



**Town of Biscoe Newsletter** 

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Shooting Range Coming to Biscoe In July 2021**

In 2013 the Town received a grant from the State's Golden Leaf Program, to help with economic development by extending sewer to the Mega Park. While this process was started several years ago, there is now a business on the way. Mr. Vince Jordan and Southern Variety Guns and Ammo have partnered to build a state-ofthe-art sporting good facility including an indoor and outdoor shooting range. Recently 117 acres were voluntary annexed into Town limits. Construction on an \$800,000 building has already broken ground. Mr. Ritter of Sanford Metal Building and Rushing Ranges are overseeing the building and have a high reputation for building safe, quality ranges across the country.



#### **BISCOE CEMETERY CHANGES**



Citizens shall have the right to erect ONLY head stones, foot markers, monuments sepulchral structures, flowers and vases (must be attached to headstones). Foot markers must be flush to the ground. Flat markers at ground level are Burial vaults required. No obstructions will be allowed that will prevent access of maintenance or upkeep of grounds. Please be mindful that anything not meeting the current standards will be periodically removed by staff. BENCHES are allowed but must be the headstone of their own plot.

#### **Biscoe Town Board** and Officials

Eddie Reynolds, Mayor Gene Anderson, Mayor Pro-tem Kay Cagle-Kinch, Commissioner Dutch Anliker, Commissioner Lashaunda Ryan, Commissioner Barry Jackson, Commissioner

Brandon Holland, Town Manager Laura B. Morton, Town Clerk Shane Armstrong, Police Chief Sam Stewart, Public Works Sam Stewart, Fire Chief

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#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

#### K-9 Program Is Successful

One of the main focuses of the Biscoe Police Department recently has been Community Policing. The Biscoe Police Chief has decided to respond by spreading positivity and encouraging his officers to do the same. One of the goals of the Community Policing campaign is to add a Narcotics K-9 to the department. This addition will further the Departments efforts to keep drugs out of the community in addition to being able to interact with the public as it will be a nonaggressive breed.

To fund this effort the Department took to fundraising rather than requesting a budget increase. In November, Sergeant Dale "DJ" Capel Jr. and Chief Shane Armstrong made a post on TikTok encouraging followers to donate to the cause. The post has reached over 4 million people and with a goal of just under \$13,000, the donations totaled over \$17,000 in less than 24 hours.

The total fundraiser has raised over \$30,000 to date, and over \$8,000 worth of equipment, food and dog toys donated.

Future fundraisers will be held to sustain the life of the program.

"I am truly humbled at the generosity people all across this country have shown us by taking a leap of faith to donate to a cause that means so much to us." **Sgt Dale Capel** 

Both K-9s are multi-purpose and came from K-2 Solutions, a global defense and mitigation company located nearby. So impressed with the support that the department has gotten, they've decided to include an additional k-9 at no cost to the department.

"Our agency has been overwhelmed with thousands and thousands of supporters many whom we haven't met personally and very strong support locally, but they took the step to turn our vision into a reality, we are truly very fortunate." Chief Shane Armstrong



#### **TOWN OF BISCOE K-9 ACCOUNT REVENUES**

06/26/2020 - Deposit to Set Up Bank Account\$3,400.00 (includes \$1000 check from Wal-mart Donation & NC Community Foundation Donation \$2400)
10/14/2020 - Sell of Raffle Tickets\$140.00
10/30/2020 - K9 RAFFLE CK#1858 MCRAE - Raffle Ticket Sales\$25.00
11/24/2020 - Donations for Police K-9 (Square, Inc Cash App)\$10,238.31
11/25/2020 Donations TikTok fundraise - Go Fund Me\$8,079.50
12/09/2020 - K-9 PROJECT BISCOE PD - Raffle Ticket Sales\$100.00
12/31/2020 - Donations\$10,395.06
(Square, Inc Cash App \$7,100; Raffle Ticket Fundraiser \$2,195.06; Bill Hudson \$500; Mendoza Roofing LLC \$600)
SUBTOTAL <u>\$32,377.87</u>
To be Transferred to the K-9 Account this week (it takes a few days)\$2,109.07
GRAND TOTAL <u>\$34,486.94</u>



#### **ARE YOU INTERESTED**

in being notified of the Town of Biscoe meetings, special events, new town newsletter?

