# BSL SNAPSHOT

# CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES

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### **BSL SNAPSHOT**

Welcome to the fifth 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 Public Works 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.

With the summer season in full swing and the dams reconstruction to start soon, the City is moving forward!!



Public Works is responsible for managing and overseeing capital improvement projects, and operating and maintaining public infrastructure including parks, public spaces, public facilities, and City maintained right-ofways in the City of Boiling Spring Lakes. Their mission is to support our community by providing a reliable and resilient network of public infrastructure that promotes safety through responsive and cost effective services to all citizens with personnel necessary for the City to provide and sustain structures and services essential to the welfare and acceptable quality of life for its citizens.





To report potholes on East Boiling Spring Road, Cougar Drive and Hwy 87, which are state roads, please visit NCDOT'S pothole reporting page: <u>https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/Pages/form.aspx?Uni</u>

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To report potholes on any other roads within the city, please visit the City's website at:

https://www.cityofbsl.org/public-works and click on the Citizen Request Portal Button.

This Citizens Request Portal provides residents the ability to submit requests, comments or suggestions online. These submissions are automatically forwarded to the appropriate personnel, and residents are able to track the status of such submissions.

For questions regarding the Citizen Request Portal, please contact Susan Price, Public Works Administrative Assistant at (910) 363-0096.

The Public Works Department also deals with other items such as stormwater conveyance and management, mosquito control, street lights, road projects and paving, lakebed vegetation management, city street's right-ofway control, and assists with the City's emergency response plan, among other things. Public Works covers a lot of territory in the City. The City's website contains a lot of information on what Public Works handles for the City. Please visit <u>https://www.cityofbsl.org/public-works</u> for additional information.



A few ordinances that should be noted:

Sec. 13-31. - Approval, acceptance of new streets.

- (a) Before any new street offered for dedication to the City is accepted as such, and officially recognized as a City-maintained street, the Board of Commissioners must give its approval, finding that the street complies with engineering standards set by the Board established by the North Carolina General Statutes and the State Department of Transportation and that the best interests of the City would be served by accepting the street as a City street.
- (b) The standards and policy of the Board as set out in the Street Department Management Policy on file is hereby adopted by reference as if fully set out herein.

### ARTICLE IV. - EXCAVATION AND REPAIR

Sec. 13-81. - Projects requiring approval.

With the exception of street department personnel, no person shall in any manner infringe upon city street system rights-of-way without explicit prior written permission from the City. Specifically, it shall be unlawful to perform any, each or all of the following without prior approval: (1) Digging, scraping, improving, paving, ditching or excavating on any city street or any city right-of-way;

(2) Planting or removing any shrub, tree or flower upon the city right-of-way;

(3) Placing any sign, or damaging or removing any sign on the City right-of-way;

(4) Constructing electric lines and/or telephone cables upon or under any City street or upon or under any street right-of-way; and

(5) Constructing sewer or water lines upon or under any street or any street right-of-way, or damaging or removing any such lines that have been legally installed.

Sec. 13-82. - Permit—Required; exception.

No person shall make any excavation or opening or dig any ditch, trench, tunnel or hole in, along, across or under any street, sidewalk or other public place for the purpose of laying or placing therein any pipe, wires or poles or for any other purposes unless a written permit therefor has been issued by some officer of the City vested with proper authority. A permit shall not be required where the work is performed under a contract with the City, but if the work requires a sidewalk or street to be wholly or partially obstructed, the party performing the work shall notify the City at least two (2) hours before obstructing the sidewalk or street, unless prevented by sudden emergency.

### Sec. 13-83. - Same—Application; fees.

All persons desiring a permit to make an opening in any street or sidewalk, as set forth in section 13-82, shall make written application therefor, which application shall show the location of the proposed opening, the purpose therefor and the approximate number of square yards of surface to be cut. A fee may be required by the board of commissioners for such permit.

### Sec. 13-84. - Restoration after excavation.

When any part of any street, sidewalk, alley or other public place of the City shall be torn or dug up for any purpose, the person making the excavation or opening shall have the duty of refilling the excavation or opening, and the refilling shall be done in accordance with the standards and specifications of the City.

For any questions regarding Public Works and what they manage within the City, you may contact Aaron Harward, Public Works Superintendent at aharward@cityofbsl.org or Susan Price, Administrative Assistant at sprice@cityofbsl.org or call 910-363-0096.

