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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Elections Stats for February

New Registrations: 128

Voter Changes: 2513

List Maintenance: 140

Confirmation cards: 9

Biennial List Maint: 2160

NCOA Confirmations: 0

NVRA Surveys: 6

Voter Cancellations 4

Party Changes: D to R=2 D to U=6 R to D= 2 R to U= 24 U to D= 4 U to R= 7

L to D= 1 *D= Democrat, R= Republican, U = Unaffiliated, L= Libertarian

Elections Board Meeting: Held the Monthly Meeting

Attended 3 State Mandated Teams Meetings

Completed 5 Information Requests

Implemented new procedures to optimize office performance.

Assisted with recruiting Precinct Officials for the COVID Call Center



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COUNTY MANAGER

This week the expansion plans of Cardinal Foods in Burgaw were announced. This project has been in the works for 3 years and was the result of the cooperative efforts of Pender County, Town of Burgaw, and NC Commerce. These efforts were led and coordinated by WBD. The expansion will include an additional 56,000 square feet for food-grade processing of sweet potatoes and butternut squash. Cardinal Foods plans to invest more than \$26 million and create about 50 jobs with an average salary of about \$38,500 as part of the project.

We continue to receive emails regarding the condition of the roads in the Arvida Spur neighborhood. The roads are private and unpaved and in poor shape. The neighborhood doesn't have an HOA and the developer is not longer involved in the project. We have advised the representatives of the neighborhood that the County doesn't maintain roads and referred them to NCDOT.

The contract with Summit Design has been signed and the due diligence assessment for the Morton property will begin in a couple weeks.

Bob Jessup will be at the next Board meeting as a follow up to the discussion regarding the current structure of the water and sewer districts.



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LIBRARY

On Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m., Pender County Library will host a panel of genealogists and historians for a discussion of the migrations of free people of color from Tidewater Virginia to southeastern North Carolina and westward going back to the 1600s. During the hour-long event, five genealogists and historians will tell the story of their ancestors and their ancestors' communities.

The first African slaves in an English colony in the Americas were brought ashore in 1619 near Jamestown, in the Tidewater region of Virginia. In the first several decades of slavery in the English American colonies, a small portion of African Americans were able gain their freedom. Some of these free people of color chose to migrate to North Carolina, an early "frontier" where Virginians moved to seek land and fortune. Recollection of Virginia-North Carolina migration has faded in family memories, but the tracks remain in scattered records and stubborn bits of DNA that persist in descendants' genomes.

The panel will include genealogists and historians Luke Alexander, Lisa Fanning, Tyrone Goodwyn, Andre Kearns, and Melvin Wilson. All panelists are descendants of free people of color who lived in the Tidewater region and/or migrated from there to southeastern North Carolina. Tyrone Goodwyn, the lead historian on the panel, is descended from free people of color in what is now Pender County.

Register online at bit.ly/pcl0220, or go to the library's website, penderpubliclibrary.org, and follow the links under the Events tab. You can also call the library and staff will take your registration by phone. The event will be hosted on Zoom. There is no need to have a Zoom account; just click the link provided in the confirmation email and follow the prompts to download Zoom. The talk can be viewed on smartphone, tablet, or computer. Registration is required.

For more information or assistance, call Pender County Library at 910-259-1234 (Burgaw) or 910-270-4603 (Hampstead) during regular business hours.



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PARKS & RECREATION

- Registration is open for our indoor doubles cornhole league in the Town of Atkinson Gym. The league will run from March 1st until March 29th. You can register online at <https://penderpr.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. This league is co-sponsored by the Town of Atkinson.
- Registration is open for our drive-in movie at Pender Memorial Park on March 12th featuring Pets 2\ . This event is co-sponsored by the Town of Burgaw. Flyer is attached for this event.
- To celebrate North Carolina Arbor day we are hosting two tree seedling giveaways this year. On Friday March 19th from 3-6pm we will be at Advance Auto Parts in Rocky Point. On Saturday March 20th from 9am-12pm we will be at Hampstead Kiwanis Park. Flyer is attached for this event.
- Our next Parks and Recreation Advisory board meeting is on March 11th at 6:30pm in the Board of Commissioners meeting room in Burgaw.
- Staff continues to work on updating the 2010 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Survey information and public meeting dates will be released in the coming weeks.

Pender County Parks and Recreation & The Town of Burgaw Presents:

DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT



Pender Memorial Park

Friday, March 12th, 2021

Parking Lot opens at 5:30pm


Register online: [//burgawnc.gov/movie](http://burgawnc.gov/movie)

\$5.00 per vehicle Pre-Registration is required

For More Information 910-259-1330 or 910-300-6401



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Family Fishing Day

Come join us at Millers Pond Park for a fun afternoon of fishing! There will be a brief lesson before we will let the lines fly! Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Equipment and bait will be available to borrow free of charge.

