## December 2, 2024



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Town Hall Hours: M-F 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

## **Town Hall Calendar - December**

12/10 - Town Council Meeting ~ 6 pm

12/18 - Planning Board Meeting ~ 6 pm

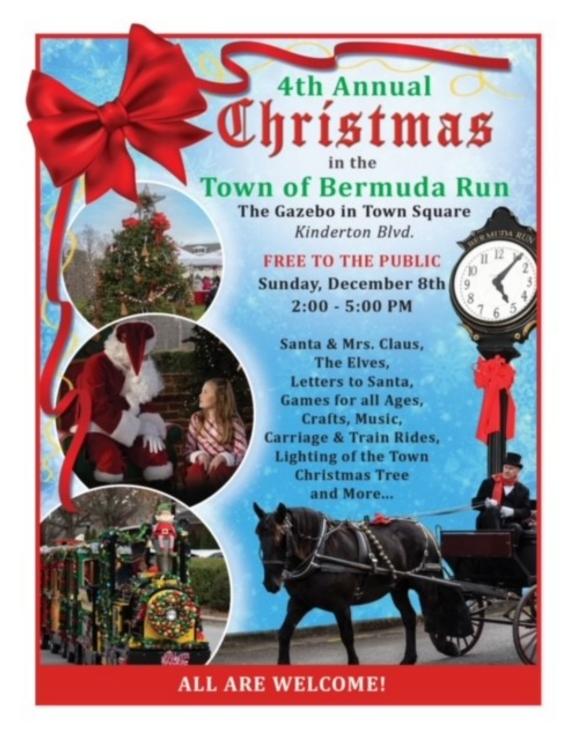
12/19 - Vision Committee Mtg ~ 9:30 am

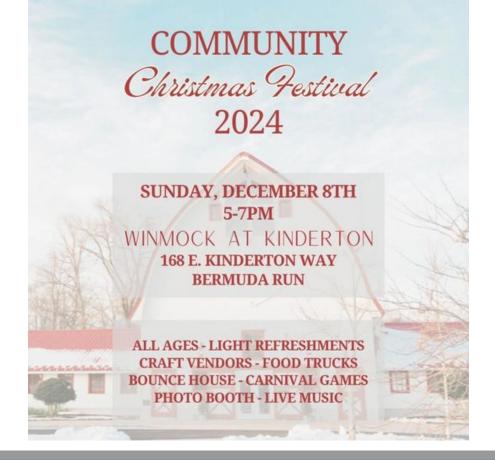
12/24 - 12/26 Town Hall Closed - Holiday



12/30 - Brush/Limb Pickup & Christmas Tree Pickup #1 1/6/25 - Christmas Tree Pickup #2

\*\*Christmas Tree Pickup - Place unadorned tree at the curb before 7am on one of the above dates.





## Message from Mayor Mike Brannon

As December brings 2024 to a close, I want to recognize one final time our celebration of the Town's 25th Anniversary. This year we had banners, concerts, Food Truck Fridays, and a special luncheon to celebrate our Town's journey to our Silver Anniversary. Thank you to our prior Town and business leaders, as well as our County, State, and US representatives who had a key role in our Town's history. Also, a huge thank you for the work of our tireless volunteers who made each of these celebration events such a success.

On Sunday, December 8th from 2-5pm we will have our 4th Annual *Christmas in the Town of Bermuda Run*. This event continues to grow with new games, food and activities sponsored by our local businesses and our Town. This has become a very popular celebration with people coming from our Town and well beyond to be a part of this annual event. Thanks again to the hard work by the event coordinators and the more than 100 volunteers who help make this such a special gathering. I look forward to seeing all of you on the Town Green for Christmas in the Town of Bermuda Run!

I also want to welcome Rod Guthrie to our Town Council. Rod was appointed by our Town Council to serve the remaining term of Melinda Szeliga's vacated council seat. As many of you know, Rod served several years as the Chair of our Town's Planning Board. He also played a critical role in helping shape the 2022 Comprehensive Plan and influenced the work to reshape our Land Use and Zoning as we chart the Town's future. Rod's background as an attorney and his thoughtful leadership in Town planning and development will be an outstanding addition to our council. Please join us when Rod takes the Oath of Office and is seated in our December 10th Town Council meeting at 6pm.

To those candidates in the community who stepped forward to be considered for the Council vacancy appointment, I want to thank each of you as well. For any of you who have the time, energy and passion to do so, there are opportunities to support this Town with volunteer activities, becoming a member of the Planning Board, or even consider serving on our Town Council. I am always ready to discuss these opportunities with anyone interested, so please reach out to me.

As many of you have noticed if you have traveled near the US 158 roundabout, the Flags at the Blue Heron Trail project is nearing completion. We are awaiting the delivery of the etched pavers that many of you purchased during the planning phase of this project. Once the etched pavers are installed, we will be organizing a flag raising ceremony. Stay tuned for announcements of this event in our Town meetings and communications.

I am excited to announce that Phase 2 of the Blue Heron Trail is now moving forward. This segment will connect the current Blue Heron Trail—near the new flag plaza—to the I-40 pedestrian bridge and then on to Twins Way—near the Truist Sports Park playground. Our thanks to The Hillsdale Group and NC Fusion for their partnership in helping the Town secure the land easements needed for this new pathway. This new pathway and future phases to come are all part of implementing more pedestrian pathways and walkable communities.

On the topic of walkable communities, the design of our pedestrian pathway for Bermuda Run East is nearly final. We do see some challenges ahead with utilities—marked and unmarked—that will need to be relocated as part of the pathway construction. While that may slow our overall project, we are looking to move into the construction planning phase in the coming months on the first phase which will include Bermuda Run Drive. We are tentatively planning to hold community information sessions in January to share details of the design. We will share more information in upcoming council meetings and Town communications.

As I conclude my first year serving as your Mayor, I want to thank each of you for allowing me this opportunity to serve this wonderful Town. At our 25th Anniversary Luncheon, I had the opportunity to stand beside John Ferguson, Ken Rethmeier, and Rick Cross—who served terms as Mayor in these past 25 years. I thank each of them for their leadership and their dedication to helping shaping the Town we have today. I also thank each of you—our residents, businesses, and other partners—for your role in helping make our Town such an inviting, special place.

As always, I look forward to connecting with you in person, by phone, or via email. Please reach out to me if you would like me to speak at your small group gatherings or at any organized events. I am happy to share town news, answer questions, and certainly listen to your ideas or concerns. You can reach me by email <a href="mailto:mbrannon@townofbr.com">mbrannon@townofbr.com</a> or by phone 336-775-7633.

I wish each of you Happy Holidays.....Mike



Mayors former and current: John Ferguson, Ken Rethmeier, Rick Cross, and Mike Brannon.



Left to Right: John Ferguson, Ken Rethmeier, House Representative Julia Howard, Senator Steve Jarvis, Rick Cross, and Mike Brannon.

**Mayor: Mike Brannon** 

**Town Manager: Andrew Meadwell** 

**Town Clerk: Cindy Poe** 

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