



# BSL SNAPSHOT

CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES

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Welcome to the third edition of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes quarterly newsletter aptly named BSL Snapshot!! We hope you are enjoying the quarterly department spotlights. This quarter we make our focus on the Code Enforcement Department.

We welcome your feedback on this newsletter so that we can make the newsletter informative, fun, and something the citizens will want to read.

We hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!

# Code Enforcement

**Code Enforcement staff** investigate and work to resolve unsafe building, nuisance, and minimum housing violations. It is one aspect of the Building and Inspections Department. **Building Inspections Staff** ensure public safety by administering compliance with applicable building codes and design requirements.





# Code Enforcement Cont.



The Nuisance Code Enforcement Department was established to help residents come into compliance with the City of Boiling Spring Lakes' Ordinances. Residents can view the ordinances on line on the city's web site, [www.cityofbsl.org](http://www.cityofbsl.org).

The department is the front line helping to keep our city safe, clean & beautiful.

The department's objectives are to:

1. Protect the health and safety of residents and visitors alike.
2. Attract new development-both commercial and residential, and help to maintain property values.
3. Create and maintain a positive community image.
4. Work with other agencies such as animal control, public works, fire and police departments.
5. Identify residents that may need assistance with routine maintenance of property, and connect residents with others that may provide assistance.
6. Educate the community on the codes and ordinances, what they are and how to follow them to become or stay compliant, voluntarily.

# Code Enforcement Cont.

## What is a Code Violation?

Code Violations can come in a variety of forms. Some of them include:



Tall Grass  
and  
Weeds



Trash and  
Debris on  
private  
property



Illegal  
Dumping  
Within a public  
street right of  
way, or public  
alley



Tree Limbs  
and Brush  
lying on the  
ground on  
private  
property



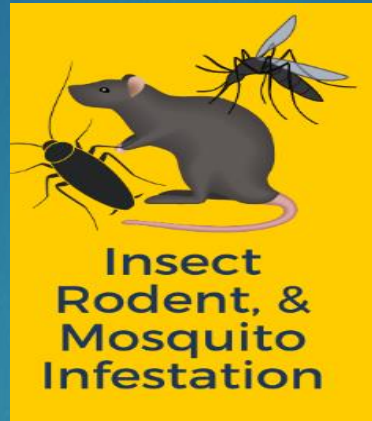
Junked or  
Abandoned  
Cars on  
public  
roadways &  
private  
properties



Substandard  
& Dangerous  
Buildings

# Code Enforcement Cont.

Violations can lead to



## WHICH CAUSE HEALTH ISSUES AND LOWER PROPERTY VALUES

### Additional Information:

Per ordinances, vehicles must bear current State registration/inspection and be operable. Obviously, we understand breakdowns happen, and work with residents when this is the case.

The process for cleaning up abandoned properties is very lengthy. If the owner is responsive and cooperative, the process moves quicker. Just like with occupied properties. If the owners/residents are absent and/or uncooperative, the process is very long and drawn out, designed to protect you as a resident/owner.

# Code Enforcement Cont.

BSL does not have large item or bulk pickup: furniture, mattresses and other large items may not be left on the side of the road. It violates ordinances 9-1(a) 14 or 9-1(b). Please take these items to the landfill.

Direct any questions regarding nuisance enforcement to Nuisance Enforcement Officer, Mike Philippe at 910-363-0121, or email [mphillippe@cityofbsl.org](mailto:mphillippe@cityofbsl.org)

Code Enforcement and Building Inspections Departments are working to develop a minimum housing code for the City. The departments have been researching the ICC Property Maintenance Code. Adopting a minimum housing standard reflects the City's commitment to keep moving forward. This will help in sustaining a stock of quality housing for future residents and ensures current residents a healthy and safe environment.

The Community Appearance Committee works in conjunction with the Code Enforcement Department. This committee initiates, promotes and assists with the implementation of programs of general community beautification. The members are volunteers and meet monthly.



# Code Enforcement Cont.

Please do your part to help keep Boiling  
Spring Lakes BEAUTIFUL



Please use the **REPORT A CONCERN LINK** to report any complaints regarding abandoned/junk vehicles, overgrown grass, debris filled properties. This helps the city track complaints and the resolutions. If you would like a follow up email please fill in your email, for updates and resolutions to your specific complaint.  
[WWW.cityofbsl.org/report-concern](http://WWW.cityofbsl.org/report-concern).



