

# September 1, 2021



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## Town Hall Calendar - September

- 9/6 - Town Hall Closed - Labor Day
- 9/14 - Town Council Meeting 6 pm
- 9/15 - Planning Board Meeting 3 pm
- 9/27 - Brush/Limb Pickup
- 9/28 - Council Agenda Meeting 9 am

## River Walk Arts Festival Saturday, Sept. 25 10 am - 4 pm

There is still time for artists to register for this year's River Walk Arts Festival. Registrations must be received *before 9/6*. - [riverwalkartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:riverwalkartsfestival@gmail.com)

Location - Town Green (Gazebo area) past Town Hall on Kinderton Blvd - off of Hwy. 158.

### Save the Date

Bermuda Run Garden Club's Shredding Event  
Saturday, October 16 from 9 am - Noon

DAVIE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL  
PRESENTS  
**River Walk**  
ARTS FESTIVAL

Calling all area artists to participate in our  
FOURTH ANNUAL  
**River Walk Arts Festival**  
Saturday, September 25, 2021  
(Rain Date - October 2, 2021)  
For more information or to receive a registration  
form please email your request to:  
[riverwalkartsfestival@gmail.com](mailto:riverwalkartsfestival@gmail.com)

## Message from Mayor Rick Cross

It seems not too long ago that I was writing about the beginning of summer, and how it was great to see people out and around. We are now fast approaching the waning weeks of summer - Labor Day is upon us and kids are back to school.

Labor Day is our yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.



As many of us are looking forward to a long weekend and time with family, it is also an important time for each of us to pause and reflect. I have a few things I'd like to share in this month's message.

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COVID-19 - At this point, I had hoped that I would not be writing about COVID-19. However, we continue to see significant increases in cases across our area. Our county's active cases have rapidly increased from less than 10 in early July to more than 300 this week, % positive results from COVID-19 tests is more than 4 times greater than it was a month ago (current rate is 18.2%), and we are seeing an increase in community spread.

Davie County Health and Human Services continues to encourage all who are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccination. 50% of Davie County's residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination. [Walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations are available at Davie County Health & Human Services \(DCHHS\)](#). Vaccinations are also available by appointment or by calling 336-753-6779.

If you know someone who wants to get the COVID-19 vaccination, but is unable to leave home, they can call the At-Home Vaccination Hotline at 866-303-0026 or visit [www.ptrc.org/covid](http://www.ptrc.org/covid) and fill out the registration form. Within three business days, a Vaccination Specialist will reach out to schedule their at-home vaccination.

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#### **A few updates from last month's message:**

- Town Manager Lee Rollins and I recently met with NC Department of Transportation representatives (NCDOT) to get an update on the I-40 widening project and to continue to advocate for possible solutions to manage traffic flow at the Highways 158/801 intersection. The I-40 widening project is still scheduled to be largely completed during September - which should lead to the removal of most of the orange barrels. We will continue to be fierce advocates for improvements at the 158/801 intersection and will keep you posted on any progress.
  - As I stated in last month's message, the condition of the Leyland Cypress trees along Highway 158 continue to deteriorate and we are making preparations for their removal in the near future. We have gotten expert input that Nellie Stevens Hollies would be a reasonable replacement. Town Management and Council are currently reviewing specific costs and timelines for removal/replacement.
  - We have had two of our summer concerts so far. Envision and Matt Dylan & Honky Tonk Outlaws were great, and both were well attended. Unfortunately, North Tower Band was rained out. I hope you'll be able to join us for our next, and last of the season, concert with Special Occasions Band on September 11 at 7:00pm.
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We are in the process of preparing for the update of our [Town's Comprehensive Plan](#). We will begin the work in late 2021 and into 2022. As a reminder, our first Comprehensive Plan was developed in 2012, then 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. 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 and communicate them to you.

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I'd like to close this message with a remembrance. In a few days, we will be commemorating the 20th anniversary of September 11. As time passes, and many things fill our day-to-day activities and thinking, it is important to reflect on that September day 20 years ago. The attacks killed nearly 3,000 people — more than 400 were police officers, firefighters and first responders. And they stand as the deadliest foreign attack on United States soil since the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Much has been written and said about 9/11. As I read through various writings, I came across a writing that resonated with me, which was written by Bill Robertson - President and CEO of MultiCare. I thought I would share an excerpt:

“I hope we will never forget the courageous behavior of the first responders — the ones who went into the towers to try to help when everyone else was running out. And the desperate bravery of the passengers who rushed the cockpit and brought the plane down in Pennsylvania to prevent greater loss of life in D.C. Or the paramedics and military personnel who attended to the wounded at the Pentagon. As the details of the disaster dim in our memories, let us never forget the sacrifice of all those brave souls who responded so selflessly in the chaos and destruction.

As September 11, 2001, becomes a distant memory, history is still being made each day — by all of us. By the way we live our lives. By the way we conduct ourselves in difficult times. By how willing we are to put the needs of others before our own. By how well we love each other.”

I expect most of us remember exactly where we were and what we were doing at the moment we first

heard the news. 20 years later I will pause, reflect, and remember.

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](mailto:rcross@townofbr.com) or 336-391-1992.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day Holiday!

Rick Cross



**Bermuda Run Garden Club  
Storehouse for Jesus Food Collection  
September 13-17 \*\* 9 am - 5 pm daily  
Drop off at Bermuda Run Town Hall or Bermuda Run  
Country Club**

Much-needed supplies are canned foods, canned meat and tuna, soups, cereal, dried foods, rice, pastas, and healthy snacks for children.



**Special Occasion Band  
Saturday, Sept. 11 at 7 pm**  
The last of the Summer Concert Series for 2021  
FREE - Bring your lawn chair, picnic/cooler

**Mayor: Rick Cross  
Town Manager: Lee Rollins  
Town Clerk: Cindy Poe  
Accounting: Dora Robertson**

**Town Council: Curtis Capps, Heather  
Coleman, Mike Ernst, Chris Fowler, and  
Ken Peacock**

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