To review the various plans forms and more information please visit our website at: <u>https://www.cityofbsl.org/public-works</u>



# **New Employees**

Parks and Rec- Kayla Casailinova Youth Program Assistant

Police Dept. – Jonathan Weaver p/t Police Officer

Administration – Nicole Morgan Assistant to City Manager

# Construction of New Police Department Building



Construction of the new police department is now almost complete. Anticipated completion date is on track for mid-July 2023. The closing on the USDA loan should still take place in mid-July 2023.

# **Police Recognitions**

### OFFICER BART WANCZYK-

2022 BRUNSWICK COUNTY ROTARY CLUB OFFICER OF THE YEAR



### OFFICER ROBERT TURSI-1<sup>st</sup> OFFICER OF THE QUARTER.



# **Police Recognitions**

### SERGEANT WINDY HAGER-COMPLETION OF NORTH CAROLINA JUSTICE ACADEMY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AWARD.



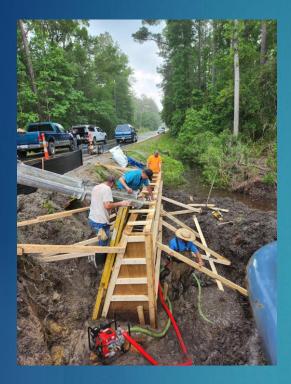
DETECTIVE MEGAN WELLS, OFFICER BART WANCZYK and OFFICER SHANE BENFIELD-

INTERMEDIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT CERTIFICATIONS AWARDED BY NORTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION.



# **Recent Projects**

On Drayton Road the Pipe extensions on upstream side and headwall construction were completed in June.

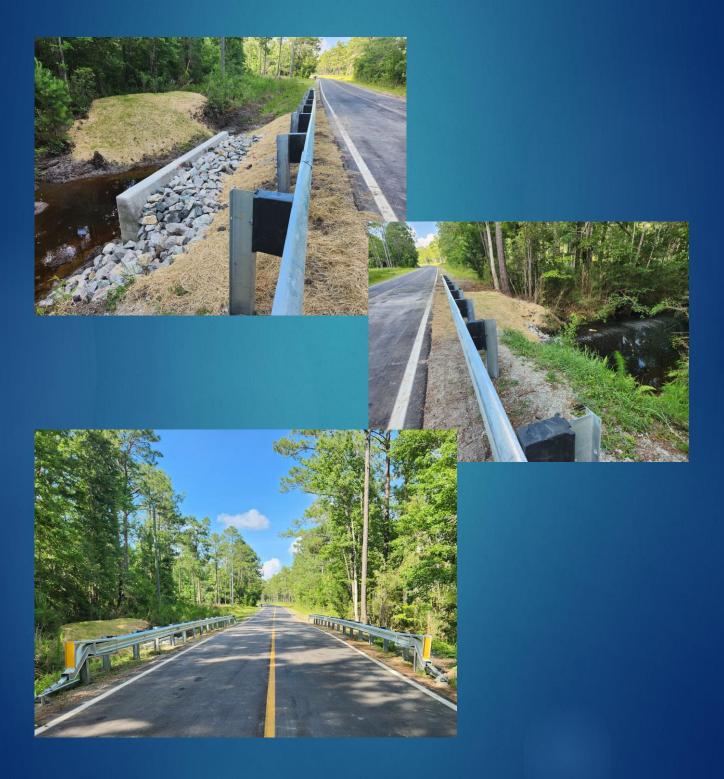






### **Recent Projects Cont.**

The guardrail installation on Drayton Road was also completed as of June and the road re-opened.



# Dams Reconstruction Update as of July 12, 2023

As you may know, on March 31, 2023 two bids for the dams' construction/reconstruction were received and after review of the submitted bids, McGill Engineering, on behalf of the City, recommended proceeding with Sequoia Services, LLC.

City staff, McGill Engineering and Sequoia Services, LLC all participated in and reached a Value Engineering Agreement on May 17, 2023.

On June 14th a special meeting was held to award the bid for the dams' construction/reconstruction project to Sequoia Services, LLC of Greensboro North Carolina for the estimated contract price of \$44,749,198.20 and a Notice of Award to Sequoia was then executed.

At this time the gathering of equipment at the dam site has begun by Sequoia.



