

TOWN OF BOYKINS

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Town Office Hours

M- T- T – F: 9am – 5pm
Closed Wednesdays

Town Clerk – Victoria Edwards

Police – Sgt. George Brozzo
757-556-2709

Important Dates

Sept. 6th – Labor Day

Sept. 11th – 9/11

Oct. 11th – Columbus Day

Oct. 23rd – **Pumpkin Fest**

Nov. 2nd – Election Day

Nov. 11th – Veteran’s Day

Dec. 5th – Taxes Due

Blue Bin Pick-up

Sept. 10th, 24th

Oct. 8th, 22nd

Nov. 5th, 19th

Coard Foundation

has new donation boxes located at various locations around Town, including at the Town Office, for blessing box donations. Canned goods and hygiene items needed.



BOYKINS BITS AND BITES

PUMPKIN FEST

VICTORIA EDWARDS, EVENT CHAIRWOMAN

The 10th annual Boykins Pumpkin Fest will be held October 23rd from 10am to 5pm. We promise you a festival “As American As Pumpkin Pie.” Sounds of Time will be back by popular demand! They will be the MC all day and will put on their Vegas style variety show, which includes an Elvis tribute artist, in the afternoon.

The planning committee is happy to announce that a Little Miss Pumpkin Fest Pageant has been added to the festivities this year. Registration forms are available at the town office and on the town website, townofboykinsva.com/events.



We’re bringing back the costume parade! No registration form necessary. We will line up next to the bank and parade down Virginia Avenue. No scary costumes, please. Also coming back are the hayride, 50/50 raffle, and a surprise blast from the past guest. We’ll also be introducing an official Pumpkin Fest mascot. Follow our event on Facebook or check our website frequently for event updates. An event schedule is forthcoming. T-shirts will be available soon!

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering, please call the town office at 757-654-6361.

BSV FINANCIAL CLASSES

SELENA POPE, BRANCH OPERATIONS MANAGER

We are planning to host informational classes on topics such as Senior Abuse, Senior Financial Planning, Online/Electronic Banking Services, Basic Banking Q & A, Understanding Your Credit and Loans, Investment Services, Financial Planning, etc.

We will have a class at least once a month, and they are free to attend. If you are interested in attending a class, please call the Boykins Office at 757-654-6121. Class scheduling will be determined by how much interests we receive from the community. We are also open to suggestions and feel free to call us with any questions you may have.

Thanks!
The BSV Boykins Staff

Hero Banners

Boykins Main Street Initiative has hero banner forms at the Town Office. Please contact Linda Beatty if you have any questions.

**Hose & Hounds
Dinner and Raffle**

Boykins Volunteer Fire and Rescue and Heritage of Hound Hunting will be hosting our annual Dinner and Raffle on Saturday, September 18th, 2021 from 3:30pm to 8pm! This event will be held at the Southampton County Fair Grounds. One ticket is \$100 and gets you dinner for two plus a chance to win the BIG CASH raffle! Contact a Boykins fire member to purchase a ticket. Proceeds go to Boykins Fire & Rescue and Heritage of Hound Hunting.

NEED a BROOM?

The Lion’s Club brooms are available to purchase for \$12 - \$20. Contact Linda Beatty or any Lion’s Club Member to purchase.

School Supply Giveaway in the mini park Sept. 11th from 9am – 1pm sponsored by Coard Foundation, Tarrara Women’s Club, & Boykins United Methodist Church.

Want to help with Pumpkin Fest?

Call the Town Office if you’re interested in helping us with one of our biggest events of the year. We need volunteers to help setup, breakdown, and helpers during the event.

**COARD FOUNDATION:
BLESSING BRICK PROJECT**

RENEE LASSITER

The Town Council at the June meeting approved the Blessing Brick Project at the Buck Lassiter Mini Park. If your non-profit organization would like to participate in the project proceeds, please contact any Coard Foundation member. More details coming soon about how you may purchase a blessing brick in memory or in honor of someone. The bricks will encircle the flagpole at the mini park and, also, create a walkway from the Virginia Ave. side of the park.



