



# CHAMBER NEWS

November 2009

## *The Importance of Voting in Municipal Elections*

*By Donna Best-Klingel, Executive Director*

Your decision on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> could have a major impact on the future of this town. More than ever, now is the time to take an active interest, talk to the people running for office and get to know your candidates for Mayor and town council.

Municipal politics is seen as unimportant, but in reality it is the most important level of government. Your town council serves as your neighborhood representative. They handle essential services like water and sewer, garbage pickup, public safety, road repair, planning and economic development.

The mayor occupies the highest elected office in the municipal government, and as the political head of the town is expected to provide the leadership necessary to keep it moving in the proper direction. In addition to being a community leader, they must be a political leader as well. They must be able to work within a complex intergovernmental system and be able to communicate effectively with neighboring and similar size cities. A mayor should be able to take the lead in representing their local government to those from outside the community who are interested in joint ventures—including other local governments, regional organizations, and federal and state government representatives. A mayor should be able to promote a favorable image of their local government and pursue resources that will benefit the entire community. And of course, a mayor should be actively involved on some level with their local chamber of commerce. Not an easy job, but for the past five years, all of this has been done exceptionally well by our current mayor.

However, there's still a lot of work to be done and challenges do exist. Unfortunately, few are prepared to become personally involved in finding solutions to problems they perceive, although they aren't slow to complain but believe as taxpayers they are paying someone else to deal with their problems. It's in this sort of vacuum that a person decides to run for office and operates to solicit support. I've been watching this for several weeks and it sickens me but what really angers me are people who claim to have an interest in this town but have never voted or sometimes voted in a municipal election. These types of people delay progress and create animosity. This town deserves better.

There are two people running for Mayor of Burgaw. Out of those two candidates only one of them has the qualifications to be an effective mayor. Therefore, I am personally endorsing Mayor Pete Cowan.

Let's keep Burgaw on the right path. I encourage everyone to get out there and vote!



*Welcome*

### *New Members*

#### **Mulligan Properties**

Eugene & Karen Mulligan  
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### *Upcoming Events*

**Tuesday, November 3**

Election Day

**Thursday, November 5, 6:00 pm**

Silent Auction –

Pender Adult Services

901 S Walker Street, Burgaw  
(910) 259-9119

**Thursday, November 19,**

**10 am – 7 pm**

#### **Christmas Open House**

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Refreshments

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**Friday, November 20, 2:00 pm**

#### **Ribbon Cutting**

Brittney's Blooms & Blossoms

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Refreshments

(910) 259-2055



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## Thanksgiving Day Parade Stamps are Available at the Post Office!

Held in large cities and small towns, Thanksgiving Day parades have been an important part of the Thanksgiving holiday tradition since the early 20th century. This year, the U.S. Postal Service joins the parade with the issuance of four stamps featuring iconic scenes of a Thanksgiving Day parade: A lively marching band led by a flamboyant drum major, large colorful balloons shaped like favorite animals and characters, a lasso-twirling cowboy and, of course, delighted spectators gathered on the sidewalk to watch. The stamps were designed by artist Paul Rogers of Pasadena, CA.

## History of Daylight Time in the U.S.

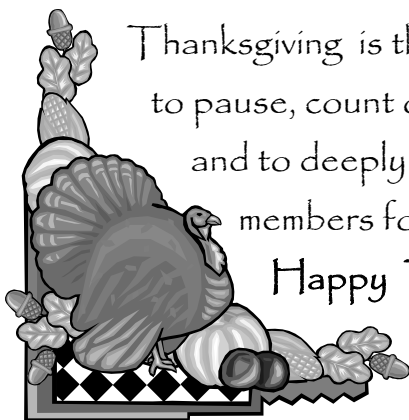
Although standard time in time zones was instituted in the U.S. and Canada by the railroads in 1883, it was not established in U.S. law until the Act of March 19, 1918, sometimes called the Standard Time Act. The act also established daylight saving time, a contentious idea then. Daylight saving time was repealed in 1919, but standard time in time zones remained in law. Daylight time became a local matter. It was re-established nationally early in World War II, and was continuously observed from 9 February 1942 to 30 September 1945. After the war its use varied among states and localities. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 provided standardization in the dates of beginning and end of daylight time in the U.S. but allowed for local exemptions from its observance. The act provided that daylight time begin on the last Sunday in April and end on the last Sunday in October, with the changeover to occur at 2 a.m. local time.