# Dams Reconstruction Update as of July 1, 2023

The utility relocation project by Duke Energy resumed Monday June 26th and will move forward, weather permitting. If all goes according to schedule the utility relocation will be done by July 14, 2023.

If the utility relocation interferes with the dam contractor and/or slows the contractor down or delays the project in any way, the City expects to be compensated for the loss of time on the project.

The time frame for completion is approximately 30 months.



The subcontractor hired by Duke Energy to bore and place the conduit pipes for the relocation of the utilities has finished boring and are pulling the conduit pipes through. Once they are finished, Duke Energy will come in and run the wires through the conduit pipes



The clearing of the lakebed continues. Timber mats are being used as most of the lakebed will not support the machine without using the mats.



On Saturday, June 17th the City was happy to hold the official groundbreaking ceremony for the construction/reconstructions of the dams destroyed during Hurricane Florence. This has been a long awaited special ceremony for the City and the BOC and City staff wish to thank all involved in helping this move forward. As Mayor Winecoff stated, we can only go forward from here!!







# FY 2023-2024 Budget

The fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 budget for the City was adopted at the June 6<sup>th</sup> BOC meeting. The final budget can now be viewed at:

https://www.cityofbsl.org/finance

### City of Boiling Spring Lakes FY 2023-2024 Budget



# **Cowboy Caviar**

This makes a great side dish for any picnic, potluck, or party, and is a great way to use up your summer produce!

#### Ingredients

- 3 Roma tomatoes seeds removed, diced
- 2 ripe avocados diced
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup red onion diced
- 15 oz black beans rinsed and drained
- 15 oz black eyed peas rinsed and drained
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  cups frozen sweet corn thawed (I just usually toss it in the salad frozen unless I plan on eating it immediately, it thaws quite quickly)

• 1 bell pepper diced (I used half a green and half a red, but color doesn't matter)

- 1 jalapeno pepper seeds removed, diced into very small pieces
- <sup>1</sup>∕₃ cup Cilantro finely chopped

#### DRESSING

- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lime juice fresh preferred
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon pepper
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon garlic powder
- Tortilla chips for serving

#### Instructions

1. Combine tomatoes, avocado, onion, black beans, black eyed peas, corn, pepper, jalapeno pepper, and cilantro in a large bowl. Toss/stir well so that ingredients are well-combined.

2. In a separate bowl, whisk together olive oil, lime juice, red wine vinegar, sugar, salt, pepper, and garlic powder.

3. Pour dressing over other ingredients and stir/toss very well.

4. Keep refrigerated. If not serving immediately, be sure to toss/stir well before serving.

April 30th a group from BSL went to Nashville, TN. They stopped in Pigeon Forge on the way for some dinner and shopping. May 1st they headed to Nashville where they kept busy all 3 days. The group got to see a few shows, one at the Grand Ole Opry. A few ventured down to the Honky Tonks to check out the nightlife. Fun was had by all.





# Preparing for Potential Severe Weather

Please see the County's Hurricane Preparation List and Hurricane Survival Safety attached to this newsletter for good information on being ready for storms.



You can also visit the Hurricane Preparedness page on the Brunswick County website at:

https://www.brunswickcountync.gov/emergency/h azards/hurricanes/



### **BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NC EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### HURRICANE PREPARATION

### **PREPARATION CHECKLIST**

- Is your disaster supply kit ready?
- Gas up your vehicles.
- Have your evacuation plan ready.
- Secure loose items outside of your home.
- Frequently check on the progress of the storm.
- Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first-aid supplies, drinking water and medication.
- Store valuables and papers in waterproof containers.
- Secure your boat.
- Inform loved ones as to where you will be during the storm.
- Ensure your weather radio is in working condition.
- Locate your local shelters.

#### SECURING YOUR PROPERTY AND INSURANCE

You can take low-cost mitigation measures to protect yourself and your home from losses from wind and/or flooding, including:

- Analyze your home's structural weaknesses
- If you are building a new home, consider a hip roof with a pitch of 30 degrees or less
- Install storm shutters to protect windows
- Install braces to give additional support to garage doors
- Plant vegetation to serve as wind breaks
- Buy flood insurance (see below)
- Move valuables and appliances out of the basement
- Make sure that any flood-proofing efforts are in compliance with the minimum NFIP requirements, and with state and local building codes.