Email
laura.morton@townofbiscoe.com
To be added to the list

#stayinformed #beinformed #transparency

#### **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

# **Town Receives Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Third Year**



## TOWN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE VIEWED AT www.townofbiscoe.com

## **Upcoming Town Board**



April 12, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting At 7 Pm April 26, 2021 Rescheduled Budget Meeting At 6 Pm

May 10, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting At 7 Pm

PRESENT BUDGET/SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 14, 2020

May 17, 2021 Rescheduled Budget Meeting (Only If Needed) At 6 Pm

June 14, 2021 Public Hearing on Budget and Adopt the Budget

June 30, 2021 Special Meeting at Noon to Approve Year-End Budget Amendments



# BISCOE TOWN HALL PARKING LOT



GARBAGE COLLECTION is on MONDAYS

**Phone Numbers** 

Town Hall - 910.428.4112

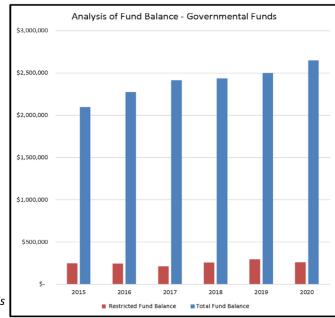
Police Dept - 910.428.2978

Water Dept - 910.428.4112

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Lead Auditor
Lee Grissom,
with S. Preston
Douglas &
Associations, LLP
recently
presented the
Fiscal Year
2019-2020
Audit Report to
the Biscoe Town
Board.

The chart to the right is an analysis of Fund Balance from 2015 to 2020.



<i>020.</i>		Balance		Balance	
2015	\$	2,096,139	\$	246,636	
2016	\$	2,275,388	\$	242,355	
2017	\$	2,412,303	\$	213,633	
2018	\$	2,435,156	\$	258,839	
2019	\$	2,499,431	\$	293,456	
2020	\$	2,646,598	\$	261,805	
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Call Town Hall for

This Ordinance

910.428.4112

Questions Regarding

# PUBLIC WORKS/WATER BILLING Brush Ordinance

Total Fund

#### Allowed

- Small Accumulation of
  Brush trimmed by
  homeowner
- Appliances
- Household furnishings

#### Not Allowed

- Microwaves
- TVs
- Computers
- No Building Materials

Restricted Fund

Lot Clearing/Trees Removal by Homeowner or Contractor



Bruton Street
Sewer Improvements
Made Possible
thru a
Community
Development
Block Grant



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**PURPLE** 

HEART

**TOWN** 

#### **WATER BILLING**





NCRWA and NCWaterWARN Members,

In consideration of the financial stressors and difficulties many utilities are facing during these trying times, we felt it would be beneficial to bring to your attention to the <a href="HOPE">HOPE</a> (Housing Opportunity and Prevention Eviction) program administered by the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency in partnership with United Way's NC 2-1-1 referral service. Additional information regarding the program, eligibility requirements, application process, as well as a fact sheet for utility providers is described below.

The Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program is a new statewide initiative that may provide rent and utility assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income renters experiencing financial hardship due to the economic effects of COVID-19. The program is designed to help prevent evictions and utility disconnections in order to promote housing stability during the ongoing pandemic. HOPE is an initiative of the NC Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a division of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety. The HOPE Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program – Coronavirus and the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funds.

NC 211 is an information and referral service provided by United Way of North Carolina. Families and individuals in all 100 counties in North Carolina can call to obtain free and confidential information on health and human services within their community. Available in most languages, NC 211 is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

For more information, please contact NC 211 at 1.888.892.1162 from 7:00am – 6:00pm Monday – Friday or on their website at <a href="https://nc211.org/hope/">https://nc211.org/hope/</a>.

Sincerely,

NCRWA and NCWaterWARN



#### THESE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU....





#### **Little Free Library**

Take a Book Share a Book

#### **Exchange Zone**

Child Custody Exchange

Online Purchases Craig's List Market Place





# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT FORM

https://www.townofbiscoe.com/code-complaint.html

#### **ADOPT A FLOWER PLANTER**

The Town has 13 flower planters throughout the Town. If you or your business/organization/church would be interested in adopting one or if you would like to adopt one in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Town Hall at 910.428.4112 by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Adopted planters will be featured on the Town's Social Media and upcoming newsletters.







#### **JOBS**

Parks & Recreation
Director

Lifeguards

Pool Concession Workers



For job descriptions please visit www.townofbiscoe.com



# SPRING Photo contest

The Town of Biscoe presents its first photo contest. The subject of this contest is Spring in Biscoe. We welcome anyone to participate in the following age categories:

Ages 10-12 Ages 13-15 Ages 16-18 Ages 18 & Up

Email photographs to <a href="mailto:laura.morton@townofbiscoe.com">laura.morton@townofbiscoe.com</a> by April 7, 2021 with "Spring Photo Contest" in the subject line of the email. In addition, please include name, age, mailing address, and phone number in the email. Photographs will be given to judges to select winners without names to avoid favoritism.

 $1^{st}$  Place Winners in each age group will receive a \$40 gift card.  $2^{nd}$  Place Winners in each age group will receive a \$25 gift card.

#### **Contest Rules**

- Participants can submit two photos; however, participants can only win one time.
- Judges panel will consist of 3 judges.
- Photographs must be received by noon on April 7, 2021.
- Participants must understand that any and all submitted photographs will be used on the Town's website, social media accounts, and future publications.
- All photo subjects should be located within the Town of Biscoe.

#### Photo Ideas:

- Kids
- Easter
- Flowers
- Park Pictures
- Ball Pictures
- Pictures of Pets