



Bridgeton North Carolina

Town Monthly Newsletter, January 2018 - **Happy New Year!!**

Bridgeton Gets ABC Store!

BRIDGETON- The Craven County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has applied to the North Carolina ABC Commission for approval for a new store to be built on US 17, between Pine Street and Academy Street, Bridgeton. This follows gaining approval from the Craven County Board of Commissioners to purchase land for a new building; and the Town of Bridgeton's Board of Commissioners to locate an ABC Store within its jurisdiction.

Detail plans are still being developed by MBF Architects of New Bern, concerning the size and potential design of the new store as they continue toward closing on it. "The reason for the addition of a new store is that the store the board currently operates in Trent East Crossing Shopping Center, James City is a rental property whose lease is up in June 2019. The board has been looking for over one year for a potential new store in the area to replace the

James City store, traveling guest and service North Craven County", Chagnon said.

The Craven County ABC Board operates on the revenue derived from spirit sales. This sales revenue, not taxpayer money, will fund the new construction project. Further, North Carolina law requires the board to fund at least 5 percent of its profits (before distributions) on behalf of law enforcement services; and at least 7 percent to substance-abuse treatment, education and rehabilitation. Some money is then set aside as normal operational funding and a balance of profits is then distributed among the County and several municipalities.

The Craven County ABC Board presently operates five ABC Stores in the county with sales revenue of over \$10.3M in fiscal year 2016-17 and employing 32. Last year over \$2.9 million went to the NC General Fund; \$807K to the County of **Continued on page 2**

The Rotary Circle

With Christmas just around the corner the Neuse Sunrise (Bridgeton) Rotary Club adds meaning to Rotary's motto



"Service Above Self" in a big way. Perhaps our two passions, the Bridgeton Elementary School (BES) and helping our community show the very best of Rotary at Christmas.

We sponsored the first-ever Salvation Army (SA) "Red Kettle" bell ringing on Fridays at our local Food Lion. We all know the wonderful work that SA does in Bridgeton and this was a chance for Bridgeton to "pay it forward." In addition, our club provided \$100 and over 300 pounds of food to the SA. We also did a "secret Santa" BES Christmas gift project for several families that needed our help. In turn, the BES chorus group, under the direction of MS Lauren White, provided our club a wonderful program of Christmas favorites at our breakfast. Of course, Santa and Mrs. Clause were there and gave the kids and MS White some wonderful treats. Yes, Christmas is a special time of the year in Bridgeton and Neuse Sunrise shines brightly over the river.

Interested in joining? Join us for breakfast at the United Methodist Church, and discover our club? Check 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. ■

School Is Finally Out.

The old Bridgeton Elementary school has finally been demolished by the Craven County School Board. This culminates a more than 10-year issue where the property had been allowed to remain vacant and to deteriorate.

The school had been abandoned when the "new" Bridgeton Elementary school was built outside of town. Several town initiatives for final disposal of the property

had been offered but no plans had been able to gell. The property is to be put on the market and sold. ■



Demolition in progress.

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Police Report

In December Bridgeton Police Officers answered several calls at a residence in town involving domestic issues. Over a two-week period, we arrested two individuals from that same home on involuntary commitment, trespassing and drug violations.

We again are involved in a Break-in at the Bridgeton Elementary School where copper was stolen. Two individuals are charged for that felony theft and for selling the material.

A robbery took place in front of the cash points machine on Hwy 17. A suspect set up a meeting to sale an I-Phone and when the indi-



vidual showed up to buy it he was robbed. Two individuals were arrested in Pamlico County for that violation.

Lt. Johnson and I completed mandatory firearms training last week. Officer Callaway has completed his, Officers Griffin and Harker will complete that part of their annual training next which takes place next week.

In court last week two people pled guilty to allowing dogs to run at large and allowing two dangerous dogs to be unleashed and off their premises.

Because of the season Officers are working more nights and making an effort to be more visible to the public. ■

Santa Has Arrived!!!

Santa played his annual visit to Bridgeton December 3rd and a crowd of over a hundred was there to greet him.

He was delivered by the Tri Community Fire Department and snacks and hot drinks were supplied by Hardee's, PB's Italian Ice and private citizens.

This has become a regular event at the home of Doctor and Susan Luper on A Street and residents who have not driven by to see the decorations are urged to do so. ■

ABC Store

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Craven General Fund & \$13K to the Department of Health & HR; \$31K to Craven County Rehabilitation, \$68K to the City of New Bern; \$20K to the City of Havelock; and \$942 to the Town of Vanceboro.

Also, \$5.6K was provided to CSAP and the Boys and Girls Club for anti-underage drinking and substance abuse programs.

Additional details about the Craven County ABC Board and ABC Stores it operates can be seen at www.craven.abc.nc.gov. ■

Meet Your New Town Councilman

A local patriarch has returned to the line up of the Bridgeton Board of Commissioners. David Lee Cuthrell is a third generation Bridgeton icon, a charter member of Bridgeton Rescue Squad, a former volunteer with Bridgeton Fire Department, and has been a member of Bridgeton United Methodist

Church his entire life.

He retired from Potash after a 40 year career, 28 of which he served in management. He is an active member of the Bridgeton Improvement Committee (BIC) and Bridgeton Community Watch. David is assigned to be the new Abatement Officer.

Names To Know

Rodman Williams	<i>Mayor</i>
John R. Chittick	<i>Mayor Pro-Tem</i>
Elizabeth "Boots" Parker	<i>Commissioner (Personnel)</i>
Keith L. Tyndall	<i>Commissioner (Police Commissioner)</i>
David Cuthrell	<i>Commissioner (Abatement)</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 Hall Schedule

The Bridgeton Board of Commissioners meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 The Bridgeton Planning Board Meeting will be Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

The public is invited to attend all meetings, Bridgeton is your town as well.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 1st for recuperation and January 15 for Martin Luther King Day. The town administration and staff wish you and yours the best possible new year. ■