

May 2, 2022



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## Town Hall Calendar - May

**5/7 - SPRING CLEAN**

**5/10 - Town Council Meeting 6 pm -  
Loft at Winmock \*Public Hearing**

**5/18 - Planning Board Mtg. 3 pm**

**5/24 - Council Agenda Mtg. 8:30 am**

**5/25 - Public Input Session/Drop In from Noon - 7 pm - Winmock  
Granary**

**5/30 - Brush/Limb Pickup**

**5/30 - Town Hall Closed - Memorial Day**



### Spring Clean – Bulk Item Disposal

Saturday, May 7

8:00 am – Noon

#### Locations:

Corner of Fescue and Riverbend Drives- Near the Country Club  
Maintenance Area

Bridgewater Drive – Along the Lake in Kinderton Village

**\*\*No Electronics\*\***

No large tree limbs, batteries, non-dried paint, or hazardous waste.  
Please do not drop off items until Republic Waste Containers are out!

**JUST HOPE will be at each location accepting donations.**



“Mother is a verb.  
It's something you do.  
Not just  
who you are.”

—Dorothy Canfield Fisher

## **Message from Community Officer Mike Foster**

Be sure your vehicle windows and doors are locked in your vehicles with nothing of value exposed; that your homes are locked and your garage doors are down.

If you go on vacation, ask someone to check your mail and get newspapers. Please don't post your vacation on social media until you get back. You can also request extra patrols by your house while you are away.



## **One-Stop Early Voting at Bermuda Run Town Hall**

**Begins: Thursday, April 28, 2022**

**Ends: Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**Open: Monday - Friday from 8 am - 7:30 pm**

**Open: Saturday, May 14 from 8 am - 3 pm**

**NOTE - On May 17 Primary Election Day, you will go to your assigned voting location. (Example: Hillsdale Baptist Church)**

[Polling Place Search](#)

[Davie County Board of Elections](#)

**336-753-6072**

## **Message from Mayor Rick Cross**

As I walked into Town Hall last Thursday, I was reminded that we are in the midst of One-Stop Early Voting, after a COVID-19 related hiatus, we are again hosting early voting at our Town Hall. It's great to see our residents coming out to vote. I was asked by the poll workers to let everyone know the process is easy and there is no waiting. See the information in this newsletter for specific dates and times. As a reminder, voting this year is for state, and county elected positions. Most municipal elections across our county and state are held in 2023.

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We periodically invite Davie County Sheriff JD Hartman and Community Officer Mike Foster to meet with our Town Council to share thoughts and issues, and to exchange ideas. Overall, Sheriff Hartman provided very positive comments about the safety and security of our community. He did share that the issue we continue to work to address is speeding vehicles, primarily across our town's neighborhoods. As the Sheriff was quick to point out, speeding is an issue that has no single solution. It takes all of us to make a difference. I would lay out what needs to be done in three broad categories:

- Enforcement — DC Sheriff's Office (DCSO) continues to determine areas and times to focus on speeding across town roads for enforcement and mitigation.
- Messaging/Signage — We will continue to seek effective signage across our town roads. This could include periodic placement movable speed limit signs. We will evaluate other “disruptor” signage and markings that may work to change driver behavior.
- Communication — Continue to share meaningful and helpful information to residents via social media, town e-newsletters, HOA communications, and face to face dialogue.

Sheriff Hartman, Community Officer Mike Foster, our Town Council and staff, and I are fully committed to take appropriate steps to make ours a safe, walkable, and playable community. Each of you plays a role as well. It takes all of us, working together, to make sure we are doing our part to slow down, be aware, obey the signs, and watch out for each other.

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If you have recently been on Highway 158 around the area between Steelman's Ace Hardware and the Highway 158 roundabout, you have undoubtedly seen a flurry of activity of heavy equipment and dirt being moved around. I am thrilled to say that work has begun on constructing our [Blue Heron Trail Phase 1](#). Over the next several months, we will see this become a real trail. I look forward to seeing residents begin to use this initial phase of the Blue Heron Trail. Stay tuned!

