

July 30, 2021



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Town Hall Calendar - August

8/17 - Town Council Meeting 6 pm

8/18 - Planning Board Meeting 3 pm

8/31 - Council Agenda Meeting 9 am

8/30 - Brush/Limb Pickup

Message from Mayor Rick Cross

Well, the dog days of summer are upon us. As I write this, the temperature outside is 92 degrees - but feels like 100! There are a few things I would like to share in this month's message, so grab an ice cold beverage and catch up on things going on across our community.



As you know, I am always seeking opportunities to spend time with groups of residents across town. Several weeks ago, the Bermuda Village folks invited me over, and most recently Lee Rollins and I spent an evening with a number Kinderton Village residents. We had good dialogue, great questions, and a shared genuine interest in what's happening across our town. Here are some common themes:

- **When will the I-40 widening project be completed?** NC Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) has informed us that they plan to have road paving completed in September. Of course, this is weather-dependent. Also, the aesthetic improvements will occur over a period of time

following the completion of paving.

- **What can be done about traffic at Highways 158/801 intersection?** We continue to advocate with NCDOT on short-term changes that can be made to help manage traffic flow and throughput once the I-40 widening project is completed (specifically, the entrance ramp to eastbound I-40). As we are able to get more specifics on this, we will keep you posted.
- **What are the plans for the dying Leyland Cypress trees along Highway 158?** The 700+ trees, which are now more than 20 years old and have reached the end of life, will need to be removed in the near future. We are working with a landscape architect to provide us with the best replacement options. Given that those trees have been mature and tall for as long as many of us can remember, their removal may be visually shocking. The wall of tall trees will no longer be there. Whatever they are replaced with will take time to mature, and plantings will occur when it is seasonally appropriate.
- **What is the update on the Blue Heron Trail?** It has been several months since we have updated you on the progress of the Blue Heron Trail. As we communicated last year, our plans for the completion of Phase 1 of the trail (running parallel to Royal Troon Lane, along Highway 158 to the roundabout) had been delayed largely due to some funding challenges within NCDOT. As a reminder, this project is funded 80% by NCDOT and 20% by the Town of Bermuda Run. We were notified a few months ago that we could restart the project. We have been going through all of the necessary steps to get things moving again and are awaiting NCDOT final approval of our plans. [Click here for a conceptual drawing of our vision for the Blue Heron Trail.](#)
- **We missed the concerts last year...we enjoyed the Christmas Tree on top of Davie Medical Center...we had fun at the June WinMock celebration...we really like the Bermuda Run Farmer's Market. Will we continue to look for ways to bring the community together? YES!** We are really looking forward to our upcoming summer concerts (August 7, 14, 21, and September 11). The Bermuda Run Farmers Market continues to grow, and I am pleasantly surprised at the new offerings each time I go. And although I can't say too much at this point, I do know that there are a group of energetic people working on some Christmas holiday activities. Stay tuned!

As part of July's Town Council Meeting, Sheriff JD Hartman and Bermuda Run Community Officer Zack Williams joined us to provide a perspective on the department's activities in Bermuda Run and across our county. The meeting was well attended by residents, so after the meeting folks had an opportunity for conversation with Sheriff Hartman and Deputy Williams.

During our upcoming August 17 Council Meeting, [Davie County Register of Deeds](#) Kelly Funderburk will be with us to share a number of things her office has put in place to better serve our residents, as well as some initiatives they have planned for the future.

Last month, I provided an update on a couple of initiatives in our town. I want to share some progress on one of those - Stormwater/Drainage Analysis.

As I stated last month, LJB Engineering had completed the first phase of this assessment. As part of our continuing effort, during its July meeting, the Town Council authorized Town Manager Lee Rollins to have LJB Engineering proceed with the second phase of the assessment, which will continue to expand the area being analyzed.

For context, the study is meant to provide an important tool to allow private property owners and areas within the Town Right-of-Way to better understand the areas of possible responsibilities of each. The focus is intended to better understand current flooding and erosion, provide updated information to govern future growth to avoid nuisance, and prepare to comply with probable future stormwater regulations imposed by the state.

In the upcoming weeks and months, the Town Council will continue to work through this very technical work, and we will be sharing that information across the community.

I shared the following in my July message and am repeating it this month because I believe it is so important:

As I talk with folks across town, I am encouraged by the ever-present engagement and enthusiasm expressed when people offer thoughts, suggestions, and recommendations for the betterment of our community.

We know that it takes all of us, collectively, to make a difference. Yes, it's our town's elected representatives and town staff, as well as members of our town's Planning Board. It is also our various Homeowner's Associations, businesses and organizations, and each of us as residents.

I believe a part of my role is to marshal the vast talent, experience, and deep knowledge that resides in our community. As I spend time with individuals, groups, businesses, or organizations, I am always on the lookout for those who would be willing and able to serve our community. There are [elected Town Council positions](#), appointed Planning Board positions, and numerous agency board positions to consider.

Reach out to a Council Member, staff member, or me if you want to find out more about getting involved.

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.

Stay cool and be safe!

Rick Cross

Concerts Begin August 7!



SUMMER CONCERTS

**FREE
CONCERTS
LOCATED AT:
Town Center
Kinderton
Boulevard
(Off HWY 158)
Bermuda Run, NC**



Envision
Saturday, August 7, 2021—7 PM
(Rain Date Sunday, August 8, 2021—7 PM)



North Tower
Saturday, August 14, 2021—7 PM
(Rain Date Sunday, August 15, 2021—7 PM)



Matt Dylan & Honky Tonk Outlaws
Saturday, August 21, 2021—7 PM
(Rain Date Sunday, August 22, 2021—7 PM)



Special Occasion Band
Saturday, September 11, 2021—7 PM
(Rain Date Sunday, September 12, 2021—7 PM)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
DAVIE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL: 336-751-3112**

Bermuda Run Farmers Market

Fridays from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm
190 Hwy. 801 South
(between Peachtree Ln. and
Premier Realty)



National Friendship Day occurs every year on the first Sunday of August — August 1, 2021 — and celebrates the importance of loving platonic relationships. Friendships are the purest type of human relationships. For more than a century, we've celebrated the strength of friendship, and thanks to social media, we're able to continue celebrating with our friends no matter where they are in the world. *Friends are the family that we choose.*



Double rainbow spotted over Kinderton Village after the storm on 7/12/21.
(Photo: Kinderton Village FB page)

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