# EAST BEND NEWS

### **Hours of Operation**

Monday -Friday 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 -5:00

Closed on Thanksgiving (November 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th,</sup> 2019)

Closed on Christmas (December 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25th, 2019)

Closed on New Year (January 1<sup>st,,</sup> 2020)

#### **Trash Dates**

Reminder: please put your trash out no earlier than Sunday night. Please remove cans by Monday afternoon.

## **Recycling Dates**

November 22nd December 6th December 20th January 3rd January 17th January 31st

# **From the Mayor**

I want to take a moment to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. This is a wonderful time of the year to enjoy special time with family and share laughter with friends old and new.

A good event to re-connect with neighbors is the Small Town Christmas celebration which will be held at the East Bend Fire Department on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Come with donations to Christian Ministries and enjoy food, fellowship, Santa Claus, lighting of the tree, and more.

East Bend is excited to announce the opening of two new businesses on the by-pass: Idol's Gun Vault and Bink's Motorcycle Repair. We welcome them to town, and wish them much success.

I want to thank Town Board Commissioner Kyle Matthews for his service to East Bend. He brought enthusiasm and new ideas to the Board and will be missed. He is leaving the Board due to a change in residence which will take him out of town limits.

Much progress is being made on the East Bend Town Square project. Final design plans have been approved, and you can see them at Town Hall, the library, and on our web site. This is a long term effort, and we welcome your participation and support as we strive to establish a venue we can all appreciate and be proud of for years and generations to come.

I encourage all to take an active part in making East Bend a great place to live by: attending town meetings, supporting local businesses, watching out for neighbors, and making what contributions you can to the betterment of our town.

I wish the very best of the coming New Year to each and everyone.

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# Town Board Meeting Dates

December 9th – 6pm January 13th – 6pm

February 10th – 6pm

# Town Commissioners

Archie Hicks - Mayor

Larry Adams – Mayor Pro-Tem, Administration

Kyle Matthews - Police

George Burns -Water/Sewers

Wanda Johnson - Streets

Mae Luffman -Building/ Grounds/Sanitation

### Town Events

We invite you to attend our town board meetings and stay up to date on what is happening in town. Meetings are in the Town Hall conference room.

# **Board Vacancy**

There will an open position for commissioner on the town board. Interested applicants should apply at town hall, or call 336-699-8560 by December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

# Support Your Local Library

Have you visited **your** public library lately? Yes, we still love books at the library but public libraries have so much more to offer. Public computer access, WIFI, Ancestry.com, eBooks, and VITA Tax Preparation (seasonal) are just a few of the many free services that are offered at the library. We also offer copy and fax services for a nominal charge. Preschool story times are held each Wednesday morning at 10am for children and their caregivers and various other programs are offered throughout the year.

Stop by and see us on Monday, December 16 between 2:00 pm and 6:00pm at our holiday open house, and check out what **your** public library has to offer.

The Friends of the EBP Library's yard sale was an even bigger success than usual—raking in over \$3,800! Thanks to all the donors and shoppers who supported the library. You have helped provide for new materials for the library as well as the upkeep on the building and grounds. Thank you so much and start saving for next years.

## Website

Please visit: <u>http://www.eastbendnc.com</u>

Check out our website to find important information. Remember to check the calendar for important dates.

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## **Ordinance Reminders**

- No firearms to be discharged in city limits
- Trash cans should be put out on Sunday afternoon and brought in on Monday Evening
- Permits are required for any building project
- Most signs require a permit inquire at Town Hall for details
- Grass clippings and leaves should not be blown into the street. (This includes pushing snow into the street)
- \*\* Violations of these ordinances may incur a fine\*\*

## **Town Police**

- Going out of town? Residents can now stop by the Town Hall and fill out a "Residence Check Request" to request the East Bend Police Department to conduct periodic checks of your home while you are away on vacation or other absences. You can also download the form from the town website <u>here</u>. If you have any questions you can e-mail <u>eastbendpolice@yadtel.net</u>
- \*\* NOTE: This service only provided to residents within town limits\*\*

East Bend Police Department would like to welcome and introduce our newest Officer. Officer Cameron Gray grew up in Surry County and graduated from East Surry High School. While Officer Gray was in High School, he was involved with numerous extracurricular activities such as Marching Band and JROTC. Officer Gray competed in many competitions with both programs including the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> JROTC Raider team, and he attended the U.S. Army National Raider Competition in Atlanta Georgia. Officer Gray completed the Surry Community College Basic Law Enforcement Training in 2018 and is currently working towards his Criminal Justice degree. The East Bend Police Department is delighted to have Officer Gary to join the department.