

June 1, 2021



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Town Hall Calendar - June

6/1 - Council Agenda Meeting 9 am

6/8 - Town Council Meeting 6 pm

6/16 - Board of Adjustment Meeting 3 pm

6/22- Council Agenda Mtg. 9 am

6/28 - Brush/Limb Pickup



Message from Mayor Rick Cross

I want to start this message with a brief tribute. Yesterday - Memorial Day - Americans across our community and country paused to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives for our country.

Last year at this time we were social-distancing, gathering virtually, and commemorating important events like Memorial Day in a very different way. With all we have been through, I am reminded that nothing should stand in the way of respecting and paying homage to all who have died in service to our country. Their ultimate sacrifice must be remembered always.

We are at the unofficial beginning of summer - people are out and around, pools are opening, and outdoor activities are happening all around us. The beginning of June 2021 certainly has a different feel than June 2020. I am optimistic that, although our COVID-19 work is not yet done, we continue to move in the right direction. During the past 15 months our community has pulled together - residents and businesses - we've looked out for and were there for one another, and recognized that we were all in this together. As mayor for the Town of Bermuda Run, I am reminded each day that this is a truly special community.

During its May 11th Council Meeting, our Council approved the town's Annual Budget for 2021/2022. Council and staff have been working through the budget since early in the year. Town Manager Lee Rollins formally presented it to Council in April for consideration. During the May Town Council Meeting, a Public Hearing was held, followed by final approval of the budget by Council. Please take a few minutes to look through an

overview of the budget included in this newsletter.

In discussions and messages, I often refer to our town's [Comprehensive Plan](#), which was first developed in 2012 and updated in 2017. This thorough and well laid-out document continues to provide, not only a vision for our town's future, but also a helpful roadmap for how to achieve our town's goals and objectives. In the near future, we will begin planning for an update to our comprehensive plan in 2022. As we have done for the previous versions, we will again rely heavily on your input. Stay tuned over the next few months as we will be laying out our plans.

If you're like me, you are growing weary of the orange barrels and cones along our stretch of I-40. The highway widening project continues to make progress on the final phase, and we look forward to its completion in the near future. We will continue to work with NC Department of Transportation to improve traffic management across town.

I hope you have saved this coming Saturday, June 5th, to come out and join us at our Community Celebration at WinMock. We will be there 11am-4pm, and it will be fun for everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I'm excited to be seeing folks out and around, and really look forward to catch up with more of you very soon.

In the meantime, I will continue to reach out across our town. I want to hear from you, and appreciate those from whom I have heard. You can reach me at rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

Rick Cross



Town of Bermuda Run 2021-22 Budget Overview

With the Davie County Tax Administrator projecting an overall eight percent increase in the assessed valuation of property as of January 1, 2021, the Town Council has adopted a 2021-2022 budget reflecting optimism for the future, while remaining fiscally responsible. The **General Fund**, which is the basic operating fund for Town services, is budgeted for revenues and expenditures at **\$1,800,000**, with an ad valorem tax rate of fifteen (0.1500) cents per one-hundred dollars of valuation.

The Town Charter has capped the maximum property tax rate allowed at fifteen cents per one-hundred dollars of valuation. Any increase in the tax rate beyond fifteen cents would require a vote of the town residents through a referendum.

General Fund Revenue Highlights

Ad Valorem Taxes Collected History: (Percent collected average is 99%)

FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
\$811,935	\$822,354	\$844,211	\$846,251

- **Ad Valorem Tax Revenues are budgeted at \$890,000.** This estimate is based on property tax revenues of \$825,000, and motor vehicle taxes of \$65,000.
- **Ad Valorem Tax Revenues represent 49% of total projected revenues.**

Sales & Use Tax Revenues History:

FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
\$588,810	\$567,143	\$544,616	\$486,533

- **Sales and Use Tax Revenues are budgeted at \$340,000.** The hold harmless agreement with Davie County that provided 20% of sales tax revenues via “per capita” reimbursement formula for the 2020-2021 budget expires June 30, 2021. Therefore, the future distribution of sales tax to municipalities in Davie County for 2021-2022 will be allocated using the ad valorem distribution formula.
- **Sales and Use Tax represents 19% of total projected revenues.**

Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenue History:

FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020
\$239,684	\$228,940	\$214,109	\$221,371

- **Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues are budgeted at \$212,000.** This conservative projection is consistent with the current year end estimate. These state allocated funds are distributed on a quarterly or annual basis.
- **Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues** consist of State allocated: Utilities Franchise Tax, Cable Franchise Tax, and Beer & Wine Tax.
- **Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenue represents 12% of total projected revenues.**

General Fund Expenditure Highlights

- **Street Repairs and Maintenance:** \$540,000 has been designated for on-going street paving maintenance projects, street right-of-way maintenance and snow removal. This investment represents 61% of property tax revenues, which shows the Town Council’s commitment toward focused services.
- **Residential Trash & Recycle Pickup:** \$279,543 has been designated for trash and recycling pickup for Town residents. In 2020, Davie County informed that it was one of only three counties in the state that provided recycling as a county service. In consultation with the Town of Cooleemee, the Town of Mocksville and the Town of Bermuda Run, an agreement was reached with Republic Services for recycling to continue within the three municipalities as a “bundled package” with trash pick-up.
- **Town Streetlights:** \$87,900 has been designated to pay for streetlights. This represents 10% of projected property tax revenues.
- **Community Officer:** \$93,000 has been designated for the fourth year of the Community Officer Program five year agreement to reimburse Davie County Sheriff Department for services rendered.
- **Salaries and Employee Benefits:** \$317,000 has been designated for a total of three full-time employees at Town Hall. This expense represents 18% of the total budget. For many smaller municipalities, this area represents close to 50% of budgeted expenditures. The practice of contracting out town services has been fiscally helpful over the years.

It has been my pleasure over the past twelve years to serve the Town Council in advising on issues and implementing policies, procedures and initiatives. My commitment remains to listen to the residents and businesses in Bermuda Run to further progress the Town’s Vision: *The Town of Bermuda Run will be a welcoming small town with a diverse economic base and excellent quality*

of life.

Lee Rollins, Town Manager



Not all Davie County residents will be impacted by the changes to recycling effective 7/1/21. If you reside in the town limits of **Bermuda Run**, Cooleemee or Mocksville, your service will not change. Townships have negotiated the rate change by utilizing the collected user fees those residents already pay.

To learn more visit: [2021 Recycle Changes](#)



The Town of Bermuda Run's Summer Concert Series starts on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 7 PM with ENVISION.

Bring your lawn chair & picnic/cooler and JUST BE!!!

Father's Day ~ June 20



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