<u>The North Carolina Department of Insurance</u> offers tips for maximizing your personal safety and minimizing your property and financial losses, including:

- Homeowners should review their insurance policies with their agents.
- Flood Insurance can be obtained by qualifying property owners by contacting their local agent or through the <u>National Flood Insurance Program</u> (1-800-662-7048).
- **The Beach Plan** is a program designed for coastal property owners. It offers coverage for fire, lightning, wind and hail. Obtain more information by calling 1-800-662-7048 or visit <u>http://www.ncjua-nciua.org/</u>.
- Residents living in rental properties should consider purchasing renter's insurance to cover losses of personal property within the rental unit.
- If you evacuate, take a copy of your policy with you. Additional tips for hurricane and storm preparation are also available at the <u>Department of</u> <u>Insurance</u> or by calling the Consumer Services Division of the Department of Insurance toll-free (instate) at 1-800-546-5664.

#### **BASIC EMERGENCY SUPPLIES**

The best time to assemble a 3-day disaster supply kit is well before the storm hits. Many of these are common household items. Store enough supplies for at least 3 days, and if possible, for 7 days.

• Easy to carry water-tight container(s) (for all of your items)

- Water -1 gallon per person per day, along with a water purification kit or bleach
- First aid kit and first aid book
- Mosquito repellent and sunscreen
- Pre-cooked, non-perishable foods, like canned meats, granola bars, peanut butter, instant soup, cereals, dried fruit, powdered milk, etc.
- Portable camp stove or grill with extra propane
- Non-electric can opener and waterproof lighter
- Paper plates, cups, utensils, paper towels
- Aluminum foil, oven mitts, trash bags
- Baby supplies: formula, bottle, pacifier, diapers, baby wipes, etc.
- Anti-bacterial hand wipes or gel
- Blanket or sleeping bag per person
- Battery operated alarm clock, radio and/or TV with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Essential medications (and copies of the prescriptions)
- Bar soap, toilet articles
- Toilet paper, feminine hygiene supplies
- Cash and change
- Seasonal change of clothing, including sturdy shoes and work gloves
- Cleaning supplies, hand tools, duct tape, rope, etc.
- Documents, backup discs of important computer files, medical history info, photo IDs
- Camera, books, games, cards, etc.
- Food, water, leash and carrier for pets

#### **PET SAFETY**

Pets are only allowed in specific, designated public shelters for health and space reasons, and are housed in separate locations at those shelters.

In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do for your pets is to evacuate them too. Pets are not allowed at most hotels and motels in North Carolina, so emergency arrangements for them may require careful planning.

- Keep your pet's vaccinations up to date. Pet shelters may require proof of vaccines.
- Keep your pet on a leash with proper identification.
- Have a properly-sized pet carrier for each animal, large enough for the animal to stand and turn around.

Animals brought to a pet shelter are required to have:

- Proper identification, including collar and rabies tag
- Proper identification on all belongings
- A carrier
- A leash
- An ample supply of food, water and food bowls
- Any necessary medications
- Specific care instructions
- Newspapers or trash bags for clean-up If you must leave your pet behind, prepare an appropriate area for it. Put the pet in a carrier in an interior closet or bathroom with plenty of water, food, toys and blankets.



### EMERGENCY SERVICES OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NC HURRICANE SURVIVAL SAFETY

This material is provided as a public service. Its purpose is to increase hurricane awareness. The key to survival is advance preparation!

### WHEN A WATCH IS ISSUED

- Monitor storm reports
- Make arrangements for pets
- Check supplies
- Fuel automobiles
- Store non-perishable foods
- Store fresh drinking water
- Protect glass openings
- Buy materials for emergency repairs

### WHEN A WARNING IS ISSUED

- Monitor storm reports
- Leave mobile homes
- Prepare for high winds
- Protect windows
- Relocate boats on trailers
- Check boat mooring lines
- Store valuables and paperwork
- Prepare for floods an tornadoes
- Double-check survival supplies

### **SAFETY REMINDERS:**

#### If You Evacuate

- Take your disaster supply kit
- Bring pillows and blankets
- Have a safe place to go
- Bring extra cash
- Enact your pet plan
- Bring important family documents in a waterproof container
- Secure your home
- Follow your county evacuation map
- Don't drive on flooded roads

- Follow officials' instructions
- Stay away from downed power lines
- After the threat, listen to local officials for the all-clear If You Stay at Home If you are not able to evacuate, it is best to stay at a shelter. In the event of a disaster, there are special shelters set up for those with special medical needs. If you do choose to stay at home, follow these tips:
- Cover all windows and doors with shutters or other shielding materials
- Have extra cash on hand
- Have a weather radio on hand for frequent updates
- Follow instructions of local officials
- Stay away from windows and doors
- Go to an interior room on the first floor
- Have a family communication plan
- Remain indoors even during the eye of the storm

### **GENERATOR SAFETY**

Portable generators are a good source of alternative power if an outage occurs, but they should only be used in emergency situations. An improperly installed or operated generator can be deadly! View more information on safely operating a generator.