# Code Enforcement Cont.

## Safety Reminder from Code Enforcement

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR HOUSE NUMBER IS  
DISPLAYED ON YOUR STRUCTURE. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO  
LOCATE YOU WHEN YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY**

Chapter 4-Buildings and Building Regulations

Sec.4-178 Display of assigned number

Every property owner of improved property, SHALL purchase and display in a conspicuous place on the property the number assigned, with the number at least four (4) inches in height.

Failure to do so could result in a civil penalty to cover the cost of enforcing this ordinance.

This ordinance was enacted to assist Police, Fire and EMS in locating your property in an emergency.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter!

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# New Employees

Taylor Chambers, Public Works Lake Bed Mowing  
Ground Support

Brian Frey, Parks and Recreation Department Youth  
Program Assistant

Ira Harward, Public Works Lake Bed Mowing  
Operator

Connor Pate, Parks and Recreation Department  
Youth Program Coordinator

Mark Hatcher, Parks and Recreation Department Bus  
Driver

Virgil Sasser, Public Works Buildings and Grounds  
Maintenance Technician

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# Construction of New Police Department Building



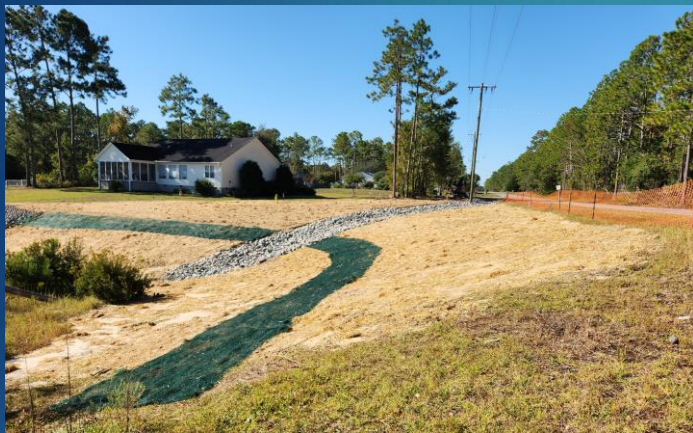
Construction of the new police department is underway and on schedule. Anticipated completion date is mid-April 2023. Then the closing on the USDA loan should take place in Spring 2023.

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# Recent Projects

Shamrock Environmental Corporation is currently working at four different sites around the City cleaning the streambeds. Estimated completion at this time for the project is April 30, 2023.





# Recent Projects Cont.

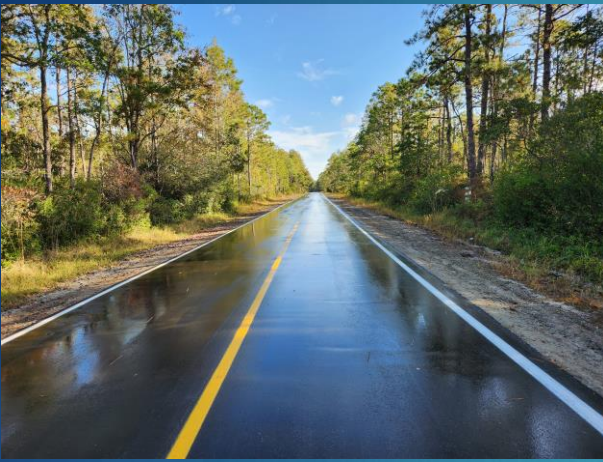
Construction is now complete on the culvert pipe. The contractor will make the road repairs to Cardinal Drive within the next two weeks. The MOTSU final inspection will also take place within the next two weeks. Anticipate all work and final inspections to be complete by mid January.





# Recent Projects Cont.

Drayton Road paving is now complete. Specifications and approvals for guardrails has now begun. Remaining grant funds will be used.





# Recent Projects Cont.

## Clearing the Lakebed.



# Financial Highlights of the Year End Audit

The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows at the close of the fiscal year by \$4,144,218. Net position increased by \$636,975.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City of Boiling Spring Lakes' governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,194,111 with a net increase of \$60,709 in fund balance.

