### **December 31, 2024**



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

### **Town Hall Calendar - January**

1/1 - Town Hall Closed - Holiday

1/14 - Town Council Meeting ~ 6 pm

1/15 - Planning Board Meeting ~ 6 pm

1/16 - Vision Committee Mtg ~ 9:30 am

1/20 - Town Hall Closed - Holiday

1/27 - Brush/Limb Pickup

1/28 - Council Agenda Meeting ~ 9 am

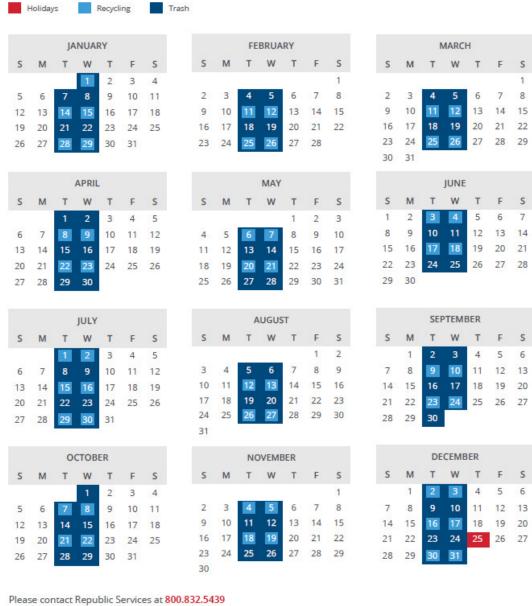




# January 6 - Christmas Tree Pickup #2

Place unadorned tree at the curb before 7 am.

## 2025 Bermuda Run, NC Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar



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Trash pickup for Bermuda Run East and West is on Wednesdays, and Kinderton Village on Tuesdays.

Recycling (shown in LIGHT BLUE) is every other week on the same day as trash.

\*\*\*Note - January 1 is regular schedule.\*\*\*

# Message from Mayor Mike Brannon

As we ring in 2025, I wish each of you a Happy New Year.

My thanks to our coordinators, volunteers, local schools, and our

business sponsors who helped make our <u>Christmas in the Town</u> <u>of Bermuda Run</u> such a success. It was great to see so many smiling faces who came out to celebrate this special holiday event.

I also want to extend my sincere thanks to Andrew, Cindy and Dora who play such a critical role in the



daily operations of our Town. As our Town continues to evolve and grow, the demands on our Town staff grow as well. Although we consider ourselves a small town, managing the many important services of this town—plus the many projects we have underway—would rival municipalities much larger than ours.

Because the demands on our staff continue to increase, our Town Council approved funding for a new staff member in our 2024-25 budget. The great news is that we have a new addition to our team! In our December Town Council meeting, Andrew introduced our new Management Analyst, Charlie Chapman. As a former resident of Davie County, he returns home to be a part of the Bermuda Run town staff. Please join me in welcoming Charlie!

As I mentioned in my December message, design work on the pedestrian pathway at Bermuda Run East continues to progress and we are now ready to share the design with the community. To accommodate work schedules, we will hold these informational meetings at Town Hall the early evenings of January 21st and 23rd. Meeting details will be provided by the Town in the next week or two. Please plan to join us to learn more about this project.

For our <u>Flags at the Blue Heron Trail</u> project, I am pleased to announce the engraved pavers many of you purchased have arrived. We are working with our contractor to install these pavers once the weather and construction schedules permit. After the etched pavers and sponsor plaques are installed, we will be organizing and announcing the date for our flag raising ceremony.

Those of you who have attended or watched our Town Council meetings have heard us talk about the progress we are making on crafting proposed changes to our Land Use and Zoning to better align our future growth to what we heard from the surveys in our most recent Comprehensive Plan. While we can agree growth is inevitable, there is a shared desire to manage that growth. If you recall, we implemented the first phase of those changes nearly a year ago.

We have been working to finalize and document the second phase of work aimed at zoning district changes, reduced housing density, conditions-based zoning approvals and other related changes to Land Use and Zoning. However, on the very day that these changes were to be presented to our Planning Board, we learned the NC Legislature was scheduled to vote on **Senate Bill 382**, a 131-page bill that included a significant number of legislative changes impacting state and local government.

The last section of that bill, SUBPART III-K. LOCAL GOVERNMENT, contains language prohibiting local governments—counties and municipalities—from making land use or zoning changes that "down-zone" properties within their jurisdiction. This language defines down-zoning as zoning ordinance changes

that: 1) reduce housing density (fewer housing units per acre), 2) remove previously approved land uses in a district, or 3) result in a previously approved land use or structure no longer conforming to the new ordinance.

Not only does this legislation impact future ordinance changes by local governments, it also makes "void and unenforceable" land use changes made 180 days prior to the passage of this bill. That bill became law on December 11, 2024.

So, the passage of SB 382 significantly impacts our efforts to redefine our Land Use and Zoning changes that we had planned to present to the Planning Board and Town Council for consideration. Not only has this bill affected how our Town can govern its growth and evolution, it also impacts **every county and municipality** in our state—including those who will now need to revisit any zoning ordinance changes implemented in the past six months.

These changes restricting how our Town can align land use and zoning to the vision of our citizens is quite disappointing. Regardless, we will reconvene our team to determine what aspects of our changes are still viable and will certainly monitor what happens across our state. As we have done in the past, we will continue to provide updates as we work to determine how to move forward to accomplish our collective vision of managing growth.

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. ~ Mike

#### **Rod Guthrie Takes Oath of Office**

Newly-appointed Council Member Rod Guthrie was administered the Oath of Office by Town Clerk Cindy Poe at the December Council Meeting.

Diane, his wife of 50 years held the Bible for him.





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