



# Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, June, 2017

Special Blueberry Festival Edition

## Blueberry Festival 2017!



**The 2016 Blueberry Festival was a wonderful success and this year looks to be even better!**

The 2017 Bridgeton Blueberry Festival is opening the 23rd of this month. That is Friday, June 23rd, at 3:30 pm. The food trucks will be in place, the vendors' booths will be erected and stocked, the entertainment rehearsed and primed and everything will be ready and waiting . . . . . for you!

Festival producer, Sherri LeFever has spent many weeks working to prepare this event for the maximum amount of fun and enjoyment. Docckmaster Tom Wynn, of the Bridgeton Harbor Marina, has worked in conjunction with

festival promoters and producers to ensure the grounds and facilities will be ready.

In addition to the many returning attractions, LeFever is bringing in new events and activities. Friday night there will be a street dance featuring live music by The Breeze Band so wear your "shagging shoes" that evening.

Saturday promises a major load of fun with an appearance by "The Loose Cannon Company", a band of misfit pirates that should arrive in the morning for pillage and

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## The Rotary Circle

Have you noticed the Bridgeton Town Hall landscaping appearance lately? Someone added freshly planted flowers, new mulch, blossoming rose bushes, and trimmed and cut the lawn?



Mystery solved-- the Rotary Club of Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) has once again been working hard for our town.

We conduct two Town Hall beautification work days (spring & fall) per year and been doing so for ten years! Each year the club donates over 40 hours of time and about \$150 to purchase items needed to make the Town Hall a welcoming place.

On 13 May the club hosted the annual Jack & Jill/Ladies Only Golf Tournament at River Bend Country Club. With the help of our major sponsor, Raymond James of New Bern, hole sponsors and our members and friends we were able to earn two \$1000 scholarships for women attending Craven Community College. These are single moms who have the courage to bring up the kids, work and attend college. Remember women from Bridgeton and the West Craven area have priority in selection process.

Check out our Facebook Page and website [WWW.neusesunriserotary.org](http://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. ■



**The Loose Cannon Company will be invading . . . er, VISITING us at the June Bridgeton Blueberry Festivals.**

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## Police Report

Since our last town meeting Bridgeton Police Officers have executed a drug search warrant and assisted Probation and Parole with drug searches. Officers noted 15 drug arrests in April. Vanceboro Police Department and the Craven County Sheriff's Office assisted Bridgeton in traffic, drug enforcement and arresting two fugitives.

Zoe Jones, a four year old child died. Her mother, Paris Jones died last year. Zoe had lived with her grandmother, Teresa Jones since her mother's death.

Again, we have spent a little more money than expected on vehicle repairs. Officer Harker has assisted in keeping the vehicle repair costs down.

Officer Griffin continues to be working out really well and our two unpaid reserve Officers, Harker and Moore, are providing valuable coverage for the town.

As the weather warms up traffic has picked up. Increased traffic is causing our Officers to work more traffic enforcement. ■



**Another great addition to this year's festival is Knockerball-Carteret/Onslow, a great activity for families.**

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plunder. Another new addition is "Knockerball", a great activity for kids of all ages. This event will have the entire family laughing.

But the highlight of the event will be, of course, the "Blueberry Bake-Off" and associated blueberry related booths and vendors. After all, blueberries are the theme and blueberries is what Bridgeton is noted for.

More information and schedule of event is available at <http://bridgetonblueberryfest.weebly.com>. ■

## Town Hall Schedule

Bridgeton Town Hall will be closed May 29th for Memorial Day. The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, June 13, 2017 The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting will be Wednesday, June 28, 2017

The public is invited so please consider becoming involved. Bridgeton is your town. ■

## C.A.R.T.S. Information

For information of Craven area bus service use the link below. ■ <http://www.cravencountync.gov/departments/trn.cfm>

## 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>

## TOWN OF BRIDGETON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 for the Town of Bridgeton has been presented to the Board of Commissioners and is available for public inspection at the Town Hall during normal operating hours Monday - Friday.

There will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at the Town Hall for the purpose of receiving comments on the budget. The public is encouraged to attend. ■