The City's long term debt decreased by \$677,394. This is primarily due to decreases in pension obligations and other post-employment benefit liabilities.

At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,097,206 or 41% of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year.

Sales tax revenues continue to increase due to improving economic conditions in Brunswick County and increasing population of the City, which is integral to the distribution method of sales tax revenue.

No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified by the auditors. The City received a "clean" audit opinion for fiscal year 2021-2022.

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# 2023 Estimated Dams Reconstruction Timeline

Now that the Bond Referendum has passed, the City can concentrate on beginning the arduous task of reconstruction of the dams. Below is an estimated timeline of events we hope to take place this year:

**January 11, 2023** – Advertisement for bids will appear in the newspaper and online.

**Mid-January 2023** – DCIP to approve amendment to separate out utility relocation projects. Then Duke and Spectrum projects can begin for estimated 90 day project.

**January 20, 2023** – Mandatory pre-bid conference for the project

**February 17, 2023** – Allow 30 days for bid receipt. This is deadline and opening

**Early March 2023** – Will take approximately two weeks to review bids and select lowest bid. Final construction cost should be established at this time.

**March 2023** – Financing approvals received

**Please note:** The City must have US Congressional (FEMA) obligation of funds. We cannot do any dam work until FEMA approval is received per conditions of the DCIP grant.

**Late March 2023** – estimated start of construction.

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# Dog Registration within City Limits

Police staff did some research regarding dog registration in other municipalities. It was learned that other municipalities no longer require dog registration. The State process is that registration is considered within the rabies vaccine requirement.

Other municipalities now use social media when a dog goes missing instead of a dog registration database. It has been found that social media works very well in getting a lost dog back to their owner quickly.

As a result, Ordinance No. 2022-21 was adopted in October 2022 removing all of Sections 3.52 and 3.53 of Chapter 3 – Animals in the Code of Ordinances regarding dog registration. Dog registration is no longer required.

However, police staff still want to follow North Carolina General Statutes which require a rabies tag to be affixed to the collar of all dogs. The department will still report on animal control issues every month. Also, the lengthy process for dealing with a vicious dog and the steps taken will remain the same.

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# Problems with Coyotes and other wildlife?

Technical Guidance:

NC Wildlife Helpline

[www.ncwildlife.org/coyote](http://www.ncwildlife.org/coyote)



**866-318-2401**

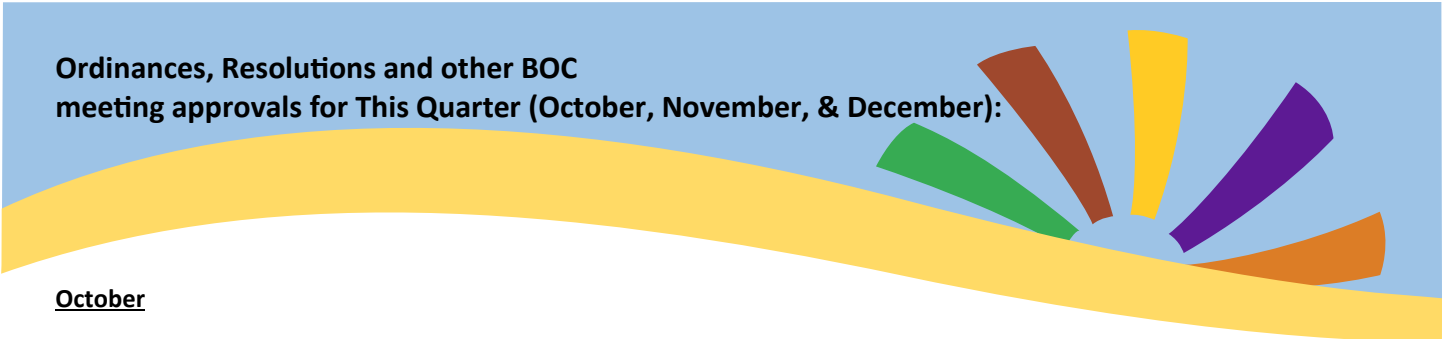
[HWI@ncwildlife.org](mailto:HWI@ncwildlife.org)



Do you recall it was 33 years ago last December that Brunswick County was hit with a record snowfall of 15.3 inches!!







