



TOWN OF BUTNER

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Summer kicked off with our annual Memorial Day Service, featuring a touching speech by Timothy Payne, a double-amputee veteran. The large crowd heard readings by excellent essay winners, an outstanding band, and experienced the wreath laying ceremony honoring our fallen heroes.

The 24th Annual Chicken Pickin' came next on June 2. It was a fun-filled day with great entertainment, food, games, vendors, and a fantastic car show. A special thanks to the Butner Community Association (BCA) for its efforts in planning, organizing, and executing a superb event.

Upcoming events include the annual fireworks display on July 3 at Lake Holt and Alive After Five (AA5) on August 16 at Gazebo Park.

Many things are happening in Butner. Construction is beginning on new homes on East Lyon Station Road and new businesses continue to open in Town. Town Council approved the budget for this year, maintaining our current tax rate of \$0.3650, which is 2.9 cents over the revenue neutral rate. There should be monies available for needed improvements. Tony Copeland, NC Secretary of Commerce, visited Butner in May and he stressed the importance of having "move-n-ready" sites for developers. We must prepare the Butner Gateway for such development. A BPS substation will be needed in the near future and we must be ready for any unforeseen needs.

- Mayor Terry Turner

ALIVE AFTER FIVE (AA5)

Thursday, August 16, 5:30—8:30 PM

with *The Konnection Band*

Gazebo Park



FIREWORKS

Tuesday, July 3rd

9:00 PM @ Lake Holt

Gates open @ 6:00 PM & close @ 8:45 PM. Bring a chair or blanket and a flashlight. Food and beverages will be available for sale. Leave your pets at home.

TOWN NEWS

- * **New Facebook Page:** Like and follow to stay up to date on what's happening in Butner!
- * **New Sidewalk:** Completed the other side of Central Ave., between B and D Streets
- * **Lake Holt:** Additional improvements are planned including gazebos and picnic tables. A ribbon cutting will be planned when all improvements are complete.
- * **New Hires Start July 16:** Anita Thomasson, Administrative Assistant and Michael Ciriello, Planning Director

July Meeting Updates

Town Council - Thursday, July 12 @ 7:00 PM

Planning Board - Thursday, July 19 @ 7:00 PM

BUTNER PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS

- * **Retirement:** Donna Wheeler, Records Clerk
Cedric Venable, Sergeant
- * **Community Watch:** Will not meet in July due to conflict with Town Council Meeting
- * **Old Fire Station #3 Remodeling:** Includes an updated exterior, new roof, BPS training facility, a small kitchen, and a fitness room. Design was presented to Council in June. Next step is bidding the construction.

PARKS & RECREATION

- ⇒ Thanks to everyone who attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the BAP in March!
- ⇒ **Next Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting: Monday, September 10 @ 6:30 PM**
- ⇒ To rent any of our facilities: Butner Athletic Park (BAP), D Street Field, Gazebo Park or Soldiers Memorial Sports Arena (SMSA), please contact Jessica Gladwin at (919)283-6983 or (919)575-3032

PLANNING

The Town of Butner is pleased to announce the selection of a new Planning Director, Michael Ciriello, AICP. Mike has nearly 20 years of experience in Planning and Development Management. He began his planning career with the City of Raleigh and most recently served as the Director of Development for Enfield, CT. Notably, Mike served as the Director of Economic Development and Planning for the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments. While with the COG, Mike helped the Town of Butner realize potential opportunities of the properties within the Butner Gateway. Mike will start on Monday, July 16th. He will be tasked with completing the Road Design Manual, updating the 2020 Land Use Plan, the Parks & Recreation Plan, and other Town documents. He will serve as the Stormwater Administrator for the Town.



TOWN HALL CLOSED

Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day

STORMWATER & YOU

Almost every weekend, you can find someone washing their car. Often, you see the clues before you see it happening—soapy water flowing down the street.



This water, along with the soap and grime it carries, flows straight into our rivers and creeks. It does **not** get treated first!

Tips for “Greener” Car Washing

- ◇ Wash car over grass or gravel
- ◇ Use waterless car wash products, or biodegradable soap
- ◇ Use a bucket of soapy water to wet your sponge and wring it back into the same bucket
- ◇ Pour bucket of soapy water into sink or toilet because this water gets treated
- ◇ Avoid using acid-based wheel cleaners

For more information about Butner’s Stormwater Program: <http://www.butnenc.org/departments/stormwater/>.

HEALTH BEAT



Don’t neglect your annual eye exam! Issues arising from eye illnesses can be subtle but have major consequences.

There are ways to improve and maintain eye health:

- Stop smoking
- Eat a diet rich in green leafy vegetables & fish
- Exercise
- Maintain normal blood pressure
- Wear sunglasses & brimmed hat when outside
- Wear safety eyewear

FMI: www.nei.hih.gov

All meetings held at Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Town Council meets monthly on the 1st Thursday. Contact the Town Clerk for more information at (919)575-3109.

Planning Board meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday, as needed. Board of Adjustment meets monthly on the 4th Thursday, as needed.

Contact the Planning Department for more information at (919)575-3031 or (919)283-0983.

Butner Public Safety’s (BPS) Community Watch meets monthly on the 2nd Thursday. Contact BPS for more information at (919)575-6561.

South Granville Water and Sewer Authority (SGWASA) meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. Contact SGWASA for more information at (919)575-3367.