Fishing license is not required for this event.

Millers Pond Park
April 8
at 6pm





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PENDER FIRE AND EMS

Nothing Further to report

PENDER EMS AND FIRE 2021							
EMS Operation				EMS Call Type Summary			
		Weekly	YTD			Weekly	YTD
Station 1	Burgaw	40	272	Cancelled		44	226
Station 14	Sloop Point	26	164	Refusals		57	347
Station 16	Hampstead	33	204	Stand By's		1	10
Station 18	Scotts Hill	0	0	Transported		100	696
Station 23	Surf City	22	110	Treated and Released		11	72
Station 29	Currie	6	57			213	1351
Station 4	Topsail Beach	7	33				
Station 5	Union	17	112				
Station 7	Rocky Point	44	241				
Station 13	Maple Hill	1	16				
Station 9	Atkinson	17	142				
		213	1351				
Fire Operations				Fire Call Type Summary			
		Weekly	YTD			Weekly	YTD
Station 1	Burgaw	7	51	FIRE		1	10
Station 14	Sloop Point	10	46	Motor Vehicle Crash		3	43
Station 16	Hampstead	4	53	Search and Rescue		0	0
Station 18	Scott Hill	0	25	Service Calls		4	42
Station 29	Hwy 421 South	4	18	EMS First Response		19	159
Station 21	Long Creek	6	39	Cancelled		9	59
Station 4	Topsail--OR	0	0	Ocean Rescue		0	1
Station 13	Maple Hill	1	39			36	314
Station 17	Penderlea	2	26				
Station 28	Island Creek	2	17				
		36	314				

Suicide Deaths YTD							Overdose YTD						
	Actual	Attempts				Total Attempts			Heroin	Pills	Other Illegal Substance	Deaths	LEO Narcan
		0 to 18	18 to 45	45 to 65	65+								
January	1	0	2	2	1	5		January	2	2	6	2	1
February	0	0	2	0	2	4		February	1	2	1	0	0
March								March					
April								April					
May								May					
June								June					
July								July					
August								August					
September								September					
October								October					
November								November					
December								December					
YTD TOTAL	1	0	4	2	3	9		YTD TOTAL	3	4	7	2	1

Traffic Accident Deaths YTD		
	Deaths	Accidents
January	0	72
February	0	31
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
YTD TOTAL	0	103



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TOURISM

Tourism Update Feb. 19, 2021

Pender County Tourism released the **2021 Visitor Guide**. We are receiving numerous requests for the guide due to our advertising campaigns. These are direct requests from potential visitors.

Tourism participated in the **Hometown Heroes Luncheon** on Feb. 10, prepared by Smithfield Foods. We coordinated deliveries and assisted in the planning. Thank you to Pender County Parks and Recreation and the Town of Burgaw volunteers who helped things move smoothly. *Photo of Zach White serving at the Hometown Heroes Luncheon*

We led the February board meeting of **NC Coast Host**, an organization promoting attractions, accommodations, and counties east of I-95.

We met with the Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce's **new economic development consortium** and a potential business investor.

We participated in the **GovDeals** training.

We participated in the **Retention and Recruitment** meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

We participated in the **Visit NC Coastal** discussion regarding ROT and other issues facing coastal tourism.

We attended the Topsail Beach Commissioners' meeting, virtually.

We are working with **Visit NC** and **Outdoor NC** as well as **Leave No Trace** on a program to protect our natural resources. This is a program we offered input and participation. It is an awareness program for residents and visitors.

We are working with the Friends of the **Mountains to Sea Trail** in the organization of their annual conference, called the Gathering. Due to this year's conference being virtual, we are calling it the "**ungathering**." Tammy will moderate a panel discussion.

Tourism is participating in the planning of the **Service Award Luncheon**.

We continue to develop our **Beach Week** campaign, an idea of the TDA board.

We continue to collaborate with historians on the **African American Heritage Trail**.

Tourism is observing **Black History Month** with social media postings about prominent and impactful **Black residents of Pender County**. It has been greatly received.

Friday is our quarterly meeting of the **Friends of the Mountains To Sea Trail Board of Directors**.

We completed a slideshow to pitch to Meredith publications titled "**Taste the Goodness of Pender County**" which promotes our blueberries, aquaculture, and agriculture. It was due to Visit NC Friday.