TOUCH-A-TRUCK

VICTORIA EDWARDS, CHAIRWOMAN

The Parks & Recreation Committee coordinated a free Touch-a-Truck community event July 17th, at the Raymond Parker Recreational Park (aka ballpark) on Bryant Avenue. It was a huge success, in large part, due to our awesome volunteer fire department, law enforcement, and local businesses. Children were able to get up close and explore big trucks and equipment. They were able to spray the fire hose; explore an ambulance; explore PETA’s mobile clinic; climb onto tractors; play with the law enforcement equipment and explore the cruisers. Sgt. Brozzo had bike safety goodie bags to hand out to the children.

Remote control car racetracks were setup for anyone to utilize. Free freeze pops were available all day to anyone, and two bounce houses were available thanks to the Captain Bob’s lunches proceeds and a donation from Rawlings Mechanical.

Blackwater Library Bookmobile was on site giving away free books. Berean Baptist Church had free water and sodas available. The Mayor and Vice Mayor donated supplies for free hot dogs and snacks to be available. Boykins United Methodist Church and BVFD provided unlimited supply of ice. Overall, it was a great opportunity to interact with our first responders, local businesses, and Council members.

**Touch-a-Truck
Participants**

R.E.D.S Mechanical, LLC
 Justin’s Lawn & Landscaping, LLC
 Boykins Vol. Fire Department.
 Rob Powell
 Lifestar
 PETA Mobile Clinic
 Blackwater Library Bookmobile
 Branchville Vol. Fire Department
 SoCo Sheriff’s Department
 State Police
 Crab Trucking
 Boykins Police
 Borean Baptist.

Thank you for an amazing day!

CAPTAIN BOB'S LUNCHES

We will continue having **Captain Bob's** lunches on Main Street at the Highlight **every other Thursday** unless posted otherwise on Facebook or town bulletin board by the post office.

A portion of the proceeds from Captain Bob's lunches goes towards the town.



Save the Date!
Circle of Trees
Sunday,
December 5th.
More info
coming soon.

Important Numbers**Emergency – Dial 911**

Boykins Fire & Rescue

(757) 654-6660

Southampton Sheriff

(757) 653-2100

Southampton Utilities

(757) 653-3015

Post Office

757-654-6371

CSX

1-800-232-0144

NC & VA Railroad

1-800-800-3490

Southampton Health Dept.

(757) 653-3040

Southampton Memorial

(757) 569-6100

NEW TOWN OFFICE EMPLOYEE

VICTORIA EDWARDS, CLERK

Mary Beth Washington joined staff at the Town Office to assist with the American Rescue Plan Act funds the town received in June. She served on Boykins Town Council from 2002 to 2008, and has worked in various governing bodies on a federal and state level. Her most recent employment being on Delegate Roslyn Tyler's staff.

THANK YOU

JACKIE ROBERTSON, MAYOR

I would like to thank the Town Council for their hard work keeping the town running smoothly; Clete for his assistance helping put up the 2 new welcome signs; James L. and John T. for keeping the town trucks operational for trash and debris pick-up; Michael McManis for his assistance in opening and closing the park; Raymond Bunn for his help with improvement around the town office and police department.

TAX SEASON IS UPON US

VICTORIA EDWARDS, TREASURER

2021 tax bills are expected to be mailed by the end of September. They are due December 5th. If you no longer own an item on your personal property tax bill, you must call Southampton County's Commissioner of Revenue's office at 757-653-3030. They will instruct you on what you need to do to have the item removed or the number of months taxed reduced. A reduction on the tax bill will not be acknowledged by the Town until we receive a 905 form from the Commissioner's office.

If you have moved or plan to move before receiving your tax statement, please notify the town office. This prevents penalty charges from being charged to your bill.

Delinquent tax collection is also underway for previous years. You are encouraged to call the town office as soon as possible if you are unsure if you have delinquent taxes. We understand that the postal service has been less than efficient as of late, but we no longer will accept claims of not receiving tax bills as an excuse to avoid penalty charges. To make paying your taxes more convenient and help you social distance, we accept online payments at townofboykinsva.com.

Payment plan options are available. Appointments to discuss payment plan options are encouraged, but you are welcome to call or stop by the town office anytime between regular office hours.

Collection of delinquent refuse bills is also underway. The process for publication of those with delinquent accounts and liens on wages has begun. Please call the town office if you wish to setup a payment plan agreement. Once your lien and/or notice of publication letter is mailed, a payment plan will no longer be an option.