Ordinances, Resolutions and other BOC meeting approvals for This Quarter (April, May and June):

#### <u>April</u>

2023-04 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 3-Community Appearance Commission Section 2-84 Powers and Duties

2023-05 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5-Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Sections, 2-111; 2-113; 2-113.4; 2-113.5 and Chapter 10, Sections 10-57; 10-61; 10-62 and 10-83

#### <u>May</u>

2023-06 Ordinance to Amend Drayton Road Grant Project Budget

2023-07 Ordinance to Implement "No Parking" on Dix Road, Goldsboro Road, Catawba Road and Cougar Drive During Certain Hours

2023-08 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4 – Buildings and Building Regulations

2023-09 Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 317

#### <u>June</u>

2023-09 Ordinance Establishing the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the City of Boiling Spring Lakes

2023-10 Resolution Adopting Revised 2023 Dates for Citizens Forums

2023-11 Resolution to Extend Debris Removal and Debris Removal Services Pre-Event Agreement with Phillips and Jordan

2023-12 Resolution to Authorize Application to The National League of Cities

2023-16 Resolution of Intent to Utilize the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Pre-Positioned Debris Monitoring Contract

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Upcoming BOC meetings (unless specified meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall):August 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Regular)September 5, 2023 (Regular)September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. (Citizens Forum)October 3, 2023 (Regular)



2023-13 Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 317

2023-14 Resolution to Award Bid For the Dams Construction/Reconstruction Project

2023-15 Resolution to Approve Task Order #3 With McGill Engineering for Construction and Post Construction Services Pertaining to the Dam Project

Copies of Resolutions and Ordinances can be reviewed at the below link:

https://cityofbsl.diligent.community/Portal/DocumentLibrary



#### Tips to Help Prevent Mosquitos

- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely
- Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playgrounds
- Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside when not used
- Turn over clay pots and plastic containers
- Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used for covers
- Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week
- Remove pet food and water dishes not being used
- Don't leave garbage lids lying upside down or let water collect in the bottom of cans
- Fix dripping outside water faucets
- Check ponds, tree holes and low lying areas for mosquito larvae
- Do not keep piles of debris around your property

A section of E. Boiling Spring Road at North Lake Dr. will be closed on Monday, July 17th for the foreseeable future. This closure is the start of the dam construction/reconstruction project. A detour will be in place. Please follow the detour, be mindful of the 25 mile per hour speed limit on the detour roads and be courteous to the other drivers as we all navigate this process. The detour roads will be Pine Road, Drayton Road, Crystal Road.



The new police department is on tract to be completed by the end of July 2023. Be on the lookout for an open house in the near future!!

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

**Community Appearance Commission** 

Library Commission

See City Website for applications:

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

#### REPORT A CONCERN:

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

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

#### FOCUS ON PARKS & RECREATION:

Upcoming Events:

Free Disc Golf Clinic July 22 or July 27

Pickleball Classes through August 5, 2023

Family Camp Out October 14-15, 2023

Surf Fishing Classes through October 7, 2023

And Many More

#### https://bsl.recdesk.com

Sign on and create your family account today!







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 Waste Industries 253-4177 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 Bolivia Elementary 253-6516 South Brunswick High School 845-2203 Novant Health Brunswick 721-1000

#### **UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

Planning Board (6:30 pm) – August 8, September 12, October 10 Special Events (5:30 pm) – August 9, September 13, October 11 Grants Committee (4:30 pm) – August 10, Sept 14, Oct 12 Library Commission (10:00 am) – August 10, Sept 14, Oct 12 Community Appearance (6:00 pm) - August 14, Sept 11, Oct 9 Parks & Recreation Board (6:00 pm) – August 16, Sept 20, Oct 18

THE PUBLIC **IS ALWAYS** WELCOME TO ATTEND!