During the "energy crisis" years, Congress enacted earlier starting dates for daylight time. In 1974, daylight time began on 6 January and in 1975 it began on 23 February. After those two years the starting date reverted back to the last Sunday in April. In 1986, a law was passed that shifted the starting date of daylight time to the first Sunday in April, beginning in 1987. The ending date of daylight time was not subject to such changes, and remained the last Sunday in October. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 changed both the starting and ending dates. Beginning in 2007, daylight time starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

Source: [http://aa.usno.navy.mil/faq/docs/daylight\\_time.php](http://aa.usno.navy.mil/faq/docs/daylight_time.php)



**Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
November 1st.**



Thanksgiving is the perfect time to pause, count our blessings and to deeply thank our members for their support.  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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## Pumpkin Recipes and Tips

Submitted by: Chef Gailyn Gagliardi, Café Liardi

We all know that our local pumpkins make a great pie or bread, but did you know that you can also blend it, fry it and put it on your face? Here are our super duper pumpkin ideas:

- For a crunchy treat, toast pumpkin seeds. Add a bit of adobo & cinnamon before placing them into a 350 oven for about 20 minutes. Not only is this treat sure to be a hit but it's loaded with essential minerals plus vitamins A, B2, C and E.
- Whip up a smoothie for a breakfast on-the-go. In a blender, combine 1/2 cup pumpkin with 3/4 cup milk or vanilla yogurt and one tablespoon of real maple syrup. Throw in some ice cubes and a dash of cinnamon and nutmeg. Blend until smooth and enjoy. Mmmmm!
- Have leftover pumpkin but are too full to eat more? Put it directly on your face as a pumpkin mask. Ingredients: 2 teaspoons puréed pumpkin (cooked) 1/2 teaspoon of honey 1/4 teaspoon of milk. Gently mix all ingredients and apply to face. Rinse off after 15 minutes. This morning mask will make your skin silky smooth.
- Fry it. Yes, you heard us right! Cut two pounds of Jack the pumpkin into chunks (excluding the peel and seeds) and coat lightly with flour. Stir-fry and drain, and make sure to use extra-virgin olive oil for a dose of heart-healthy fats. This dish looks so delicious with added pecan, raisins and cranberries.

With this crisp fall season upon us and Thanksgiving just around the corner, there are plenty of chances to get your pumpkin on!

## Burgaw Incubator Kitchen News

### The Art of Italian Cooking

Instructor: Chef Gailyn Gagliardi

November 17 – December 8 / Tuesdays 6 pm – 9 pm

Do you want to expand your collection of Italian recipes? Get ready to savor some traditional and innovative Tuscan specialties. Learn how to prepare a decadent Tuscan meal that will impress even the most experienced foodie.

This class focuses on homemade pastas, Italian breads, making the sauces, how to make a perfect Italian meal beginning with making the broth, second course of meat and of course desserts. Each of the menu selections is unique to the area in flavor and in execution. When you add these well tested recipes to your repertoire, you will be bringing home a slice of Tuscan culinary history!

Pre-registration required for all classes. Call CFCC Burgaw Campus at (910) 259-4966 or (910) 362-7900.

## Board Nominations



Listed below are two new members proposed by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board of Directors with terms beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2011. In addition, one board member has been nominated to serve on the Executive Board. You may vote for all three (3). Additional nominations for two-year directors can be made by written petition bearing signatures of at least five percent (5%) of the current membership.

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Name (Print)

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Signature

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Company



### Board of Directors

- Patricia Davis, Traditions Fine Gifts & Interiors
- Nancy Keith, Courthouse Coffee & Cyber Café

### Secretary

- Shannon Pearce  
First Citizens Bank

Please return this ballot by **November 15, 2009** via FAX to (910) 300-6116 or mail to Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1096, Burgaw, NC 28425.

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## *Thanksgiving Fun Fact*

**T**hough many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

Source: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)



## *Burgaw Christmas Parade*

**T**he Annual Burgaw Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 12. Businesses,

churches, community groups, and individuals are encouraged to participate in the parade.

Contact the chamber office for an application or visit our website: [www.burgawchamber.com](http://www.burgawchamber.com).

## *Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce*

President—Pete Cowan  
Vice President—Martin Beach  
Treasurer—Cindy Jones  
Secretary—Rosemary Pittman  
Executive Director—Donna Best-Klingel

Board meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at 8:30 am in the Burgaw Train Depot, 115 South Dickerson Street.

### *Advertising Guidelines*

This newsletter is distributed to members of the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce, distribution is approximately 300. Approved, camera-ready advertisements should be received by the first of the month preceding publication.

### *Ad Sizes*

1/8 pg. (3.5" x 2.25") - \$25  
1/4 pg. (3.5" x 5") - \$45  
1/2 pg. (7" x 5") or (3.5" x 10") - \$85  
Full Page Insert - \$100

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