Communications

We continue to write press releases and announcements for various departments to disburse timely and accurate information.

We are working closely with the health department in distributing vaccination information.

We have fielded numerous inquiries from the media.

We continue to monitor social media as well as updating the county website with news.

We are monitoring the rainfall and road closures to alert the media of dangerous conditions.





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UTILITY OPERATIONS

PENDER COUNTY UTILITIES (PCU) & WATER DISTRICTS:

The final work on the Annex well for its permanent facilities construction is still in progress, with expected completion next month. We are still finalizing some work at the Kiwanis well.

Work also continues on the Maple Hill water system interconnection with ONWASA. The buried utility work is complete. The meter vaults, backflow preventers, and clean-up are the primary remaining tasks. Project substantial completion is still scheduled for May 21st.

We are still working to fill 3 personnel vacancies at PCU. Those are 1 Water/Sewer Maintenance Technician position and 2 Utility Clerk vacancies.

Staff work and status updates since last report:

- Completed pressure test on domestic line at Old Landing Road
- Moved automatic flush valve from Belt Road to Riverland Drive.
- Water flushing at Arden Drive, Belt Drive, and the end of Riverland Drive.
- Two taps installed and repaired two services. Emergency callout for service repair on US 17.
- 253 locates in the last two weeks.
- Met with contractors for quote on 2" water line from Salters Haven to Factory Road.
- Meetings and contact ONWASA about progress on tie-in at Maple Hill on Hwy 50 and Wooten Road.
- Met with developer for last phase of Whitebridge development.
- Met with American Tank on inspections of our elevated tanks to be completed on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This is part of our preparation to bid out tank maintenance services.

- Customer complaint on Pinestraw Drive about water usage. Was able to download usage and show customer daily water usage.
- Met with Rocky Point Ventures (old Coty plant) do discuss meter issues.
- Received training on Munis usage.
- All monthly reports last month completed and submitted.

WATER PRODUCTION NUMBERS:

November 2020 Daily Avg: 1.20 MGD from WP, 0.049 MGD from Wallace, 0.710 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0.082 MGD from Annex Well

December 2020 Daily Avg: 1.326 MGD from WP, 0 MGD from Wallace, 0.663 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0.086 MGD from Annex Well

January 2021 Daily Avg: 1.37 MGD from WP, 0.096 MGD from Wallace, 0.715 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0 MGD from Annex Well

February 1-16, 2021 Daily Avg: 1.18 MGD from WP, 0.302 MGD from Wallace, 0.729 MGD to Hamp/SH, 0 MGD from Annex Well

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Drained and cleaned both sedimentation basins, flocculator and rapid mix chambers. Made repairs to the concrete on both basins. Inspected chain & flights, chemical feed lines and mixer paddles.

BFPE completed quarterly inspection of the plant's fire sprinkler system.

Hach completed the quarterly calibration on Turbidimeters and CL17s as well as maintenance on our DR6000 lab sampler.

Sal and Tom completed their continuing education hours for the year by attending a virtual class hosted by NCRWA on Thursday February 11th.

Production numbers for February through the 16th: 18.9 million gallons for a daily average of 1.18MGD.

PCP WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT - MKKAES (Melinda K. Knoezer Adaptive Ecosystem)

Some of the work recently accomplished includes:

- Staff helped with yearly sedimentation basin inspection and mud valve repair at the water plant.
- Cleaned up our temporary chemical supply line and went back to using the original, after unclogging it.
- We had a power outage Tuesday at 2:00am. Matt came in and reset the plant. The plant is running great right now.
- Continuing to work on our storage project.

SOLID WASTE

The transfer station site lost power on Tuesday 2/16/21. GFL Company came up with a solution to continue collecting recycling and kitchen trash at the convenience center during the outage (used open top containers rather than the compactor for trash). Power was restored in a couple of hours and some electronic equipment at the scale house had to be repaired by the ITS Department.

The Transfer Station scale house staff is creating about 80 tickets daily for disposal records. Waiting time at scales is about 6 minutes IN and 6 minutes OUT.

Our previous scale house credit card machine outage was resolved by the ITS Department last week. We are continuing to collect disposal fees from businesses and residents that were allowed to dump and pay later.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TONNAGE FOR JANUARY 2021

MSW Kitchen trash collected	2195.83 tons
Construction & demolition	604.44 tons
Recycling	107.74 tons
Tires recycled	59.27 tons
Scrap metal recycled (shreds)	81.78 tons
Whitegoods recycled	5.33 tons



Cleaning sedimentation basin

Sed basin at water plant, post-cleaning





Dirty sed basin at water plant, prior to cleaning