

## TOWN OF BOYKINS

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### Town Office Hours

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

Closed May 31<sup>st</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>

**Town Clerk** – Victoria Edwards

**Police** – Sgt. George Brozzo  
757-556-2709

### Important Dates

**May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Community Clean-up

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Council Meeting

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** – No Trash Pick-up on Memorial Day. Pick-up on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** – No Trash Pick-up. Pick-up on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Blue Bin Pick-up

May 7<sup>t</sup>, 21<sup>th</sup>,  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>



# BOYKINS BITS AND BITES

## APPOINTED COUNCILMAN

VICTORIA EDWARDS, CLERK

Per Town Code Section 31.02, Town Council voted at the April Town Council meeting to appoint Richard “Chet” Poland as councilman to fill the vacancy created when Mayor Jackie Robertson was elected February 9<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Poland will hold the seat until a special election can be held to elect a new Council member. The Town has petitioned the court for the special election will be held with the General Election on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone interested in running for the elected seat should call Registrar Lynn Burgess at 757-653-9280.

Councilman Jerry Rice was unanimously nominated as Vice Mayor at the March meeting.

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

LINDA BEATTY, COUNCILWOMAN AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN

Once again, COVID will prevent us from holding our long-standing tradition of celebrating Memorial Day locally on the third Sunday in May. For over 100 years we have gathered at the outdoor amphitheater or in a local church to honor not just our veterans, but all the loved ones who have been laid to rest in Beechwood Cemetery.

Our Town takes great pride in maintaining that property and we are widely recognized as having one of the best well-kept cemeteries around. In addition to keeping the grass trimmed, shrubs and trees pruned and general landscaping, the town depends on those who have plots there to remove out of season arrangements and decorations. Even though we will not be holding a service at the cemetery this year, the town is asking residents to participate in a town-wide clean up, aka Community Clean-up, prior to the time we would normally have the local service. Residents are asked to spruce up their own yards/lots/businesses on May 8<sup>th</sup>. All debris left at the curb will be picked up by the Town Crew the following Monday and Tuesday.

Thank you for taking pride in your property and our town by helping make Boykins look great.

Raymond Parker Park reopening  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 8am -8pm/dusk.

**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.

**Town Helpers**

- Renee & Clete Lassiter
- Shelly Robertson
- Madelyn Bird
- Johansen Family
- Lee Watford
- Daniel Boone
- Martha Felts
- Tasha Clemons
- Matthew Edwards
- Eric & Sandy Coard

**Thank you for all that you do for  
the Town of Boykins!**

**Hero Banners**

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

# THE BLUE LINE

SGT. GEORGE BROZZO

With Mowing Season here, I just want everyone to be aware of their responsibilities as home/property owners in the Town Limits of Boykins. The unofficial mowing season is typically from April 1st to October 31st or when the property is in need of care and upkeep. Please help us all make Boykins look good to our visitors and all its residents. Our ordinance is below for your review and can also be viewed at the Town Office.

§ 50.35 Cleanliness of premises, weeds, foreign growth abatement and prevention of blight of property required.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited on any public thoroughfare, lot, or premises in the town, or permit to be deposited upon his premises or any premises contiguous thereto any animal carcass, garbage, rubbish, tree trimmings, litter, bulky wastes from garden or trade, or any other unsightly, injurious or offensive waste of any kind. In addition, it shall be unlawful for any person to place or leave for over ten (10 ) days any items not designed or intended for exterior use on any open porch, deck, steps or any exterior part of the structure or on the lawn; said items include, but are not limited to, upholstered furniture, appliances, tires and machinery. It shall be unlawful for same to allow, permit or maintain any growth of weeds, grass or unhealthy growths thereon to exceed twelve (12) inches in height.

(B) The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any wooded area, cut over wooded areas of undeveloped land, undeveloped subdivisions, and shall not apply to vacant parcels of property larger than three (3) acres in size located within the town limits.

(C) When any condition exists on any lot or parcel of land in the town in violation of subsection (A) and (B) herein, it shall be the duty of the mayor and/or supervisor of public works or his designee to serve or cause to be served a notice upon the owner, lessee, occupant, agent or representative of such parcel of land, requiring the owner, lessee, occupant, agent or representative to cut and remove the weeds, grass, unhealthy growths, inoperable machines, tires existing upon such lot or parcel, or portion of parcel within ten (10) days after the service of such notice upon such owner, lessee, occupant, agent, or representative. If the person fails to act to remove the weeds, grass or unhealthy growths or the inoperable machines or tires within the time specified of such notice, the Town shall, through its agents or employees, remove same or have weeds, grass or unhealthy growths cut referred to in such notice on a continuous basis through the balance of the growing season in the calendar year of such notice in order to keep such vegetation at or below the maximum height permitted in section 50-35.

