

CHAMBER NEWS

A Newsletter for Members of the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce

March 2008

President's Message

Bulletin Letter from Pete Cowan

Well it's March already and we're having fun. As the New Year moves along, so do our plans to make "your" chamber a vital and productive part of Pender County's economic engine.

By the time you receive this newsletter the Annual Banquet will have just taken place where the first phase of the 2008 Strategic Plan was proudly unveiled.

So, what does this mean to our members? In order to fully implement the 2008 plan, each member will have the opportunity to serve on various committees throughout the year. Your willingness to serve and be a part of the "Big Picture" will make 2008 the most productive year ever for our chamber.

I invite all chamber members to make the most of what our chamber has to offer.

From the Treasurer

Frank Crisafulli

I am so pleased to have the opportunity to serve as the Treasurer for Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce. These are exciting times for Burgaw and the surrounding communities, and your Chamber is posturing itself as your advocate to ensure you reap the benefits of the growth throughout Pender County.

Financially speaking, the Chamber is in excellent condition. With financial resources at unprecedented levels, we are poised to use these resources to further the mission of the Chamber, increase active membership, and get the word out that Burgaw is indeed a 'Good town, year 'round'.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 20

Business After Hours &
Oyster Roast

Burgaw Chiropractic Clinic

Dr. Joseph Davis

206 S. Wright Street

Downtown Burgaw

5 pm - 7 pm

RSVP: 910.259.9817

Weather Permitting

Saturday, April 5

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Café Liardi

Located inside Burgaw Antiqueplace

Noon

For More Information,

Call

910.463.4263

Welcome New Members

ALL CAROLINA CRANE

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Historic Burgaw Depot Preservation Foundation exists to encourage the preservation and enhancement of the historic Burgaw Train Depot

Burgaw Small Town Main Street Program

Submitted by Robert Murphrey

Burgaw was selected to join 15 other communities participating in the NC Small Town Main Street Program in August 2007. The program provides technical assistance to the community based on the Main Street "Four Point Approach", which addresses downtown revitalization by focusing on organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring. Program staff helps organize the community to address the issues local citizens identify as important, categorizes them under each of the "Four Points", then visits the community monthly to work with small subcommittees to accomplish the specific projects they have identified.

The Burgaw organization has been established, issues and specific project areas have been identified, and subcommittees on design, promotion and economic restructuring have been formed. These subcommittees began meeting together in September and meetings are held at 6:00 PM at the library on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The public is invited to participate in all meetings.

Initial projects identified by the Burgaw organization are:

Design: 1. Façade improvements/façade grants and incentives
2. Streetscapes, sidewalks, lighting and amenities/public improvements
3. Walkability-connectivity between downtown and neighborhoods/
Support for Osgood Canal Project/linkages

Promotion: 1. Bring more people downtown
2. Develop and promote public image/media awareness for downtown
3. Make better use of depot for events

Economic Restructuring:
1. More and better businesses/restaurants/business recruitment
2. Impact of highway 53 through downtown
3. Buildings renovated and occupied

The Main Street Program is a national program developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation more than 25 years ago. The North Carolina Main Street Program is housed in the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance and began in 1980. The NC Small Town Main Street Program was initiated in 2003.

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2008 Spring LITTER SWEEP Roadside Cleanup

APRIL 19 - MAY 3, 2008
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
IN ALL NORTH CAROLINA
COMMUNITIES

www.ncdot.org/-beautification

Office of Beautification Programs
Litter Sweep Hotline
1.800.331.5864

LITTER SWEEP is a major
environmental event held
bi-annually in April and September.

A Friendly Reminder...

... if you haven't had a chance to
return your 2008 dues and updates,
please do so at your earliest convenience.

We appreciate our members and will
continue our progress with your support
and guidance. As business owners and
operators, we have an obligation to do
our part to continue commerce and the
day-to-day activities that will lend strength
to our economy. Thank you for your
support and patronage of the Chamber.

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In Our Town

Submitted by
Gailyn Robinson

Café Liardi Restaurant is opening March 4th and is located in Historic Downtown Burgaw in the same building as the Burgaw Antiqueplace on the corner of Highway 53 and S. Wright Street (across from the Pender County Courthouse.)

Please join us at Noon on Saturday, April 5th for a Grand Opening Party and Ribbon Cutting. You will have a BLAST sampling the cafe foods and coffees, listening to music, and playing for prizes. The whole family is invited!

You Are Invited to the 3rd Annual Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce Blueberry Open GOLF SCRAMBLE

WHEN: Friday, June 20, 2008

WHERE: River Landing Golf Club
Wallace, North Carolina

COST: \$100/Person

PRIZES INCLUDE:

- 1st & 2nd Place Teams in Multiple Flights
- Long Drive
- Short Drive
- Closest-to-the-Pin
- Longest Putt Made
- Skins Game
- Pre-tournament
- Putting Contest and Much More

Corporate Sponsorships Available:

\$1,000 - Gold Corporate Sponsor
\$250 - Beverage Cart Sponsor
\$500 - Silver Corporate Sponsor
\$125 - Hole Sponsor (\$100 with a paid foursome)

For more information, contact Donna Best-Klingel at 910-259-9817.




Maximizing the Hot Water in Your Home

Submitted by
Buddy Creech, Creech Plumbing Company

By using a few simple tips you can lengthen the life of your water heater and practically eliminate the need to replace it. Water heaters can be much more efficient by using a simple and inexpensive maintenance routine.

- Use an insulation blanket to make a water heater more energy-efficient. Insulate all hot water lines.
- Regularly clean your water heater. This means cleaning all of the major components including the enclosure, the water tank assembly, and the burner and control assembly.
- Inspect the condition of the anode rod in order to prevent leaks from developing. If this is worn down you will need to replace it. You can buy them from any supply store.
- The burner on gas powered assembly should be cleaned at least once a year. Clean off any dust and dirt and remove other debris that builds up.
- Flush the tank regularly to remove built up sediment.
- Frequently check your water heater for leaks. It's important to check the pipe connections, the valves and underneath the unit.
- Test the temperature/pressure relief valve once a year to make sure it's working.
- By installing a specially designed drip pan under your water heater you can eliminate damage from leaks or malfunctions. These pans are available at most building supply stores.

Creech Plumbing Company has been providing quality service to residential and business customers in Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick counties since 1963. They are a full service plumbing company that specializes in new construction. Creech Plumbing can be reached at 259-0097.

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Blueberry News

During the NC Association of Festival & Events annual ShowFest Excellent Award Luncheon, the NC Blueberry Festival won three (3) awards out of twelve awarded.

The Excellent Awards won were:

- Best Mass Media Production (TV)
- Best Poster (commemorative)
- Best Sponsorship Package

THE NORTH CAROLINA BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION
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Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce

President - Pete Cowan
Vice-President - Martin Beach
Treasurer - Frank Crisafulli
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 Pender County Library located at 103 S. Cowan Street in Burgaw.

Advertising Guidelines

This newsletter is distributed to members of the Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce, a distribution of 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
1/2 pg. (7" x 5") or (3.5" x 10") - \$85
1/4 pg. (3.5" x 5") - \$45
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