We are looking into possibly getting food donations for our feline neighbors as well. Our next meeting will be held January 10, 2017 where we will then discuss any fundraisers that we can start to add to any monies already on hand. ■

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## 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>

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## Town Hall Schedule

The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, December 12, 2017 The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 27, 2017. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

Town Hall will be closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas. Your town administration and the editor, publisher and reporter of the town newsletter wish you and yours the Merriest of Christmases and a very happy new year. ■