**Did You Know:** As it relates to mowing as described above it is actually a Class 1 Misdemeanor (Virginia State Code) to blow your grass clippings into the roadway or street gutters. If you must cut that way, please follow up by blowing the clippings back off the street. This really causes a hazard to motorcycles, scooters, bicycles and other vehicles. We want the roads to be safe for the motoring public.

**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.

**Want to help with Pumpkin Fest?**

The Parks and Recreation committee will begin planning Pumpkin Fest this month. Call the Town Office if you're interested in helping us with one of our biggest events of the year.

**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. The next scheduled date is May 6, 2021 from 10am – 2pm.

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

**THANK YOU**

SGT. GEORGE BROZZO

On behalf of myself, the Boykins Police Department and Law Enforcement United Inc, I just wanted to personally thank all of you that donated to my charity ride again this year. We are riding again (May 10th) only in Virginia, but the charities will reap the rewards. Your generous donations helped me raise over \$3000 again for the 3rd year in a row, doubling what I'm required to raise!

I wanted to acknowledge a few of the local businesses and organizations who have donated year after year as well as some new donors: The Coard Foundation, Boykins Main Street Initiative, Boykins Lions Club, Boykins Pumpkin Festival, Dr. Winston Browne III, DDS, Bank of Southside Virginia, Carter and Dwyer, P.C. Shiloh Church, PETA, Ivor Car Show, Severn Peanut Company, The Sounds of Time Band and The Town of Branchville. Also, to those family and friends who donated, I am truly humbled. I ride for those who died!! See ya next year!!!

**ONLINE PAYMENTS!**

VICTORIA EDWARDS

I am pleased to announce that we can now accept online payments for taxes, refuse collection, business licenses and even town citations. The town web address is **townofboykinsva.com**. You can find the payment option listed at the upper righthand corner of the screen. This was project was made possible with Covid-19 funds and proceeds from the Captain Bob's lunches.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Boykins Masonic Lodge 287 AF & AM is offering a \$500 scholarship to seniors residing in the greater Boykins area. Applications must be postmarked by May 29<sup>th</sup>! Visit <https://scholarship.boykinslodge287.org> for application and guidelines. Email any questions to [scholarship@boykinslodge287.org](mailto:scholarship@boykinslodge287.org)

**PARK REOPENING**

VICTORIA EDWARDS, PARKS & RECREATION CHAIRWOMAN

The park will reopen to the public May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am -8pm (or dusk). High contact surfaces such as our playground equipment is not without risk of contracting viruses. For this reason, we are allowing access to the restrooms to provide a means for washing your hands. Washing your hands for at least 20 seconds is recommended by the CDC and Virginia Health Department (VHD).

We will close the restrooms and possibly the park if access to the restrooms is abused. As a reminder, no profanity or vulgar language while on park premises. Please help us keep our park a nice place to visit.

**Important Numbers****Emergency – Dial 911**

Boykins Fire & Rescue  
(757) 654-6660

Southampton Sheriff  
(757) 653-2100

Southampton Utilities  
(757) 653-3015

CSX  
1-800-232-0144

NC & VA Railroad  
1-800-800-3490

Southampton Health Dept.  
(757) 653-3040

Southampton Memorial  
(757) 569-6100

**TRASH TRUCK UPGRADE**

VICTORIA EDWARDS

In December, the town garbage truck got a much needed upgrade, a “grabber”. The purchase was made possible with funds granted to the Towns to help mitigate exposure to Covid-19. As you all know, Covid-19 had a huge impact on our little town and protecting our Town Crew from exposure was of the utmost importance. The grabber eliminates the need for two crew members to lift garbage cans, making it possible to adhere to social distancing guidelines, and limits contact to contaminated refuse by physically lifting and emptying cans.



The grabber also makes trash pick-up a much quicker process. Because of its efficiency, our Town Crew was able to pick-up yard debris and bigger household items Monday afternoons. We understand that unexpected change caused some confusion and apologize for any inconvenience the change may have caused. Our Town Crew has resumed yard debris pick-up on Tuesdays.

Remember to have your trash out by 8am on Mondays, and yard debris out by 8am Tuesday. Leaves and pine straw must be in garbage bags. Do not pile leaves and pine straw by the road. It clogs our drains and causes water to pool, which helps breed mosquitos.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL**

VICTORIA EDWARDS

The mosquito population was out of control last year due to the town shop fire destroying our mosquito fog machine. We have purchased a replacement and it was calibrated April 30<sup>th</sup>! The Town Council will review bids for a certified machine operator at the May 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. They will then begin spraying for the mosquitos.

You can help control the mosquito population at home by making sure you empty containers that may collect water.