

February 1, 2022



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## Town Hall Calendar February



**2/8 - Town Council Meeting**

**6 pm**

***\*Public Hearings***

**2/16 - Planning Board Meeting**

**3 pm**

**2/22 - Council Agenda Meeting**

**9 am**

**2/28 - Brush/Limb Pickup**

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## VALENTINE SOCIAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 10 AM - 12 PM



*Show your community some love*

We invite all Members and residents to Bermuda Run Country Club to enjoy complimentary mimosas, celebrate those who make Bermuda Run Living possible, and meet someone new! ByGood Coffee and Donut NV will also be available to purchase delicious Valentine's treats!



## Message from Mayor Rick Cross

I want to begin today's message with a mention of the recent snow and ice event on January 16. For the past few years it seems we have had little snow activity across our area. January 2022 has been quite different, and this recent event certainly created challenging conditions and tested the road clearing capabilities of our state and local crews.

I'd like to give a word of thanks to town partner Stacy Cornatzer and to his crew who worked tirelessly for two days to clear our more than 21 miles of town roads of snow and ice. Things were made more complicated by the layering of the snow/ice, requiring the crews to make numerous "scrapes" along our roadways. Having travelled throughout our town, as well as across roads in other areas, our town roads were made passable as quickly and completely as any I saw.

Thanks to Town Manager Lee Rollins, who made sure our town was ready by ensuring we have partnerships with those we can rely on during these times of need.

A few updates:

- **2022 Annual Planning Session** - As we do at the beginning of each year, our Town Council and Staff met for its Annual Planning Session on January 25 and today. As always, we used the town's **Comprehensive Plan** as the foundation for our work.

Each year we take a deep-dive into our town revenues, expenses related to town core services, and any town projects — underway or planned. This exercise helps the Council provide decisions and guidance to town staff as we move through the coming years.

Our emphasis will continue to be focused on delivering core services and projects currently underway — including, but not limited to, on-going town roads maintenance and repair, solid waste/recycling, Blue Heron Trail development, stormwater/drainage analysis, and traffic management (with NC Department of Transportation).

The hard work, forward thinking, and pragmatic fiscal management of our town's elected leaders and management over the history of our town continues to put us in a strong financial position. Like the past couple years, as we work through the budgeting process, I will continue to communicate more specifics.

- **801/158 Intersection** - Although I spoke about this several times last year, and I try to share updates whenever I am with residents around town, it has been since October that I last addressed this issue in my monthly message. We continue to fiercely advocate on behalf of our community with NCDOT, as well as our county and state leaders, to push very hard for solutions — short and long term — for this issue. We are currently working on some potential options, and as we make progress in this area I will keep you posted.

- **Blue Heron Trail** - As you may remember, last year I reported that we were working with NC Dept of Transportation (NCDOT) to re-start the funding process for Phase 1 of the Blue Heron Trail of after a funding delay. I'm pleased to let you know that we have received the necessary approval and funding to once again get going on the project, and will be moving forward in the next 30 days. As a reminder, the project is funded 80% by Federal Highway funds and 20% by the Town of Bermuda Run.

As we are proceeding with Phase 1 of the project, we have commissioned a study to determine the best approach for Phase 2 of the Blue Heron Trail - primarily around the Bahnson Lakes on the north side of I-40. Now that we are preparing for construction of Phase 1, we want to make sure we are thinking ahead to Phase 2.

[Click here](#) for an overview of the Blue Heron Trail plan.

I will provide updates as things progress.

I want to take an opportunity to say a few words about our Town Council. As I previously communicated, in December we seated our current Council with new members Melinda Szeliga and Mike Brannon, re-elected member Mike Ernst, and continuing members Heather Coleman and Curtis Capps. Each brings a set of experiences, a unique perspective, and a strong desire to engage on behalf of our town.

As we move into 2022, this Council has hit the ground running and is fully immersed in serving our town. Beginning with our Annual Planning Session and the work we continue to do relating to the various zoning requests across our town, they are committed to representing the best interests of our town. As Mayor, I am incredibly proud to serve alongside this Council.

Reminders:

- All **Town Council meetings** are open to the public, dates, times, locations, and agendas are published in advance.

- During its January 10, 2022, Town Council Meeting, the Council approved three (3) zoning-related Public Hearings for February 8, 2022, at 6:00pm to be held at Bermuda Run Town Hall. For more information, [click here](#).

- I'd like to continue to encourage all across our community to stay in touch with what's going on around town. The best way to know what's occurring around town is to sign up (and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well) for our **E-Newsletter**. Also, if you are on **Facebook** or **Instagram**, please follow us so you can receive up-to-date information. Finally, use our **town website** as a source for town-related information. Please spread the word!

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**Black History Month** - Each February we celebrate Black History Month, an annual recognition of Black history and its cultural impact on American life. We recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society and culture of the United States of America and to our own community.

Not only during the month of February, but throughout the year, it is important to honor and affirm the importance of Black History in every part of our American experience, which goes back hundreds of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in our history from which we can all draw inspiration.

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During the past several weeks, I have had the continued pleasure of spending time with people across our community — often individually, sometimes in small casual groups, and also during annual HOA meetings. Most recently I had the pleasure of spending a bit of time with neighbors during the Spyglass Annual HOA Meeting. Thank you for the invitation. I look forward to joining others soon.

To all with whom I have spent time, thank you for your time, and for sharing thoughts and ideas with me. I continue to look forward to being with everyone across our community during the coming year. Reach out to me. I want to hear from you. You can reach me at [rcross@townofbr.com](mailto:rcross@townofbr.com) or 336-391-1992.

Stay safe and warm,  
Rick Cross



February is Black History Month -  
Click [HERE](#) to read more.



Presidents' Day is February 21  
Click [HERE](#) to read more.



### **Safety Reminder From Community Officer, Zach Williams**

**\*\*All Residents\*\***  
Please keep your vehicles,  
garages, and houses locked. Be  
aware of your surroundings.  
**Non-emergency Number**  
**Sheriff's Dept: 336-751-6238**

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

Town Council: Mike Brannon, Curtis Capps,  
Heather Coleman, Mike Ernst, and Melinda  
Szeliga

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