## **Ordinances, Resolutions and other BOC meeting approvals for This Quarter (October, November, & December):**

### **October**

- 2022-17 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10 Parks and Recreation (this needed to be revised since dog registration was removed from Chapter 3, now only rabies tags are required to be displayed at the parks)
- 2022-21 Ordinance to remove dog registration requirement from Chapter 3, Animals
- 2022-22 Ordinance to Amend Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article II, Division 8, Section 2, Grants Committee
- BOC voted to update the amount needed for the referendum now being 5 million instead of 20 million since too late to change ballot.
- 2022-25 Grant Project Ordinance for the Dams (this appropriates all money received from the State, County and the DCIP Grant for the dams' project)
- 2022-23 Budget ordinance Amendment to dismantle floating dock at North Lake Park and reassemble at Spring Lake.
- 2022-24 Ordinance Amend Drayton Road Grant Project budget (found unsuitable subgrade material which had to be replaced and which increased the budget. But this is still less than the total grant awarded)
- 2022-39 Resolution to Approve the RCP Grant application asking for up to \$150,000 for City Center Master Plan (we would pay 20% or \$30,000 Application is due on October 13)

### **November**

- 2022-26 Ordinance to Amend Police Department Project (budget amendment increasing construction expenditures by \$5,891.69 and decreasing contingent expenditures by \$5,891.69 for additions to renovation costs)
- 2022-27 Grant Project Ordinance for Fire Department SCIF Grant (accept \$250,000 grant on behalf of Fire Department and then convey to fire department)
- 2022-27 Capital Project Holly Redwood Walnut/Golden LEAF Grant Project Ordinance (receive grant in the amount of \$250,000 for Holly, Redwood, and Walnut Stormwater project)

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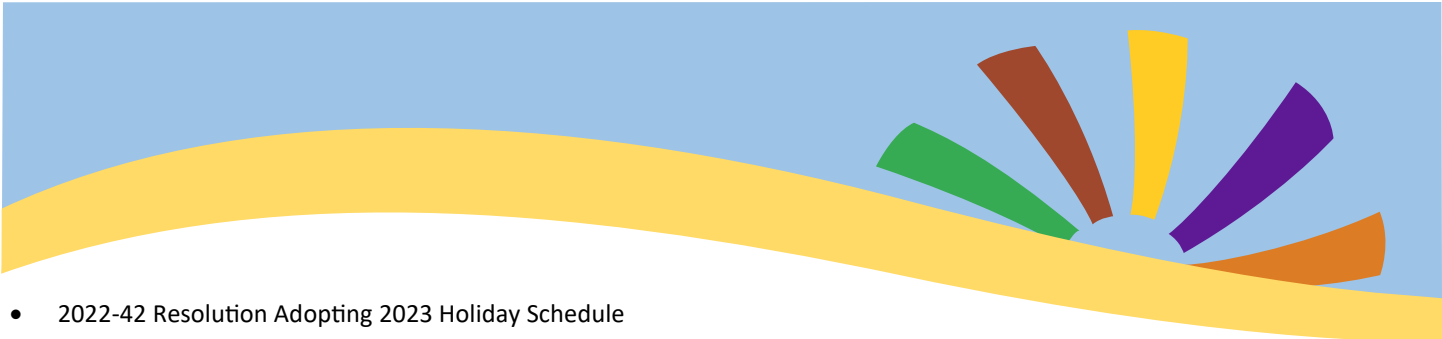
**Upcoming BOC meetings (unless specified meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall):**

**February 7, 2023**

**March 7, 2023**

**March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm (Citizens Forum)**

**April 4, 2023**

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- 2022-42 Resolution Adopting 2023 Holiday Schedule
  - 2022-43 Resolution authorizing one-time employee bonus
  - 2022-44 Resolution Authorize application to Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce in next fiscal year that starts July 1, 2023