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As I have been sharing for a number of months, we are currently updating our town's [Comprehensive Plan](#). We have just completed the resident survey portion. I am pleased to say that we have received more than 570 responses from residents (compared with 419 survey responses received during our 2017 plan update). Of course, I always want more — more responses, more engagement, and more conversations with residents — but I am reminded that a 37% increase in survey responses is positive, and we thank all of those who have taken the time to provide valuable input into the process.

Our work continues on the Plan's update. During May, our Town Council, Planning Board, and town staff will be reviewing survey results, digging into demographic data, and preparing for the May 25th Public Input Session, which will be held from 12-7pm at WinMock Granary. I am hoping that you will take the time to come by on that day to see the work in progress and to provide your valuable input as we proceed with the update. If you would like to see some statistics being used during the process, here is some good [background information](#) that you may find helpful.

As we move into the next chapter for our town, I believe land use will continue to be an important agenda item for the next several years. As we complete the update process, we will work to make certain our zoning designations, ordinances, and processes continue to meet the needs of our town.

We look forward to everyone's continued engagement in the process as we move forward.

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I have been updating you on progress in addressing the 801/158 intersection. We are making progress and have been notified by NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) that funding has been approved to make some short-term improvements to that intersection. As I have stated before, we continue to fiercely advocate for these needed changes — not only for Bermuda Run, but also for all of eastern Davie County. Also, there have been a number of partners working with us to continue to push the need for these changes. Our state representative, Julia Howard, has been instrumental in obtaining this funding, and keeping our needs top-of-mind.

As a next step, Town Manager Lee Rollins will be meeting with NCDOT representatives to outline a plan. I want to temper expectations - We don't yet have timings for this, and that will be the next step. As always, I will keep you posted on progress.

We continue to work on long-term possible solutions - including considerations for additional lanes, large

roundabout, and other ideas for this important intersection.

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Among other things during each of my [February](#), [March](#), and [April](#) messages, I shared comments and perspectives on our Town Council Meetings, our zoning districts and the re-zoning process, and I continued to encourage residents to engage in our town activities.

I would like to reinforce that encouragement. I know it may sound a bit cliché, but we are in unprecedented times relative to interest in our community, especially for residential development — single-family and multi-family. In speaking with others across our county, as well as in other cities and towns across the state, their experiences are similar. The reasons for this are several — primarily an increased demand for housing and significant capital in the economy for development and building.

As we strive to serve and represent our town, the Council, staff, and I work diligently to hear the needs and wishes of our residents, understand our town's current and future needs, and to be ever mindful of our statutory obligations to a clearly articulated and fair process to all.

My hope is that we will view this current increased activity, and the heightened awareness by residents, as an opportunity for greater engagement across our community. From my message in March:

When talking with people, I sometimes hear *"I'd like to be involved, but I'm not certain what I can do or how I can get started."* When I hear this, I work to share my thoughts on various ways to be involved. My hope is that some of this will result in an even greater level of involvement across our community -- volunteering with one of the many worthy organizations, becoming involved in your HOA, seeking a position on our town's Planning Board, or at some point in the future, vying for one of our town's elected positions of Council or Mayor.

I will continue to reach out, our Town Council members will continue to reach out, and I hope that you, our residents, will continue to engage.

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As a final thought, I have spent time with residents and businesses across our town, and this is of great value to me as I work to serve our community. For all who have emailed me, I have responded to each. For all who have asked to have a conversation, I have met with you, spoken with you on the phone, or we are in the process of finding a time to get together. Please continue to reach out to me. I want to hear from you, and to learn.

To all with whom I have spent time, thank you for your time, and for sharing thoughts and ideas with me. I continue to look forward to being with everyone across our community soon. In the meantime, you can reach me at:

rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

Rick Cross



**Mayor: Rick Cross**  
**Town Manager: Lee Rollins**  
**Town Clerk: Cindy Poe**  
**Accounting: Dora Robertson**

**Town Council: Mike Brannon, Curtis Capps,  
Heather Coleman, Mike Ernst, and Melinda  
Szeliga**

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