### December

- 2022-45 Resolution Certifying and Approving Results of Bond Referendum
- 2022-46 Resolution Approving Relocation agreement with Duke Energy Progress
- 2022-47 Resolution to Approve Grant Application to NCDOT for Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Study Grant Program (to improve bicycle and pedestrian projects, no match is planned)
- 2022-48 Resolution Approve Relocation agreement with Charter Spectrum

#### TOP 10 New Year's Resolutions Puzzler:

\_AT \_\_\_\_\_  
 GET O \_\_\_\_\_  
 LEARN A NEW \_\_\_\_\_Y  
 SAVE \_\_\_\_\_Y  
 QUIT S \_\_\_\_\_  
 T \_\_\_\_\_L more

Did you figure them out?? What's your resolution?? Set a goal that is doable and meaningful! You got this!

#### WHAT'S IN SEASON FOR YOUR KITCHEN RIGHT NOW??

~ Apples	~ Avocados	~ Beets	~ Carrots
~ Brussel Sprouts	~ Cabbage	~ Broccoli	~ Kale
~ Collard Greens	~ Leeks	~All Citrus Fruits!	
~ Parsnips	~ Pears	~Potatoes	~ Rutabagas
~ Sweet Potatoes	~ Swiss Chard	~ Winter Squash	

*And so much more!! Join our Community Garden meetings to learn more!*



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

COMING SOON... 2023 FOUNDERS DAY FESTIVAL !!

APRIL 1, 2023 @ Spring Lake Park      Featuring Giant Kids Midway — Kayak Races  
 Family Fun Run — Food Truck Rodeo —  
 Battle of the Bands and more!



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, Dec 3rd the Recreation Department held its annual Pancake Breakfast. We had 185 people join us for this wonderful morning meal! The pancakes, syrup, bacon, and coffee were in high demand. This year the proceeds went to create our new **Senior Sunshine Fund**. This fund will allow us assist seniors with limited income so they can participate in our activities or we can assist them with a utility bill.

***A big thank you to those who joined us!***



Visit <https://www.myplate.gov/> to learn how to eat healthy through the USDA's My Plate

***You can serve your community by joining one of our committees seeking new members:***

### **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board ~**

One (1) open position for full member

### **Community Appearance Commission ~**

Two (2) open positions

### **Grants Committee ~**

Two (2) open positions

See City Website for applications:

<https://www.cityofbsl.org/boards-committees/boards-committees-volunteer-vacancies>

## FOCUS ON PARKS & RECREATION:

### Upcoming Events:

Community Garden Kickoff Social Jan 28

Family Movie Night Jan 20

DGX Disc Golf Clinic for Youth Feb 4

How the Garden Grows Mason Bees Feb 13

Senior Valentine's Party Feb 11

Spring Mini Camp April 10-14

<https://bsl.recdesk.com>

Sign on and create your family account today!

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

City buildings & offices will be closed on these days:

Jan 16 Martin Luther King Holiday

Feb 20 President's Day

April 7 Good Friday



Many items can be recycled at no charge at the county landfill and/or convenience centers.  
For more information visit: <https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/solid-wast-and-recycling/>

### Important numbers:

811 call before you dig or online <https://call811.com/811-In-Your-State/Map/State/North-Carolina>

Emergency — 911

Fire Department 845-2818

Community Center 363-0018

Duke Energy Outages — 800-419-6356

Brunswick County Tax Department 253-2729

River Road/Dosher Cutoff Recycling Center 457-9484

ATMC 754-4311

South Brunswick Middle School 845-2771

Dosher Memorial Hospital 457-3800

Police Department non-emergency 363-0011

City Hall Main 363-0025

Duke Energy — Customer Service 800-452-2777

Brunswick County Public Utilities 253-2655

Brunswick County Landfill 253-8101

Waste Industries 253-4177

Bolivia Elementary 253-6516

South Brunswick High School 845-2203

Novant Health Brunswick 721-1000

### UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Planning Board (6:30 pm) - February 14, March 15

Special Events (5:30 pm) - February 8, March 8

Grants Committee (4:30 pm) - February 9, March 9

Library Commission (10:00 am) - February 9, March 9

Community Appearance (5:00 pm) - February 21, March 20

Parks & Recreation Board (6:00 pm) - February 14, March 15

THE PUBLIC  
IS ALWAYS  
WELCOME  
TO ATTEND!

